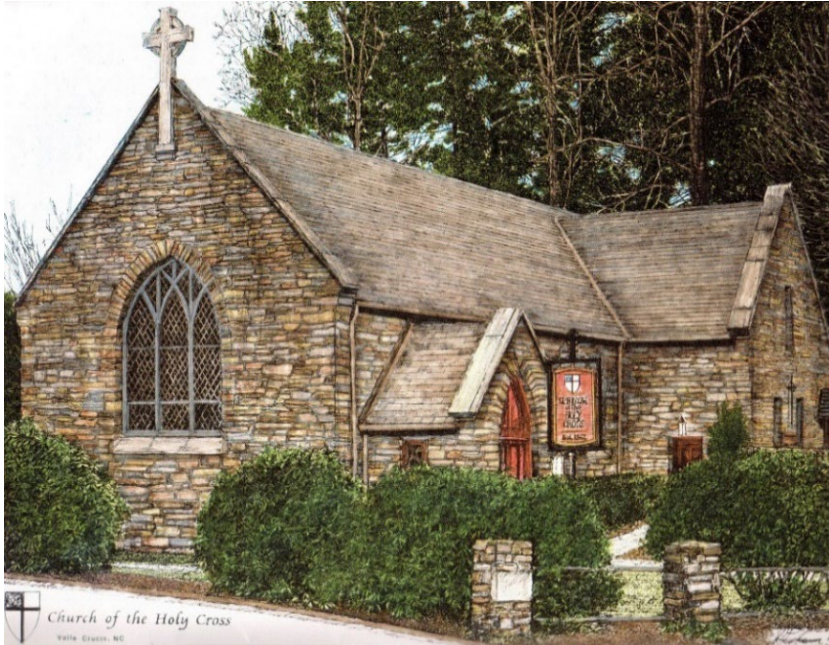


The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The First Sunday After Pentecost
Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:00 AM

Welcome Home to Holy Cross!

It is our privilege to worship with you this morning! Please know that all baptized Christians regardless of Church denomination, and all who seek a deeper knowledge and love of God in Christ are most welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist.

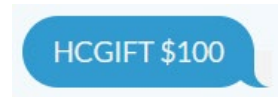
Children are most welcome and encouraged to participate in all services at Holy Cross. Rocking chairs have been provided for caregivers with infants.

If this is your first time at Holy Cross, please complete a *Visitor Card* and let us know about your visit, especially if you have a specific need or prayer request. Visitor Cards are found in the pew racks. If you would like additional information about our many ministries and activities, speak to one of our Ushers or Greeters, or stop by Skiles Hall during the fellowship hour that follows each service. We would be happy to speak with you in person.

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It is the custom in The Episcopal Church to prepare for worship by gathering in reverent silence and prayer, and during the worship service, stand for praise, sit for instruction, and, as you are able, kneel for prayer. Please respect the devotional needs of others by turning off cellular telephones and electronic devices, and by speaking with hushed voices.

Again, Welcome Home to Holy Cross! And may God's peace enfold you.

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

The Prelude: *Offered by Shane Watson*

The Announcements: *(Pages 15-18)*

The Prayer for the Care of Children: BCP 829

Priest: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All stand.

The Opening Hymn: #398 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” *Forest Green*

The Opening Acclamation: BCP 355

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity: BCP 355

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Gloria: *#S-280*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

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**You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.

The First Lesson:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

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God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Response:

Psalm 8



- 1 **O LORD our Governor, ***
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 **Out of the mouths of infants and children ***
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 **You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, ***
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ***
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 **What is man that you should be mindful of him? ***
 the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 **You have made him but little lower than the angels; ***
 you adorn him with glory and honor;

Continued...

The Response: *(Continued...)*

Psalm 8

- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Second Lesson:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: #460 (vss. 1-3) “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

Hyfrydol

The Holy Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. Anna C. Shine

A time of silence follows the Sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.

The Nicene Creed:

BCP 358

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All stand or kneel for the prayers as they are able.

The Prayers of the People: *(Adapted from the Southwell Litany)*

Leader: In peace, let us pray to God saying,

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Deepen our gratitude for all you have given us: the beauty of creation, love given and received, and the sacred calling to share your grace with a hurting world.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant us a lively hope in your mercy and deliver us from weariness in our struggles, from despondency in failure, and from an overburdened sense of unworthiness.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Save us from all unwise haste, from the impatient retort of irritation and the taunt of sarcasm, and from all idle words that hurt.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lead us away from strife, partisanship, and division, from magnifying our certainties to condemn all differences, and from building our systems to exclude all challenges.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Inspire those who hold authority and influence in the nations with your vision for a world made new and give them the wisdom and hearts of servants to work for the common good and dignity of all people.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give to the leaders of your Church, especially all bishops, priests, and deacons, the faithfulness of learners and the courage of believers and rescue us from the easy arrogance that seeks wisdom in our own opinions and salvation through our own efforts.

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Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort with your healing grace to all those whose suffering in body and spirit is clear to us, all those whose suffering is hidden, and all those whom we name aloud at this time:

The people speak the names of those on their hearts.

When you arrived at the service, you received a stick with a name on it. That is the name of someone who has requested our prayers. Please call out the name of the person on that stick as well as anyone else on your heart, and keep them in your daily prayers through the coming week.

At the Offertory, simply drop the sticks in the offering plate. This is a wonderful way for all of us to share in the prayer ministry of our Parish.

The Leader concludes saying,

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially The Rev. Kenneth Goodrich, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Confession of Sin: *(Prayed by all present)*

BCP 393

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive (†) you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

All stand as they are able.

The Peace:

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:

Watch over your child(ren) O Lord,
as *their* days increase.
Bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be.
Strengthen *them* when *they* stand.
Comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful.
Raise *them* up if *they* fall.
And in *their* heart(s) may your peace
which passes understanding,
abide with *them* all the days of *their* lives;
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Concerning The Holy Communion

A reminder that all present are welcome to the Communion regardless of Christian denomination.

We consider it an honor and privilege to commune with all present as one united body of Christ.

To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive the bread and wine together via intinction, place your right hand over your left shoulder. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms across your chest.

If you have a gluten allergy, simply inform the priest when you come to the rail.

When at the Altar Rail, move toward either wall so that those in the center will kneel last.

Please wait to be dismissed; those in the center depart first.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem:

“The Earth Adorned”

Waldemar Áhlén

The Presentation Hymn: #380

“The Doxology”

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

The Sursum Corda:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Priest: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Priest: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus:

#S-130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Continued...

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

(All kneel or stand as they are able)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify (†) them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***People:* We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***People:* Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

***People:* AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread: (The Fraction)

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem:

#S-164

The Invitation:

The Priest invites the people to Communion saying,

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Hymns during the Communion:

#304 “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord”

#366 “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

*An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.
When all have communed, the following hymn is sung.*

Kneeling Hymn: #508 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Nova Vita

An additional time for silent prayer and reflection precedes the following prayer.

The Post-communion Prayer:

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All stand as they are able.

The Blessing:

The Priest offers a blessing concluding with,

And the Blessing of Almighty God: (†) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you this day and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: #362 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Nicaea

The Dismissal:

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Postlude:

Offered by Shane Watson

We are delighted to Welcome Home to Holy Cross, the Rev. Anna Shine.

We thank those who served this morning

At St. John's

9:00 am

At Holy Cross

11:00 am

Musician:

Shane Watson

Shane Watson

Greeters & Ushers:

Stella Barbato & Mary Pietan

Frank & Mary Watson

Lectors:

Kim Gauss

Margaret Love

Prayers of the People:

Kim Gauss

Margaret Love

Chalice Bearers:

Tav Gauss

Dawn Harris & Karla Prudhomme

Acolytes:

Tav Gauss

Karla Prudhomme

Healing Ministers:

Tav Gauss

The Daughters of the King

Linen Fairies:

Kim Gauss

Karla Prudhomme

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

The First Sunday After Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

- 9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service at Holy Cross
- 9:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, **at St. John's** *with guest musician(s)*
- 10:15 am** **Fellowship on the Lawn at St. John's**
- 11:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, **at Holy Cross** *with music and Children's Prayer*
Sunday School is available during this service
This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel
- 12:15 pm** **Fellowship in Skiles Hall**

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

The Second Sunday After Pentecost

- 10:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, **at Holy Cross** *with music and Children's Prayer*
Sunday School is available during this service
This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel
- 12:15 pm** **Fellowship in Skiles Hall**

*Please join us in welcoming Fr. Jonathan Chesney and his family
to Holy Cross!*

On Sunday, June 7, we will have **ONE** combined service at **10:00am** at Holy Cross (*there will **NOT** be a service at St. John's*).

Please wear your name tag or stop by Skiles Hall for a stick-on name tag before the service. Following the service, all are invited to a covered dish potluck in Skiles Hall — please bring a dish to share if you're able.

We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion together!

*SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026
ECW Monthly Meeting in Skiles Hall*

ECW will meet on June 14th in Skiles Hall after the 11:00 service. All are welcome!

*Regular Compline Services
Mondays & Thursdays – 8:00 pm via Zoom*

Compline is offered via Zoom at 8:00 p.m. every Monday & Thursday – please follow the link on the Church website to join the Zoom meeting. The "Virtual Waiting Room" opens 15 minutes before each service begins.

Contact Angela Williams or Mary Pietan if you have any issues signing on for Compline.

*SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
Eucharistic Minister & Lay Reader Training – 10:00 am*

Attention **all current** Altar Servers & Lectors (Readers), **and** anyone interested in being trained for either or both: Training will be held in the Holy Cross Sanctuary on Saturday June 20th from 10am-12pm, led by Nina-Jo Moore and Karla Prudhomme.

We will also be reviewing any new procedural changes requested by Father Jonathan, our new Parish Priest. For additional information and to sign up for training, please contact Karla Prudhomme by email at krprudhomme@skybest.com or phone at 423-202-4386.

THURSDAY – SATURDAY, JUNE 11-13, 2026
June Women Writers Workshop with Katerina Whitley
Valle Crucis Conference Center

Writing is often a lonely pursuit. You may find that it's much easier to write in the company of like-minded people and with the guidance of a professional who loves to encourage others in the craft of writing. The June Women Writers Workshop invites women of all backgrounds to step away from daily noise and into a quiet mountain setting. Over several days, you'll write, listen, and share in a small, supportive circle. Join this group of women writers to capture memories, define thoughts, express emotions, and bring order out of chaos. New writers are most welcome!

Join master author Katerina Whitley as we explore ways to express ourselves in writing. This is a full two-day retreat, with options for commuter and one-day pricing. The program will be held in Crab Orchard Hall, with lodging in the Mission House. The program begins with an afternoon gathering and potluck on Thursday June 11 and concludes the afternoon of Saturday June 13. All meals are included.

A native of Thessaloniki, Greece, Katerina Whitley has worked as a church journalist on the diocesan and national levels, taught at universities, and is the author of eight books and hundreds of articles, including a stunning new memoir, *Myth and Memory: My Childhood in WWII Greece*.

Please contact the Valle Crucis Conference Center to register for this workshop, or follow this link to sign up: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/women-writers-2026-june-workshop>.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026
Men's Night Out at St. Mary of the Hills

Wow-a, That's-a Spicy Meat-a Ball-a! Okay, now that we've gotten that cultural stereotype out of the way, let's talk about our next Men's Night Out gathering. It will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16 in the Parish Hall at **St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church in Blowing Rock**, located at 140 Chestnut Drive at the corner of Main Street. The Merry Men of St. Mary's Chef *Aidan Waite* -- who has THREE Michelin Stars -- will be preparing a taste of old Italy at a suggested contribution of \$15 per person.

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All drinks will be provided, including a couple or three different beers, red and white vino, and non-alcoholic beverages, all cheerfully served by St. Mary's bartenders. All you need to do is bring a healthy appetite and a spirit of fellowship and fun. There is on-street parking in front of the church or in a surface lot on Chestnut adjacent to the building, and across Main Street at BRAHM, but carpooling is always encouraged.

MNO is a monthly opportunity for men from within our parishes and in our community to enjoy having an evening of fellowship together. We're very flexible and inclusive, so feel free to bring a friend... or three! To let our gracious hosts know how many will be in attendance, **please RSVP by noon on Sunday, June 14** via email to KeithTMartin@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026
DOK Quiet Day – 9:30am - 12:30pm
“I kneel before the Father” – Ephesians 3:14

St. Helena’s Chapter of Daughters of the King invites one and all to a “Quiet Day” on Tuesday, June 23 at Holy Cross.

- 9:00 am** Gathering and Coffee in Skiles Hall
- 9:30 am** Gathering in Skiles Hall – reflections on humility, waiting on God, and patient prayer
- 11:00 am** Gathering in Holy Cross Sanctuary – service for intercession, silence, prayers and music
- 12:30 pm** Lunch in Skiles Hall

Hosted by Pan McCaslin, a life-long Episcopalian and current member of Holy Cross, who serves the Church offering opportunities for education, wellness and spiritual formation. She works with Church Pension Group offering clergy wellness programs, consults with clergy and vestries, and leads retreats. She and her husband live on Beech Mountain, have three adult children and four grands.

If you’ve ever thought about joining Daughters of the King, or just wondered about who we are, or you just need a “Quiet Day” before the peak of summer that comes with the Fellowship of like-minded souls, please join us. Feel free to bring friends who might need that “Quiet Day” as well. All are welcome. Always.

Please RSVP to Kim Gauss at kfgauss73@gmail.com so that we can abundantly accommodate all attendees for lunch.

The Parish Prayer List: May 31, 2026

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

For Healing: Our injured and disabled military personnel, our veterans, all civilians harmed in conflict, and for Dayton C., Wendell S., Noyes L., Gerry P., Rebecca M., Sam, Bill B., Julia M., Randy M., Shane B., Claire M., Tav G., Andrea M., Charles III, Kate M., Floyd T., Leslie S., Suzie L., Pam C., Ann G., Rosalie G., Stuart T., Michael H., Laura B., Linda B., Mike L., Mike M., Susan M., Jacquie M., Arthur L., Coleman B., David, Michael T., Wayne W., Scott W., Sally, Bob C., _____.

For those in Harm's Way: All who serve with the armed forces at home & abroad, all who serve in the Peace Corps, and all health & relief workers throughout the world.

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