

The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

The Hymnody and Music noted in this leaflet is offered at the 11 AM service only.

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.

If you would like to make a financial offering or contribution, you can do so by scanning this QR Code or via our website at www.holycrossvallecrucis.net



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 the peace
of the Risen Christ enfold you.*

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Word of God

Prelude: "The Good Shepherd" Dale Wood

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The Processional Hymn: #645 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" St. Columba

Opening Acclamation: BCP 355

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity: BCP 355

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 Response: "The Gloria"

(Spoken at 8:30; Sung at 11:00 as #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;
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:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

(The people are seated for the readings from Scripture.)

The First Lesson:

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Time for silent reflection follows the reading.)

The Response: **Psalm 23** *(Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in bold type; Sung at 11:00)*



1 The LORD is my / shepherd; *
I shall not be in / want.

- 2 **He makes me lie down in green / pastures *
and leads me beside still / waters.**
- 3 He revives my / soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's / sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no / evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence
of those who / trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running / over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my / life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for / ever.**

(Time for silent reflection follows.)

The Second Lesson:

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Time for silent reflection follows the reading.)

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 kneel for the prayers as they are able.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence is kept.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For Joseph, our President; for Roy, our Governor; for all elected officials; for this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: We pray for those who have asked for prayers, for those in harm's way, for the unemployed, the lonely, for those who are sick, or in need, and those whom we name aloud at this time:

The People speak the names of those on their hearts.

The Leader concludes saying,

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Mark's Church, Gastonia.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, José, our Bishop: and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for an end to the war and human suffering throughout the Middle East and the Ukraine.

We pray for those who travel this week, especially Pan, Keith, _____.

We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, especially “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”

I invite your prayers of intercession either silently or aloud.

The People add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Leader: We give thanks for Mark Lehmann, Jo Betts Baxley, Ashley Galleher, Jamie Hedrick, Sis Kinney, Leona Hadaway-Parks, Doris Boulton, Ellen Pritchard, Jim Jordan, Bob Kinney, Mary Pietan, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for Zeke & Terry Jordan, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who provide our *Christian Education Programs*, and for all the ministries and activities of this parish, and pray God’s continued blessing on all who partake of, or serve in them.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving either silently or aloud.

The People add their own thanksgivings.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for _____, (and) all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

The Priest offers a concluding prayer.

All stand.

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus:

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(All remain standing.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

(All now kneel as they are able.)

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***Priest and People:* We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit (†) upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified (†) by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brother Skiles, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By (†) him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem:

#S-155

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.

Please come to the Altar to receive Communion. 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.

Hymns during the Communion:

#304 "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

#343 "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.

When all have communed, the hymn on the following page is sung.

Kneeling Hymn:

“Laudate Omnes Gentes”

Taizé Song 48

(Sung three times in Language of Choice)

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -
 Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord. Sing
 da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num! Lau -
 prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing

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.

The Blessing for Eastertide:

Priest: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the
 resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his grace;
 And the blessing of God Almighty, (†) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

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The Dismissal:

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of the risen Christ!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn: #205 “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!” *Gelobt sei Gott*

Postlude: “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” Rudolf Moser

*Thanks to our student intern, Macy Crumley, for providing today’s Offertory.
Thank you for sharing your talents with us in song.*

We also thank those who served this morning

8:30 am

11:00 am

<i>Greeters/Oblationers:</i>	Stuart & Edie Tugman	Jim & Darby Logan
<i>Ushers:</i>	Stuart & Edie Tugman	Jim & Darby Logan
<i>Lector:</i>	Jane Blackburn	Nina-Jo Moore
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Jane Blackburn	Nina-Jo Moore
<i>Chalice:</i>	Sis Kinney	David Johnston
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Sis Kinney	Randy McDonough

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (<i>quiet service with no music</i>)
9:30 am	Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education with Father Allan (<i>Upper Skiles</i>)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (<i>with music and hymnody</i>) (<i>This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel</i>)
12:00 pm	Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
12:30 pm	VCF Meeting (<i>Lower Skiles</i>)

Reminder: Wednesdays at 5:30 PM
Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
in the Church Chancel

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

with The Rev. Dr. Scott Oxford Presiding and Preaching

- 8:30 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*quiet service with no music*)
- 9:30 am** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
- 11:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*with music and hymnody*)
(*This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel*)
- 12:00 pm** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

The Parish Prayer List: April 21, 2024

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., Laura B., Wendell S., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Gerry P., Shirley N., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Roberta T., Gail T., Julia M., Walter B., Randy M., John M., Shane B., Terry S., Claire M., Sara P., Tav G., Patty D., Bill M., Lynn V., Andrea M., Bonnie R., Sheila W., Betty H., Charles III, Mack G., Janis B., Anna Jane R., Joe H., Tony W., Rebecca H., Steve S., Nick H., Pat & Linda H., Peggy F., Kate M., John N., Dawn A., Floyd T., Steve A., Kimberly M., Catherine R., Molly H., _____.

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee hour is an important time of not only fellowship but also a time to get to know our visitors and newcomers. This time after each worship is most successful when we have a little more than just coffee to serve. People tend to stay longer and interact more when there is food. Hosting coffee hour means providing *light* refreshments (cookies, cheese and crackers, nuts) and a non-coffee beverage like lemonade. It also means cleaning up afterwards and removing the trash bags. Teams of two volunteers work best. The sign-up sheet can be found on the coffee ledge in Skiles Hall. Please consider hosting!

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