



## Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

*Sing praises to the Lord,  
O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.*



**THANKSGIVING EVE**  
November 25, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

### **Evening Prayer, Rite II**

*Wherever you are on your journey of faith,  
Holy Cross welcomes you, just as you are,  
to share in the transforming power of God's love.*

**Opening Acclamation**

BCP p. 78

*Officiant*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

**The Confession of Sin**

BCP p. 116

*Officiant*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel, or stand or sit, in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

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

**THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

BCP p. 117

*Officiant*      O God, make speed to save us.

***People*          O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

***Phos hilaron***

BCP p. 118

O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

***The Psalm Appointed: Psalm 65***

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.  
To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.  
Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.  
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts  
to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.  
Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas  
that are far away.  
You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.  
You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### ***The First Reading***

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Moses said to all Israel: For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of

Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

***Canticle—The Song of Mary***

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## ***The Second Reading***

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## ***Canticle—The Song of Simeon***

BCP p. 120

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## ***The Third Reading***

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy

on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

**THE SERMON**

Mr. Wade Hinkle  
Parishioner

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

BCP p. 96

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### ***Suffrages B***

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

### ***The Collect of the Day***

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***Collect for the Nation***

BCP, p. 258

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***A Collect for Peace***

BCP, p. 123

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

***A Litany of Thanksgiving***

BCP, p. 836

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering  
and faithful in adversity,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered  
together in your Name,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company  
of your faithful people,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your  
goodness,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

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

For first responders

For my Holy Cross brothers and sisters

For the services of Kevin and Claudia while we called new clergy

For Mary and Wade's sermons

For the tech staff that made our services available online

For our vestry

For the birth of the Social Justice group at Holy Cross  
For our ongoing music ministry  
For health of my family  
For my rescue dog  
For this time to pause and reflect  
For the inventor of Facetime so I can still connect with my 91-year old mom  
For quiet moments and beautiful music  
For my children  
For my health

*Please take a moment to add your own thanksgivings.*

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***Intercessions***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those in need of healing and support, especially Rose, Michael, Hadi, Dorothy, Laura, Bill, Dan, Maureen, Loran, and our neighboring residents of Iliff Nursing Home. Are there others?

*Please take a moment to pray for your own concerns.*

We pray for those serving at home and abroad, especially Gavin, Katherine, Cameron, Adam, Anthony, Charles, Alfredo, Evan, Nathan, Leonard, Zachary, Leslie, and Bryce. Are there others?

*Please take a moment to pray for your own concerns.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Bill, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Officiant*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***A Prayer of St. Chrysostom***

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***The Closing Prayer***

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
**Amen.**

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*The Worship has ended. The Service Begins.*

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**Remember in your prayers this week—**

**For those in need of healing and support:** We lift up Rose Naegele, mother of Mary Hinkle; Michael Smith, friend of Lee Bruner; Hadi Alsegaf; Dorothy Ayan, mother of Kathy Alsegaf; Laura Straub, mother of John Straub; Dan Smith, friend of Rex Hayes; Maureen McDonnell-Weschler; Loran Minter, friend of Cheryl Elder

*Names remain on the healing list for four weeks unless you request an extension.*

**For those who have died:** Bill Rothamel, friend of Wendy Hoskins

**For those in the Armed Forces and others who are serving at home and abroad:** Gavin Harpster, nephew of Becky Stahl; Katherine Green, friend of Sherri Arnaiz; Cameron Addleton, friend of Richard and Sadia Adams; Adam Santley, grandson of Jennifer Santley; Anthony Foyle, nephew of Eileen Foyle; Charles Matthews, friend of Eileen Foyle; Alfredo Piedrahita, friend of Brianna Elder; Evan Brown, nephew of Lane Abernathy and Doug Gehley; Nathan Potter, friend of McKey Weschler; Leonard (McKey) Weschler; Zachary March, friend of John and Wendy Hoskins; Leslie Tsou, daughter of Carol and Ed Tsou; Bryce, nephew of Rebecca Stahl

**To request prayer for yourself or someone else please contact the parish office at [office@holycrossepcopal.org](mailto:office@holycrossepcopal.org) or 703-698-6991.**

# **HOLY CROSS MISSION**

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross is an inclusive, supportive, spiritual community that celebrates the diversity and dignity of all God's people. We strive to offer inspiring worship, serious engagement with questions of faith, commitment to serving our neighbors and the world, and opportunities for fun and fellowship. We encourage all to participate in God's purpose and plan for this church. Join us in this great adventure and share in the blessings of God so freely given!

## **Worship and Education At Holy Cross**

### **SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. – Adult Formation

### **WEDNESDAY**

10:30 a.m. Bible/Book Study

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