



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024

The Service of the Word

Prelude: Isabelle Areloa (*piano*)

Opening Hymn 470: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever! Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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. Amen

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: “Have it All”

*You can have it all Lord
Ev’ry part of my world
Take this life and breathe on
This heart that is now Yours*

The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

The First Reading: *Acts 16: 16-20,24b-31*

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the

foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!” The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 84 (read responsively by half verse)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!
***My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.***
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
***by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.***
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a
place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my
own room,
***and to stand at the threshold of the house of my
God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.***
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Sequence Hymn: “Everlasting God”

*You are the ever lasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint. You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

The Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Message: “An Astounding Journey from Chaos to Hope: The Truth of Belief”
The Rev. Rob Dixon

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

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 & 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.*

(*“catholic” means universal)

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God – *Silence.*

Almighty Father, for the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit into our families, our church, and our nation,

Help us to know you and to follow your ways.

Move your Spirit within our hearts and minds,

Enable us to live boldly for love, truth, justice, and peace.

Bless and sanctify our jobs, our work, and our leisure,

So that our entire lives will be a blessing to you, to us, and to our neighbor.

Embrace within your Spirit all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

Help us to answer your call to tend to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation – *Silence.* We pray especially for all who have died and for those who miss them. – *Silence.* We also pray for all those on our church’s prayer list;

Fill their lives with the healing power of your loving Spirit.

We will exalt you, O God our King - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

**For Giving
Electronically**

*Point phone
camera at this
image.*

Thank You!





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 369 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: “Give Me Jesus”

*Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.*

*Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry.
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.*

*Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus
You may have all this world, with its troubles and cares,
For of this I am sure, give me Jesus*

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

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.

Eucharistic Prayer (p. 370 BCP)

For this portion of the service, please open your BCP (red book in pews).

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus S-129

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.

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

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.

Communion Hymn: “Reaching For You” (see insert)

Communion Hymn: “Take and Eat”

*Refrain:
Take and eat; take and eat:
This is my body given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink:
This is my blood given up for you.*

*I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be re-born;
I am the bread that comes from heaven above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. (Refrain)*

*I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. (Refrain)*

*I am the cornerstone that God has laid;
A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
You are God’s dwelling place, on me you rest;
Like living stones, a temple for God’s praise.*

*I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock; you know the shepherd’s voice;
You are my own; your ransom is my blood. (Refrain)*

*I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the morning star that never sets;
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine. (Refrain)*

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

Closing Hymn 390: “Praise to the Lord Almighty”

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Lois Heffernan
Ambassadors: Mary Shontz
Chalice Bearers: Kathy Bleecker
Readers: DeAnne Amacker, Isabelle Peterson
Ushers:

10:30am

DOD: Susan Bell
Acolytes: Stella Dixon, Illeya Sobodash
Ambassadors: Clay Coleman
Chalice Bearers: Madeleine Hutchison, Jack Lichlyter
Readers: Eden Ridgeway, Johnny Armstrong
Ushers:

Flower Dedications

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God.

Your Sermon Notes

FILL IN THE BLANK:

The Key to Authentic Faith has been repeatedly proven to be one simple thing: _____

Today's message is about the Biblical principle of _____.

Believing three things: (1) that God _____, (2) that he _____ about you, and (3) that he can _____.

Three Things Jesus Reveals about God:

1. God knows your _____.
2. God _____ about your situation.
3. God can _____.

Definition of _____: to be free from hurt or disease... having mental faculties in such condition as to be able to anticipate and judge the effects of your actions on other people, and being without delusions or prejudice...being wise."

Weekly Questions:

1. Can you, or do you want to believe that God exists, that he cares about you, and that he can help, if you let him?
2. Exploring your insanity:
 - a. Try to recognize your "insane" thoughts & actions this week and laugh at yourself. Call it what it is!
 - b. In what areas do you have worries or even fears that are not grounded in evidence and normally prove to be based on pure fiction.
 - c. Think about what self-defeating behaviors you continue to engage in, even though it is not what is best for you or what you want for your life (e.g. overeating, drugs, relationships, procrastination, etc)
 - d. Think of examples of when you do not get help when you need it.
5. Write a sentence to God expressing your need for help and your hope in him to restore you and your life to his sanity.

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Angel, Ann D., Anne M., Arlie, Art H., Barbara S., Becky H., Brandon, Brenna, Brooks, Carlos, Carole, CC, Chloe, Cindy B., Clare, Connie, Corey, Crystal, Curt, Dale, Daniel, David P., Diane P., Don Doug M., Elaine G, Emily C., Evelyn, Fay, Francis, Gary, Gretchen, Herman, Ian, Ivy, Jack, Jennifer, Jessie, Jim W., Joe, John C., Jonathan U., Joshua, Judy, Kaleb, Karen, Kari, Kathy B., Kathy M., Keith, Kelli, Kenneth, Kenny, Kim, Linda, Lisa, Lorraine, Mabel, Manuel L., Manuel S., Marguerite, Marilyn, Mark, Mary C., Mary L., Melissa, Michelle, Nancy S., Pamela, Phyllis, Rachel, Ralph, Richard, Ron B., Serge, Seth, Sherry Jo, Stanley, Stephanie, Susan, Tonya, The Deuber Family, The Maddox Family, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, The Zazarro Family, Terri, Victor, Virginia, Wade, Wanda, William B., William Z., Williamae

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan,

Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Tyler Post

Repose of the Soul

Shirley Rae Kirchharr (Mother of Ted Kirchharr)
Richard Ford (Stepson of Gene Press)
William Stone (Husband of Olga Stone & Brother of Sally Roberts)
Phil Gaughf (Cousin of Pat Fadal)
Lou Foltzer (Former Beloved Holy Cross Parishioner)
Tom Love (Father of Brandi Love-Spain)
Michael Emmanuel Bonnelo (Son of Steven Bonello & Anna Sons)
Jackie Lapienski (Friend of Maureen O'Donnell)

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