



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024

The Service of the Word

Prelude: *Isabelle Areola (piano)*

Opening Hymn 657: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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 654: “Day by Day”

*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

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

The First Reading: *Romans 11:33-12-2*

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 25:1-11 (read responsively by half verse)

1 To You, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, I trust in You;

Let me not be ashamed;

Let not my enemies triumph over me.

3 Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;

Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

4 Show me Your ways, O LORD;

Teach me Your paths.

5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You are the God of my salvation;

On You I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses,

For they are from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;

***According to Your mercy remember me,
For Your goodness’ sake, O LORD.***

8 Good and upright is the LORD;

Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

9 The humble He guides in justice,

And the humble He teaches His way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth,

To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

11 For Your name’s sake, O LORD,

Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

Sequence Hymn: “I Surrender All”

All to Jesus I Surrender

All to Him I freely give;

I will ever love and trust Him,

In His presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Savior,

I surrender all.

The Gospel Reading: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

Message: "The End to Our Waltz: Surrendering to the Rest of Your Life"
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)

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.*

**For Giving
Electronically**

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Thank You!





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 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: “Restless” (see insert)

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.

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.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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: “Waymaker” (see insert)

Communion Hymn: “Open” (see insert)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

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.*

Closing Hymn 707: “Take My Life and Let it Be”

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Pam Walker
Ambassadors: Mary Shontz
Chalice Bearers: Ed Austin
Readers: Chip Lands, DeAnne Amacker
Ushers: Tam Lee, John Briscione

10:30am

DOD: Howard Johnson
Acolytes: Lamar Parsley, McKenzie Simpler, Sierra Dixon
Ambassadors: Clay Coleman
Chalice Bearers: Angela Hinkle, Miya May
Readers: Aaron Wimmers, Madeleine Hutchison
Ushers: Clay Coleman, Kaki Chambers, Jordan Williams, Gene Press

Flower Dedications

In Memory for our 60th Anniversary (The Late Bill VanCaster & Joy VanCaster)

Your Sermon Notes

If we face that we cannot _____ our lives, that we are powerless to ensure the outcomes of our lives. And if we have a willingness to believe that there is a _____ who cares, and who can and will help. What do we do now?

We let him _____!

We consciously and deliberately choose to _____ control of our lives and our will to Christ's care and control, and we repeat this choosing every day, every choice, as life unfolds.

Six things that make _____ difficult:

1. _____: "The self-sufficient fool falls flat on his _____. (Proverbs 10:8)
2. _____: With problems too big for me to solve, and _____ too many to count, I'm too ashamed to look up.
3. _____: What will I have to give up?
4. _____: But we are in the _____ making phase, not the problem-solving phase.
5. _____: But it is not the _____ of your faith that matters, it is the size of what you put it _____.
6. Misperceptions about _____: Some may need to _____ their God, and get the real God we meet in Jesus Christ.

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

Rest 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)

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