



# Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021

## The Service of the Word

### Temporary Safety Rules

- ✚ Be joyful, grateful, and blessed!
- ✚ **Please wear mask** as much as possible and certainly anytime you are not seated.
- ✚ Bathroom: please only one person in a bathroom at a time.

**Opening Voluntary:** *Ryan Etheredge (guitar)*

**Opening Hymn:** “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”

*Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here*

**The Confession** *Altogether*

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.*

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.

**The Kyrie S96:**

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.*

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

**The First Reading:** *1 Peter 3:18-22*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He

was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**Psalm:** 25:1-9 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Sequence Hymn: “Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

*Create in me a clean heart,  
Oh God, that I might serve you*

*Create in me a clean heart,  
Oh God, that I might be renewed*

*So fill me and heal me and bring me back to you*

*Create in me a clean heart,  
Oh God, that I might serve you*

**The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15**

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

*People* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Rob Dixon

**The Apostles’ Creed (in unison)**

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*

(\* interesting fact: “catholic” means universal)

**Prayers of the People**

Have mercy on us, O God, and, in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all of God’s people. Wash us through and through,  
*And cleanse us of our sin.*

In this season of Lent, we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent, be transformed, and grow closer to you, Lord Christ. Create in us clean hearts,  
*And renew a right spirit within us.*

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Guide them to seek the common good and make just decisions, according to your will. Purge us from our sin,  
*And we shall be pure.*

We pray for those who hunger or thirst, for those who cry out for justice or live under the threat of terror, and for those who are without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of your joy and gladness,  
*That those who are broken may rejoice.*

We pray for those who are ill, in pain, under stress, and who are lonely. We pray for all who are on our church’s prayer list – *silence*. Give them the joy of your saving help,  
*And sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.*

We pray for those who have died - *Silence* - and for all who have entered into the land of your abiding peace. We commend them to your loving presence,  
*And ask you to comfort all who mourn.*

**The Peace: Welcome & Announcements**



# The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

**The Communion.** *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to kneel at the rail, 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.*

## Offertory: "All To Jesus I Surrender"

*All to Jesus I surrender.  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him.  
In His presence daily live*

*Chorus:  
I surrender all. I surrender all.  
All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all*

*All to Jesus I surrender.  
Humbly at His feet I bow.  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken.  
Take me, Jesus. Take me now. (Chorus)*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord I give myself to Thee  
Fill me with Thy love and power  
Let Thy blessing fall on me (Chorus)*

## 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

*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, according to his command, O Father.  
*People* **We remember his death.  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

## Prayer for Grace and Blessing

Loving God, while I cannot receive your Holy Communion at this time, I sincerely ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon me now and upon all of your children. Fill me, sustain me, and lead me with your life-giving Grace and strength, today and forever. *Amen.*

## Communion Hymn: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed*

*Refrain:  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, Amazing grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures. (Refrain 2x)*

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
And for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our  
Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Blessing

### Closing Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

# Flower Dedications



## A Note on Lent

We begin Lent this week starting with Ash Wednesday where we remember our frailty and dependence on God. Lent has a scriptural basis as it mirrors the sacrificial time Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his ministry. It is a forty-day period where we prepare ourselves, our church, and our homes for the coming of our resurrected Lord. In the past, people did acts of penance and spring-cleaning during Lent. We don't do that as much now; (however, you can

paint a section of our education wing.) But we still take time to read scripture, pray, and meditate. We may also fast or give up a luxury during Lent, so that we, in a small way, feel a tinge of hunger and make a small sacrifice to give us a physical reminder of the hunger and sacrifice Jesus felt while spending 40 days in the wilderness. Reading, praying, meditating and fasting are Lenten ways we can deepen our relationship with our Lord.

- Rev. Rog

## Prayer List

### Requested Prayer

Adam D., Adam L., Aly & Baby Logan, Angel, Ann, Barbara, Barbara Joe, Betty J., Betty W., Bobbie, Bobby, Brenda B., Brenda R., Carl, Carla, Catherine, Fr. Chris, Christian, Christina, Christopher, Cindy, Dana, Darlene, David H., David I., Debbie, Debrah, Drew, Ellie, Elsie, Emme, Ernest, Erick, Faith, Fay, Fred, Jackie, James H., James P., Jamie, Jan, Jean, Jeff, Jennifer W., Jerry, Jessica, Jillian, Jim M., Jim W., John B., John G., Jordan, Joseph, Judy G., June, Karen, Kayla, Kelly, Ken, Kevin, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Laya, Leola, Linda E., Linda M., Lorrie, Luke Allen, Max, Melissa, Neta, Patricia, Pat T., Patrick B., Paula K., Paula M., Peggy, Ralph, Ray, Robin, Sarah, Selene, Shea, Sherry Jo, Sherry, Stacie, Sue, Teresa K., Thalia, Tif, Tom, Tony B., Tony K., The Clark Family, The Collado Family, The Demme Family, The Rowland Family, The Schuler Family, The Walls Family, The Youth, Wendy, William

Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

### Repose of the Soul

Kary Kaston  
Mary Hovnanian  
Sonja Walls  
Americans who have died from COVID-19

### Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden,

### Clergy

The Rev. Rob Dixon, Pastor/Rector  
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The Rev. Roger Hungerford, Associate Rector

### Vestry

Susan Bell (Sr. Warden), TBD (Jr. Warden),  
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