



# Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021

## The Service of the Word

### † Safety Update

† Out of love and to support our forward movement, you are encouraged to please wear a mask as you are able during indoor gatherings. Thank you.

**Opening Voluntary:** *Samuel Klauss (piano)*

**Opening Hymn:** “This is My Father’s World

*This is my Father’s World, and to my listening ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings.  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s World, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father’s World, the birds their carols raise.  
The morning light, the lily white.  
Declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s World. He shines in all that’s fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.*

*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 397:** “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers’ arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

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

**The First Reading:** *Wisdom 7:26–8*

For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm: 19: 1-9** (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

**Sequence Hymn 654: "Day By Day"**

**The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38**

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

**Sermon** "With the Earth"  
*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**

Father, we pray for your holy and universal Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful servants to all people in your  
name.*

We pray for you to guide all who govern and hold  
authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give each of us here today the grace to do your will in all  
that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or  
trouble;  
*Cover them with the love, peace, and hope of new life in  
you.*

We pray for all who have died, [especially.....] welcome  
all of the departed into your eternal kingdom, *And give  
faith and peace to those who miss them.*

We pray for all those on our church's prayer list;  
*Fill their lives with the healing power of your loving  
Spirit.*

We thank you for all our blessings in this life, especially  
for our students, teachers, and schools. *Fill us all with  
your Holy Spirit, so that we may receive your blessing  
and be your blessing to the world.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, aloud  
or in the silence of our hearts. *Silence*

**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.*



# 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 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:** “You’ll Never Walk Alone”  
*Stephen Bell*

**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** (p. 361 BCP)

*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** (Said)

*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..**

**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:** “Let All Around Us Be Peace”

*Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us,  
Let all around us be peace.*

*Love, Light, Christ...*

**Communion Hymn:** “How Great is Our God”

*The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice*

*Refrain:*

*How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God*

*Age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.  
(Refrain)*

**Communion Hymn 8:** “Morning Has Broken”

*Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain’s newfall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass,  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God’s recreation, of the new day!*

**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.*

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 412:** “Earth and All Stars”

*Earth and all stars,  
Loud rushing planets,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
O victory, loud shouting army,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!*

*Refrain:*

*He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him  
With a new song!*

*Hail, wind, and rain,  
Loud blowing snowstorms,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees,  
Loud rustling leaves,  
Sing to the Lord a new song! (Refrain)*

# Flower Dedications

*In Loving Memory of William "Bill" VanCaster*

## Your Sermon Notes

### Prayer List

*Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.*

#### Requested Prayer

Al, Angela, Axel, Barbara, C., Barbara N., Bet, Betty, Bob, Bobby, Brenda B., Brenna, Caiti, Cindy, Dale, Dave, David I., Debra, Don, Emme, Fr. Chris, Gage, Jack, Jackie, Joe, Joseph, Kathy, LaKeisha, Lauren, Lauren, S., Linda, Mary, Melissa, Patrick B., Paul, Paula K., Ruth, Sally, Shea, Ralph, Sherry Jo, Susan, Theresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Trinity, Trish, Wade, William B., The Ed Shontz Family, The James Shontz Family, The Scordato Family, The People of Afghanistan, especially women & children

#### Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Capt. Bruce Gough, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden, 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, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., T. J. Bossa, Tyler Post, William Verwoerd

#### Prayers for Discernment

Leanne Whalen

#### Rest of the Soul

Max Enfinger

Rev. Tim Wilcox

Carl Buice

Mike (Unknown)

Brian Montgomery

Shirley Parkhust

Chris Thomas

Mike Scordato

Victims from the bombing attack in Afghanistan

Victims from the earthquake in Haiti

Americans who have died from COVID-19

For peace and comfort for families of those killed on 09/11 & the First Responders who died from the after effects

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