



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 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: *Stephanie Backes (clarinet)*

Opening Hymn 711: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And it's righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Allelu, Alleluia*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu, Alleluia*

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: *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Psalm: 54 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name;
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Sequence Hymn: “You Are My All in All”

*You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all*

*Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name*

The Gospel Reading: John 14:6-12

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know^l my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied. Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

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

Sermon “With Other Religions and Science”
 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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; for our priests and our bishops; and for all people and ministers. Pray for the Church. - *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace throughout the world. - *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. – *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. - *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed and for those who miss them. Pray for those who have died. – *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. – *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. 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.*

Refrain:

*I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine. (Refrain)*

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

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

Communion Hymn: “Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary”

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary.
Pure and Holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Communion Hymn: “The Way” (See Insert)

Communion Hymn: “Taste and See” (See Insert)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

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 529: “In Christ There is no East or West”

*In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith
Whate'er your race may be
Who serves my Father as his child
Is surely kin to me*

*In Christ now meet both east and west;
In him meet south and north,
All Christly souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

Flower Dedications

Flowers Given Today By Jerry & Suzanne Holzworth

Sermon Notes:

Cognitive Dissonance can be understood as the _____ or unease we feel within ourselves when we face ideas or beliefs that are inconsistent with our own.

Every religion tells you three things: (1) what to _____, (2) how to _____, (3) how to _____. With alliteration, every religion has Creed, _____, and Cult. This goes along with the three powers of the human soul, or psyche: the intellect, the _____ will, and the heart.

HINDUISM:

Hinduism believes in many gods and a supreme God named _____. Brahman does not create, per se, he _____ all things.

At the end of life there is not judgment but we are _____ until we reach enlightenment.

We are all a part of the collective, eternal soul called Atman.

The Four Yogas (paths toward enlightenment):

1. Karma Yoga – the yoga of action and selfless service
2. Bhakti Yoga – the yoga of devotion
3. Raja Yoga – the yoga of meditation
4. Jnana Yoga – the yoga of will and intellect

Hindus say that Jesus was a great teacher.

BUDDHISM:

Buddhism is largely considered to be a _____ and not a religion. A practice that seeks to deliver people from _____.

The Four Noble Truths of Buddhism:

1. To live is to _____
2. The cause of suffering is _____
3. The cure for suffering is to extinguish selfish desire.
4. The way to receive the cure is to practice the eight noble pathways of ego reduction in all areas of your life.

The essence of Buddhism's code for living is _____.

Yet, compassion, for Buddhists, goes out to everything equally and non-judgmentally, even to _____.

ISLAM:

Islam is an Abrahamic religion along with _____ & _____.

Islam is the youngest, beginning around _____ years after Christ. The central article of faith is called the Shahada – "There is no god but God and _____ is his messenger."

THE FIVE PILARS of the code, or way of living, in Islam are:

1. Profession of _____ – the Shahada.
- (2) _____ – throughout the day. (3) Alms.
- (4) _____. (5) Pilgrimage

The word "Islam" means _____

They include Jesus as a great _____.

They say the Bible (the Old Testament of the Jews and the New) was revealed by God but corrupted over time. Therefore, Muhammad reinterpreted the scriptures and only the _____ is the truth of God.

JUDAISM & CHRISTIANITY:

Scriptures Quoted: Luke 10:25-37, Matthew 5, Matthew 25:31-46, & John 14:6-12

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, Gary, 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 L., Tom R., 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

Margaret Ward
Max Enfinger
Rev. Tim Wilcox
Carl Buice
Mike (Unknown)
Brian Montgomery
Shirley Parkhust
Chris Thomas
Mike Scordato
Victims from the Hurricane Ida and the earthquake in Haiti
Americans who have died from COVID-19