

CHAPEL of
the CROSS
an historic Episcopal Church

CONSTANCE & HER COMPANIONS
CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I
12 SEPTEMBER 2021 8 O'CLOCK

Welcome to the Chapel of the Cross! Whether you are a first time visitor or you have been a part of the Chapel for generations, thank you for joining us this morning. We invite you to explore how the Chapel can be a part of your journey with God.

Dear Visitors, if you are visiting, passing through, or searching for a spiritual home, you honor us by your presence. Please complete a welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher or clergy member. We are so glad you are here!

In keeping with Jesus' command to love your neighbor, please wear a mask during worship. Thank you.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 323

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE SONG OF PRAISE

BCP, p. 324

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

We give thee thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of the Martyrs

of Memphis, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure

and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 116: 1-8

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grieve and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is

abundant through Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 12:24-28

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say, 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE CONFESSION

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THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God ... By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

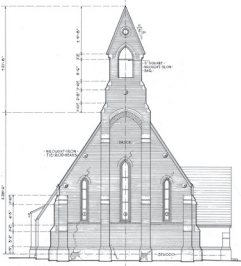
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God.



2021 Total Pledged **\$713,140**

Expected Pledge Payments
through July **\$381,360**

Actual Pledge Payments through July
\$399,549.94 *105% of expected*

2021 Budgeted Non-Pledge Gifts
& Plate Cash **\$155,340**

Expected Non-Pledge Gifts
& Plate Cash through July **\$95,280**

Actual Non-Pledge Gifts
& Plate Cash through July
\$93,198.78 *98% of expected*

2021 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

THE ENTIRE 2021 BUDGET IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Capital Campaign Remaining Pledges **\$618,539.33** (of \$3,302,189.60)
Organ Campaign Remaining Pledges **\$93,700.00** (of \$345,700)

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