

CHAPEL of
the CROSS

an historic Episcopal Church

18 PENTECOST
CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
26 SEPTEMBER 2021 5 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 355

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

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

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

THE SONG OF PRAISE

BCP, p. 356

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the

fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his

spirit on them!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 19:7-14

- 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 forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servants from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable
in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have

them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED BCP, p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP, p. 383

THE CONFESSION BCP, p. 360

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP, p. 369

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

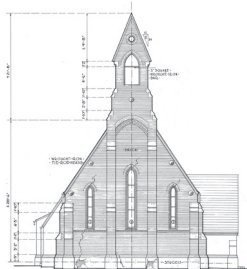
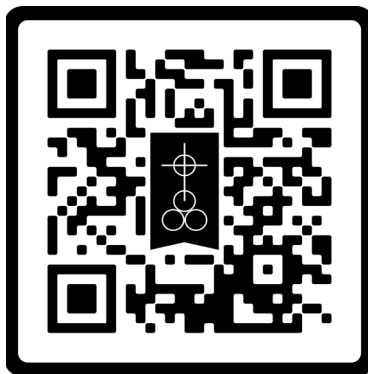
BCP, p. 365

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God!

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mary Margaret Buchanan and in celebration of her grandchildren, Amelia and Andrew Sneed.



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*

THE ENTIRE 2021 BUDGET IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

2021 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Capital Campaign Remaining Pledges **\$613,539.33** (of \$3,302,189.60)
Organ Campaign Remaining Pledges **\$93,600.00** (of \$345,700)

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