

CHAPEL of
the CROSS

an historic Episcopal Church

23 PENTECOST
CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
31 OCTOBER 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!*

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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 119: 1-8

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct

that I might keep your statutes!

- 6 Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.
- 9 How shall a young man cleanse his way?
By keeping to your words.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There

is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A 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.

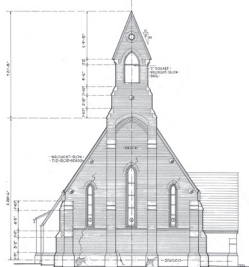
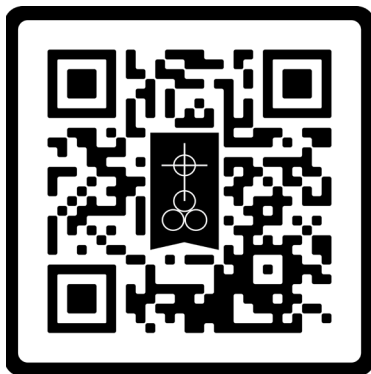
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God!



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

Expected Pledge Payments through Sept.
\$490,320

Actual Pledge Payments through Sept.
\$499,114.94 *102% of expected*

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

Expected Non-Pledge Gifts
& Plate Cash through Sept. **\$122,504**

Actual Non-Pledge Gifts
& Plate Cash through Sept.
\$120,870.34 *99% of expected*

THE ENTIRE 2021 BUDGET IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

2021

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Capital Campaign Remaining Pledges **\$595,552.33** (of \$3,302,189.60)
Organ Campaign Remaining Pledges **\$93,350.00** (of \$345,700)

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