

CHAPEL of
the CROSS

an historic Episcopal Church

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I
28 NOVEMBER 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!*

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 TRISAGION *said three times*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 25: 1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love, and for sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right;
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

A HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED BCP, p. 326

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP, p. 329

THE CONFESSION BCP, p. 331

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP, p. 340

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. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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.

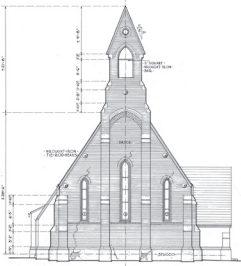
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 339

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God.



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

Expected Pledge Payments through Oct.
\$544,800

Actual Pledge Payments through Oct.
\$552,395.43 *101% of expected*

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

Expected Non-Pledge Gifts
& Plate Cash through Oct. **\$136,118**

Actual Non-Pledge Gifts
& Plate Cash through Oct.
\$133,939.44 *98% of expected*

2021

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

THE ENTIRE 2021 BUDGET IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Capital Campaign Remaining Pledges **\$568,743.33** (of \$3,289,689.60)

Organ Campaign Remaining Pledges **\$73,250.00** (of \$345,700)

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