Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church

September 13, 2020
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II
From The Book of Common Prayer

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Bob & Cindy Locasale in celebration of their daughter Ashley’s birthday.
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Gloria
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day
O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said
to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister?
Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Very Reverend Wil Keith

*At the conclusion of the sermon, the congregation sits silently*
The Nicene Creed
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 and 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.

The people stand or kneel
The Prayers of the People Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wil and Ryan our clergy, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald our President, Henry our Governor, Tom our Congressman and Tim and Lindsey our Senators, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will, especially in Social Night Out ministry, and in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birthdays of Diop Gant, Melissa Thomas Proctor, Rockne Pitcher and Barb Belt.

Today we offer our prayers for Parish Members: Jim McBride, Ira Thomas, Katie Harris, Aaron Uhlfelder, Bonnie Lee Decker, Libby Lundvall, Marcia Kaminski, Diana Farrell, Betty Godley, Roger Prosser, Rita Schreyer & family, Lauren Belt, Sharon Carr, Elizabeth Dumphy, Lynn Van Ek, Shirley Bessellieu and Sue Myers; for friends of this parish who are sick or suffering, especially Marge, Ava, Nancy, Tallu, Earl, Olivia, Taylor, Zac and John; for those serving in the armed forces, especially SSgt Amanda Finigan, McLennon Janes, Ryan Comes, Michael Modesto, Dan Hewett, Ed Nachbauer and Ens. Ryan Iverson; and for others who protect us at home and abroad, especially Midway Fire Rescue.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember Campus Ministries of The Diocese of South Carolina.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant concludes with a Collect*

**The Confession of sin**
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People*  
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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**The Peace** *(All stand)*
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

**The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory**
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

*At this time offerings may be made online HERE or a check payable to Holy Cross Faith Memorial may be mailed to PO Box 990, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.*

**Offertory Anthem** Be Thou my Vision arr. Edward Tipton

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A* *(BCP Page 361)*

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 our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.*
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

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.

*The people stand or kneel. The celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**
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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Post Communion Prayer

The people stand or kneel

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Voluntary No. 11

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We currently remain in Phase 2 of our plan to return to in-person worship.

Distribution of Communion: Saturdays, 9-10 and 4-5 - Perhaps one of the most missed aspects of in-person Sunday services is receiving together the Body and Blood of Christ. A new kind of Lay Eucharistic Ministry has been born to address our need to knit together in Christ’s Body through Holy Communion. Single-use packets of the Sacrament (a wafer with drop of wine) consecrated by our clergy during the recording of the Eucharist will be available for weekly pick-up at the church on Saturdays, 9-10am and 4-5pm. Drive around the far side of the church and through the circle, where ministers will distribute communion to be consumed Sunday morning during virtual worship. Gluten- and alcohol-free packets available on request. Please know that one or both of your clergy will be at the church on Sunday mornings to worship with the whole congregation in spirit as you participate in our virtual worship videos.

Special “Coffee with Clergy” sessions continue in the parish hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00 until 2:00 pm (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE ON TUESDAYS) Seating will be limited to 10 or less participants to assure social distancing so REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED and is available through Realm events or by calling the church office at 843-237-3459. Please bring a mask with you as well.

Walking in Wonder fall/early winter schedule: We will walk (socially distanced) at 7:45 am during September and then determine future start times. If you have any questions or want to be added to the distribution list, please contact Nancy Laprade a. We welcome newcomers! You can check out our blog @ walkinginwonderhcfm.com. Schedule: Sept 26, Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 5, Dec 19.

Requests for Healing Prayer will be addressed, for the time being, virtually. A dedicated Prayer Request e-mail has been created for this purpose. Simply e-mail your prayer request to the dedicated address and on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. the weekly Healing Prayer Lay Intercessor will answer your request with a prayer. The dedicated e-mail address is: HealingPrayers@holycrossfm.org. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions.
**Caroline Alday will lead the September 15th Book Study** on "Aging as a Spiritual Practice" by Lewis Richmond. The author states that the first truth of aging is that “everything changes”. Richmond helps us understand how aging can bring new possibilities, fresh beginnings and an appreciation and gratitude that affects how we live our lives as we age. He explores how we maintain a healthy body, healthy relationships and an active spiritual life. We’ll meet at 1 p.m in the parish house with masks and social distancing. Space is limited so please contact Kay Pulliam to sign up if you would like to attend.

**The Men's Bible Study** is discussing chapter 5 in Sanders, *Paul*. We meet in the back of the sanctuary Thursdays at 0731 a.m.

**Your Awesome Flower Guild has been hard at work** preparing flowers for the altar for your viewing pleasure during our virtual worship. Contact the church office to make a flower dedication: 843-237-3459 or holycross@sc.rr.com.

**The Blessing Box** is being maintained during the Pandemic. During this time it is requested that donations to the Blessing Box ministry be limited to monetary donations. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Faith Memorial with Blessing Box noted on the memo line. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

**The Baskervill Food Pantry** remains in operation with limited hours, Monday – Friday from 10 am – 12 noon. However, Client Choice shopping is not available. **Eggs have been added** to the list of items we regularly distribute to clients. Thanks to everyone who has been saving egg cartons for us. Please keep it up! There is a clear plastic container near the door of the Pantry for drop off.
Take a look at your hands! An odd request? Not at Holy Cross Faith Memorial! Take a closer look. Do you see the hands of your mom or dad? Do you see hands that build houses or write books or teach students? Do you see hands that play a musical instrument or rear a family or shape pottery? Perhaps hands that sew or knit or draw?

At Holy Cross Faith Memorial, our hands help connect us to God. They prepare altars, bring flowers to life, fix things on our beautiful campus, serve food, plant gardens, play music, and offer sacraments. Altogether, they reach out to welcome, define our purpose and strengthen the vital ministries offered here. Most importantly, our hands are extensions of our hearts…..they close together for giving thanks and they open up for giving back.

In October (dates below), we are inviting each and every member of Holy Cross Faith Memorial to come to the church to leave your handprints, a personal symbol of yourself, to show the importance of giving and sharing as we kick off our Fall Stewardship Campaign. It will be an opportunity to greet you in person (with protocols of social distancing), provide you with stewardship materials, and leave your handprint on display!

The Vestry will be contacting each of you to make sure you are included. So, as we prepare for this exciting event, place your palms together in prayer. Praise God for whom all blessings flow!

We look forward to seeing you soon!!

Thursday, October 1: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, October 2: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 3: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 10: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 11: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 12: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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