Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church
May 3, 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
By John & Geales Sands in thanksgiving for
their Holy Cross Faith Memorial family.
THE WORD OF GOD
(The Book of Common Prayer Page 355)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47
Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.
Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.
If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you
endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you
have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so
that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found
in his mouth.” When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he
did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself
bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for
righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like
sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
The Gospel: John 10:1-10
Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

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 the Funeral Reception 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 Denise Patrick, Connie Thomas, Bob LoCasale, Henry Kunz, Muffy Kneeece, Ron Radcliff, Tatiana Kaufman and Melissa Buffington; and for the wedding anniversary of Pat & Candi Boyd.

Today we offer our prayers for Parish Members: Jim McBride, Ira Thomas, Joan Sherman, Katie Harris, Aaron Uhlfelder, Bonnie Lee Decker, Ed Kunz, John Meyers, Kelly Currin, Lu Jones, Denise Skiles, Libby Lundvall, Roddy Brown, Marcia Kaminski, Norma Jayroe, Diana Farrell, Betty Godley, Luke Ralston, Laura Martens, Madona Robertson, Troy Bennage, Jennifer Reynolds, Peter Roy and Ed Bullwinkel; for friends of this parish who are sick or suffering, especially Trish, Steve, Jimmy, Adam, Diane and James; for those serving in the armed forces, especially SSgt Amanda Finigan, McLennon Janes, Ryan Comes, Michael Modesto, Dan Hewett, Ed Nachbauer, Ens. Ryan Iverson and Ray Workman; and for others who protect us at home and abroad, especially Midway Fire Rescue.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston.
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 Peace
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
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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:
Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord.
People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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

Announcements

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

Suspension of Public Worship Services to Continue: The Standing Committee has announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Diocese of South Carolina will continue with the suspension of all public church services and group gatherings until indication is given by medical experts and government officials that we can safely gather again. The Standing Committee is currently at work compiling resources that will assist them in making the best decision for all of our congregations. This work is being done in consultation with the clergy of the diocese and both scientific and medical professionals. Online worship and virtual gatherings will continue through at least May 18.

Your Awesome Flower Guild has been hard at work preparing flowers for the altar for your viewing pleasure during our virtual worship. If you would like to make a flower dedication during the period of physical distancing just call or e-mail Suzy in the church office: 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. This will allow 1 person to shop for what is most needed, helping to keep the Box well stocked while keeping the number of people in the stores to a minimum. 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.
“Exploring This Time:
An opportunity to connect, reflect, and share.”

To explore is “to travel in or through an unfamiliar area in order to learn about or familiarize oneself with it.” As members of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, we are living through a unique time, one worthy of exploring the impact on us as a community.

Add your voice!
For six weeks, the Health and Wellbeing ministry (in collaboration with clergy) will be providing questions for reflection that invite us to consider what this time means to us, how we are doing, what we envision on the other side of this pandemic. It is an opportunity to engage each other amidst distance, and to deepen our understanding of the hopes and concerns that unite us.

Week Two Questions for Reflection:

- What are you discovering about yourself during this time?
- As we hit the pause button, or change routines, anything surprising you?
- Anything new you are learning?

Responses can be emailed anonymously to: healthandwellbeing@holycrossfm.org Or, mailed to: Health and Wellbeing, PO Box 792, Pawleys Island, SC, 29585
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Psalm – Helen Thomas
2nd Lesson – Amy Webb
Prayers of the People – Angelo Stripto

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