

Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church

**November 29, 2020
The First Sunday of Advent**



**Holy Eucharist Rite II
From The Book of Common Prayer**

*The greenery on the altar is given to the glory of God
by Penny Philo in loving memory of David Philo and
with thanksgiving for the people of HCFM.*

*You are asked to wear a mask at all times during this service. Bulletins will not be reused so please take them with you at the end of the service and exit the building via the nearest exit. Exterior doors will remain open during Sunday morning services this fall and winter. Please be prepared on colder mornings.
Thank you for your cooperation.*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hope

The First Sunday of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died. On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his kingdom over all things on earth.

As followers of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people.

We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.

THE WORD OF GOD

(From The Book of Common Prayer Page 355)

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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Lord, you keep covenant and steadfast love, even when we sin
and turn aside from your commandments and ordinances.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, you came to lay down your life for your sheep.
Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, you came that we might have life, and have it in all its
fullness. Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Wil Keith

At the conclusion of the sermon a period of silence is kept.

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

(BCP Page 387)

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, Joe our President Elect, 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 Miss Ruby's Kids 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 Sarah Peacock, Dean Besse and Scott Adams; and for the wedding anniversary of Keith Bird & Nancy Laprade.

Today we offer our prayers for Parish Members: **Jim McBride, Ira Thomas, Brannon Knox, Katie Harris, Aaron Uhlfelder, Libby Lundvall, Marcia Kaminski, Rita Schreyer & family, Elizabeth Dumphy, Sue Myers, Robert Deane, Jordan Taylor, Alex Spivey, Dot Bonds, Brigitte Popelars, Tom & Lynne Bridges, Jackie Almond and Marsha Smith;** for friends of this parish who are sick

or suffering, especially Olivia, Taylor, Zac, John, Dennis, Jerry, Beverly, Caleb, Richard and Madison; 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 with thanksgiving all supply clergy in 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

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 Sentence

Restore us, O God of hosts, show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

*In the interest of safety a photo record of those attending this service
will now be taken.*

*Offerings may be dropped in the basket near the Baptismal Font, made online at holycrossfm.org,
or a check payable to Holy Cross Faith Memorial may be mailed to PO Box 990, Pawleys Island,
SC 29585.*

Offertory Anthem *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* arr. B. Neswick

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and
brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and
every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for
her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the
fullness of your love.

You sent your 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.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus *Celebrant and People:*

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 Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to beconsecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make

us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Please remain seated as the clergy brings the sacrament to you.

Post Communion Prayer *(The people stand or kneel)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ. May we who share his body, live his risen life; we who drink his cup, bring life to others; we upon whom your spirit shines, give life to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Organ Voluntary

Once He came in blessing

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHASE 3 - BEGINNING THE RETURN TO CORPORATE WORSHIP

With the approval of your Vestry, as of November 1st, 2020 we entered Phase 3 of our social distancing protocol and return to in-person worship.

**High risk individuals should continue to shelter in place during Phase 3.*

We have returned to Sunday morning celebrations of Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30. Social distancing will still be in effect. Masks are required, and we have spread out the chairs so that no one will need to be closer than 6-8 feet. We will begin with no acolytes, one Lay Reader per service, and the vergers will remain in the congregation. One priest will celebrate and one will preach, sitting in the front of the congregation. Communion will be distributed at your seats. We will continue to produce industry-leading and world-class worship videos. These will become available at 5pm on Sundays, if not before. We will continue to send out Epistles, or letters, to the congregation in place of the Thursday Healing Service as the Ministration to the Sick can be done at home with a visit from the priest. We will keep the Tuesday Coffee with Clergy class and move Wednesday's class to Sunday morning between the services. Various ministries and subcommittees will need to discuss whether to begin meeting in person again, but please remember and honor the choice to stay physically away from such gatherings.

Special **"Coffee with Clergy" sessions** continue in the parish hall on Tuesdays from 1:00 until 2:00 pm and Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15. Seating will be limited to 10 or less and please bring a mask. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** and is available through Realm events or by calling the office at 843-237-3459.

Distribution of Communion: Single-use packets of the Sacrament (a wafer with drop of wine) consecrated by our clergy will continue to be available for weekly pick-up IN THE CHAPEL on Saturdays, 9-10am and 4-5pm for consumption during the virtual worship service on Sundays. Gluten- and alcohol-free packets available on request.

Walking in Wonder December schedule: Dec 5 & 19.

On Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist will be held at 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

On Christmas Day a Simple Eucharist with no music will be held at 10:00 a.m.

The January 5th Parish Book Study will be held at 1 p.m. in the Sancturay (not in the parish house). Issac Bailey will discuss his most recent book *Why Didn't We Riot? A Black Man in Trumpland*. This book will be available at a discount at My Sister's Books in Litchfield. Before this session, please try to find some time to view the following online video at the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/897393153671209/posts/3599804826763348/?vh=e&d=n>

Please RSVP to Kay Pulliam if you plan to attend this event.

Requests for Healing Prayer will be addressed, for the time being, virtually. A dedicated Prayer Request e-mail has been created for this purpose. E-mail your prayer request to **HealingPrayers@holycrossfm.org**. A Healing Prayer Lay Intercessor will answer your request with a prayer Sundays at 11 a.m.

The Men's Bible Study is reading Tim Egan, *Pilgrimage to Eternity*. We meet in back of sanctuary at 0731 on Thursdays whether recuperating or actively reading.

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 the Food Pantry regularly distributes to clients. Please save egg cartons and drop in the plastic container near the door of the Pantry.

Feed A Family For Christmas

What better way to capture the true spirit of Christmas than to help feed a family in honor of a friend or loved one? For a \$10 donation you can help feed families in need with a holiday meal distributed by The Salvation Army and help fund the Baskervill Food Pantry all year long. For each \$10 donation you will receive a gift card to send to your children, grand children or friends telling them that you helped to feed a family in their honor for Christmas!



There are a couple of ways to participate:

(1) Mail a check with the completed form below to Baskervill Food Pantry, PO Box 990, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 and the requested number of cards will be returned by mail to you.

(2) Bring your check by the office at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, 88 Baskervill Drive, Pawleys Island, and pick up your cards in person.

We must receive your check by December 16, 2020 in order to have cards mailed out before Christmas.

I want to help feed _____ families @ \$10 each = \$_____

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

If you have questions regarding this program, please call 237-3459.

Christmas Adornments 2020



Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church

I would like to help decorate the church for Christmas with my donation of \$10 each:

In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

Given By: _____

Please Note: All dedications must be received by the church office no later than 12/20 to be included in the dedication booklet.

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2020-2023

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Serving Today:

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8:00 am – Barb Belt

10:30 am – John Sands

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8:00 am – Jill Waring

10:30 am – Geales Sands

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