

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January 29, 2023 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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ENTRANCE HYMN In the Cross of Christ I Glory

H 441, v.1-4

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
3 love up - on my way, from the cross the
4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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

S 280

The following is sung, all standing

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,

and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,

with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Psalm: Psalm 15

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?*

who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,*

who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;*

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected,*

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong*

and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain,*

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things*

shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our

proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN Blest are the Pure in Heart H 656

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend M. Dorian Del Priore

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All stand.

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 VI, BCP 392

All remain standing.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; Paul, our mayor, and for all who lead and serve. For our civil servants, first responders, and members of the medical community. We pray for our armed forces, especially those who are deployed.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For the victims of war and violence, especially for the war in Ukraine and other places of armed conflict. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

We pray for the staff, vestry, leadership, and members of Holy Cross.
We pray for the staff, teachers, and families of Holy Cross Academy.
For our missionaries, Cameron and Roberto; for Mother Lourdes and the people of Cristo Liberador, our partner parish in Quito, Ecuador.

In the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, we pray for:
[Church of the Ridge, Trenton; The Vocare Young Adult Retreat](#)
In the Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for:
[The Church of Pakistan](#)

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our bishop; for our retired bishops, Andrew and Dorsey, and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray especially for: **[We pray especially for David, Parks, Eric, Dana, Tom, Carol, Kim, Carolyn, Marlene, Harold, Sharon, Debbie, Adrian, David and Lynn.](#)**

For all who are sick, those who are homebound and for those who struggle financially during this time.

[For our Powerpack Ministry, and the children and families it serves.](#)
[For the Med Shed. For the James Monroe Mission House, and those it serves.](#)
[For our justice ministry, Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership.](#)

Silence (hold for a 5 count)

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We pray for our expectant mother: Nicole Stone

~~We give thanks for the birth of:~~

Silence (hold for a 5 count)

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

~~Especially for:~~

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant 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.**

Silence

THE PEACE

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All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY HYMN

At the Cross (Love Ran Red) Chris Tomlin

There's a place,
where mercy reigns,
and never dies
There's a place,
where streams of grace,
flow deep and wide
All the love, I've ever found
Comes like a flood,
comes flowing down
At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You;
I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red,
and my sin washed white

I owe all to You;
I owe all to You, Jesus
There's a place,
where sin and shame
are powerless
Where my heart,
has peace with God,
and forgiveness
All the love, I've ever found
Comes like a flood,
comes flowing down
At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You;
I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red,
and my sin washed white
I owe all to You;
I owe all to You
Here my hope is found,
here on holy ground
Here I bow down,
here I bow down
Here arms open wide,
here You saved my life
Here I bow down, here I bow
At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You;
I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red,
and my sin washed white
I owe all to You;
I owe all to You,
At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You;
I'm in awe of You

Where Your love ran red,
and my sin washed white
I owe all to You; I owe all to You
I owe all to You; I owe all to You
Jesus (Savior of the world)
Jesus (Savior of the world)
Your love ran red
Your love ran red

The Great Thanksgiving

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The People remain standing.

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in
our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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

PSB 94

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to

that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Michael W Smith

Open the eyes of my
heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
Open the eyes of my
heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
To see You high and
lifted up
Shining in the light of
Your glory
Pour out Your power
and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy
Open the eyes of my
heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
Open the eyes of my
heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power
and love
As we sing holy,
holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
The sun comes up,
it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your
song again
Whatever may pass
and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
You're rich in love,
and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great,
and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul,

Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name
And on that day
when my strength is failing,
The end draws near,
and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years
and then forevermore!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your Holy Name.
Yes, I'll worship Your Holy Name.
Lord, I'll worship Your Holy Name.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

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The Priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only- begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lead Me to the Cross

Brooke Fraser

Savior I come
Quiet my soul
Remember
Redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss
Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Lead me,
Lead me to the cross
You were as I
Tempted and tried

Human
The Word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now You're risen
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss
Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Lead me, Lead me
To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Lead me,
Lead me to the cross
Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Lead me,
Lead me to the cross

DISMISSAL

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.