



HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral Church of the Anglican Diocese of the South

ASCENSION SUNDAY



*Everything we do is to lead people into a growing
relationship with Jesus Christ.*

June 1, 2025

11:15 am

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News for the Parish of Holy Cross Cathedral

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Ascension Sunday

Welcome, we're glad you're here! If you are a guest today, we'd like to get to know you better. Please fill out the card in front of your chair and drop it in the plate during the offering or give it to an usher.

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Interested in connecting at Holy Cross? Want to learn more? Scan this QR code and let us know! We look forward to connecting with you.

Vacation Bible School registration closes this Friday! VBS is June 9-13 for children rising K to rising 6th grade. Scan this QR code or visit hclanglican.org/vbs to learn more and sign up. Volunteers are still needed!



Pentecost Combined Service & Potluck Picnic is next Sunday, June 8th. The service will start at 10:00 am with the picnic afterwards until 1:00 pm. Bring a dish to share, large enough to feed your family, in a disposable container. Please stay to help clean up after.

Baptismal Preparation Class starts Sunday, June 22nd at 1:00 pm. Contact Pastor Justin at Justin@hclanglican.org to sign up.

Groovin' on the Green: The third Friday of every month through September, the St. Andrew's Team will be ministering at the City of Loganville's "Groovin' on the Green" concert series. Contact Pastor Justin at Justin@hclanglican.org if you're interested in serving.

The Hall of Men: Every 2nd Saturday at 9:00 am in Student Center. The Men's Ministry is currently focusing on the heroes of Christian history, concentrating on what we can learn from them as co-disciples of Christ Jesus.

Spiritual Growth Classes: Last week! Don't miss out!

- *Becoming Easter People with St. Aquinas* – Don Pollard, Room 201
- *The Apostle Paul and What He Says to Us* – George Ivey, Room 205
- *The War Room* – Intercessory prayer in the Chapel
- *Children's & Youth Classes* – On break for the summer

New Spiritual Growth Class starting Sunday, June 15th:

"An Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer"

Ways to Give: Text "give" to 770-691-2909, follow the link on the QR code, or go online to hclanglican.org/give



A Note to Parents: Children are welcome to remain with you for the whole service, but we also have special opportunities for them. For children aged 0-3, the nursery is open. Children aged 4-11 can join in for a special program at the Sermon time and will return in time for Communion. The “Family Room” in the Children’s Wing is open for mothers who need a quiet place to nurse their infants.

Sensory bags: An usher can guide you to our sensory bags in the lobby which are designed to help kids with autism, or anyone else who may benefit from them, to more fully participate in our worship service.

PROCESSIONAL

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant and People together:

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1 SAMUEL 12:19-24

Pew Bible p.234

¹⁹ And all the people said to Samuel, “Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for ourselves a king.” ²⁰ And Samuel said to the people, “Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. ²¹ And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty. ²² For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself. ²³ Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. ²⁴ Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

47 O clap your hands together, all you peoples;

O cry aloud unto God with shouts of joy.

² For the Lord Most High is to be feared;

he is the great King over all the earth.

³ He shall subdue the peoples under us,

and the nations under our feet.

⁴ He shall choose our inheritance for us,

the pride of Jacob whom he loved.

⁵ God has gone up with a shout of triumph,

the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

⁶ O sing praises, sing praises unto our God;

O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;

think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a song.

⁸ God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the peoples are gathered with the people of the God of Abraham;

for the mighty upon earth have become the servants of the Lord, and he is very highly exalted.

REVELATION 22:10-21

Pew Bible p.1042

¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

¹² "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**** PARENTS:** *For those who wish to participate, children aged 4-11 are invited into the center aisle for the Gospel reading. They will then follow the Cross to their special program. They will return after the sermon and the prayers. ***

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia
Holy, Holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

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JOHN 17:20-26

Pew Bible p.903

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as

we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Agnus Dei

Holy, Holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

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THE SERMON Jeremy Goebel, *Associate for Compassion Ministry*

NICENE CREED

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

(Please kneel)

Reader: In the power of the Risen Lord who intercedes on our behalf, let us pray.

That we might be your faithful witnesses, even to the ends of the earth.

Lord of glory,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: That Christians everywhere might ask the Spirit of God to rule their lives.

Lord of glory,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: That Steve, our Archbishop; Foley and Frank, our Bishops; Michael, our Dean; and our assisting Cathedral clergy will be continually empowered with your Spirit for ministry.

Lord of glory,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: That repentance and forgiveness of sins might be preached to the nations.

Lord of glory,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are paralyzed by fear or doubt might be healed and renewed.

Lord of glory,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: That all who are destitute and all who are ill might share in God's abundant life.

Lord of glory,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: That we might learn to trust in the immeasurable greatness of God's power at work in us who believe.

Lord of glory,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: I invite your own prayers and petitions to the Lord at this time either silently or aloud.

Lord of glory,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate the ascension of your Son, teach us to trust that he lives to intercede on our behalf, and that he reigns with you in glory, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Celebrant and People together:

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.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

At this time, we remind each other of the peace we have with God because of what Jesus has done for us. Traditionally, it is also a time for reconciliation between fellow Christians prior to receiving communion together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name;

People: **Bring offerings and come into his courts.** *Psalm 96:8*

Here at Holy Cross all the loose cash given in the offering is always included in what we give away to mission and ministry outside of the congregation.

THE OFFERTORY

Jesus, I Come

PRESENTATION HYMN

Doxology

(Please stand)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen!**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(ACNA Renewed Ancient Text, BCP p.132)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

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:

THE 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;
Hosanna in the highest!**

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(Please remain standing)

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People together:

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, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: 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.

(Please be seated)

Invitation to Communion

This is the Lord's table. All Christians who put their faith in Jesus, have been baptized, are obediently following the Lord's way, and are in fellowship with their neighbor, are invited to receive the bread and wine.

To Receive Communion or a Blessing

*Place one hand on top of the other to receive bread. To receive a gluten-free wafer, place one hand on your shoulder and open your other hand. You may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or hold it and carefully dip the bread into the chalice. If for any reason you wish not to receive Communion, or if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest at the communion rail to receive a blessing in place of the communion elements. *If you are unable to go to the rail and need Communion brought to you, please alert an usher.*

Healing Prayer

Healing-prayer ministers will be available to pray and anoint with oil all who come with concerns during Communion. After you receive, please proceed to the back to the Gethsemane Prayer Chapel for prayer.

COMMUNION MUSIC

This is Our Freedom

Peace I give you peace I leave
My forgiveness take and eat
This is My body given for you
Take in remembrance of Me

Refrain:

This is our freedom this is our life
His body broken His sacrifice
This is our freedom this was the cost
The blood He shed on the cross

Grace I give you grace so free
My forgiveness take and drink
This is My blood poured out for you
Take in remembrance of Me

Refrain

Love I give you love I leave
Go and share it go in peace
You are My body My hands and feet
Live in remembrance of Me

Refrain

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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I need not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
Bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Refrain:

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

Refrain

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together:

Heavenly Father, 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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

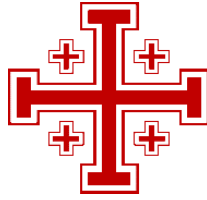
Be Unto Your Name

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of our risen Lord Jesus.

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



JESUS THE MESSIAH – THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

Clergy:

Bishop (and Archbishop Emeritus): The Most. Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

Assisting Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Francis R. Lyons, III

Dean: The Very Rev. Michael Guernsey (Currently on Sabbatical)

Associate Pastor: The Rev. Justin Clemente

Associate for Compassion Ministry: The Rev. Jeremy Goebel

Missionaries in Residence: The Rev. Dan & Cesiah Omar

Volunteer Associate Clergy:

The Very Rev. Canon Sean George

The Rev. Canon George Ivey

The Rev. Bill Sharp

The Rev. John & The Rev. Deacon Sue Tomlinson

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jeff Williams

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Youth Ministry Interns: Lucy Clemente & Sarah Shores

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Interim Director of Music: Rachel Appleton

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