



Holy Cross Episcopal Church / Oceanside, California

**The First Sunday in Advent, Year C**

**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

**Welcome to Holy Cross Episcopal Church.** We are happy that you are here to celebrate with us. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, know that you are welcomed here. Holy Cross is a welcoming, inclusive, open and affirming congregation. We are comprised of and reach out to the young and the old, established members and newcomers, those who are married, divorced, partnered or single individuals, widows and widowers, those who identify as straight and those who identify as LGBTQ, the wealthy and those with limited resources, and families and individuals from any ethnic, cultural or faith background. Whatever your faith tradition, please participate in worship as fully as you like.

Following the Peace, we receive Holy Communion, the Body of Christ, consecrated bread and wine. To receive gluten-free bread, please hold up your index finger. If you do not wish to receive, cross your arms to receive a blessing. If you are not able to come forward and would like to have communion brought to you, please let an Usher know and a eucharistic minister will bring communion to you where you are seated.

**The Season of Advent.** The Advent season begins the Church year and is observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word meaning "Coming". We light the candles of the Advent Wreath to mark our passage through the four weeks. The evergreen circle symbolizes the eternal, living God who has no beginning and no end.

### **Diocesan Statement of Unity**

*As part of the Jesus Movement and the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, we pledge to love our neighbors and protect the most vulnerable among us, remembering our baptismal vows to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." We live these pledges out by actively engaging in dismantling racism. For many of us, this will mean learning more about our racial identity, listening to those who have experienced racial prejudice, speaking out against racism, and showing up alongside those in our community working to change unjust systems in our society. We also live out this pledge at worship during this pandemic, by wearing face-coverings, respecting distancing guidelines, and foregoing the common cup.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

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## Processional Hymn – *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Hymnal 56 v. 1, 2

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen**

## Lighting of Advent Wreath

**Sebastian Family** We light the first blue candle of HOPE.

*(Pause for the lighting of the Advent Candle)* This candle reminds us that God foretold the coming of Jesus through the prophets. It represents the world's hopefulness in waiting for Jesus, the salvation of the world. Let us pray:

*People* **Jesus, you are Light, even in the darkest places.**

**Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely.**

**As we await your coming, bring HOPE to our hearts, we pray, Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider*           The Lord be with you.

*People*             **And also with you.**

*Presider*           Let us pray.

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.**

## The Lessons

**A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah**

**33:14-16**

*Read by Mike Collier*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-9** *Ad te, Domine, levavi* – to be said responsively by half-verse

*Led by Mike Collier*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
**let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
**and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
**for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
**for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
**remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

### **A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians**

3:9-13

*Read by Mike Collier*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

21:25-36

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** – The Rev. Gwynn Lynch, Canon to the Ordinary

### **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

*Led by Jack Cater*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for 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 in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for our visioning ministers. Pray that they may have patience and grace as they prepare a way forward with us.

*Silence*

*Presider* Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

**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.**

*Presider* 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**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Announcements

### The Liturgy of the Table

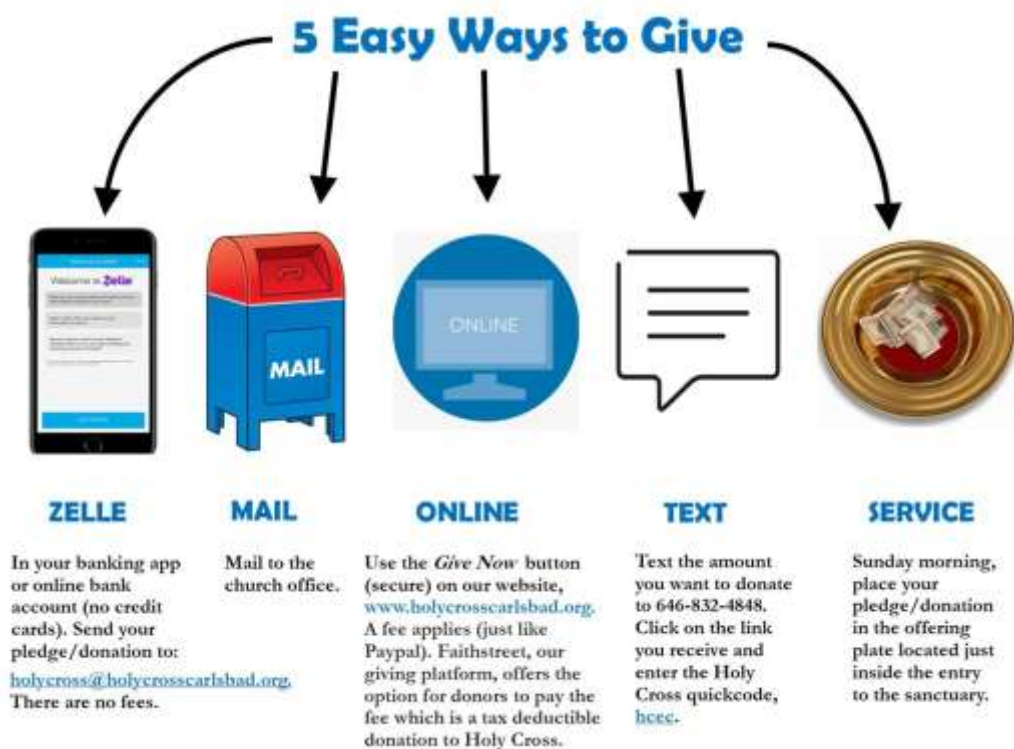
## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

*Presider*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### Offertory



### Offertory Hymn – “Seek ye first” Hymnal 1982 #711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And its righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Allelu, Alleluia!



## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* 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 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.*

*Presider* 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 Presider 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 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,

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

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 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.**

*Presider* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
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**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*The alleluias are omitted in the season of Advent as it is a more reflective time of year.*

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Presider*        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.**

## Blessing

*Presider*        The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God  
strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the  
name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn – Go Now in Peace

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**Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true  
Know He will guide you in all you do  
Go now in love and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there watching from above  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love  
A - men. A-men. A - men.**

## The Dismissal

*Presider*        Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you to all for your service.  
May you know the love of God and be filled with new life.*

### **A Prayer for Peace**

*Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.***

### **A Prayer for the Human Family**

*O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

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