



CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

THE SECOND SUNDAY *of* CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

To all who mourn and long for comfort;

To all who struggle and desire hope;

To all who sin and need a Savior;

To all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;

To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;

And to whoever will come;

This church opens wide her doors and offers welcome

in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Congregational responses are indicated in **boldface**.*

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854; Tune: Henry Smart, 1813-1879

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2. Shepherds, in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4. Though an in - fant now we view him, He shall fill his

4 all the earth; You who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God on earth is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
heav'n - ly throne, Gath - er all the na - tions to him;

7 Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
Yon - der shines the in - fant light.
You have seen his morn - ing star. Come and wor - ship,
Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down.

10 come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says

For unto us a child is born,
Unto us a son is given.

ISAIAH 9:6

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

Glory Be to God on High

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: AMSTERDAM, From Foundery Collection, 1742

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some notes in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff.

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, And peace on earth de - scend;
2. Him the an - gels all a - dored, Their Mak - er and their King;
3. See th' e - ter - nal Son of God A mor - tal Son of Man;
4. We, the sons of men, re - joice, The Prince of Peace pro - claim;

God comes down, He bows the sky, And shows Him-self our Friend.
 Tid - ings of their hum-bled Lord They now to mor - tals bring.
 Dwell-ing in an earth - ly clod*, Whom heav'n can-not con - tain.
 With the an - gels lift our voice And shout Im - man - uel's name.

God th'in-vis-i - ble ap - pears; God, the blest, the great I AM,
 Emp-tied of His maj - es - ty, Of His daz-zling glor - ies shorn,
 Stand a-mazed, ye heav'ns, at this; See the Lord of earth and skies;
 Knees and hearts to Him we bow; Of our flesh and of our bone,

So - journs in this vale of tears, And Je - sus is His name.
 Be - ing's source be - gins to be, And God Him - self is born!
 Hum-bled to the dust He is, And in a man - ger lies.
 Je - sus is our Broth - er now, And God is all our own.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature:
 Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son
 Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
 and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Children's Chapel is on a short holiday break and will resume next Sunday. There are activities that correspond with today's readings on the welcome table. Parents, feel free to get up and move around with your little ones as needed.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children: Give us courage, patience, and wisdom, as we bring them up in the faith, that they may never know a day apart from your love and care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

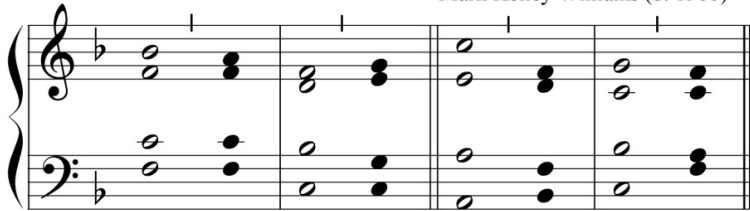
After the Lesson the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84

Mark Kelley Williams (b. 1960)



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- 1 The Lord is King; let the earth be ¹ glad. |
Indeed, let the multitude of the isles be ¹ glad. ||
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round a ¹ bout him; |
righteousness and judgment are the foundation of his ¹ throne. ||
- 3 There goes a fire be ¹ fore him |
and burns up his enemies on every ¹ side. ||
- 4 His lightnings gave light to the ¹ world; |
the earth saw it and was a ¹ fraid. ||
- 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the ¹ Lord, |
at the presence of the Lord of the whole ¹ earth. ||
- 6 The heavens have declared his ¹ righteousness, |
and all the people have seen his ¹ glory. ||
- 7 Confounded be all those who worship carved images, ⁹ and who delight in false ¹ gods; |
worship him, all you ¹ gods. ||

- 8 Zion heard of it and re¹joiced, |
and the daughters of Judah were glad,⁹ because of your judgments, O¹ Lord. ||
- 9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the¹ earth; |
you are exalted far above all¹ gods. ||
- 10 O you who love the Lord, see that you hate the thing which is¹ evil; |
the Lord preserves the souls of his saints;⁹ he shall deliver them from the hand of the un¹godly. ||
- 11 A light has sprung up for the¹ righteous, |
and joyful gladness for those who are true¹ hearted. ||
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you¹ righteous, |
and give thanks at the remembrance of his¹ holiness. ||

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

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THE GOSPEL



MATTHEW 2:1-12

All stand for the Gospel as the Priest reads, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying

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 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world saying, “hear our prayer.”

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The leader will invite us to pray silently and then to pray aloud.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

THE OFFERTORY

You may place an offering in the basket, give online at holycrossva.org/give, text "Give" to 434-277-4975, or mail a check to PO Box 614, Crozet, VA 22932.

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.; Music: *Star in the East*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
*5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.



Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Doxology

Composer: Louis Bourgeois (1551); Public Domain

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise
Him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
heav'nly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The People stand while the offerings are presented.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,
And of your own have we given you.

I CHRONICLES 29:11, 14^T

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

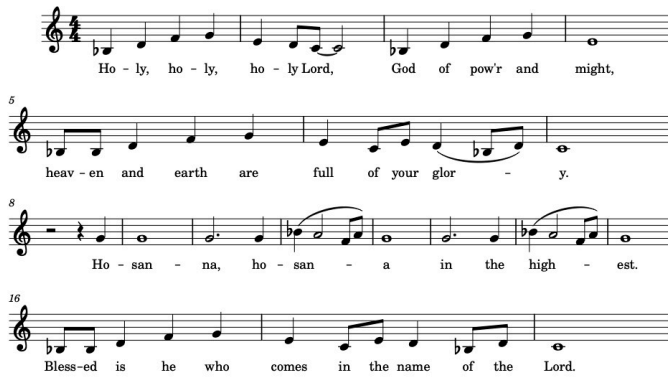
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glor - y.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - a in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Celebrant and the People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

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

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The celebrant will, as always, wash and sanitize his hands before the service and again right before communion. To receive communion, come forward as directed by the usher. "Cross" the palms of your hands to receive bread from the priest. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. If you desire to receive wine, please bring a chalice or cup from home. The chalice bearer will pour a small amount of wine into your cup for you (and your family). If you do not desire to commune, but would like to receive prayer, cross your arms over your chest as you come forward, and the pastor will pray for you. All baptized Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, and strive to walk in love and charity with their neighbors are welcome at this table.

During communion there are prayer ministers near the stairs who'd love to pray with you for any need, great or small.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR USE DURING COMMUNION

For those who Desire to Commit to the Christian Faith

Lord Jesus Christ, I am broken by sin and unable to save myself. I believe that you died for me, bearing my punishment on the cross, and that you offer me forgiveness and new life in you. I turn from my sins and trust in you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For those in Search of Truth

God, I am uncertain whether you exist and whether you are listening to me now. I want to know the truth, and I am willing to live according to it. If you are there, please reveal yourself to me and give me faith that leads to the abundant life promised by Jesus Christ. Amen.

For those who Desire a Deeper Faith

Almighty and eternal God, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me according to your will, for your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.; Music: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more love - ly
2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob
3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an in - ward
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us



than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a
shall a star pro - ceed;" and lo! the east - ern
light the Lord con - veys and urg - es them, with
on to seek your face, let not our sloth - ful



new-born king, glad ti - dings of our God to bring.
sa - ges stand to read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
ten - der might, to seek the giv - er of the light.
hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of your light to use.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849, alt.; Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come, with
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose
5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by



glo-rious song of old, from an-gels bend-ing
peace-ful wings un-furled, and still their heaven-ly
world has suf-fered long; be-neath the heaven-ly
forms are bend-ing low, who toil a-long the
proph-ets seen of old, when with the ev-er-



near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace
mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world: a-
hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong; and
climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow, look
cir-cling years shall come the time fore-told, when



on the earth, good will to all, from
bove its sad and low-ly plains they
we at war on earth hear not the
now, for glad and gold-en hours come
peace shall o-ver all the earth its



heaven's all-gra-cious King:" the world in sol-lemn
bend on hov-ering wing, and ev-er o'er its
tid-ings that they bring; O, hush the noise and
swift-ly on the wing: O, rest be-side the
an-cient splen-dors fling, and the whole world give



still-ness lay, to hear the an-gels sing.
Ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
cease the strife to hear the an-gels sing!
wea-ry road, and hear the an-gels sing.
back the song which now the an-gels sing.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 into the world 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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words: Charles Wesley, 1708–1788; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; Public Domain

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Sunday School Youth Sunday School will begin on Sunday, January 9, at 8:45 AM. This 5 week study will focus on basic Christian theology. There will be room for discussion each week. Teenagers can submit questions or discussion topics here: <https://tinyurl.com/HCyouthdiscussion>. See Josh Waldron, Michelle Peck, or Sam Parks with questions.

Holy Cross Prayer Ministry A team of parishioners is available to pray daily for needs within the parish. Send prayer requests to Tom Harrison at thar65@gmail.com, and he will forward them to team members. All requests are held in strict confidence.

Holy Cross Prayer Booklets Prayer booklets with readings for Christmas and Epiphany can be found on the welcome table.

Communion Cup Reminder If you'd like to receive wine at communion, please bring a chalice or cup from home. Families are encouraged to share one cup.

Children We love the presence of a growing number of children at Holy Cross! Parents, please be sure not to leave your children unattended while on the premises at Pro Re Nata.

COVID Precautions When the temperature is above 50 degrees, we will worship with the large garage doors open to allow for maximum outdoor ventilation. Please consider the weather and dress comfortably. Outdoor, physically-distanced seating is available for those who desire it. Face coverings remain optional under current Virginia law.

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