

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 5, 2021

# 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**.*

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

*Words: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite; Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; barm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## THE ACCLAMATION

*The People standing, the Celebrant says*

Surely the Lord is coming soon,  
**Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

REVELATION 22:20

## 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 DECALOGUE

God spoke these words and said:

I am the Lord your God.

You shall have no other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these, your laws,  
in our hearts, we beseech you.**

EXODUS 20:1-17; DEUTERONOMY 5:6-21

## THE CONFSSION

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 KYRIE

The musical score for 'THE KYRIE' is presented in two systems. The first system is marked 'unison' and consists of two staves: a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.' The second system also consists of two staves: a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm.

## THE ABSOLUTION

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

*Children in 2nd grade and younger may attend Children's Chapel at this time and return at The Peace.*

**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

MALACHI 3:1-5

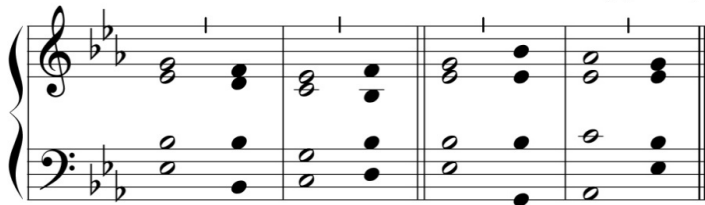
*After the Lesson the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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1 When the Lord overturned the captivity of <sup>1</sup>Zion, |  
then were we like those who <sup>1</sup>dream. ||

- 2 Then was our mouth filled with <sup>l</sup>laughter |  
and our tongue with shouts of <sup>l</sup>joy. ||
- 3 Then they said among the <sup>l</sup>nations, |  
“The Lord has done great things for <sup>l</sup>them.” ||
- 4 Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us al <sup>l</sup>ready, |  
whereof we re <sup>l</sup>joice. ||
- 5 Overturn our captivity, O <sup>l</sup>Lord, |  
as when streams refresh the deserts of the <sup>l</sup>south. ||
- 6 Those who sow in <sup>l</sup>tears |  
shall reap with songs of <sup>l</sup>joy. ||  
*(repeat second half of chant)*
- 7 He who goes on his way weeping and bears good <sup>l</sup>seed |  
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with <sup>l</sup>him. ||

I CORINTHIANS 4:8-21

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## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

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

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

**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

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, let us pray to the Lord saying, "Amen. Come Lord Jesus."

Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray...

Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray...

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We pray...

Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness, distress, depression, and addictions; set us free to serve you for ever.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember...

Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you, that with all your saints we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Silence is kept. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **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](http://holycrossva.org/give), text "Give" to 434-277-4975, or mail a check to PO Box 614, Crozet, VA 22932.*

# Stir Up Your Power

by Nelson Koscheski, Ryan Flanigan, Sean Carter; © 2019 Common Hymnal Digital, Ryan Flanigan Music, The Telling Songs

Stir up your power, Lord, to hold the weak.  
Let crooked things be straight and strong and true.  
Let even fools learn what the Wise Ones seek.  
Rekindle love and all our hearts renew.

Stir up your power, Lord, to clear our way.  
Make straight the passage of our wand'ring walk.  
Turn guilty night into repentant day.  
May peaceful prayer replace our idle talk.

**Jesus, come as once you came before.**

**Spirit, fall as once you fell before.**

**Father, bless as once you blessed before.**

**We want more, O Lord, there must be more.**

Stir up your power, Lord, to take your throne.  
Please show the world today what's always been.  
That eyes may see just what our faith has known,  
That all the earth may now be freed from sin.

Stir up your power, Lord, to guide us home.  
For, guilty, we have fled from Beauty's face.  
We've chosen dry and trackless paths to roam.  
O Lord, please draw us to your holy place.

## 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

6  
heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal part. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score starts with a measure number '6'. The lyrics are: 'heav'nly host; Praise Father, 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<sup>T</sup>

## 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 image shows a musical score for a vocal part. It consists of four staves of music. The key signature is one flat (Bb). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score starts with a measure number '4'. The lyrics are: '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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## 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.

## Thou Didst Give Thyself for Me

Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925); Music: Ross Byrd, © 2007 Ross Byrd, CCLI# 5697582



Let thy blood in mer cy poured let thy gra cious bo dy bro ken  
Thou didst die that I might live bles sed Lord Thou cam'st to save me  
By the thorns that crowned Thy brow by the spear wound and the nail ing  
Wilt thou own the gift I bring all my pen i tence I give Thee



be to me O gra cious Lord of Thy bound less love the to ken  
all that love of God could give Je sus by his sor rows gave me  
by the pain and death I now claim O Christ Thy love un fail ing  
Thou art my ex alt ed King of thy match less love for give me



Thou didst give thy self for me now I give my self to Thee

# Come All Ye Pining

Words: Anne Steele, 1717-1778; Music: Brian T. Murphy



1. Lord we a - dore thy bound - less grace.  
2. O won - drous gifts of love di - vine,  
3. Here shall your num - 'rous wants re - ceive.



3  
The heights and depths un - known,  
Dear Source of ev - 'ry good;  
A free, a full sup - ply;



5  
Of par - don, life, and joy, and peace,  
Je - sus, in thee what glo - ries shine!  
He has un - meas - ured bliss to give,



7  
In thy be - lov - ed Son. Come, all ye pin -  
How rich thy flow - ing blood!  
And joys that nev - er die.



9  
ing, hun - gry poor, The Sav - ior's boun - ty taste; Be-hold a ne -



13  
ver - fail - ing store For ev - 'ry will - ing guest.

## 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

## THE RECESSIONAL

### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more.  
O let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent Morning Prayer** Join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during Advent for Morning Prayer from 7:15-7:45 AM. We'll meet in the Choir Room at Crozet Baptist. All are welcome!

**Christmas Eve Services** We will offer two services on December 24 at 3:30 PM and 5:00 PM at the Barn at Fidelis Farm (6577 Jarmans Gap Road). Please RSVP online so that we ensure there are enough seats for everyone.

**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](mailto:thar65@gmail.com), and he will forward them to team members. All requests are held in strict confidence.

**Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Prayer Booklets** New Holy Cross prayer booklets for Advent, 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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