

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 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**.

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Words: Psalm 146, The Psalter, 1912, mod.; Tune: Gregorian chant, arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839



THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says

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

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.

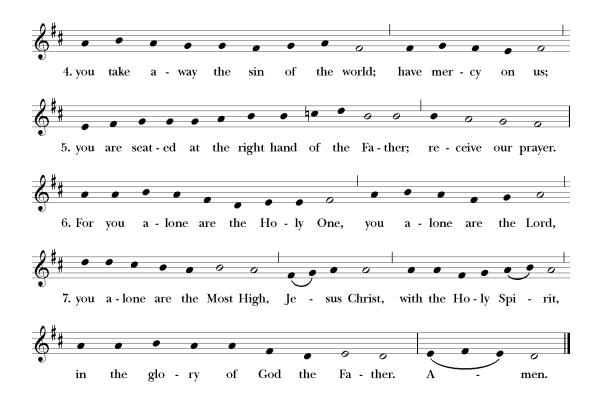
MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Let us pray.

O Lord God, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

ISAIAH 35:4-7a After the Lesson the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146



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- Praise the Lord, O my ' soul; | while I live I will praise the ' Lord. ||
- 2 Indeed, as long as I have my ' being, | I will sing praises unto my ' God. ∥
- 3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of 1 man, 1 for there is no help in 1 them.
- 4 For when one breathes his last, 'he shall return again to the 'earth, | and in that day all his thoughts ' perish. II
- 5 Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his ' help | and whose hope is in the Lord his ' God, ||
- 6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is there ' in; | who keeps his promise for ' ever; **■**
- 7 Who does right to those who suffer ' wrong; | and who feeds the ' hungry. ||
- 8 The Lord sets prisoners ' free; | the Lord gives sight to the ' blind. ||
- 9 The Lord helps those who have ' fallen; | the Lord loves the ' righteous. ||
- 10 The Lord cares for the strangers in the land; ' he defends the fatherless and ' widow; | but the way of the ungodly he makes ' crooked. ■

(repeat second half of chant)

11 The Lord shall be King for ever ' more, | even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ' Praise the ' Lord. II JAMES 1:17-27 After the Lesson the Reader says

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THE GOSPEL

MARK 7:31-37 All stand for the Gospel as the Priest reads, first saying

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

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-91, alt.; Tune: English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.





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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 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.

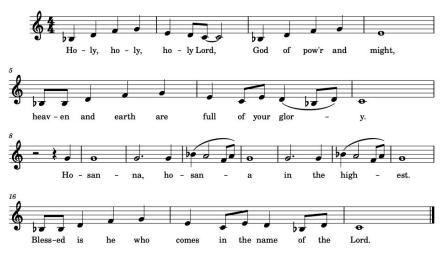
I CHRONICLES 29:11, 14^T

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



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.

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.

Let Joy Abound With Us on Every Side

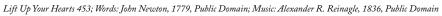
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6. Thou triune Deity, to thee we pray: Reveal thyself to us, O Lord, this day.Visit our souls, and by thy holy light Lead us to heav'n, and be thy paths our way. Amen.



How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds





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

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

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Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free, raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eye to see. Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends, helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Over all God reigns for ever, through all ages he is King; unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feast of the Holy Cross Party All are invited this Saturday, September 11, for a family-friendly party at the Barn at Fidelis Farm from 4-8 PM. The church will provide pulled pork and chicken BBQ, buns, and slaw. We'll also have a bounce house for the kids. Bring a lawn chair/picnic blanket, something to share, and an instrument to participate in the jam session if you'd like!

Fall Small Groups & Sunday School Small Groups are a great way to connect with others within our parish. We encourage everyone to sign up for a small group this semester (holycrossva.org/connect). Groups will begin the week of September 12 and meet for 10 weeks.

- Newcomers Group in Crozet, Sundays at 4:30 PM Open to all newcomers and anyone interested in membership. Fr. Blake will teach and lead a discussion on the Anglican Catechism. Childcare provided. 10 weeks. Hosts: Blake and Mary Ann Johnson
- Crozet, Thursdays at 6 PM We'll discuss short chapters from *The Economics of Neighborly Love* and explore how we connect our faith to our vocations and everyday life. Hosts: Randy and Mary Caldejon

- Women's Bible Study in Crozet, Wednesdays at 7 PM All ladies are welcome to join us for a study of the Old Testament. Host and leader: Kim Couch
- Earlysville, Sundays at 4:30 PM We'll discuss short chapters from *The Economics of Neighborly Love* and explore how we connect our faith to our vocations and everyday life. Hosts: John and Sue Calhoun
- Charlottesville Church Plant, Sundays at 3 PM We'll pray and prepare for the church plant in Charlottesville. Leaders: Fitz and Rachael Green
- Sunday School, Sundays at 9AM Fr. Gerry McDermott will be speaking from his book *The Great Theologians: a Brief Guide* about ten great theologians, the situation of the Church in their days, and what we can learn from them. You may read along in the book if you wish, but if you prefer, you can simply attend without reading. There will be time in each class for questions and discussion.

Cards for Grace Danielle Burke plans to deliver cards to the hospital on Saturdays for as long as Grace is there. Get your card or message to Danielle by Friday each week. Contact Danielle by phone (857-284-6268) or email (r.danielle.wiebe@gmail.com).

Parish Meeting on November 14 Mark your calendars to join us at the Barn at Fidelis Farm on Sunday, November 14, 5-7 PM for a parish meeting.

Center for Christian Study Open House The Center for Christian Study is hosting a community-wide Open House from 1-2 PM on Wednesday, September 8. Learn about the work and service of the Center for Christian Study on UVA Grounds and in the wider Charlottesville community. This is an opportunity to meet with fellow Christians across denominations who are dedicated to seeing the Gospel flourish at UVA. This is not a fundraising event, but rather a time to connect and learn. Parking will be provided. RSVP to Danielle Wilcox (Director of Development and Parent & Alumni Relations) at danielle@studycenter.net.

Center for Christian Study Job Posting The Center for Christian Study is seeking a Facilities Assistant to help keep their building a clean, safe, and inviting space for students. Tasks include routine building maintenance, managing contractors for bigger repairs, and basic grounds care. They are seeking a Bible-believing Christian with a heart for the gospel and the university. For more information, please contact Fitz Green at fitz@studycenter.net.

Meals for Rhett & Katrina Tristan Rhett Adams was born on August 10 at 1:52 AM weighing a strong 8 lbs 8 oz. Sign up to bring the Adams a meal via the link in our newsletter.

COVID Precautions We will continue to worship with the large garage doors open to allow for maximum outdoor ventilation. Please dress comfortably as the weather remains warm. Outdoor, physically-distanced seating is available for those who desire it. Masks are optional under current Virginia law, but we encourage everyone to review the CDC Guidance (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/ about-face-coverings.html) which recommends masks in indoor settings. We trust you to make the best decision for your own health while considering the health of others.