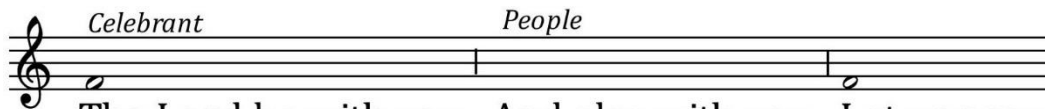




THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.



THE FIRST LESSON ..... Revelation 7:9-17

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,  
 nor any scorching heat;  
 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
 and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
 and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34.....James E. Moore, Jr. (1951–2022)

*All sing the refrain.*

Taste and see, taste and see the  
 good - ness of the Lord. O,  
 taste and see, taste and see the  
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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*The choir sings the verses, and all sing the refrain as marked.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
 His praise shall ever be on my lips;  
 My soul shall glory in the Lord,  
 for he has been so good to me! **Refrain**

2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
 Together let us all praise his name.  
 I called the Lord, and he answered me;  
 from all my troubles he set me free. **Refrain**

3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
 Taste and see that God is good; in him we need put all our trust. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE..... 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

HYMN 593 .....Lord, make us servants of your peace ..... DICKINSON COLLEGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL .....Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

**PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidate is presented by her Parents and Godparents, as follows*

*Parents and Godparents* I present Emerson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and the godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The congregation stands as able.*

*After the candidate has been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*Answer* **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us join with her who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*As the baptismal party processes to the font, a Person appointed leads the following petitions*

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.


**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**


## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant* *People*




The\_ Lord be\_ with\_ you. And\_ al - so with you.

*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord\_ our God.

*People*



It is right\_\_\_\_\_ to give him thanks\_ and praise.\_

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People*



A-men.

## THE BAPTISM

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying*  
Emerson, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*As the baptismal party processes to the east end, all sing*

**HYMN 359** ..... God of the prophets, bless the prophet's heirs (vv. 1-4)..... **TOULON**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying*  
*Emerson, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.***

*When this action has been completed, the Priest prays over the candidate, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN 620** .....Jerusalem, my happy home ..... **LAND OF REST**

*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And also with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

SANCTUS S-127..... Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

*The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember \_\_\_\_\_.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

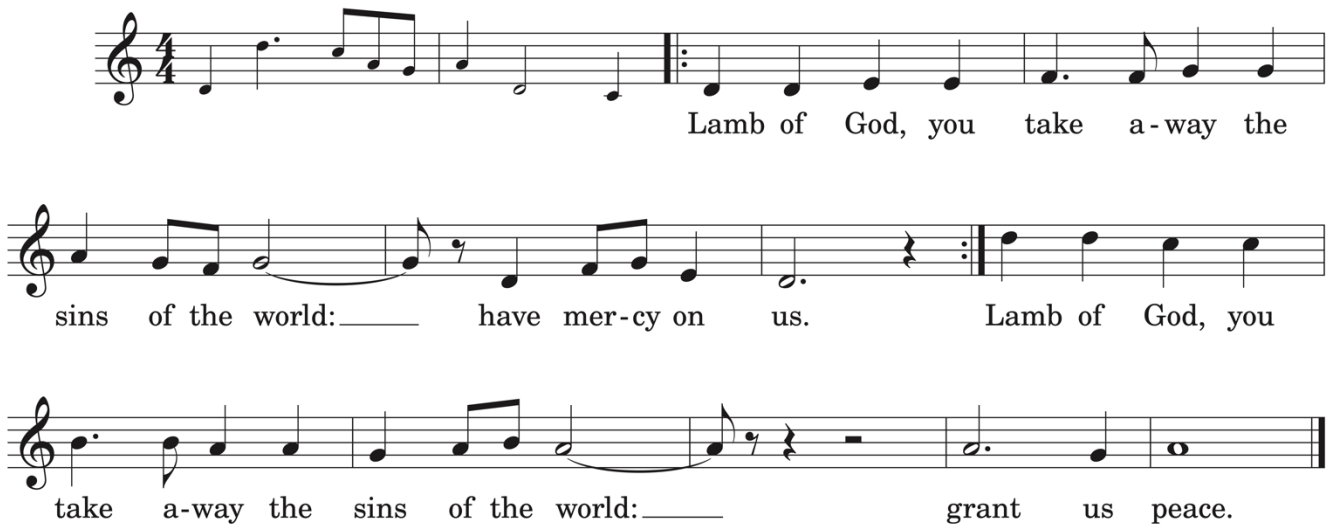
And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER .....Prayer Book, page 364

FRACTION ANTHEM.....Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

All Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

ANTHEM ..... The Christian's Hope ..... William Walker (1809-1875),  
arr. Gessner

A few more days on earth to spend, and all my toils and cares shall end,  
And I shall see my God and friend and praise his name on high.  
No more to sigh or shed a tear, no more to suffer pain or fear;  
But God and Christ and heav'n appear unto the raptured eyes.

Then, O my soul, despond no more, the storm of life shall soon be o'er,  
And I shall find the peaceful shore of everlasting rest.  
O happy day! O joyful hour! When, freed from earth, my soul shall tow'r  
Beyond the reach of Satan's pow'r, to be for ever blest.

To earthly cares I bid farewell, and triumph over death and hell,  
And go where saints and angels dwell, to praise th'Eternal Three.  
I'll join with those who've gone before, who sing and shout, their suff'rings o'er,  
Where pain and parting are no more, to all eternity.  
- Harrod's *Social and Camp Meeting Songs*, 7th ed. (1825)

HYMN 624 ..... Jerusalem the golden ..... EWING

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ..... Prayer Book, page 365

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 618 ..... Ye watchers and ye holy ones ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PIANO POSTLUDE ..... Invention No. 14 in B-flat, BWV 785..... J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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*The flowers on the high altar this morning are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of all the saints we love but no longer see  
by Tom Craig.*

“All Saints is one of the seven principal feasts of the church. Some authorities believe that the November 1 feast of All Saints originated in Ireland and spread from there to England and the continent. The first evidence of its observance is contained in the letter from Pope Gregory IV (r. 828–844) to Louis the Pious, the Holy Roman Emperor, urging him to adopt the feast in his realm. This was done in 835. Some of the Eastern churches observe the Sunday after Pentecost as the Sunday of All Saints, a custom which dates back to the time of Saint Chrysostom according to a reference in his writings. The East Syrians observe the Friday of Easter Week, a celebration that dates to the early part of the fifth century. Saint Ephrem of Edessa (June 10), who died in 373, refers to May 13 as a feast of All Martyrs; on that date, about 610, the Roman Pantheon was dedicated as the Church of Saint Mary and All Martyrs. In a sermon by Gregory the Wonder Worker, who died about 270, there is mention of a feast of All Martyrs, but no date is given. Following the precedent of earlier German church orders, the only saints’ days retained in the 1549 Prayer Book were those commemorating persons mentioned in the New Testament and this one feast of All Saints.

“Today’s collect was composed for the 1549 Book. The 1662 revision substituted ‘blessed’ for ‘holy,’ and ‘in all virtuous and godly living’ for ‘in all virtues, and godly living.’ The present revision replaces ‘unspeakable’ with ‘ineffable’ since ‘unspeakable’ has so changed and negative a connotation in modern English. The collect expresses in an admirable way Saint Paul’s conception of the church as the Body of Christ.”

– Marion J. Hatchett’s *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*

“The composer of today’s prelude, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (15 August 1875 – 1 September 1912), was born in Holborn, London. He was an English composer who achieved such success he was called the ‘African Mahler.’ Coleridge-Taylor’s greatest success was the cantata *Hiawatha’s Wedding-feast*, widely performed in England during his lifetime, and rivaled only by Handel’s *Messiah* and Mendelssohn’s *Elijah* in popularity.”

– James Abbingdon, *King of Kings: Organ Music of Black Composers Past and Present, Volume 1*



Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

*The Carrefour chamber music concert originally scheduled for this afternoon has been postponed.*

**THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE**

**Sunday** ..... Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.  
 Continuing Feast, Noon (Undercroft)

**Wednesday**..... Holy Eucharist, Noon  
 Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m.  
 Rule of St. Benedict class, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday** ..... ECW Fall Bazaar, 10:00 a.m.

**Monday–Saturday** ..... Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

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