

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Cross Episcopal Parish
July 25, 2021

Gathering and Processional Hymn(s)

I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

Verse

*Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands*

For I will always sing

Of when Your love came down yeah

Chorus

*I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever*

I Come with Joy

*I come with joy, a child of
God, forgiven, loved and
free, the life of Jesus to
recall, in love laid down
for me.*

*As Christ breaks bread,
and bids us share, each
proud division ends.
The love that made us,
makes us one, and
strangers now are friends.*

*is in such friendship better
known, alive among us
here.*

*I come with Christians far
and near to find, as all are
fed, the new community of
love in Christ's communion
bread.*

*The Spirit of the risen
Christ, unseen, but ever
near,*

*Together met, together
bound by all that God has
done, we'll go with joy, to
give the world the love that
makes us one*

Presider - Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.*

Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:*

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider – O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People – *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson – 2 Samuel 11:1-15

The Response – Psalm 14

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Epistle – Ephesian 3:14-21

The Gospel Acclamation

Wade in the Water

Chorus

Wade in the water

Wade in the water,

children,

Wade in the water

*God's a-going to trouble
the water*

See that host all dressed in

*white, God's a-going to
trouble the water,*

*The leader looks like the
Israelite, God's a-going to
trouble the water*

*See that band all dressed
in red, God's a-going to
trouble the water, Looks
like the band that Moses
led, God's a-going to
trouble the water*

*Look over yonder, what do
I see? God's a-going to
trouble the water,
The Holy Ghost a-coming
on me, God's a-going to
trouble the water*

*If you don't believe I've
been redeemed, God's a-
going to trouble the water,
Just follow me down to the
Jordan's stream, God's a-
going to trouble the water*

Gospel – John 6:1-21

Sermon – Rev. Pati Mary Andrews

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.*

Prayers of the People –

[The Leader and People pray responsively]

Leader – Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world: strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by work and example.

We are your church, O God

People – *Guide us in your grace.*

Leader – We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth you have given us to cherish and protect; nourish in us your love for all you have made.

We are your stewards, O God.

People – *Guide us in your grace.*

Leader – Guide and bless us in your work and in our play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work.

We are your servants, O God.

People – *Guide us in your grace.*

Leader – Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people: in those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, in those different from us and those familiar to us.

We are made in your image, O God.

People – *Guide us in your grace.*

Leader – We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

You are the life within us, O God

People – *Guide us in your grace.*

Leader – We thank you for the gift of your people, those gathered here and those who have joined us online. We ask that you inspire us and motivate us that we may better discern our individual calling to better serve your people and all creation.

You are our internal spark, O God.

People – *Guide us in your grace.*

Leader – We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble. Bless those who will be born today and those who will die, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

In you alone we have eternal life, O God.

People – *Guide us in your grace.*

Leader – We offer these our prayers and thanksgivings to you, O God, the source of all that is true and holy, now and forever.

People – *Amen.*

Presider – Heavenly Father, source of all knowledge, you know the needs of your church in every place. Look graciously upon the people of Holy Cross and grant our search committee and Vestry the wisdom and discernment to call, with open hearts and mind, a faithful pastor who will feed us, your flock, and equip us for our ministries.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence

[Presider adds concluding collect.]

Confession of Sin

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Presider and People

*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.

People – Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory

-special music-

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen*

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

[Eucharistic Prayer C – The people remain standing.]

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 him thanks and praise.*

Presider – God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People – *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Presider – At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People – *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Presider – From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People – *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Presider – Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People – *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

Presider – And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to

proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People –

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider – And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People – *We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Presider – Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People – *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Presider – Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People – AMEN.

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

Presider and People

*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 sins
as we forgive those who
sin against us. Save us
from the time of trial,*

*and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are
yours, now and forever.
Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider – Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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

[Holy Communion will be distributed to congregants as explained by the presider.]

Communion Hymn(s)

Surely The Presence Of The Lord

*Chorus**

*Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power
And His grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place
Verse 1
In the midst of His children
The Lord said He would be
It doesn't take very many*

*It can be just two or three
And I feel that same sweet Spirit
That I've felt oft times before
Oh surely I can say
I have been with the Lord
Verse 2
There's a holy hush around us
As God's glory fills this place
I've touched the hem of His garment
And I can almost see His face
And my heart is overflowing
With the fullness of His joy
I know without a doubt
That I have been with the Lord*

King of Glory, King of Peace

*King of glory, King of
peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never*

*cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my
request,*

*thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working
breast,
thou hast spared me.*

Wherefore with my utmost
art
I will sing thee;
and the cream of all my
heart,
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me
cried,

thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they
replied,
thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one
in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in

heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enroll thee;
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

After Communion

Presider – Let us pray.

Presider and People

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.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Closing/Recessional Hymn

River Of Life

Chorus 1

Brothers sisters come on down to that river
Guaranteed you'll never be the same
There's a fountain flowing
From the heart of the Savior
Bring your sins and all your guilty stains
Let that river of life wash it all away

Verse

If you've been searching
Carrying burdens
If you've been lost and looking for a home
If you've been drifting
And something is missing
You should know that you are not alone

Bridge

Come as you are, No time to waste
Open your heart, Don't be afraid

Jump on in, The water is fine
There's healing in. The river of life

Chorus 2

Brothers sisters come on down to that river
Guaranteed you'll never be the same
Brothers sisters come on down to that river
Guaranteed you'll never be the same
There's a fountain flowing
From the heart of the Savior
Bring your sins and all your guilty stains
By the love of Jesus everything will change
Let that river of life wash it all away

Come on down to the river,
Come on down to the river, Come on down to the
river, Let that river of life wash it all away

Announcements

Summer Sunday School

This summer we are having Sunday School in the woods! During the first part of the service, the children will have supervised play as well as some time for prayer on St. Francis Way. They will rejoin their families for the Eucharist. **There are still slots available for adult volunteers to help** with this important ministry. Please sign-up at the church or email Rene Gouverneur (reneblemons@gmail.com)

Join us in September as we begin a Max Lucado series entitled Anxious for Nothing. Watch your Thursday email for more information about our first Adult Formation program for 2021-2022.

On August 1st, Holy Cross is having a baby shower for Ethan and Kaylee for their coming soon baby boy. This celebration will be after the second service in the gathering room around 11:30 AM. Kaylee is registered <https://www.babylist.com/baby-kaylee-roeben> & Target, AND we are having a "Diaper Raffle". For every box of diapers that you deliver for Ever Reef your name will go into a hat for a drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift certificate. Diapers can be dropped off on Sundays or during office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Evening Prayer and Meditation, led by Jonathan Graves, continues in the Gathering Area of Holy Cross from **5:45-6:30pm, on Thursdays**.

Last week's attendance

8:00AM Service.....	16
Giving.....	\$ 255.00
10:15AM Service.....	50
Giving.....	\$356.00
Online.....	20