

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Cross Episcopal Parish
October 24, 2021

Gathering and Processional Hymn(s)

His Mercy Is More

Verse 1

*What love could remember no wrongs we
have done. Omniscient all knowing He
counts not their sum.*

*Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

Verse 2

*What patience would wait as we constantly
roam. What Father so tender is calling us
home.*

*He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the
cost*

*We stood 'neath a debt we could never
afford*

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

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Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

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

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

Song of Praise

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore him;

Praise him angels, in the height;

Sun and moon, rejoice before him;

Praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;

Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;

Laws which never shall be broken

For their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;

Never shall his promise fail;

God has made his saints victorious;

Sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation!

Hosts on high his pow'r proclaim;

Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,

Laud and magnify his name.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider – Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

People – *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson – Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Response

Psalm 126

In convertendo

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle – Hebrews 7:23-28

The Gospel Acclamation

Be Thou My Vision (Slane)

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision

O Lord of my heart

Naught be all else to me

Save that Thou art

Thou my best thought

By day or by night

Waking or sleeping

Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom

Be Thou my true Word

I ever with Thee

And Thou with me Lord

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*Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one*

*Verse 3
Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art*

*Verse 4
High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all*

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52

Sermon – The Rev. Jerry Gallagher

The Apostle's Creed

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

*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.*

*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. Amen.*

Prayers of the People – (Form III)

[The Leader and People pray responsively]

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: *That we all may be one.*

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

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Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

(The People may add their own petitions.)

(The Presider adds a 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

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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 exchange of peace will be exchanged without leaving their seat and maintaining social distancing either verbally or some other appropriate gesture.)

The Offertory

-Special music-

The Doxology

*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*

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

[Eucharistic Prayer A – 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Presider and People

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and
might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Lord we sing Your Praise!
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord we sing Your Praise.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and
might,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord!
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord we sing Your Praise*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

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and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: *By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. 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 Hymns

As The Deer

Verse 1

*As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee*

Chorus

*You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee*

Verse 2

*You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything*

Verse 3

*I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye*

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I Love You Lord

Chorus

*I love You Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice*

*Take joy my King
In what You hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In Your ear*

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

My Lighthouse

Verse 1

*In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa
oh*

You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

*In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa
oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea*

Chorus

*My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness*

I will follow You oh

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore

Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings

With each morning I'll rise and sing

My God's love will lead me through

You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa

oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge (3x)

Fire before us

You're the brightest

You will lead us

Through the storms

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Announcements

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Sunday Servants

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Sunday Servants for this week are:

Vestry Person(s) of the Day: 8:00 am, **John Weisz** 10:15 am, **Michael and John Bennett**

Readers: 8:00 am, **Jan Eudy** 10:15 am, **Beth Carter**

Prayers of the People: 8:00 am, **Jan Eudy** 10:15 am, **Marian Hills**

Altar Guild: 8:00 am, **Allison Rankin**, 10:15 am, **Regina Cobb**

Ushers: 8:00 am, **Tom Bryan** 10:15 am, **Need Help**

Greeter: 8:00 am, **Tom Bryan** 10:15 am, **Carolyn Moore**

Sunday School News

It's time for Sunday School! This year we will be having Christian Education for all ages from **9:15 - 10:00 am**. The worship service will begin at 10:15 am. There will be a children's activity during the sermon for the younger children. We hope that our older children and youth can be involved in the service as lay readers, acolytes, or musicians. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Adult Formation

We are in the fifth week of Max Lucado's study, [Anxious for Nothing](#). If this topic interests you, please join us **Sunday morning at 9:15 am**. Each week we learn more about coping with anxiety and we'd love to have you join us. Beth Carter and Lee Stroud will be your guides through this study where we will learn to find that "peace of God, which transcends all understanding".

Please join me starting **October 17 at 9:15 am** for Adult Sunday School where we will explore Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor. This book only scratches the surface of some other non-Christian faiths in light of our own Christian tradition. I found it very enlightening and only emphasized for me that we are ALL God's children struggling with our sinful past and our saintly future. This study will be conversational with each participant as she or he wishes to share what amazed, bothered, confused or delighted you about your reading. It is recommended that you have a copy of the book to participate in this study. Books can be purchased at Amazon.com for \$14.49. If you are planning to participate please read the introduction and Chapters 1 and 2 for our first get-together. Looking forward to our theological conversation on October 17!

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Over the last year or so, several Holy Cross members have taken part in learning about the racial history and current day disparities in our country. We are now reading “American Dirt” by Jeanine Cummins. We will meet via Zoom on **Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm** to discuss. If you’d like to join us, please let me know so I can send a Zoom invitation to you. All are welcome! andyatkinson@me.com or 910-228-8727

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer and Meditation, led by Jonathan Graves, continues in the Gathering Area of Holy Cross from **5:45-6:30 pm, on Thursdays**. “The soul’s center is God,” Saint John of the Cross wrote. In the stresses and distractions of life, this period of silence is an opportunity to re-center our souls in God. We will use multiple approaches to cultivating inner stillness and recollection including centering prayer and walking meditation.

Mary C Williams

We invited the teachers and students to use our property, to romp and play, and learn more about nature while members of Holy Cross would go to MCW and volunteer with garden clubs, recycling clubs, in the library, the cafeteria, and the classrooms. Admittedly, Covid stalled our grandiose plans, but several of us persevered. The schools are back in session. Volunteers are invited back in. You have many opportunities! MCW needs volunteers to help in several ways. Please speak to Rene Gouverneur or Trevor Hursthouse about these opportunities on campus. If going to the school isn’t what you’re comfortable with, we have another option. MCW has a wish list. They need **pocket folders, pencils, pencil boxes, and snacks**. On November 1, there will be a basket in the entrance to church for you to place your wish list items – or call Andy Atkinson and he will pick them up from you (910-228-8727). We’ll collect these items during the month of November - giving thanks and helping others. For your continued support, we are grateful.

Ada Atkinson

St. Francis Way Committee

Birthdays

Birthday Wishes this Week Go to: Jay Casler, Beverley Hill, Ethan Roeben Jemmifer High, Barbara Zenobia, Ashley Piver, Carter Poelling

Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary this Week to: Ken and Marian Dodge, Jenny and Jim Scott

Prayer List

Chey and Nick, The Wood Family, The Chapman Family, Jeremy, Dale, Mark Z., Mark A., Debbie, Lauren, Tommy, Thomas, Bob, Doug, Rachel, Harriet, Reagan. Nikki, Cindy and the Levesque Family, Jo

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