



St. Cross

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:00 a.m.



Welcome to worship at St. Cross!

Happy Sunday. We are glad you are here.

We are a community that serves as a sign of God's love. We believe God's love to be restorative, a source of peace and healing for all and a force that compels us to strive for justice and human flourishing. We strive to live into the gospel ideal of being an open and welcoming community. We offer services, programs and classes for youth, families, the elderly, and the entire community, so that all may grow in God's dream for their life and their world.

More information about St. Cross programs, classes and activities can be found at the back of this bulletin.

The entire service is printed in this bulletin and the people's parts are in bold type. Generally, we sit for teachings and stand or kneel for prayers. Do not be concerned if you are unable to stand or kneel, do what is comfortable for you. Please let the ushers know if you need any other assistance, such as communion brought to your seat.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Chorale Prelude "Let us break bread"
Charles Callahan

Processional Hymn

Hymn LEVAS 62



1. In _____ Christ there is no _____ East or West, In
2. In _____ Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their
3. Join _____ hands, di - ci - ples of the faith, What
4. In _____ Christ now meet both East and West, In



1. Him no South or _____ North; _____ But _____ one great fel - low -
2. high com - mu - nion _____ find; _____ His _____ ser - vice is the
3. e'er your race may _____ be! _____ Who _____ serves my Fa - ther
4. Him meet South and _____ North; _____ All _____ Christ - ly souls are



1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.
3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
4. one in him Through out the whole wide earth.

Words: Galatians 3:28; adapt. John Oxenham (1852-1941)
Music: *McKee*, Negro Spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Please stand as the ministers enter the church.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant and People together say

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

Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

Please be seated

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98



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**Sing to the Lord a new / song,
for he has done marvelous / things.
With his right hand and his holy / arm
has he won for himself the / victory.**

**The Lord has made known his / victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the / nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our / God.**

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you / lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and / sing.
Sing to the Lord with the / harp,
with the harp and the voice of / song.**

**With trumpets and the sound of the / horn
shout with joy before the King, the / Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it,
the lands and those who dwell there/in.**

**Let the rivers clap their / hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the / earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the / world
and the peoples with / equity.**

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Please stand and face the gospel book. It is customary to make a small cross on one's forehead, lips, and heart at the opening acclamation as a sign that we keep the gospel ever in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Nyback

Following the sermon a time of silence for private meditation is observed.

Nicene Creed

All stand and face the altar.

**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.
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**

Prayers of the People

Please stand. We pray for the church in all places, for the world and our nation, for the needs of others, for ourselves, and for those who have died. You are welcome to add your own petitions as we pray. To add names to the prayer list, please go to stcross.org/pray, or use the prayer card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

*The response to "Loving God," is "**Make all things new.**"*

The priest concludes with a collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Peace

All stand as you are able.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of Christ by remaining by your pew and offering a gesture of peace to your neighbors.

Signs of Christ's Love

We are a community who serves others as a sign of Christ's love. The rector and members of the church share announcements about how the church is serving others in the weeks ahead.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

During the setting of the table, a collection is taken to support the life and ministry of St. Cross. Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant or assistant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. Offerings may also be made online at www.stcross.org/give.

Offertory Anthem

Morning Song
by David von Kampen
lyrics by Ralph Waldo Emerson
St. Cross Youth Choir

For flowers that bloom about our feet, for tender grass so fresh and sweet, for song of bird and hum of bee, for all thing fair we hear or see, Father in heaven, we thank Thee. For blue of stream and blue of sky, for pleasant shade of branches high, for fragrant air and cooling breeze, for beauty of the blooming trees, Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 392



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join
2 Let those re-fuse to sing that nev-er knew our God; but
3 The heirs of grace have found glo-ry be-gun be-low; ce-
4 Then let our song a-bound and let our tears be dry; we're



in a song with sweet ac-cord and thus sur-round the throne.
chil-dren of the heav-en-ly King may speak their joys a-broad.
les-tial fruits on earth-ly ground from faith and hope may grow.
march-ing through Em-man-uel's ground to fair-er worlds on high.

Refrain



Ho-san-na, ho-san-na! Re-joice, give thanks and sing.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Vineyard Haven*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

SM with Refrain

The people may stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues

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.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 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.

Celebrant and People

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 for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

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

People and Celebrant say together

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

Christ whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. Jesus who redeemed us and called us by name, now meets us in this cup. Take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

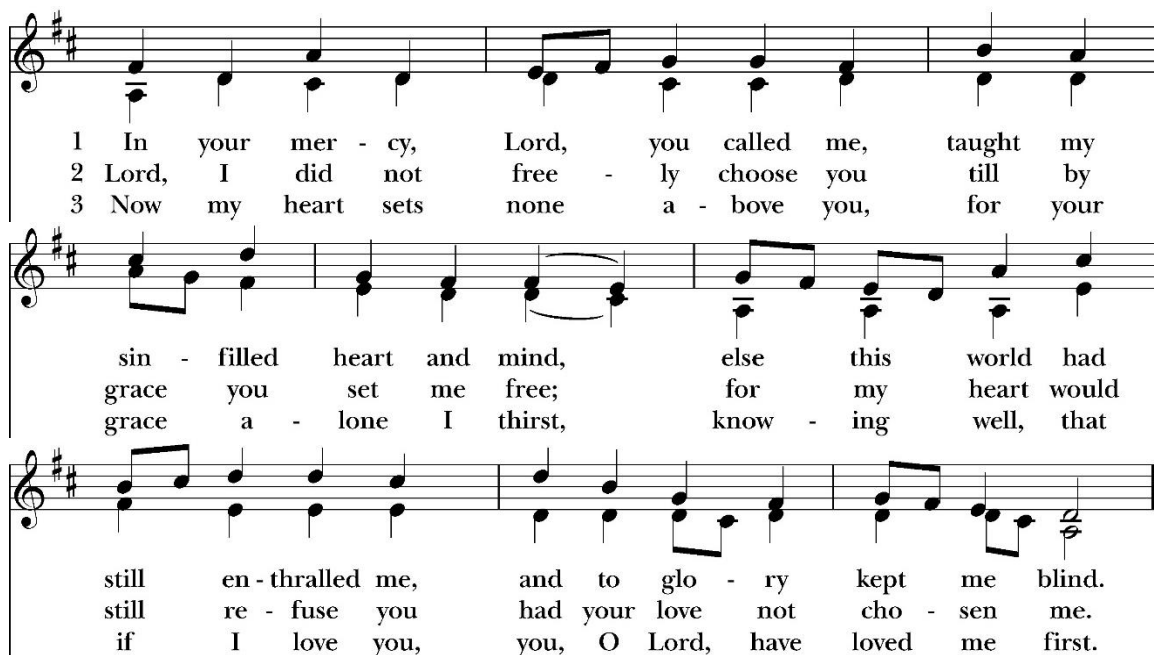
Communion

The Congregation is seated until an usher invites them to communion.

At St. Cross all who come in faith, seeking deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward as directed by the ushers. You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying the usher. After receiving the bread (wafer), there are two ways you can receive the wine: 1) you may choose to hold the bread in your hand and have the eucharistic minister intinct (dip) the bread in the wine for you and place the sacrament back in your hand, OR 2) you may consume the bread first, then sip from the second chalice. If you would prefer not to receive either the bread or the wine, cross your arms over your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing instead. Gluten free bread is offered upon request. Babies and children of any age are welcome to receive communion. If you have any questions or concerns about receiving Holy Communion please feel free to contact one of the clergy.

Communion Music

Hymn 706



1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
 2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
 3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had
 grace you set me free; for my heart would
 grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thralled me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.
 still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
 if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

Josiah Conder (1789-1855); alt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

Communion Anthem

Let us love in deed and truth

words: 1 John 3: 17-23

music: Larry King

If anyone has the world's good, and sees his neighbor in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth: we have confidence before our God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments, and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another.

Prayer After Communion

After Communion, the People stand or kneel as they are able and the Celebrant says
Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give this foretaste of your glory.

People and Celebrant

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

God of Peace, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with Jesus in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymn 344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,
tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Sources: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817) Tune name: Sicilian

Dismissal

Deacon
People

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Fanfare on "McKee"
Charles Callahan

St. Cross Prayer List

To add names to the prayer list, please go to www.stcross.org/pray.

Continuing Prayers:

Mike, Ken, Taylor, Samantha, Cathy Abu, John, Ron, Judy, Sherri, Kyla, Elliot, Astin, Selene, Rick, Holly, Bo, Julie, Tony, Caden, Cathy, Jef, Emily, Ethan, Grey

For Healing:

David, Sage, Carol, Marie, Diana, George, Jess, Anya, Amada, Carl, Teresa, Janet, Anna, Kate, Diane, Molly, Monika, Pam, Stuart, John, Alan, Dave, Birdie, Margy, Teresa, Wendie, Peter, Carol, Sherri, Jai, Liane, Linda, Patrice, Bill, Diana, Billy, Anne, Sharon, Greg, John

For Peace/Comfort/Guidance/Those without a job at this time:

The Brownlie family, Allie, Marilyn, Jessie, Rose, Cornelia, Juliet, Tom, Natasha, Anya, Christina, Viola, Allie, Beth, Phil, Elise, Donna, Cassandra, the Lewis family, Victor, Neil, the Nevarez family, Allie, Marilyn, Jessica, Victor and the Kriechbaum family, Kyla, Elliott, Pranesh, Barbara, Pat, Nicole, Sarah, Jessie

For Safe Travel:

For Thanksgiving:

For Aunt Stella's 101st birthday, and the Ministries of the Chancel Choir, and the Youth Choir

For Those Who Have Died:

Carol

For Military Personnel:

Jim, Kenneth, Jared, Marcus, Andrew, Will, Bobby, Tori

Community News

Lectern Announcement and Community News Deadline is **Wednesday at noon**.

Please email them to Trudy at info@stcross.org

Youth Choir. Calling all Second Graders! Choir is usually for 3rd through 9th grades, but this is the time of year that 2nd graders are invited to start. We're meeting after church in the music room (Room 6). Please join us! Contact Candace Ford for more information at candaceford1@mac.com.

Next Baptism Date – Pentecost Sunday, May 19, at 10am. If you desire a baptism, please contact the office.

Vacation Bible School - July 8-12. All Kindergarten - 5th graders are welcome. We'll also need the help of our awesome middle school and high school youth volunteers. **Registration closes on June 2.** Contact Rev. Stephen for more information ssmith@stcross.org

Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium is Friday, September 6 at 7pm. Featuring the Dodgers and the Cleveland Guardians. Tickets are \$35.00 each. Please sign up online at www.stcross.org/dodgers. **Deadline to purchase tickets is July 15, 2024.**

Upcoming Events

May 6-8	Clergy Conference
May 12	Mother's Day
May 19	Pentecost - WEAR RED
May 25-27	Parking Lot Fundraiser
May 27	OFFICE CLOSED
May 28	Neighbor to Neighbor
May 28	Vestry Meeting
May 29	Laundry Love
June 9	Teacher Appreciation/Last Day of Sunday School
June 16	Father's Day
June 19	OFFICE CLOSED
June 23-Sept 1	SUMMER SERVICE - ONE SERVICE <u>ONLY</u> at 9am
June 25	Neighbor to Neighbor
June 25	Vestry Meeting
June 26	Laundry Love
July 4	OFFICE CLOSED
July 8-12	Vacation Bible School

Today's Ministers – 10:00am

Celebrant	The Rev. Rachel Nyback
Preacher	The Rev. Rachel Nyback
Assisting	The Rev. Stephen Smith The Rev. Josh Paget
Organist/Choirmaster	Sean O'Neal
Lector	Ruth Baird-Krusic
Intercessor	Alison Wilcox
Ushers	Terry Eddy Amanda Hunter Brian Wilcox
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Sherry Graham
Amy Hanrahan, Secretary
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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God:
In celebration of the marriage
between Kara Wilson and Chris Pickard*

*If you would like to make a flower dedication, please go to
www.stcross.org/flowers*

