



St. Cross

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21

September 26, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship at St. Cross!

We are a community that serves others as a sign of God's love. We strive to live into the gospel ideal of being an open and welcoming community. We know it is hard when you see your favorite people after a year (and may even have a vaccine). However, with COVID, we ask that you respect other people's personal space and per LA County, masks are required.

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.

Lessons and Sermon Notes

A few words on today's lessons about what you will hear, and what you will take with you through the week.

Proper 21: Sunday closest to September 28—Year B

Welcome to our parish. In today's Gospel reading, the disciples complain about someone (who was not part of their group) casting out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus' response is that the man should not be stopped, for "whoever is not against us is for us." The importance of the ministry of every person, rather than just the ministry of disciples or clergy or church members, is so great, that to despise other ministries is to risk personal disaster. If pride in our own ministry is getting in the way, cut off that pride.

The first reading today is from the section of the Hebrews known as "The Writings." In Jewish practice, the little book of Esther is read on the feast of Purim. While there is little of religious value in this book (God is never mentioned), it gives us a story of a heroic Jewish woman who uses her wiles to save the Jews living in Persia from genocide. When read in synagogue, everyone rattles noise makers and makes rude sounds each time wicked Haman is mentioned.

Our ordained leaders are not the sole ministers of Christ; rather, they model the ministry we are all to perform. In our baptism, we are set apart as ministers of Christ who share in his royal priesthood. It is in that ministry, especially to the poor, oppressed, and dying, that we find God present to us in the lives of those for whom we care. Our ministry is expressed in our liturgical actions, and the Eucharist is the model for our daily living and for the nature of God's kingdom.

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God:
In loving memory of her son Brian Farrand, by Betty Farrand
and
In loving memory of Mike Welch, by the Welch/Ford family
and
In thanksgiving for the lives of Joe and Cindy Thompson
by their St. Cross family.*

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

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

English Folk Tune "O Waly Waly"

-Dale Wood

Opening Hymn

Hymn 546

Please stand. Those vaccinated are invited to sing.



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics 'Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of' are written below the notes. The second staff is in F major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics 'God the Fa - ther. A - men.' are written below the notes. The music features various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Please be seated.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

Those vaccinated are invited to sing.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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**If the Lord had not been on our / side,
let Israel now / say;
If the Lord had not been on our / side,
when enemies rose up a/gainst us;**

**Then would they have swallowed us up a/live
in their fierce anger / toward us;
Then would the waters have over/whelmed us
and the torrent gone / over us;**

**Then would the raging / waters
have gone right / over us.
Blessed be the / Lord!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their / teeth.**

**We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the / fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have es/caped.
Our help is in the Name of the / Lord,
the maker of heaven and / earth.**

Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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 Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Josh Paget

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

Nicene Creed

All stand as you are able.

**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 remain standing. 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.

*The response to “Have mercy, O Lord” is “**Fill us with the fullness of your grace.**”*

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins.

The people kneel if they are able and a period of silence is observed.

Deacon and People

Merciful God,

we have sinned

in what we have thought and said,

in the wrong we have done

and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned in ignorance:

we have sinned in weakness:

we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry.

We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ’s sake,

and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Peace

All stand as you are able.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of Christ by remaining by your seat and offering a gesture of peace to your neighbors. Please keep social distancing even if vaccinated.

Announcements

Announcements are made at this time.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

During the setting of the table a collection is taken online at www.stcross.org/give or has been given in person, to support the life and ministry of St. Cross.

Offertory Anthem

"God be in my head"

text: Sarum Primer, music: Arlen R. Clarke

God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in my eyes, and in my looking. God be in my mouth, and in my speaking. God be in my heart, and in my thinking. God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Great Thanksgiving

The people stand.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing for joy:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People together say

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People together say

Blessed are you 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant
People

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

See who you are, become what you see.

At St. Cross all who come in faith, seeking deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar as directed by the usher. Take the sacrament of bread back to your seat and consume the sacrament at your seat. If you would prefer not to receive the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will offer a (non-touch) blessing instead.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 609

Those vaccinated are invited to sing.



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low



1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy



1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Prayer After Communion

After Communion, the people stand or kneel as they are able and the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

**God in heaven,
whose church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

The Priest blesses the people

May the peace of the ocean wave be with you. The peace of the ocean breeze surround you. The peace of the quiet earth be in you. The peace of the night stars cover you. The deep peace of the Son of Peace be always with you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymn WLP 819



1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I



don't want to run this race in vain. _____
don't want to run this race in vain. _____
don't want to run this race in vain. _____

Dismissal

Deacon
People

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

Postlude

Scottish Psalter "God moves in a mysterious way"
-George Dyson

St. Cross Prayer List

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

Continuing Prayers:

Bo, Anne, Micky, Autumn, John, Susan, Nicky, Susan, Nancy, Maria, Christi, Kelly Anne, Lindsey, Zelda, Carlton, Tina, David, Astin, Alice, Bill, Sue, Pete, Jill, Elizabeth, Karen, Abbe, Lori, Jake, Morena, Len, Ryder, Sean, McKenzie, Ruth, Andy, Jim, Karla, the Alarcon family, Jonathan, Sonia, Marilyn, Amanda, Sean, Afghan refugees, Amanda D

For Healing:

Margaret, Lance, Sharon, Jessie, Alex, Matt, Kay, Brylana, Quentin, Karen, Kurt, Sean, Jackie, Joe, Joe L, Sylvia, Jeff, Donna, Maria, Antje, Steve

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

Sandy, Chris, Linden, James, Virginia, Charlotte, Richard, Lee and family, Tara and the Deeker family, Julie, the Hunter family, the Thompson family, Lorraine, Seve, Jackie, Susan, Jeff, Eric, Sarah, Alan, the Saunders family

For Safe Travel:

Zac and Amanda, Shane, Ruth

For Thanksgiving:

The Ministries of Men's Bible Study, Vacation Bible School

For Those Who Have Died:

Jerry

For Military Personnel:

Jason, Marcus, Andrew, Jared, Mike, Mathew, Jim, Jake, Paul, Andy, Ron, Daniel, Bryce, Austin

Community News

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

Please email them to Trudy at info@stcross.org

ST. CROSS COVID CHRONICLES

The History Committee would like to record the everyday life of parishioners (including children) during the past year. The committee is seeking your comments and/or photographs about your pandemic year. Instructions and forms will be available during coffee hour. OR. You can go to stcross.org/covid-chronicles-submission and submit online. Any questions? Please contact kathysinkle@verizon.net or patsybrierley@gmail.com. *The submission date has been extended, so please continue to submit your stories.*

Please join us for our Connection Cafe TODAY! Are you new or new-ish to St. Cross? Are you looking to feel more connected? Please join us after the 10:00 service for a casual gathering. This is a perfect time to meet and mingle, ask questions, and give us your feedback. It's a great way to get to know some other newcomers as well as clergy, staff members, and parishioners on a more personal basis. And, if you're looking for ways to get involved, we can help point you in the direction that's right for you and/or your family. For more information, please contact Cameron Johnson at cjohnson@stcross.org

Blessing of the Animals – We will be having a collection box. Please bring unwanted pet items, and they will be donated to local shelter groups.

Upcoming Baptism Date – Providing there are no further CDC restrictions, we plan to hold baptisms on Sunday, November 7 at 10am. If you desire a baptism, please contact the office.

Upcoming Events

September 28	Vestry Meeting
September 29	Laundry Love
October 2	Service for Joe Thompson, 11am
October 3	St. Francis Day, Pet Blessing
October 11	OFFICE CLOSED
October 23	Service for Walt Young, 11am
October 24	Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting
October 30	Service for Audrie Wing, 1pm
November 7	All Saints Sunday

Today's Ministers – 10:00am

Celebrant	The Rev. Stephen Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Josh Paget
Deacon	The Rev. Josh Paget
Organist/Choirmaster	Sean O'Neal
Cantor	Dan Wilson
Lector	Scott Crowell
Intercessor	Scott Crowell
Ushers	Al Dickinson JoAnn and Ralph Kaye Charlotte and Russ Lesser

Vestry

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Greg Bellavia
David Charlton, Junior Warden
Sherry Graham, Secretary
Jessica Gregg
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