



St. Cross

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23

October 10, 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 23: Sunday closest to October 12—Year B

Welcome to our parish. In the themes of the Sundays in this part of the year, we face some of the strongest challenges presented by our faith. We have reached the portion of the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus, nearing the final conflict, is preparing his followers for what lies ahead, not only for him, but also for them in the remainder of their lives. So today's Gospel is the account of the rich young man who discovers that there is more to salvation than following the Law. Jesus calls for a complete submission to God, even to the point of giving up everything. Only then can we gain what we really need.

We continue to read the Book of Job. This good man has suffered tragedy, severe illness, and busybody friends full of useless advice. He has not lost his faith but is complaining that he can't find God to ask why these things are happening. He believes that if he could understand God, he could understand.

Today's liturgy is filled with challenge and with hope. We are faced with the demands of the Gospel and also with its promise of salvation to those who persevere. We are called to enter into the painful yet joyful project of God in bringing the kingdom into the lives of all people in our time.

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God:
by the people of St. Cross*

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Liturgy of the Word

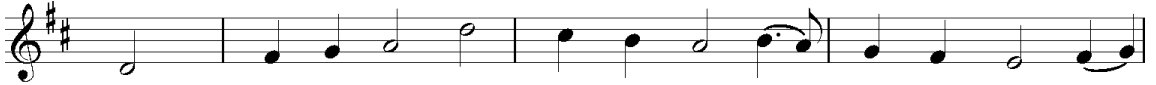
Prelude

Aria and Fugue (from Trilogy of Fugues)
-Healey Willan

Opening Hymn

Hymn 408

Please stand. Those vaccinated are invited to sing.



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep-eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep-eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

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.

Collect of the Day

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Please be seated.

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:1-15

Those vaccinated are invited to sing.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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**My God, my God, why have you for/saken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my di/stress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not / answer;
by night as well, but I find no / rest.**

**Yet you are the / Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of / Israel.
Our forefathers put their trust in / you;
they trusted, and you de/livered them.**

**They cried out to you and were de/livered;
they trusted in you and were not put to / shame.
But as for me, I am a worm and / no man,
scorned by all and despised by the / people.**

**All who see me laugh me to / scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, / saying,
"He trusted in the Lord; let him de/liver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in / him."**

**Yet you are he who took me out of the / womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's / breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was / born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's / womb.**

**Be not far from me, for trouble is / near,
and there is none to / help.
Many young bulls en/circle me;
strong bulls of Bashan sur/round me.**

**They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring / lion.
I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
 my heart within my breast is melting / wax.
My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my /
 mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the / grave.**

Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

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.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson

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, or use the prayer card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

*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 is Light”

text: Sequence for Candlemas, music: Harry Bramma

God is Light, and in him is no darkness at all. Thou also shalt light my candle; the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? Alleluia.

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 707

Those vaccinated are invited to sing.

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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 LEVAS 136




1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
2. Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
3. The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____



1. — I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
2. — Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
3. — The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____



1. — I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
2. — Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
3. — The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____



— No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back! _____

Dismissal

Deacon
People

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

Postlude

Tuba Flourish
-Graham Twist

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, Wanda, Sandra, Jeri, the Hunter family

For Healing:

Jackie, Joe, Joe L, Sylvia, Jeff, Donna, Maria, Antje, Steve, Joy, Nick, Scott, Wendy, Shay, Lucy, Mary Ann, Ricardo, Jennifer, Kathy, James, Anna, Melissa, Nick, Asher, Becky

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

The Hunter family, the Thompson family, Lorraine, Seve, Jackie, Susan, Jeff, Eric, Sarah, Alan, the Saunders family, Dustin, Mary, Joe, Tracey, Theresa, Caitlyn, the Masi family, David, Linden, Alex, James, Jessie, Sandy

For Safe Travel:

Bob & Arleen, Sharon, Cameron & Bob, Laurel & Peter

For Thanksgiving:

The Ministries of the Coffee Guys, and Sociable Seniors

For Those Who Have Died:

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

Adult Ed – Oct/Nov 2021

10/10 – What is the Episcopal Church’s Teachings on the Environment?

10/17 – Climate Theology for Our Times

10/24 – Meet Rev. Josh!

10/31 – Other Faith Traditions and the Care of the Earth (YouTube Presentation)

11/7 – Clergy Offering

ST. CROSS COVID CHRONICLES

The History Committee would like to record the everyday life of parishioners (including children) during the past year. You can go to stcross.org/covid-chronicles-submission and submit online. Any questions? Please contact kathyshinkle@verizon.net or patsybrierley@gmail.com. *The submission date has been extended, so please continue to submit your stories.*

Blessing of the Animals Collection – We will have collection bins at church for the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact: Erica Lynett, (979) 204-0849 ericanews7@gmail.com

Upcoming Photo Directory Days – October 31, November 7, November 14. More details to come.

Adult Pilgrimage to Israel. The dates are Feb 10-21, 2023. Please email Rev. Rachel if you are interested Rnyback@stcross.org

Sock Sunday which we usually have during the month of October has switched to “Undie Sunday”. We hope you will bring men's underwear (especially sizes L and XL) and women's sports bras in all sizes. This is for the shower ministry at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Long Beach. We will have baskets out to collect in the following weeks (separate from the collections for the animal shelters).

Upcoming Events

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
November 11	OFFICE CLOSED
Nov 13, 14	Diocesan Convention
December 5	Messiah Concert, 5pm

Today's Ministers – 10:00am

Celebrant	The Rev. Rachel Nyback
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson
Deacon	The Rev. Patti Angelo
Organist/Choirmaster	Sean O'Neal
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