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The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28

November 13, 2022 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. With COVID, we ask that you respect other people's personal space. Masking is strongly recommended, but no longer required. We strive to create an environment that is safe for all to worship and participate, and we encourage a sense of mutual respect and understanding for each individual.

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.

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Welcome to our parish. As the church year ends, the liturgy turns our attention to the fact that the world is also moving towards its end. The gospel reading today is from the last portion of Jesus' teaching according to Luke. This "apocalyptic" teaching was central to Jesus' message and was a common theme in first century Judaism. God will come and bring all creation to its conclusion in the establishment of the Kingdom. The good news is that whatever tribulations occur in the end times, God is always present and will preserve all the redeemed into eternal life.

The first reading is the conclusion of the final Old Testament prophetic book. It foretells the coming judgment when the Kingdom will be established. The final sign will be the reappearance of Elijah. Jesus, in telling his followers that in John the Baptist Elijah has come (Matthew 17:11-13), is announcing that the End has begun.

We are living in the end of time. In the Eucharist, in particular, we are already being met by Jesus, our loving, saving judge and are taken into his Kingdom. In the Eucharist, he comes "again in glory to judge the living and the dead." It is our knowledge that we are living in the end of the ages that gives Christian living its character, impelling us into worship and into ministry in the name of Christ.

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God: In honor of all our veterans and their families by the people of St. Cross.

and

In Thanksgiving for Quinn's 9th Birthday by the Wilcox family.

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

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Psalm-Prelude No. 2 (Set One)
Herbert Howells



Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.; after Joachim Neander (1650-1680) Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

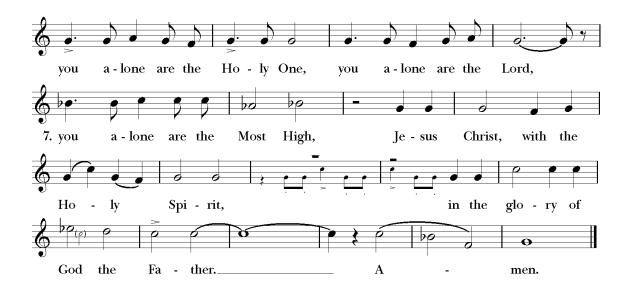
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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.





Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For those in the Armed Forces of our Country

God of Peace, you have accompanied your children through times of war and strife and unrest. Today we remember all of our veterans past and present. We ask for the healing of those who have been wounded in body and soul, wounds both visible and invisible. Bring peace to those places where our women and men have fought. Bless those who served in non-combatant roles. God, Grant us the vision to see a world in which all peoples and nations grow weary with war and fighting, and instead turn their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. These things we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Adapted from –Rt. Rev. James "Jay" Magness, Episcopal Bishop of the Armed Forces.

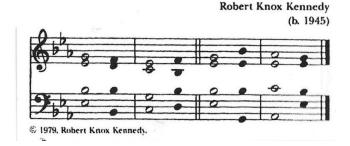
First Lesson Malachi 4:1-2a

Please be seated.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Psalm 98



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 Luke 21:5-19

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 Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Smith

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 "Put your love within us, O God" is "Write it on our hearts."

The priest concludes with a collect.

O Lord Our God accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with favor and compassion upon us and all people who turn to you for help. Write your love on our hearts that we might proclaim your love in word and action. For you are gracious, and to you we give glory, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, now and forever. **Amen.**

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
God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
Through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

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 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

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

During the setting of the table a collection is taken online at www.stcross.org/give or will be given in person at the collection plates at the altar during communion. These gifts support the life and ministry of St. Cross.

Offertory Anthem

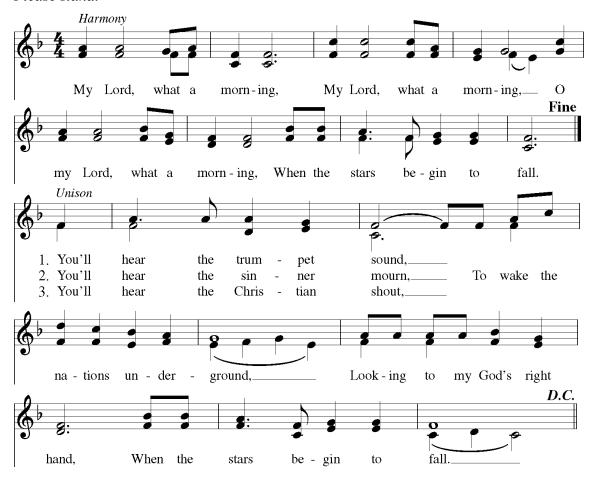
Let us love in deed and truth words: 1 John 3: 17-23

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.

Presentation Hymn

Please stand.



Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual

Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

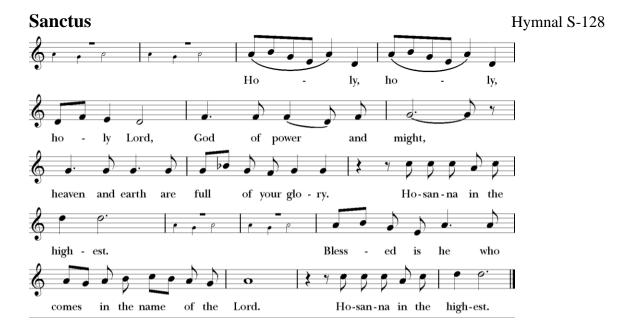
People We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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 We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

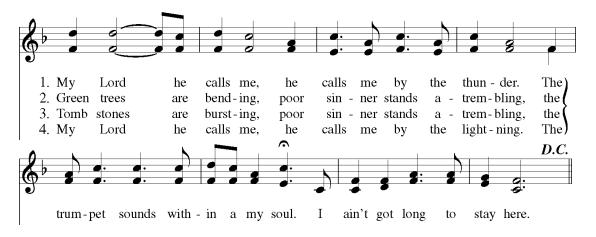
Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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), 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, you may consume the bread first, then sip from the chalice, or you may touch the chalice as a sign of receiving the sacrament. 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. 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.





Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals

Prayer After Communion

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

People and Celebrant

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

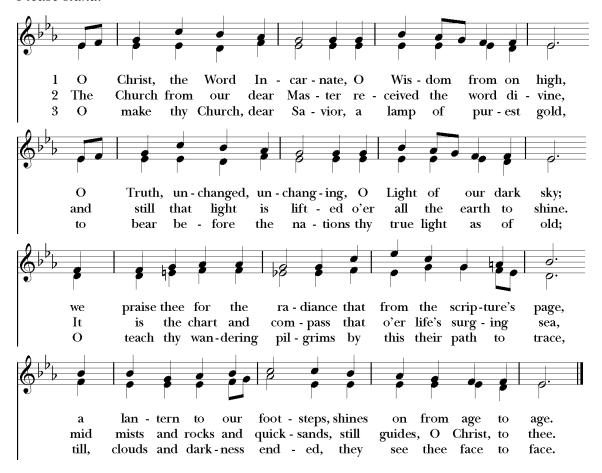
Blessing

The Celebrant 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 632

Please stand.



Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: Munich, melody from Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847)

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata II) Felix Mendelssohn

St. Cross Prayer List

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

Continuing Prayers:

Bo, Autumn, Susan, Lindsey, Len, Karla, Lance, Sonia, Wanda, Jef, the people of Ukraine, Bea, Lizabeth, Jim, Emily, the Wright family, the Gerds family, Jon, Amanda, Jim, Janet, Kathy, Debbie, Susan, Jim, Sandra, David, Tina, Jeri, Bob, Astin, Jill, the Alarcon family, Astin, Selené, Rick, Kyla Elliot, Chris, Debbie, Cathy, the Tyner and Naranjo families, Jay, Susan, the Pierce family, the Biewer family, the Sulahian family, Kim

For Healing:

Perry, McCall, John, Becky, Marc, Betty, Kyla, April, Martin, Al, Jim, Len, Jan, Art, Melissa, Kim, Carol, Jack, George

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

Majorie, Sue, Laura, Ilya, the Brehm family, Mike, Janet, Scott, Jeanne, Martin, Mike, Art's family, Valerie, Bob, Virginia, Carl and the Remy family, Johannes

For Safe Travel:

Mary & Bill, Lavinia

For Thanksgiving:

For Kaleb's birth, and the Ministries of the Parent Group, and St. Monica's Guild

For Those Who Have Died:

Diane

For Military Personnel:

Marcus, Andrew, Jim, Kenneth, Jarod

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: This is the time of year when we renew our list of active service military personnel. If you would like to have a name remain, or have one added, or have one deleted, please fill out a prayer card and drop it in the collection plate, or email the office at <u>info@stcross.org</u>.

Community News

Lectern Announcement and Community News Deadline is **Wednesday at noon**. Please email them to Trudy at info@stcross.org

Nov. 13th: Undie Sunday - Sunday Nov 13th is Undie Sunday our annual underwear drive in support of the Shower Ministry at St. Luke's Long Beach. Please bring in men's boxers briefs (L, XL, 2XL) and women's sports bras (all sizes). Put them in the baskets in the narthex or the red bins in the church. Questions? Contact Rev. Josh jpaget@stcross.org.

Nov 13th: Advent Book Table: Looking for a devotional, calendar, or book to enrich your Advent experience. Stop by the Advent Book Table after services. There is a wide variety of books and activities available for purchase. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Josh. Sundays, Nov 13 - Dec 4th, after each service.

Nov 16th: SACK Lunch - Spirituality, Advocacy, Community, & Kindness. Our first program will be Wednesday, Nov 16th, at noon. Bring your own sack lunch. Our guest speaker will be Diego Cardoso, former executive director of Metro planning by day, by night a painter whose style is magical realism. Wednesday at noon in the Parish Hall. Questions? Contact Rev. Josh.

Nov 20th: Hermosa for the Holidays: St Cross will be hosting an ornament decorating booth at the Pier Plaza Christmas Tree lighting event. We invite you to come to the event and celebrate with St Cross family at this civic celebration. If you would like to volunteer at the booth please contact Rev. Josh. Event takes place Sunday Nov 20th, 3-6pm.

Nov 20th: Adult Ed - Rev. Josh will give a presentation about Advent resources that are available at the book table. Sunday 9am in the Guild Room. Also available on Zoom.

Nov 20th: Giving Tree - Giving Tree returns this year beginning Nov 20th. We are asking you purchase gifts for children in need. Starting on Nov. 20th, please stop by the table in the Parish Hall for more information.

Faith@5 | Nov. 27, 5pm - Our next Faith@5 service will take place on Sunday, Nov. 27. The purpose of these monthly family services is to provide an informal setting for families to gather, grow deeper in community with one another, and practice their faith in ways similar to how they might at home. There will be a potluck meal and Eucharist. Bring your Thanksgiving leftovers and join us for church and a meal on the 27th in the Parish Hall!

Messiah - Come join us for the seasonal classic, Messiah, on **December 4th at 4pm**. This landmark choral work by George Frederick Handel celebrates the season and the foretelling of the birth of Jesus. Full orchestra and soloists accompany the St. Cross chancel choir. This is a free event. A free-will offering will be collected.

Upcoming Events

November 13	Undie Sundie	December 18	Pageant, 5pm
Nov 24 & 25	OFFICE CLOSED	December 24	Christmas Eve: 3pm, 5pm, & 9pm
November 27	Faith@Five	December 25	Christmas Day: 10am ONLY
November 29	Vestry Meeting	December 26	OFFICE CLOSED
November 30	Laundry Love	January 1	New Year's Day: 10am ONLY
December 4	Messiah, 4pm	January 2	OFFICE CLOSED
December 14	Blue Christmas	January 29	Annual Meeting

Today's Ministers - 10:00am

Celebrant The Rev. Stephen Smith

Preacher The Rev. Stephen Smith

Deacon The Rev. Patti Angelo

Organist/Choirmaster Sean O'Neal

Lector Jessica Travis

Intercessor Kelly Tsai

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Lee Spivey

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