

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross



The Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, August 16, 2026

The Word of God

Penitential Order

OPENING HYMN

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 351)

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 351)

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20)* (Powell) (BCP p. 356)

The following is sung, all standing



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty 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



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 67

Remain seated.

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.
²Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
³Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
⁶The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
⁷May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

All stand.

Presider A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

[¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Presider The Word of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: Let us cry to the Lord our God, who hears our voice at all times

Leader: For this holy gathering, for our parish clergy, for Deon our bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop and for the people of God in every place. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves; for Valori, their Rector; Susanna, their Associate Priest, Susie, their Rector Emerita, Jerre, their Deacon, and Warren, Paul and Mandi, their Priest Associates. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Luke's Episcopal Health System (Sistema de Salud Episcopal San Lucas). We pray for our companion community, All Saints Episcopal Church in Farmington and or all your holy people.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For Donald our president, Mike our governor, for Lisa, our mayor. For all nations and their leaders. For mercy, justice, and peace in the world.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For farmers and a good harvest, for sailors and all who work at sea, for travelers and

those on vacation, for students and faculty returning to classes, and for safety from violent storms.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For our city and every community, and for our families, companions, and all we love.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lifting our voices with all creation, with the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We especially pray for *(names from the prayer list may be inserted here)*. I invite any additional prayers of intercession or thanksgiving at this time.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider says the concluding prayer.

Lord who sees not the divisions we create between us, hear the prayers we offer this day for all who feel separated by need, circumstance, or prejudice, and bring us together in the glory of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Presider says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

People and Presider

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

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

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Samuel Johnson, 1772, Timothy Cutler, 1765, and Thomas Bradbury Chandler, 1790, Priests
Monday, August 17, 2026

Baptisms of Manteo and Virginia Dare, 1587
Monday, August 17, 2026

William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918
Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Artemisia Bowden, 1969
Tuesday, August 18, 2026

William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918
Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Bernard of Clairvaux, Monastic and Theologian, 1153
Thursday, August 20, 2026

THIS WEEKE AT HOLY CROSS

Wednesday, August 19
Reva Arnold Food Pantry, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM