

# Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross



Communion from the Reserved Sacrament  
Sunday, October 18, 2026

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### ENTRANCE HYMN (BCP p. 355)

*Before the Opening Acclamation, the deacon briefly welcomes the assembly including the following:*

*Deacon* Friends in Christ, welcome to this holy gathering. Today we share in Communion from the reserved sacrament. While this is not a new celebration of the Eucharist, it is an extension of the Eucharistic table. The bread and wine we receive were consecrated in the offering of the Eucharist at/by [\_\_\_\_], and they unite us fully with Christ and with the whole Church across time and place.

*People* Here we are nourished by Christ's Body and Blood, strengthened in faith, and joined with all who gather at table. As we receive this gift of grace, we are sent out to love and serve in his name.

*Deacon* In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all who have been brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship on this day, and who have celebrated the Eucharist, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

*People* Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one Bread.

*Silence is kept for a time*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Deacon says*

*Deacon* Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

*People* Glory to God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Deacon* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,

*People* All desires known, and from whom 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.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*A period of Silence may be kept*

*Deacon* 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.

*People* 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.

*Deacon* For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

*People* That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*Deacon* 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 - 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.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

*Deacon* God is with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Deacon* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:  
 Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with  
 steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

*The people sit.*

*Reader* A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
 whose right hand I have grasped  
 to subdue nations before him  
 and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him--  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

*Reader*            Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 96:1-13**

*Remain seated.*

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- <sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>13</sup> He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

*The people sit.*

*Reader*            A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*Reader* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

*All stand.*

*Deacon* Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

**THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)**

**THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

*Deacon* We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

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**

*The Deacon invites the People to prayer*

Brothers and sisters, beloved by God: Grace to you and peace. Let us pray to the Holy One, saying, “Be gracious to us, O God; show us your mercy.”

*Leader:* We always give thanks to you, O God, for the Church, constantly remembering before you its work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit.

*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgiving, followed by silence.*

*Leader:* Be gracious to us, O God;

*People:* Show us your mercy.

*Leader:* Almighty God, make us more like your Son, Jesus, who did not regard people with partiality. May we love justice. May we be gracious with all people. For this congregation, for our bishop, Deon, and for Sean, our Presiding Bishop. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Trinity Episcopal Church (1871) in Kirksville and for Maria, their Interim Priest.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Mary Virgin Parish in Ponce.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Be gracious to us, O God;

*People:* Show us your mercy.

*Leader:* God our King, the earth shakes in your presence. All that is belongs not to us, but to you. May we be good stewards of all you have created.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Be gracious to us, O God;

*People:* Show us your mercy.

*Leader:* Holy One, you answer those who call upon you. Hear the voices of the weak and wronged. May this city know and experience your presence.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Be gracious to us, O God;

*People:* Show us your mercy.

*Leader:* Great Lord, give your people rest. Cover the sick and sorrowful with your healing hand. May the lonely and forgotten find favor in your sight. We pray especially for *(names from the prayer list may be inserted here)*.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Be gracious to us, O God;

*People:* Show us your mercy.

*Leader:* Living God, you have rescued the dying and dead from the coming wrath through the death and resurrection of your Christ. May our voices blend with theirs as they proclaim your greatness and worship around your throne forever. We pray especially for *(names from the prayer list may be inserted here)*.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Be gracious to us, O God;

*People:* Show us your mercy.

*Leader:* I invite any other prayers of thanksgiving or petition, either aloud or silently.

*Silence*

*The Deacon says the concluding prayer.*

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.*

### **THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

*Deacon* The Peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Deacon* Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

*The Deacon says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Psalm 96:8*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN (BCP p. 361)**

### **THE LITANY OF THE CONSECRATED GIFTS**

*The deacon moves to a place in the midst of the Assembly, stands facing the Altar, with the Assembly standing, and invites them to join in the Litany of the Consecrated Gifts.*

*Deacon* We thank you, Lord our God, for the season of growth; you give us time to learn the ways of Christ, to walk in his footsteps, and to bear fruit in your world.

*People* Glory to you for ever.

*Deacon* You scatter seeds of your kingdom in every heart, and in patience and hope we wait for the harvest.

*People* Glory to you for ever.

*Deacon* In your creation we see the mystery of your life; the earth yields its bounty, the rivers sing your praise, and the heavens declare your glory.

*People* Glory to you for ever.

*Deacon* You call us to live as Christ's body, to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, until all creation is renewed in your love.

*People* Glory to you for ever.

*Deacon* Now you gather us at this table of thanksgiving, where Christ feeds us with the bread of life, and strengthens us for service in the world.

*People* Glory to you for ever.

*Deacon* So, with all who labor for your kingdom, with angels and archangels, and with the saints in every age, we pray to you, as our Savior has taught us:

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

*People and Deacon*

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.

### **THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*The officiating deacon then walks to the table, picks up the Bread and the Cup, faces the Assembly, and says:*

Draw near with faith: receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, and his blood which was shed for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*There is no fraction or fraction anthem. The assembly then offers the following prayer.*

*Deacon* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth bread from the earth. You give us the bread of life and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

*People* As we share the bread and wine, grant us the grace to receive these holy mysteries in faith and thanksgiving for Jesus' great sacrifice for us and for all people, so that he may evermore dwell in us and we in him. *Amen.*

*Holy Communion is distributed to all who desire it by the lay Eucharistic Ministers and officiating deacon. Hymn(s) or anthem (s) may be sung during the distribution, according to the congregation's custom.*

### **ACT OF THANKSGIVING**

*After Communion, the officiating deacon clears the Altar and leads the Act of Thanksgiving:*

*Deacon* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

*Deacon* God of all creation, we gather on this first day of the week made holy by the resurrection of Christ, your Son.

*People* In the waters of baptism we were buried with him so that we might also rise with him and so share his victory over sin and death.

*Deacon* You have transformed our lives into the living stones that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone.

*People* Strengthen this community's bond of communion and peace and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout the world. Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom so that our daily concerns and labor may find their proper perspective.

*Deacon* Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel.

*People* Give us the grace to see the true face of the people with whom we live. In a world torn by sin and division make us instruments of reconciliation and mercy. We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God.

*Deacon* May we who celebrate Christ's resurrection this day share in his eternal glory where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

People *Amen.*

### **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*Deacon* God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

*People* Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN (BCP p. 366)**

*The officiating deacon then dismisses the people. No blessing is given.*

### **DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

*Deacon* Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary, 1812  
Monday, October 19, 2026

William Carey: Missionary to India, 1834  
Monday, October 19, 2026

Hiram Hisanori Kano, 1986  
Saturday, October 24, 2026

### **UPCOMING AT HOLY CROSS**

Wednesday, October 21  
Rev Arnold Food Pantry, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sunday, October 25  
Ante-Communion, 9:30 AM