



Church of the Cross
9:30 AM; September 20, 2020
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Living and Sharing the Love of
Jesus

Welcome to Church of the Cross! We are glad you are here. We know that this time of worship is different from what we knew before the pandemic. We are grateful for your feedback, your flexibility, and most of all your faithfulness in worshipping with the community this day!

Out of great love for our neighbors, **we ask that you keep your masks on over your nose and mouth the entire service especially when singing.** If you need to remove your mask briefly for a sip of water, please do so when you are not speaking or singing. When the clergy distribute communion, keep your mask on until they have moved at least six feet away from you before slipping the Sacrament under your mask to receive it.

Bathrooms are in the brown building next to the “Wooley Bros. Livery” building on “Main Street.”

If you need to move for any reason during the service, we ask that you do so maintaining as much physical distance between you and other congregants as possible.

Offering baskets are on the table near the entrance to the worship area. We invite one another to place our offering in the basket on our way out of worship. Thank you!

Even with all the difficulty of being physically distanced and masked as we worship together, we celebrate the opportunity to be together!

Gather...

Come, Labor On

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
“Go work today.”

Come, labor on. The enemy is watching night and day,
To sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
While we in sleep our duty have forgot,
He slumbered not.

Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here:
By feeblest agents may our God fulfill
His righteous will.

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share—
To young and old the Gospel gladness bear:
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Servants, well done."

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever! Amen!**
Presider: Lord, have mercy;
People: **Christ, have mercy;**
Presider: Lord, have mercy.

Opening Prayer:

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Listen...

The First Reading: Psalm 145:1-8

Psalm Leader: I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever.

People: **Every day will I bless you and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Psalm Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.

People: **One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

Psalm Leader: I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

People: **They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.**

Psalm Leader: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

People: **The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of

them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message

Prayers of the People

Each petition concludes...

Prayer Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Prayer Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed; and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's Peace...

Do...

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer. The prayer concludes...

Presider: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Loving Lord, now and for ever.

All: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

The Presider breaks the consecrated wafer...

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

Presider: 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.

Communion is received in one kind only. The bread distributor will come to you where you are seated. Please remain masked until after you have received the bread.

Go...

Prayer of Sending:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Deacon: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**