



Church of the Cross
9:30 AM; November 22, 2020
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Living and Sharing the Love of Jesus

Welcome to Church of the Cross! We're mighty glad you're here! Out of love for our neighbors, we ask that you keep masks on over your nose and mouth for the entirety of the service, particularly while singing. When we come by to distribute communion, kindly keep your mask on until the clergy 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!

Gather...

Simple Gifts

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn, will be our delight
till by turning, turning we come round right

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: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Listen...

The First Reading: Psalm 126

Psalm Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

People: **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Psalm Leader: Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

People: **The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.**

Psalm Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.

People: **Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.**

Psalm Leader: Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,

People: **Will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Message

The Prayers

Prayer Leader: Loving Lord, accept our thanks and praise in gratitude for all your blessings. We thank you for the splendor of the whole Creation; for the beauty and wonder of this world, in earth and sky and sea; for the wonder of life; and for the mystery of love.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of all people, revealing the image of Christ. For the grace of every human relationship—with friends and family, and neighbors and strangers—and for the privilege of loving one another as you love us.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer Leader: For daily food and drink; for homes and places to live; for all who show mercy; for minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve; for health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer Leader: For the responsibilities and callings you place upon our hearts; for the strength you promise; for setting us at tasks which ask of us our best; for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight you. We also thank you for those disappointments and failures that lead us to depend on you, and place ourselves in your care. For the forgiveness of our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity; for all valiant seekers after truth, freedom, and justice; for the communion of saints, in all times and places.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer Leader: For the gift of your Kingdom, and for your call to seek it; for the privilege of living generously; for the gift of serving you as your people gathered and sent; for giving us all that we are and have, and for accepting the sacrifice of our lives; for the grace to know your will, and to act on it.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer Leader: Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. For the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places.

People: **We thank you, Lord. 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: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.

The River Is Here

Down the mountain, the river flows, and it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields, the river is rushing and the river is here

Chorus

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing; the river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter; and we rejoice for the river is here

The river of God is teeming with life, and all who touch it can be revived
And those who linger on this river's shore, will come back thirsting for more of the Lord

Chorus

Up to the mountain, we love to go, to find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river, we run. We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son

Chorus

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**