

Episcopal Church of the Cross 9:30 AM; June 19, 2022 Bee Cave Elementary School Ecclaketravis.org 512-695-2803

The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Cross is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. We are the ECC: Loving God and our neighbors.

All: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Presider:** Blessed be God! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever! Amen!

**Opening Song: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** 

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
Hither by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

**Presider:** Let us pray: O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: I Kings 19:1-15

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be

driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# The Message

## The Prayers of the Community

**Prayer Leader:** Good morning, Lord. We are your people, gathered in prayer; and we love you. We pray

for your holy and Universal Church; **People**That we all may be one.

**Prayer Leader:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Prayer Leader:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Prayer Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, and with special

intention raise up the people of Ukraine;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Prayer Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, that our works may find favor in

your sight;

People: Lead us and guide us, we pray.

**Prayer Leader:** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Prayer Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

**Prayer Leader:** We place before you the students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators of the Bee

Cave Elementary School, and all who gather in this space throughout the week;

People: Guard them, and build them up, we pray.

Prayer Leader: And now, either silently or aloud, we place before you our own needs and concerns...

An open space to offer our own petitions and thanksgivings.

Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

**Prayer Leader:** We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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...

## The Offering:

Offerings made by check or in cash may be placed in the offering basket as it comes by. Offerings can also be made by texting ECCLAKETRAVIS with your amount to **73256**.

## Song of Offering: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.

Born of thy love, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.

Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, be first in my heart, Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won may I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## 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 give God thanks and praise.

**Presider:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Presider:** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

With those who have loved you, and sought you, and followed you throughout the ages, we pray this ancient story: On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

**Presider:** And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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, with thanksgiving.

## Song during Communion: Now the Silence

Now the silence; now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted. Now the kneeling; now the plea Now the Father's arms in welcome.

Now the hearing; now the power Now the vessel brimmed for pouring Now the Body; now the Blood Now the joyful celebration

Now the wedding; now the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping Now the Spirit's visitation Now the Son's epiphany Now the Father's blessing Now; Now; Now

# I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine what it will be like
When I walk, by your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see
When your face is before me
I can only imagine

Surrounded by your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for you Jesus
Or in awe of you be still
Will I stand in your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

I can only imagine when that day comes
When I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine when all I would do is forever
Forever worship you
I can only imagine

Surrounded by your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for you, Jesus
Or in awe of you be still
Will I stand in your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine
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## **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 Blessing

## Closing Song: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

Feed me now and evermore; Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,

Be thou still my strength and shield; Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;

Songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

Dismissal:

**Presider:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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