



**Episcopal Church of the Cross
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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.

Welcome to Church of the Cross!

If you would like to learn more about the life and future of Church of the Cross, please scan the code below and we'll be in touch later this week. Thank you!



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: All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Presider: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Psalm 121

Psalm Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills;
People: **from where is my help to come?**

Psalm Leader: My help comes from the Lord,
People: **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Psalm Leader: He will not let your foot be moved
People: **and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

Psalm Leader: Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel;
People: **shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

Psalm Leader: The Lord himself watches over you;
People: **the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**

Psalm Leader: So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
People: **nor the moon by night.**

Psalm Leader: The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
People: **it is he who shall keep you safe.**

Psalm Leader: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
People: **from this time forth for evermore.**

The Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

The Message

The Nicene Creed

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 Community

Prayer Leader: Good morning, Lord. We are your people, gathered in prayer; and we love you. We pray for your Church, near and far; for the bishops and people of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas; for all the local congregations; and for those who can worship you this day only in secret. Grant us, we pray, the grace to love you and our neighbor, and to be your hands and feet in the world. Hear us, Lord;
People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We place before you our nation and all the nations, and our own neighborhoods and households. With special intention we pray for peace in Ukraine. Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we might steward its resources wisely to your honor, and in service to the common good. Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for the hungry; the poor; those with no safe place to rest; for all captives, prisoners, and refugees; for those who live in places of want and conflict; for the lonely and afraid; for the grieving, and those who have lost hope. We remember before you all we have promised to pray for. Comfort and strengthen all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles. Bring us, we pray, your peace and healing. And now, either silently or aloud, we place before you what rests upon our hearts...

An open space for people to offer their own prayers.

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: Now we confess to you, Merciful Lord, our sins and offenses:

All: **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 love our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior 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.**

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: Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth,
cause your Church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word, you were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, you breathed your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, you give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

When I was your foe, still your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, you paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

And oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
And I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, you give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

There's no shadow you won't light up
Mountain you won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall you won't kick down
Lie you won't tear down
Coming after me

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: We're Marching to Zion

Come ye that love the Lord, and let your joys be known,
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord.
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion; beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion;
the beautiful city of God

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields; before we reach the heavenly fields
Or walk the golden streets; or walk the golden streets
We're marching to Zion; beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion;
the beautiful city of God

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground; we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high; to fairer worlds on high.
We're marching to Zion; beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion;
the beautiful city of God.

Dismissal:

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

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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