



**Episcopal Church of the Cross
9:30 AM; January 15, 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany
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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!



Collect for Purity

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: Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing; praise for the morning
Praise for them springing, fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness, where his feet pass

Morning has broken like the first dawn
Sing Hallelujah; a new day is born

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation; praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

Morning has broken like the first dawn
Sing Hallelujah; a new day is born

Presider: Let us pray: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: I Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: John 1:29-42

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

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

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon

Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

Gradual: Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Message

The 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, and thank you for calling us, gathering us, and sending us. We pray for the people and purposes of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas; for all the local congregations; for the ministries to which you call us. We pray for those who can worship you this day only in secret, and place before you those whose faith is known to you alone.

People: **Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things we pray:**
 To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly...
 Day by day.

Prayer Leader: We pray for the world you love. We pray for this nation, and for all the nations. We beseech your blessing over our own communities, neighborhoods, and households. We pray that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. And we pray for peace, especially for our friends in Ukraine.

People: **Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things we pray:**
 To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly...
 Day by day.

Prayer Leader: We place before you all who are in any need or trouble. We pray for those without enough to eat, or a safe place to rest. We pray for those who live in places of violence, want, or oppression. We remember before those who are sick; those who are grieving; all refugees, prisoners, and captives. We pray for all healing, and place before you ourselves, our friends and families, and the neighbors and strangers we will meet this day.

For a moment, either silently or aloud, we place before you what rests upon our hearts...

An open space to offer our own petitions and thanksgivings.

People: **Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things we pray:**
 To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly...
 Day by day.

Prayer Leader: We remember before you those who now dwell in your nearer presence, and thank you for making a space for us at your heavenly banquet table.

People: **Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things we pray:**
 To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly...
 Day by day.

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 near the back of the worship service. Offerings can also be made by texting ECCLAKETRAVIS with your amount to **73256**.*

Song of Offering: Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands; my name is written on his heart
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I am; the King of glory and of grace
One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high with Christ my Savior and my God!
With Christ my Savior and my God!

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we with you always.

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 are your grateful people, Lord God, and it is right to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places, but particularly at this table. We thank you for all things; for every grace and mercy; for equipping us and calling us to your service; and for how you are always revealing yourself: in the created order; in the scriptures; through your people, gathered and sent; and fully in your Son, Jesus

Christ, who in the cross makes us right with you, one another, and in our very selves; and who in the Resurrection brings hope and salvation to the whole world.

And so we join the saints and angels proclaiming your glory 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: And now with those throughout the ages who have loved you, and sought you, and followed you, we pray this ancient story: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

By the grace of this table, we pray you to restore and strengthen us through the mercy of your Christ, and by your Spirit renew and equip us that we might love more fully both you and our neighbors.

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.

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.

Please come forward to receive communion as you are led to do so.

Song during Communion: There is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and deep I feel the pain
In prayers the Holy Spirit revives my soul again
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul

If you can't pray like Peter; if you can't be like Paul
Go home and tell your neighbor, he died to save us all
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the wounded soul

Chain Breaker

If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside
There's a better life; there's a better life

If you've got pain, he's a pain taker
If you feel lost, he's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you've got chains, he's a chain breaker

We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
There's a better life; there's a better life

If you've got pain, he's a pain taker
If you feel lost, he's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you've got chains, he's a chain breaker

If you believe it; if you receive it
If you can feel it...somebody testify

If you've got pain, he's a pain taker
If you feel lost, he's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you've got chains, he's a chain breaker

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.

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

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

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