



**Episcopal Church of the Cross
9:30 AM; October 20, 2024
A Service of Holy Baptism
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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!



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: Blessed be God! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever! Amen!**
Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**
Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us pray: Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: II Corinthians 5:17-20

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

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

Gradual: Wade in the Water

All: Wade in the water; wade in the water, children...
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

Solo: See that band all dressed in white

All: God's gonna trouble the water.

Solo: The leader looks like the Israelite.

All: God's gonna trouble the water.

All: Wade in the water; wade in the water, children...
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

Solo: See that band all dressed in red,

All: God's gonna trouble the water.

Solo: Looks like the band that Moses led.

All: God's gonna trouble the water.

All: Wade in the water; wade in the water, children...
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

Solo: Look over yonder, what do I see?

All: God's gonna trouble the water.

Solo: The Holy Ghost a-comin' unto me.

All: God's gonna trouble the water.

All: Wade in the water; wade in the water, children...
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

Solo: If you don't believe I've been redeemed,

All: God's gonna trouble the water.

Solo: Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.

All: God's gonna trouble the water.

All: Wade in the water; wade in the water, children...
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

The Gospel: Mark 10:13-16

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

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

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Message

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Candidates are presented as follows:

Presenters: **I present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Presenters: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Presenters: **I renounce them.**

Presider: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Presenters: **I renounce them.**

Presider: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Presenters: **I renounce them.**

Presider: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Presenters: **I do.**

Presider: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Presenters: **I do.**

Presider: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Presenters: **I do.**

The presider addresses the congregation...

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: **WE WILL!**

Presider: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers for the Candidates

Prayer Leader: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Prayer Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Presider: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

While pouring water upon the candidate for baptism, the presider says...

Presider: _____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The presider then makes the sign of the cross on the person's head with chrism, and says...

Presider: _____, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Presider: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood!**

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**.*

Gradual:

O Gracious Light

O Gracious Light; so pure and bright
Dispel the darkness of our hearts
That by your brightness we may know the light
Incarnate word, grant that the light
Deep and kindled in our hearts
May shine forth and give us divine life

Dayspring of life; to light from light
Pour into every broken heart
Peace and virtue blinded by the light
Oh Jesus Christ, holy and blessed
We sing thy praises in our hearts
God of heaven, giver of all life

Bring your peace, hope and love; bring your peace, Gracious one

O Gracious Light; so pure and bright
Dispel the darkness of our hearts
That by your brightness we may know the light

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.**

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your daughters and sons, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever offer 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 the One 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.

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,

People: **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.

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

Songs During Communion: **Down in the River to Pray**

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on, brothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O fathers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O fathers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O mothers, let's go down
Let's go down; don't you want to go down?
Come on, mothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

Establish the Work of Our Hands

If you don't build it, we labor in vain
Without your Spirit, we stand with no strength
I know my life is passing away
But the works of your hands are what will remain
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us...

O Lord, establish the work of our hands
O Lord, establish the work of our hands

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out your power, we'll pour out your praise
Teach us to run, to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us...

O Lord, establish the work of our hands
O Lord, establish the work of our hands

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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.

Closing Song:

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Glory Glory, Hallelujah, since I laid my burden down.
Glory Glory, Hallelujah, since I laid my burden down.

I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down.
Lord, I'm feeling so much better, since I laid my burden down.

Feel like shouting, Hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down.
Feel like shouting, Hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down.

We are climbing Jacob's ladder; gonna lay our burden down.
Every rung goes higher and higher; gonna lay our burden down.

Gonna reach out, to my neighbor; help them lay their burden down.
Gonna reach out, to my neighbor; help them lay their burden down.

Glory Glory, Hallelujah, since I laid my burden down.
Glory Glory, Hallelujah, since I laid my burden down.

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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