



The Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost
October 26th, 2025
9:30 AM

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

Welcome to Church of the Cross!

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



Welcome

Opening Song

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you
I want to see you
[repeat verse]

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you
I want to see you
[repeat verse]

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People And Blessed is God's kingdom, now and forever! Amen!

The Celebrant may say

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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and
charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you

command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

The Children's Message and Prayer

Then one or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 84:1-6

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Song

“Come Thou Fount”

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! O 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.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 18:9-14

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

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 People

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

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

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

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

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**
Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**
Reader: We pray for our Vicar Search Committee and our next Vicar;
People: **That in a new chapter of our church's life and with God's help we may faithfully serve the world in Your name.**
Reader: We pray for our community partners through our ministry is extended, especially the residents and staff of Foster Village.
People: **That our ministry and our community partners may reflect your light and love in the world.**
Reader: We gave thanks for gift of our ministry together as the Church of the Cross, and for sending us out into our community, nation, and world:
People: **To love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**
Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Offering of prayers and thanksgivings, silently or aloud

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Celebrant

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and 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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The Peace of the Lord be always with you!
People And also with you!

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Offering

Offerings in support of the mission and ministry of Church of the Cross may be placed in the offering basket as it comes by you. Offering may also be made electronically by texting ECCLAKETRAVIS with your amount to 73256.

Song

“Soon and Very Soon”

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!

The Great Thanksgiving *Enriching our Worship*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

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.

Celebrant: 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. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Celebrant: 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.

You are welcome to come forward to receive communion. The blue chalice contains regular wine. The white chalice contains non-alcoholic wine. Gluten free wafers are also available upon request.

Songs “Eat This Bread/Jesus Christ Bread of Life (Taize)”

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

Jesus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hunger.
Jesus Christ, Risen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

Song “Do Lord / This Little Light of Mine”

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me
Look away, beyond the blue.

I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun
I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun
I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun

Look away, beyond the blue.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine; Let it shine; Let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel...No! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel...No! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel...No! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine; Let it shine; Let it shine!

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me
Look away, beyond the blue.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Prayer of St. Francis

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.*

Celebrant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!
People Thanks be to God!

Small Groups

“The Way of the Cross, the Way of Life” (Online Only this Wednesday)
Wednesday at 7pm via Google Meet @ <https://meet.google.com/bno-tfep-vch>

Common Threads~ Tuesday, October 28
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

At the home of Sue Peterson

Common Threads is a group at the ECCLT who meet weekly to knit and do other sorts of handwork. Gatherings begin with sharing a meal. Please bring something to share! All are welcome and you don't have to know how to knit! We have lefties and righties who can teach you. If you are new to knitting, we have supplies to share to get you started.

Men's Morning Fellowship- Friday, October 31

Rosie's Tamale House

13436 W Highway 71, Bee Cave

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Gather for fellowship, to share a meal, and dwell in the scriptures.
Anyone wanting an update can reach out to Leigh Cariker at 817-313-8290
Men's Group (meeting information and summary and contact person

****Prayer requests and requests for lay pastoral care may be sent to churchofthecrosslaketravis@gmail.com. Please specify if you would like your request to be confidential.**

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