



The Feast of St. Francis of  
Assisi  
October 5, 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

**"All Creatures of Our God and King"**

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift rushing winds that are so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, Alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
stars nightly shining, find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*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.

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.*

*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 121

#### ***Levavi oculos***

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
    from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
    the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
    and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
    shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
    the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
    nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
    it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
    from this time forth for evermore.

The Word of the Lord.

People           Thanks be to God.

**Song**

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain ]

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

For yourself, best gift divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
agent of God's grand design:  
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:13-21**

*People*          Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your

guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for our community partners through whom God's love shines, especially El Buen Samaritano.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We pray our Vicar Search Committee and our next Vicar.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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:  
*To love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*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**



*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**

**“Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”**

Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day;  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
to wake at last in heaven's light.

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest,  
faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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. 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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*And may add*

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**

### **“I Come with Joy”**

I Come with Joy  
I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

**“Let All Things Now Living”**

Let All Things Now Living  
Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who guideth us on to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us,  
his light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished,  
all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces,  
the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

*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**

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**  
(Hymnal 1982 #405, words by Cecil Frances Alexander)

### **Refrain:**

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.

*(Refrain)*

The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.

*(Refrain)*

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one.

*(Refrain)*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.

*(Refrain)*

*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!



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## 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 7

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 12

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](mailto:churchofthecrosslaketravis@gmail.com). Please specify if you would like your request to be confidential.

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