



Episcopal Church of the Cross  
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30  
AM; January 18, 2026  
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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.*

### **Church of the Cross Welcomes You!**

If you're with Church of the Cross for the first time today, or close to the first time, please feel free to scan the code below so our clergy can welcome you personally.

Thank you!



Welcome

Opening Song

**“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

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! Oh, 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.

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!  
*People*          **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever! Amen!**

*Celebrant*      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.

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      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, worshipped, 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 people sit.*

## Children's Message and Prayer

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

## A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Song “Ancient Words »

Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart;  
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope,  
Give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world, where e'er we roam,  
Ancient words will guide us Home.

Ancient words ever true,  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh let the Ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith  
Handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice  
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart  
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts  
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*Then, all standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:29-42**

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

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward 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).

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**

*Celebrant*

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.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* 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.*

### **Offering 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 Word.

Sweet the rains 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.

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

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*        **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*        **It is right give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*     It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

*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.**

*Celebrant*     Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People*            **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*      We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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!**

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

**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.

*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.

*Please come forward to receive communion.*

### **Songs during Communion      “Taste and See”**

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

### **“Seek Ye First” By Karen Lafferty**

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Hallelu, Hallelujah

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find

Knock and it shall be opened unto you  
Hallelu, Hallelujah

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

(Hallelujah) When two or three are gathered in My Name  
(Hallelujah) There am I in their midst  
(Hallelujah) And, whatsoever ye ask I will do  
(Hallelujah) Hallelu, Hallelujah

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### 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

#### “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. [Refrain]

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]

### **Dismissal**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>

## Small Groups

Common Threads~ Tuesday, January 20, 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, January 23 at 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.**

## THERE'S STILL TIME - SERVE THIS SUMMER IN INDIA!

Church of the Cross supports the work of Orphan Outreach in India, and you can travel to see the impact of your generosity!

Serve at Dar-Ul-Fazl in Manali, India, July 17-24, 2026!

Whether you've joined others from ECCLT before or this is your first time ever to travel to the other side of the world, you'll never forget a summer in the Himalayas.

We'll travel to Delhi, India, and then continue north to Manali. You'll spend time with the staff and kids at Dar-Ul-Fazl and Rainbow School. We'll teach, encourage, and offer respite to teachers and counselors. You'll feel your own hope renewed as you see hope restored for children and families.

Yes, you'll get to experience places like Spice Market and Chandni Chowk. And if you'd like, there's even an opportunity to see the Taj Mahal.

Ronne Rock is the trip leader, and she has every answer to any question you may have about the journey, the culture, the purpose, the impact.  
Use this QR code or the link for all the details – and registration! The deadline for registration has been extended to February 1st!

<https://orphanoutreach.org/mission/IN26-07IDV>

**2026 India Mission Trip**



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