

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Of Hayward and Castro Valley

You've got questions... We've got questions!

Let's go on a journey together...

*The earth is full of thy glory,
Lord.*



Thanksgiving Day

November 25, 2021

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:15 a.m.

Welcome to Holy Cross Episcopal Church. We are glad you are here and hope you enjoy your time with us. If you are here for the first time, please sign the guest book on the table at the entrance to the church. Also, please take a moment to fill out a “Welcome to Our Guests” card, and place it in the offering basin or hand it to one of our clergy. We would love to get to know you better!

A special note to parents with young children: Relax! Your children are most welcome and encouraged to share our worship time! We expect children to make noise and behave as God has created them—as children!

❖ There are two toy boxes located at the back of the church. One is in front of the Baptismal Font and the other is by the rocker in the left corner of the church (the rocker is for parents and babes in arms), both are full of soft toys and books for the children’s use during the service. Please see that the toys are returned after the service for use next Sunday.

❖ Children’s Worship Bulletins: KidsWord and Little KidsWord for the pre-schoolers are available on clipboards at the back table of the church. Please encourage children to pick one up as they enter the church and return the clipboards to the entrance table before they leave.

Again, we are delighted that you are here to worship with us.

BCP: Book of Common Prayer (The solid red book with a gold cross on the cover.)

<p>CELEBRANTS: All the people gathered PRESIDING: The Rev. Martha Kuhlmann PREACHER: The Rev. Mark Spaulding & the Congregation EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jim DeMersman MUSIC MINISTER: Ray Hickman LECTORS: Cheryl Farley & Richard Patenaude BREAD BAKER: Lynne Lange</p>

The Gathering Rite

Please stand as the altar party enters.

PRELUDE

RAY HICKMAN

HYMN 397

Words: Martin Rinckart

Music: Johann Cruger



Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be-giv-en,
who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re-joice-s;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est hea-ven,
who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
e-ter-nal, Tri-une God, whom earth and heaven a-dore;
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev-er-more.

All standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

FIRST LESSON:

Please sit.

JOEL 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

EPISTLE:

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

HYMN 529

Sung by all, standing.

Words: John Oxenham
 Music: Afro-American Spiritual

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Remain standing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 6:25-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

People

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

THE CONGREGATION GATHERED

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Standing, kneeling or sitting, the people pray responsively.

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

RAY HICKMAN

Your offerings, freely given, of your labor, prayers and financial gifts, makes possible Christ's ministry this week. When offerings have been brought to the altar, a priest will bless the 2022 pledges.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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:

**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.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. **Amen**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMUNION

All are most welcome to come forward to receive communion.

The communion meal is the central act of hospitality and community for the Christian Church and in this spirit, we invite all who would like to receive communion today to come forward to partake of this feast of feasts!

Adults and Children are invited to receive the bread.

If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion or a prayer of blessing, please notify an usher and Eucharistic Ministers will come to you.

Sung by all during the administration of Communion

HYMN 711

Words: Karen Lafferty

Music: Karen Lafferty

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Ask, and it shall be given unto you,

and its right-ous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF WINE AND BREAD FOR OUR THANKSGIVING TABLES

Over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the fruit of the vine: Grant that all who share this wine, which gladdens our hearts, may share for ever the new life of the true Vine, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you bring forth bread from the earth and make the risen Lord to be for us the Bread of life: Grant that we who daily seek the bread which sustains our bodies may also hunger for the food of everlasting life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 405

Sung by all, standing.

Words: Cecil Alexander
Music: Martin Fallas Shaw

Descant
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.

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

DISMISSAL

(RESPONSE: "THANKS BE TO GOD!")

POSTLUDE

RAY HICKMAN