



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Tryon, North Carolina

The Diocese of Western North Carolina

Sunday, December 11, 2011

The Third Sunday of Advent

Rector, The Very Reverend Dr. Michael Doty

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8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Rite One

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Voluntary

Siciliano

J. S. Bach

From Sonata in E flat for flute and clavier, BWV 1031

(1685-1750)

Processional Hymn: #76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

Opening Acclamation

BCP p.323

Kyrie eleison (Hymnal #S-91)

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The Collect of the Day

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Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

*The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,*

*and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.*

Please Stand

Choral Anthem

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord
Canticle 15, *The Song of Mary*, Luke 1:46-65

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

*The Church of the Holy Cross seeks to welcome, love, and
serve all people as we come to know God through Jesus Christ*

Welcome, Visitors! We extend a warm welcome to you. In your pew you will find a visitor's card with a gold cross inside. Please fill out the card and put it in the collection plate. Also, please wear the gold cross on your lapel so that we may greet you.

There is a Nursery available each Sunday. Just ask the ushers to direct you.

This week's Bach's Lunch Wednesday at Noon Recital, December 14, features John Malloy, violin; Rex Gallatin, French horn; and Kymric Mahnke, piano, performing the Brahms Horn Trio in E flat, Op. 40. Before and after the recital, box lunches prepared by caterer and church member Renee Duvall will be available for purchase for \$5.00. Upcoming Advent Recital at noon on Wednesday, December 21 – Crys Armbrust, organ, with Joseph Pullara, trumpet

The Daughters of the King has changed their regular meeting time. They will now gather on Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 pm. Then will attend the Wednesday evening worship service together in the chapel. The first meeting on the new schedule will be January 11, 2012.

The musical troupe, *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year* will perform at Holy Cross Parish Hall at 3pm and 7pm on December 17. Tickets (benefiting Habitat) are \$10.

Please remember those in need this winter season. There are donation boxes in the hall for Hospice, Thermal Belt Food Pantry and the diaper collection. Monetary gifts to the Holy Cross Outreach fund will also be put to excellent use. There are envelopes in the pew if you care to participate.

The Thursday morning group, **CROSSINGS** continues with *Simple Living* led by Faith Weathington. This is just the right study for the season of Advent. Please join us!

Starting on January 5, 2012, the **Crossings** group will have a book study for four weeks. We will discuss two novels, *Gilead* and *Home* both by Marilyn Robinson. These stories are set in 1950's Iowa and tell the story of two protestant ministers who are next-door neighbors. As you will see, the stories of the two men overlap. This is excellent contemporary literature. Please join the discussion led by Wanda May. Please read **Gilead** first and be ready to talk about the first half on January 5. Books available at The Book Shelf or online. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Common Room.

PRAYER LIST DECEMBER 11, 2011

Phyllis Ackerman
Leslie Burgess
Jack Carey
Ann Cornay
Sandra Cox
John Cummings
Ann Curtis
Ernie Dillard
Michael Doty
Jenny Drummond
Chris Killough
Anita Knopp

Bill McCown
Suzie Mercke
Lynn Page
Tom Schwab
Arthur Smith
Tom
Jim & Sue Trollinger
Caroline Wells
Holly Zeese
Mike Zink

Our friends at
White Oak
Laurel Woods
Autumn Care
Tryon Estates
and those who
minister to them

*Holy Cross Members
shown in **BOLD***

To place someone on the prayer list, please take a form from the office door, fill it out and put it in Wanda's mailbox. Please use the prayer list for acute or crisis situations. We will leave the name on for a month or so before we remove it. We attempt to review the prayer list periodically in order to stay current.

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gradual Hymn: #67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

The Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Deacon: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.*

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Deacon: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

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Announcements and Blessings	
Offertory Anthem Sonata No. 10 in F major, Op. 5, for violin and piano A. Corelli Preludio – Adagio (1653-1713) Jessica Stewart, violinist	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Communion Hymn: #640 Watchman, tell us of the night <i>Aberystwyth</i>	
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The Blessing	
Recessional Hymn: #74 Blest be the King <i>Valet will ich dir geben</i>	
The Dismissal	
Voluntary Hark! The Glad Sound Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)	

Thank you, Jessica Stewart, for playing the lovely offertory this morning.

Serving Today, December 11			Serving December 18		
	8:30	10:30		8:30	10:30
Greeter	Gordon Downe	Geoff Carey	Greeter	Dorothy Wyckoff	Joan Shepherd
Greeter	Karen Johnston	Frances McCain	Greeter	M. Ellen Wuerfel	Wanda Doar
Usher	Caroline Chapman	Doug Price	Usher	Alan Batchelder	Nancy Ernst
Usher	Austin Chapman	Paul Zeese	Usher	Tom Wuerfel	Harry Sams
Crucifer	Annie Doar	Madison Alexander	Crucifer	Ed Craig	Todd Walter
Acolyte	Annie Doar	Sara Seagle	Acolyte	Ed Craig	Lori Walter
Acolyte			Acolyte		Katy Murphy
Lector	Renee Duvall	Cindy Barnett	Lector	Alan Batchelder	Charles Breuer
Prayers	Renee Duvall	Penn Dean	Prayers	Norma Batchelder	
Chalice	John Salmon	Boyd Correll	Chalice	Bo Edwards	Peter Franklin
Chalice	Ken Johnston	Bill Kelly	Chalice	Hoppy Long	Harriett Sams
LEV	Ken Johnston	Bill Kelly	LEV	Hoppy Long	Harriett Sams
LEV	John Salmon	Ruth Goodson	LEV		Boggs/Giner-Sorolla
Coffee	Wyckoff/ J.Carey	Shackelford/Wright & Franklin	Coffee	Saunders	Penn Dean
Altar Guild	Carmen Preston, Pat Seifert, Frankie Hillhouse, Lynn Page		Altar Guild:	Allison Price, Katherine Wall Pam Willis Lynn Page	
Linens:	Audrey Klatte		Linens:	Audrey Klatte	
Flower Guild:	Virginia Correll, Renee Duvall		Flower Guild:	Virginia Correll, Renee Duvall	

Birthdays

12/11	Betty Knopp
12/12	Mary Shapleigh
12/12	Aase Langgaard
12/12	Jean Chesnutt
12/13	Ann McGill
12/13	Todd Walter
12/14	Mimi Pospisil
12/15	Julia Harmon
12/16	Sallie Page