



Sunday. Every Day.

Christ Church Episcopal
HOLY CROSS

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

· Wednesday, September 16, 2026 · · Chapel · 5:30 p.m. ·

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Opening Sentences

Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Kyrie

Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12:31-36a
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

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

Please be seated.

Reflection

You may kneel or sit.

The Prayers of the People Form VI, Page 392, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Confession Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Candle Lighting

*We continue our prayers through the lighting of votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others.
You are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers.*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Music

You may kneel or sit.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Blessing

Please stand.

Final Hymn

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introduction to Hispanic Theology: From the Spanish Golden Age to the U.S. Latino Experience | Sept 13 & 20 10:15-11:00am | Room 106

What makes Hispanic theology unique? More than a field of study, it is a way of understanding God's work through the history, culture, struggles, and hopes of Hispanic peoples. In these two sessions, we will trace its journey from the Spanish Golden Age to the Latino experience in the United States, discovering how faith, migration, and cultural identity have shaped a distinctive vision of the Gospel and continue to enrich the life of the Church.

Joyful Friends Luncheon

Featuring Maggie FitzRoy on Writing Process and Historical Fiction

Sept 22 | 11:30 am – 1:00pm | Westbury Hall
RSVP online or at the front office by September 14.

Spiritual Writing Circle

Thursdays, Sept 24-Nov 12 | 6:30-8pm

You'll be given helpful writing prompts to get started - use this dedicated time to either begin or continue your writing journey in a friendly, supportive group. For more information, contact Alicia Bakewell at abakewell25@gmail.com.



For a complete list of events, ministry activities, and more please visit our website.

HOLY CROSS DAY

During the reign of Constantine, first Roman Emperor to profess the Christian faith, his mother Helena went to Israel and there undertook to find the places especially significant to Christians. (She was helped in this by the fact that in their destructions around 135, the Romans had built pagan shrines over many of these sites.) Having located, close together, what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (at locations that modern archaeologists think may be correct), she then had built over them the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which was dedicated on 14 September 335. It has become a day for recognizing the Cross (in a festal atmosphere that would be inappropriate on Good Friday) as a symbol of triumph, as a sign of Christ's victory over death, and a reminder of His promise, "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

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