Opening Hymn: Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless  H 343 (v. 1-3)

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

Opening Acclamation
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Salutation
Celebrant God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Lessons

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

1  The Lord is my shepherd; *  
    I shall not be in want.

2  He makes me lie down in green pastures *  
    and leads me beside still waters.

3  He revives my soul *  
    and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4  Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
    I shall fear no evil; *  
    for you are with me;  
    your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5  You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *  
    you have anointed my head with oil,  
    and my cup is running over.

6  Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *  
    and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.
“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

The Gospel John 10:1-10

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ
Sermon

The Rev. Michael P. Flanagan†

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Andrew, our Bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and our retired bishops.

We pray for the staff, Vestry and Program Council of Holy Cross. We pray for the children and families of Holy Cross Academy

We pray for the world:
For Cameron and Roberto, our missionaries; For the victims and families of the covid-19 pandemic

We pray for the community:
For Donald. Our president, Henry, our governor, Paul, our mayor and for all who lead and serve. For our first responders and members of the medical community

We pray for those in need:
For all who are sick, those who are homebound and for those who struggle financially during this time
We remember those who have died and those who mourn: Arthur Roth, father of Pamela Brandreth and longtime Holy Cross Member. Kay Maluchnik, longtime member of Holy Cross.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries: For our Holy Cross ministry partners and those who serve the poor and the disadvantaged.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our home-coming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant  The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

(Let us greet one another in the name of Christ)

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues
Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of
promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Presider and People:**

Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed ______, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**People:** Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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.
**Fraction Anthem**  
*Celebrant: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.*  
*People: Whoever eats this bread will live forever.*  
*Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God; holy food for holy people.*

**The Communion of the People**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Blessing**

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ’s hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.  
(source: Celtic)

**Closing Music: Jesus Messiah**

He became sin, Who knew no sin  
That we might become His Righteousness  
He humbled himself and carried the cross

Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn

Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You
All the glory to You God, the light of the world

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all
You’re the Lord of all
The Lord of all

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