

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Sept 19, 2021, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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† **WE KNOW CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORD** †

**Opening Hymn:**

**Sing Praise to God**

**H 408**

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation;**

**with healing balm my soul he fills,  
and ever faithless murmur stills:  
to God all praise and glory.**

**What God's almighty power hath made,  
his gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.**

**Within the kingdom of his might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory.**

**Let all who name Christ's holy Name  
give God all praise and glory;  
let all who know his power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story!**

**Cast each false idol from its throne,  
the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory.**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant: Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.*

**People: Glory to God forever and ever.**

**Collect for Purity.**

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.**

**Gloria**

**S 280**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day**

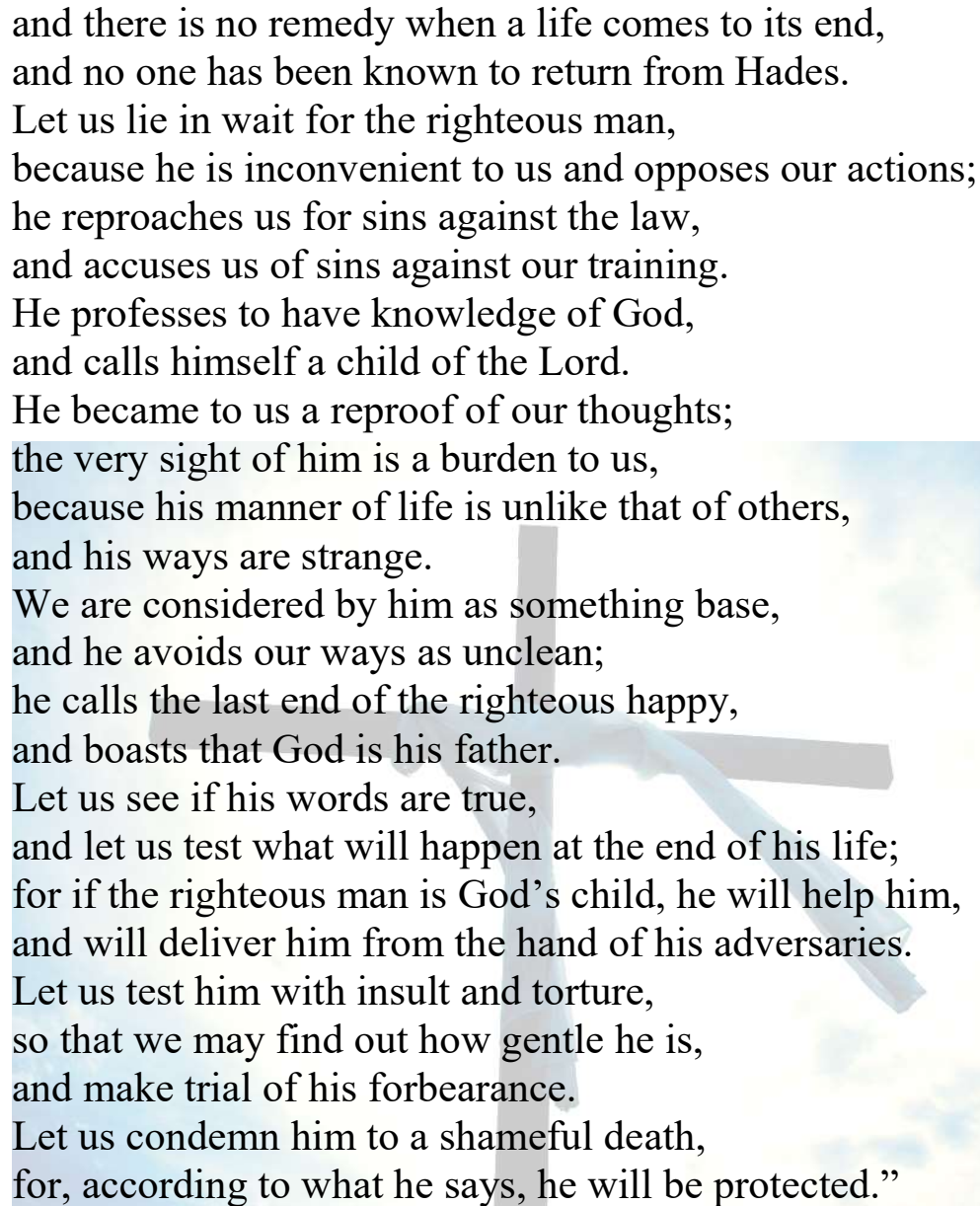
Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Lessons**

**Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22**

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away  
and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
“Short and sorrowful is our life,



and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.  
Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.  
He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.  
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;  
the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.  
We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.  
Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;  
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.  
Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 54

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

### The Epistle

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,

without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

**Take My Life, and Let It Be H707**

**Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne**

**Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

## **Gospel Announcement**

*The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

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

### **The Gospel**

**Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

*Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord*

**People: Praise to you Lord Christ**

### **Sermon**

**The Rev. Erin Rath †**

### **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 Joe, 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.**

### **Holy Cross Prayer**

**Almighty God, whose son was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world into his saving embrace: Bless, preserve and nurture all your people, and especially the people of Holy Cross, that we may grow in you. Renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit that our love deepens, our faith is confirmed and our commitment to your service endures. Give us the power to offer you all we have, believing that you will bless it and make it an abundant offering to the world in your name. And as you transform our gifts O Lord, transform us. That we may become your disciples, who know Christ and make Him known. For it is in your name that we pray, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.*

(Silence may be kept)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

**Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.**

**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)

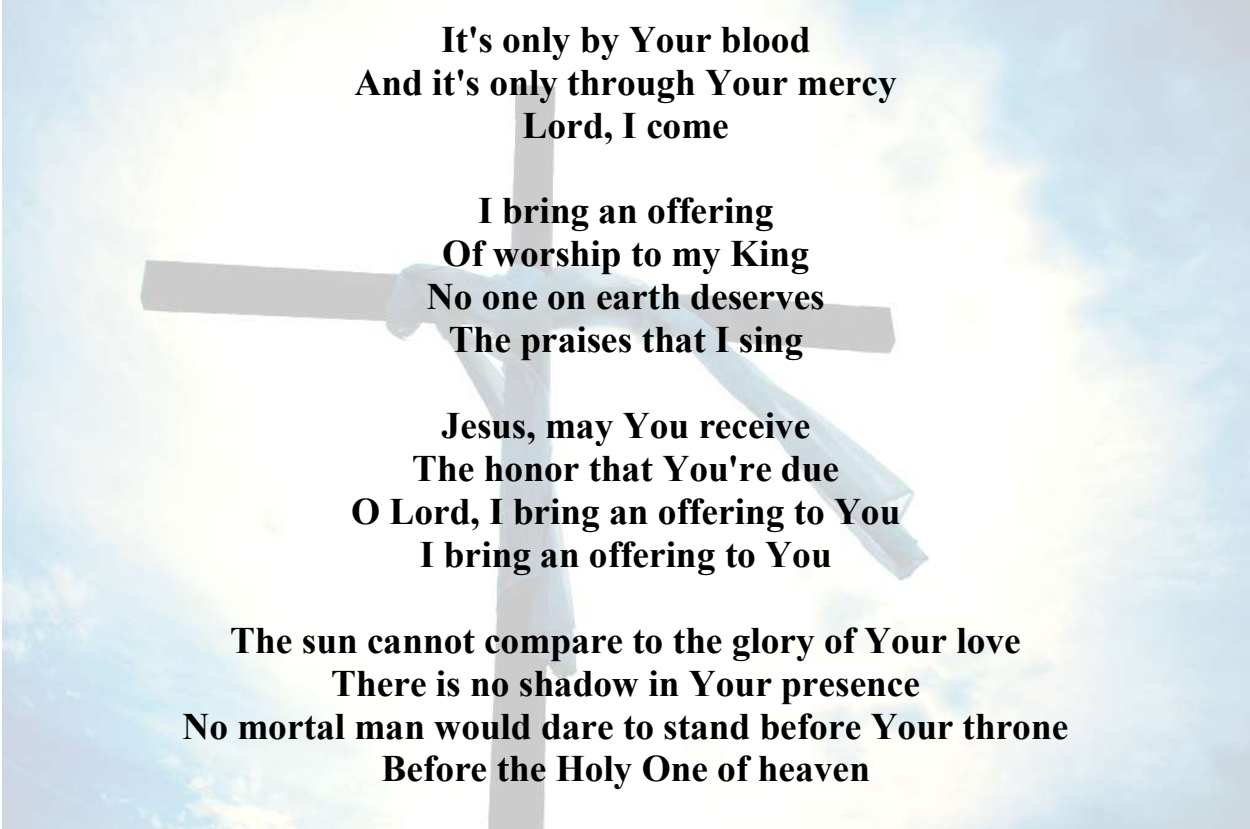


## **Announcements**

### **Offertory**

### **Offering**

**The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love  
There is no shadow in Your presence  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne  
Before the Holy One of heaven**



**It's only by Your blood  
And it's only through Your mercy  
Lord, I come**

**I bring an offering  
Of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves  
The praises that I sing**

**Jesus, may You receive  
The honor that You're due  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You  
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**To You, my King, I bring an offering to You, Lord  
Oh my King, Jesus, my King  
I bring an offering to You, to You, my King  
Oh, it's the least that I can do  
Sacrifice of praise, offering, thanks and gratitude  
To You, my King, to You**

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**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer 1**

*Celebrant The Lord be with you.*

**People And also with you.**

*Celebrant Lift up your hearts.*

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation,*

*we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:*

**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 Celebrant continues*

*Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.*

*You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.*

*Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.*

*On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."*

*Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

*Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.*

*Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.*

*Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.***

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

**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**

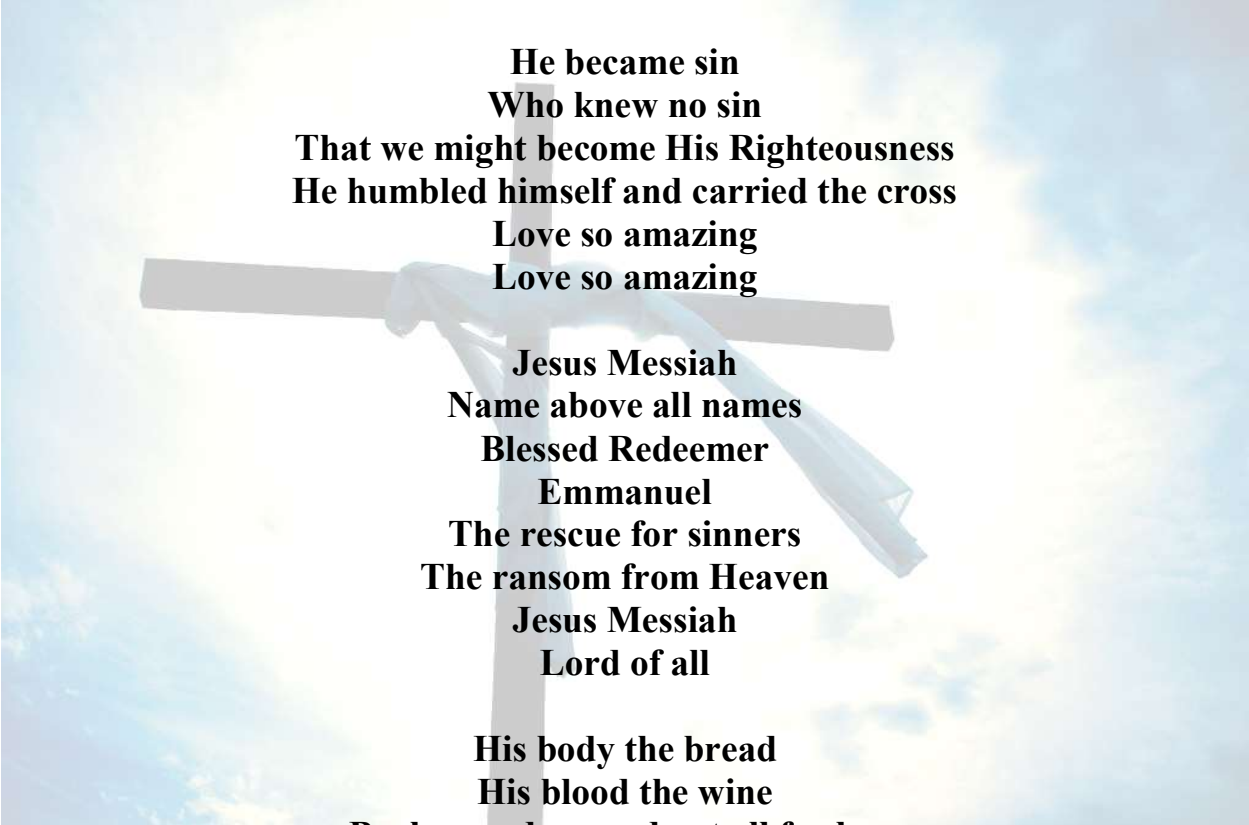
**us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

*Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

### **The Communion of the People     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, yeah**

**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**



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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**

**Post Communion 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.**

**PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

*Please Stand*

*Celebrant: We send you out to share Communion this week.*

**People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

*Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*

**The Blessing:**

**Closing Music:                    Hosanna**

**Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You  
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day  
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away**

**Hosanna, hosanna  
You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus**

**Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new  
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*Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**



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