

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sept 12, 2021, Holy Cross Day

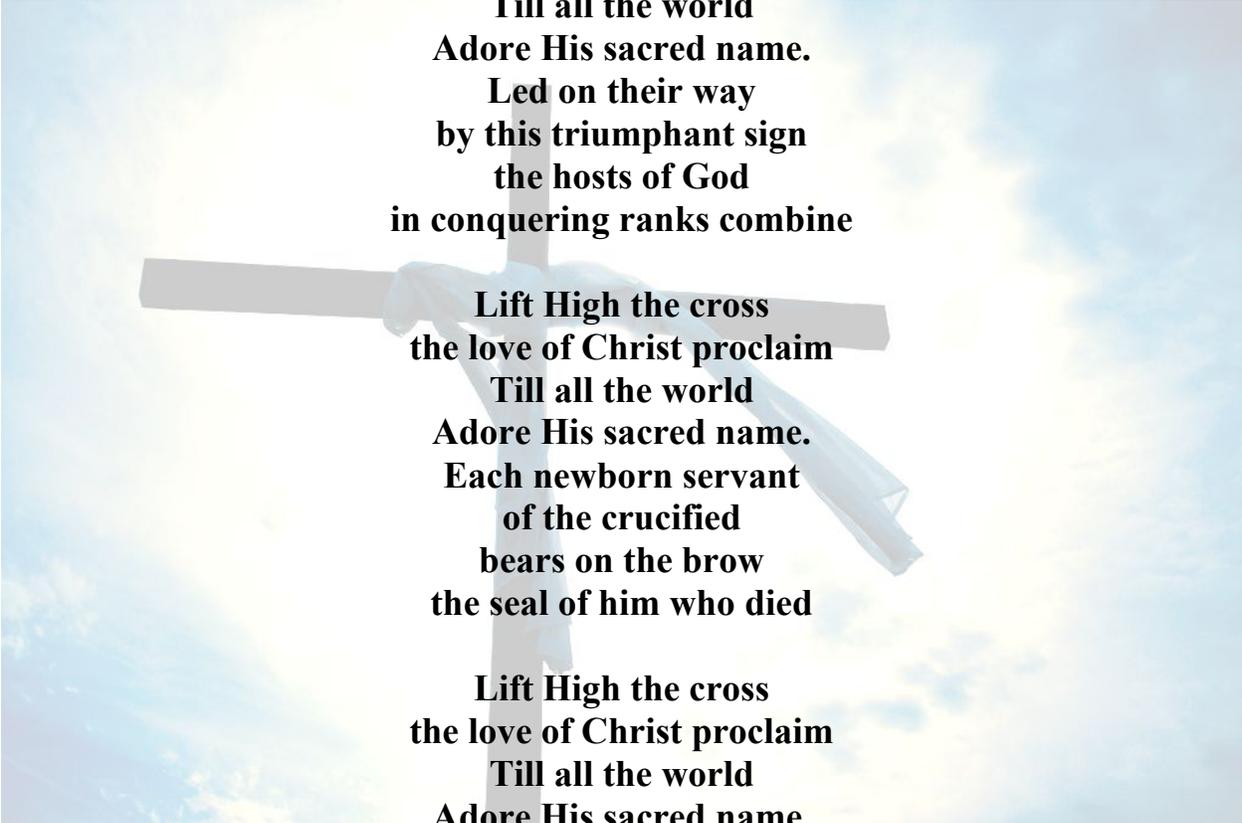
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† WE KNOW CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORD †

Opening Hymn:

Lift High the Cross

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Lift High the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world
Adore His sacred name.
Led on their way
by this triumphant sign
the hosts of God
in conquering ranks combine

Lift High the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world
Adore His sacred name.
Each newborn servant
of the crucified
bears on the brow
the seal of him who died

Lift High the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world
Adore His sacred name.
O Lord once lifted
on the glorious tree
as thou hast promised
draw the world to thee.

Lift High the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world
Adore His sacred name.
So shall our song

**of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified
for victory**

**Lift High the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world
Adore His sacred name.**

]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

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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

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.**

Lessons

Isaiah 45:21-25

Declare and present your case;
let them take counsel together!

Who told this long ago?
Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, the Lord?
There is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Saviour;
there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.

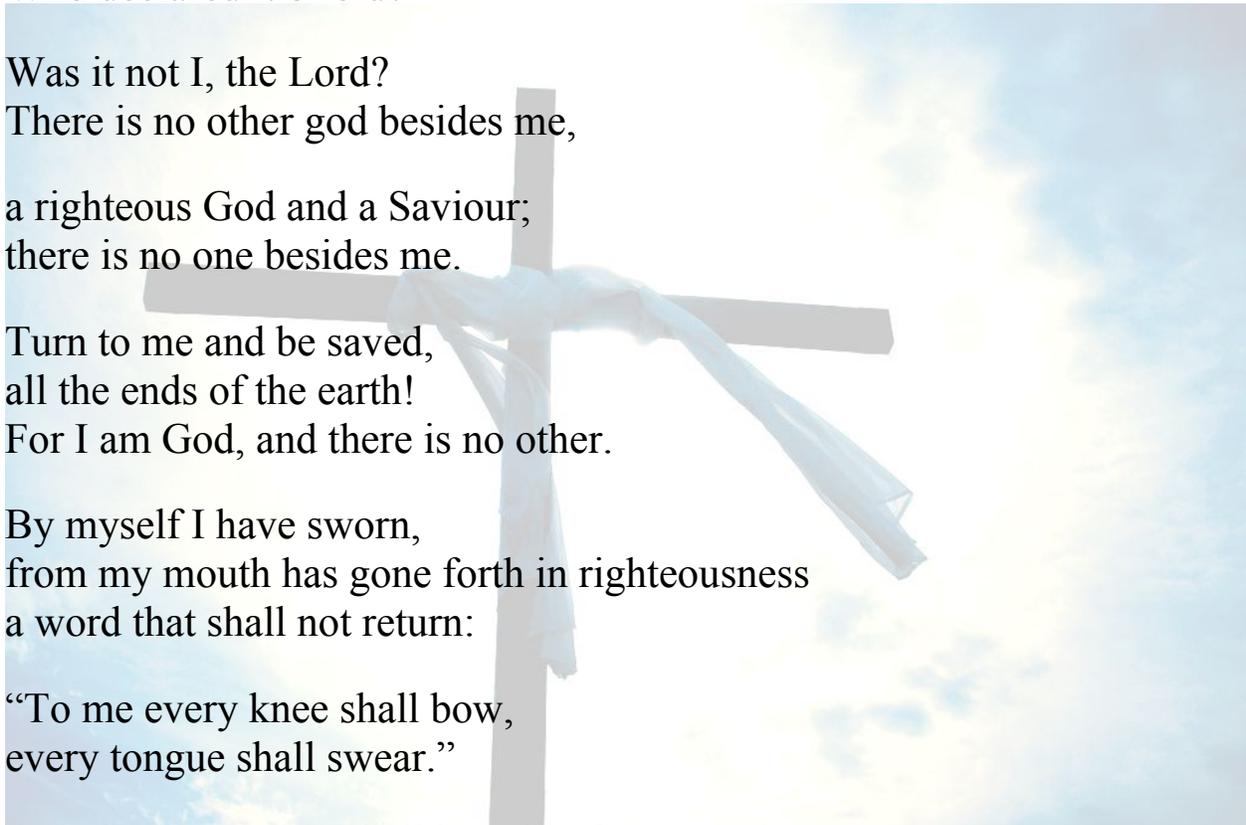
By myself I have sworn,
from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness
a word that shall not return:

“To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear.”

Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;

all who were incensed against him
shall come to him and be ashamed.

In the Lord all the offspring of Israel
shall triumph and glory.



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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 [Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.]

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

I want to Walk as a Child of the Light

H 490

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness,
shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.**

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 12:31-36a

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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

Brenda Martinez

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.

Father, enliven the Church for it's mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

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

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

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

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.
That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked to ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:
For all who are sick, those who are homebound and for those who struggle financially during this time

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for (n) and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

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

The Cross

C. Courtney

choir

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

PSB 94

**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.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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 before 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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:

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: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Communion of the People Lord I Need You

**Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart**

**Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me**

**Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

**So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay**

**Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

**You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

**My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

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

Blessing:

Closing Music:

God You Reign

**You paint the night
You count the stars and You call them by name
The skies proclaim
God You reign
Your glory shines
You teach the sun when to bring a new day
Creations sings
God You reign
God You reign
God You reign
Forever and ever
God You reign
You part the seas
You move the mountains with the words that you say**

**My song remains
God You reign
You hold my life
You know my heart and You call me by name
I live to say**

**God You reign
God You reign
God You reign
Forever and ever
God You reign
God You reign
God You reign
I know you reign
Forever and ever
God You reign**

**Hallelujah
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Hallelu**

**God You reign
God You reign
Forever and ever
God You reign
God You reign
God You reign
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God You reign
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**Forever and ever
God You reign
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Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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