

# HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 13, 2020 Holy Cross Day

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† WE KNOW CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORD †

Opening Hymn:

Lift High the Cross

H 473 (v. 1 & 4)

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.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory.

## Opening Acclamation

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

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

## 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.

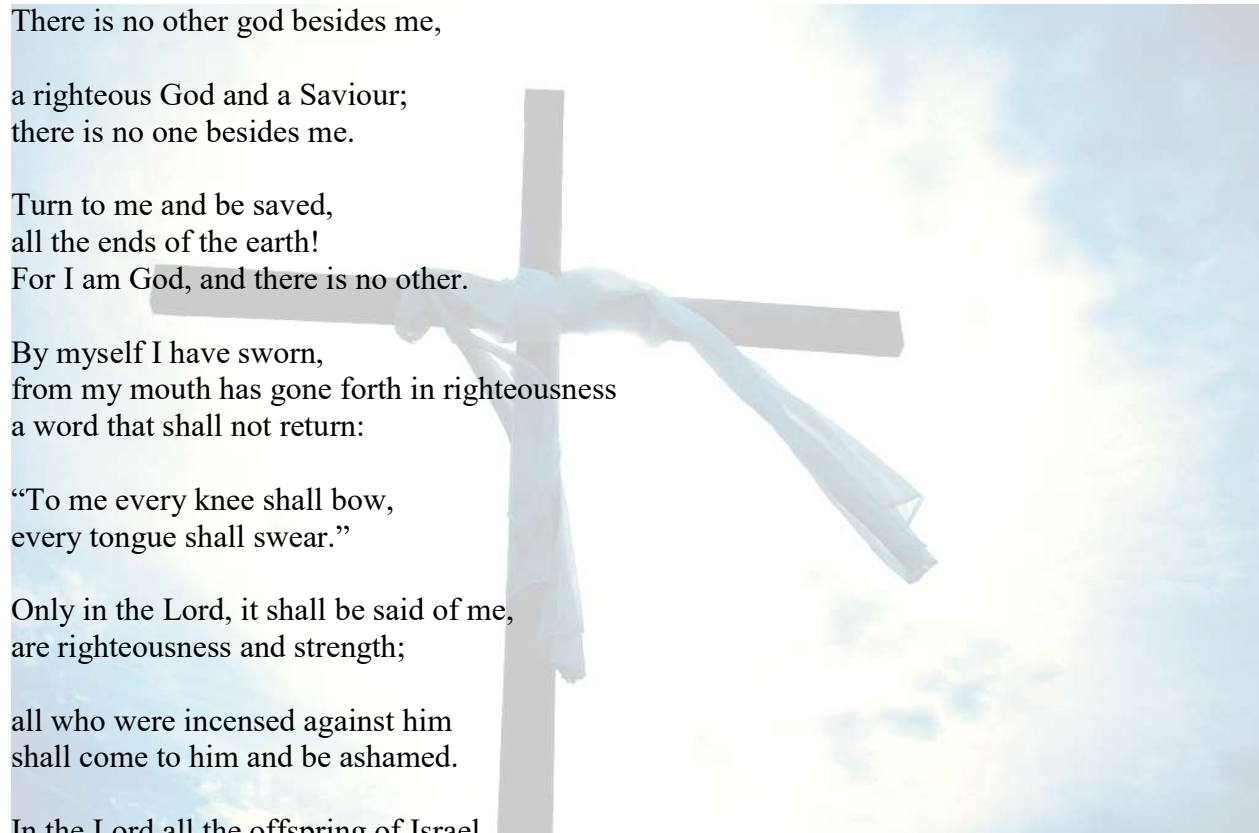
By myself I have sworn,  
from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness  
a word that shall not return:

“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**

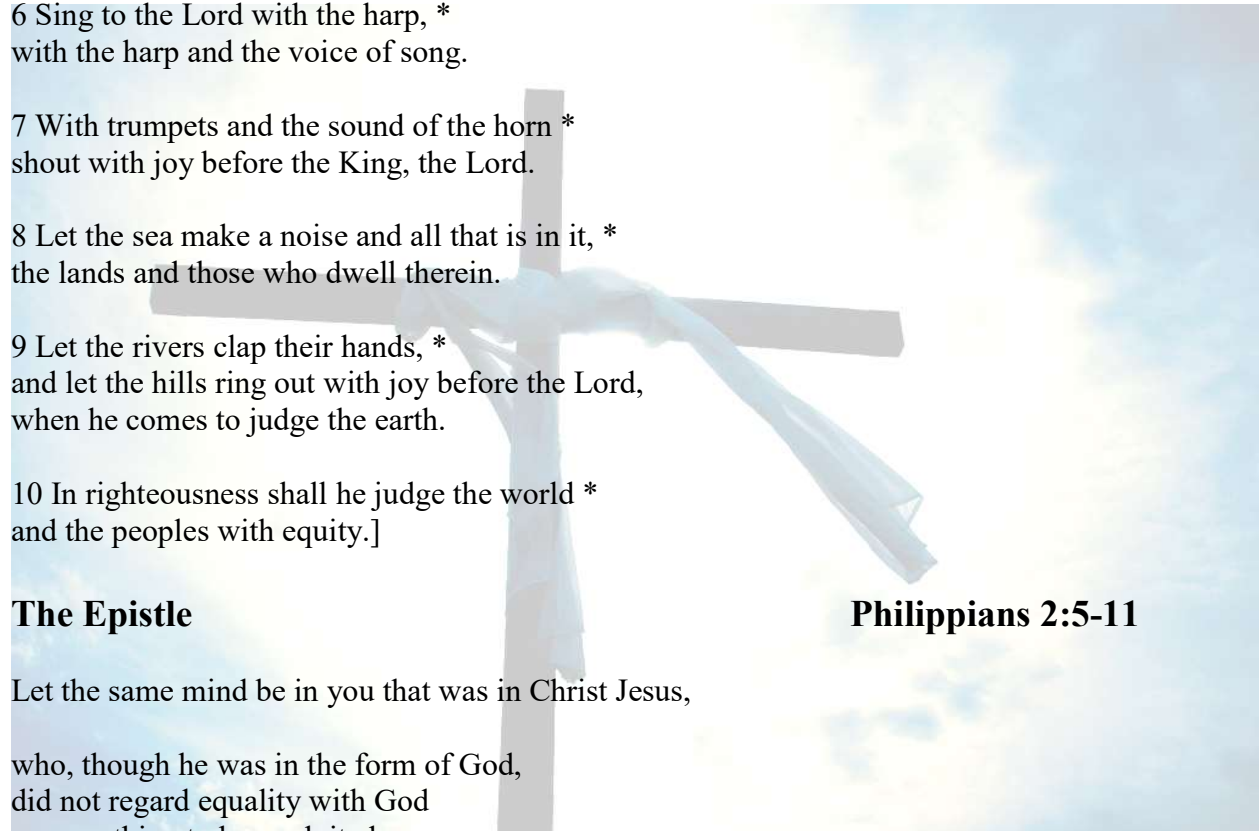
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

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.

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### **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**

**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.

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 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

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 to God.*  
(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)

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*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.*

## **Eucharistic Prayer 1**

*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 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: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.*

**People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**The Communion of the People**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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:**

## **Who You Say I Am**

**Who am I that the highest King would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me**

**Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God yes I am  
Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me**

**Yes He died for me  
Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God yes I am**

**I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who you say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who you say I am**

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I'm a child of God yes I am**

**I'm a child of God yes I am  
I'm a child of God yes I am Dismissal**

*Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**



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