

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN  
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# Holy Cross Day

Sunday 13th September 2020

10.30 am

## Welcome!

Welcome to our worship as we celebrate Holy Cross Day. A **note of explanation:** *'The cross on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal symbol for Christianity, replacing the fish symbol of the early church, though the latter has been revived in recent times. After the end of the persecution era, early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at the places associated with the life of Jesus. Helena, the mother of the emperor, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year 335.'* The cross has also **been described as a 'multi-faceted jewel' as we gaze upon it we** learn different truths from different angles such as mercy, love, forgiveness, compassion and the list continues into eternity.

The worship today and for a while yet will be slightly different to pre-lockdown. Aside from social distancing, congregational singing is not yet permitted although a small choir is. We will be experimenting with what music is appropriate and when during the liturgy.

Holy Communion is to be received in one kind only - the bread, but this is still receiving Jesus spiritually and sacramentally. We are also being encouraged to keep acts of worship slightly shorter (as we have modelled with the online Eucharists) to lower the risk of transmission. There will be further instructions within our order of service (in italics) please do take note of them.

*Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself  
all things, whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.*

*Colossians 1.20*

# We Worship God Together

Introit Anthem

***Please remain seated for the introit anthem 'God so loved the world' from 'Crucifixion' by Sir John Stainer.***

Notices

*The notices are given and Banns of Marriage are read. After the notices a few moments of silence are kept.*

Processional Hymn Improvisation

*Please stand as the organ plays the music of the hymn. The words are provided in italics for prayer and praise as the ministers enter.*

*Praise to the holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.*

*3.O generous love! That he, who smote  
in man for man the foe,  
the double agony in man  
for man should undergo;*

*2.O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.*

*4.and in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.*

*5. Praise to the holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.*

Words: JOHN HENRY NEWMAN (1801-90) Tune: GERONTIUS J B Dykes (1823-76)

The Invocation

✠ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

*Please sit.*

*The deacon introduces the confession.*

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,  
so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds we have been healed. 1 Peter 2.24  
Let us confess our sins.

*A time of quiet is kept.*

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us  
to one another and to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

*The priest declares God's forgiveness and healing.*

May the Father ✠forgive you  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.  
Amen.

The Gloria

*Please stand. A said responsive form of the Gloria is led by the deacon.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Glory to God in the highest.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
Glory to God in the highest.

we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Glory to God in the highest.

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.  
Glory to God in the highest.

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.  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Amen.

## The Collect

*The president leads the prayer appointed for today.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
Amen.

*Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.*

## **We Listen to God's Word**

Gospel Reading - John 3.13-17

*The deacon introduces the Gospel.*

Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

**Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

**'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.**

**'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily  
Canon David Edwards

*Please sit.*

We Pray

*After each prayer petition, the following response is used:*

**By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.**

*After a time of quiet,*

Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## *We Share Holy Communion*

*Please stand.*

The Peace

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.  
The peace of Lord be always with you  
and also with you.

Preparation of the Altar-Choir Hymn

*Please be seated for the laying of the altar. The choir group sing*

*When I survey the wondrous cross,  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
**did e'er such love and sorrow meet,**  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*His dying crimson like a robe,  
**spreads o'er his body on the tree;**  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Prayer of Offering

Merciful God,  
through the death of your beloved Son  
you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory.  
Receive all we bring before you this day,  
and renew us in the mystery of his love;  
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.  
Amen.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving.*

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.



As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven (*saying*):  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Please sit. After a few moments of quiet, the priest introduces the Lord's Prayer*

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.



## Sharing of Communion

*The priest invites us to share communion.*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*Owing to COVID regulations, no words are used when offering and receiving communion. The priest now offers the bread to be distributed and shared saying (to all those who wish to receive):*

The body of Christ.

*All who wish to receive respond*

Amen.

*Holy Communion is now offered. Please only move when directed by a steward. You will find instructions on which route to take on a laminated card on your pew. The bread is received standing and queuing at two metre intervals. Please remove your face mask just for the eating of the bread. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and the sign of the cross will be made over you in blessing. During the distribution of Holy Communion the Kyrie from the Communion Service in F by Harold Darke and the anthem Praise to thee, Lord Jesus by Heinrich Schütz.*

## We pray after Communion

*The priest introduces the post communion prayer.*

Let us pray

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree  
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes:  
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,  
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **We are sent out into God's world**

### The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the ✠blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

*The deacon leads the dismissal.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary  
**Rondeau (from 'Abdelazer') Henry Purcell (1659-1695)**

*During the playing of the voluntary, the president and deacon process to the font.*

*Please leave from the back pews first. The north aisle and south aisle pew section leave first before the central nave aisles followed by the balcony. Please also maintain social distancing.*

*South aisle - leave via the South Door (unless accessible exit is needed)  
Central aisle south - leave via the South Door using the south aisle (unless accessible exit is needed)*

*North aisle - leave via the North Door  
Central aisle north - leave via the North Door using the north aisle*

*Balcony - please leave via the South Door when other sections have exited.*

*Please sanitize hands when leaving.*

Thank you so much for being here today.  
**Booking for next week's service opens 10 am on Monday.**

Please take this order of service (and the bulletin) home with you  
to minimise any transmission risk.

## An Acclamation on the Holy Cross for prayer at home

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.  
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,  
the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

*cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6*