

## 14 September 2025 – Holy Cross Day

### GATHERING SONG

253 There is a Redeemer

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*Stand*

142 – Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

### GREETING

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

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters,  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves  
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

You came to reconcile us to the Father,  
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.  
**Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

You heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
**Have mercy, Christ, have mercy.**

You intercede for us at the right hand of the Father:  
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.  
**Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth  
peace to people of good will.**

*Repeat*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

*Refrain*

**Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus Christ,  
Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy, mercy on us:  
have mercy, mercy on us;**

**you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;  
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand,  
at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy, mercy on us;  
have mercy, mercy on us.**

*Refrain*

**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, glory of God,  
the glory of God the Father.**

*Refrain*

**Amen! Amen!**

<b>COLLECT</b>
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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;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

<b>FIRST READING:</b>
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Numbers 21.4-9
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<i>Sit</i>
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***“We have sinned by speaking against the Lord  
and against you”***

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.’ Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the

Lord to take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b>
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Psalm 22.23–28
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*The kingdom is the Lord’s and he rules over the nations.*

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

*The kingdom is the Lord’s and he rules over the nations.*

For he has not despised nor abhorred  
the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them;  
but when they cried to him he heard them.

*The kingdom is the Lord’s and he rules over the nations.*

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those that fear you.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts  
shall live for ever.

*The kingdom is the Lord’s and he rules over the nations.*

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
For the kingdom is the Lord’s  
and he rules over the nations.

*The kingdom is the Lord’s and he rules over the nations.*

<b>SECOND READING:</b>
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Philippians 2.6-11
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***At the name of Jesus every knee should bend***

Christ Jesus, 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.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Stand*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:**

John 3.13-17

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***God so loved the world***

Jesus said to Nicodemus “No one has ever gone  
into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the  
Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the  
wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that  
everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.  
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only  
Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but  
have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the  
world to condemn the world, but to save the world  
through him”.

The Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**HOMILY**

*Sit*

**NICENE CREED**

*Stand*

**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 from the Holy Spirit**

and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped 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.

<b>INTERCESSIONS</b>
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*Stand*

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

<b>PEACE</b>
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Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS:  
I Am The Living Bread From Heaven**

I am the living bread from heaven,  
I am the living bread from heaven,  
That came down from heaven.

*Repeat*

I am the living bread, I am the living bread,  
Whoever eats of this bread, eats of the bread,  
Will live forever, ever, ever.

I am the living bread from heaven,  
I am the living bread from heaven,  
That came down, came down, came down,  
from heaven.

*During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested.*

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**OFFERTORY HYMN:  
How deep the Father's love for us**

**How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYERS

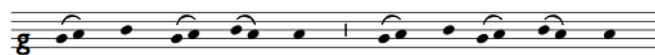
Pray, my brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept  
the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

May this oblation, O Lord,  
which on the altar of the Cross  
cancelled the offence of the whole world,  
cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**R.** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might:  
heaven and earth, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory, your power and might.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest heavens.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest heavens.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes,  
blessed, blessed is he who comes;  
blessed is he, blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest heavens.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest heavens.**

*The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come; Lord Jesus, come.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest heav'ns.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer  
At the end all sing*



**A - men.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

**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.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God and source of life:  
Jesus, loving bearer of our sins:**

*Hear our prayer, have mercy;  
Hear our prayer, have mercy;  
give us your peace.*

**Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man:  
Jesus, true redeemer of the world:**

**Jesus Christ, our Way, our Truth, our Life:  
Jesus Christ, our living cornerstone:**

**Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light:  
Jesus, here in form of bread and wine:**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

This is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy 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.**

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please  
bring your service sheet with you.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN: When I survey the wondrous cross**

**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.**

## **COMMUNION HYMN:**

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
for thy Flesh is meat indeed;  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living Bread;  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies  
This blest Cup of sacrifice;  
'Tis thy wounds our healing give,  
To thy cross we look and live:  
Thou our life! oh let us be  
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.**

<b>PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION</b>
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<i>Stand</i>
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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**

<b>NOTICES</b>
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<i>Sit</i>
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<b>BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL</b>
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<i>Stand</i>
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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

✠May almighty God bless you,  
the Father,  
and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

<b>RECESSIONAL HYMN:</b>
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<b>82 – It is a thing most wonderful</b>
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