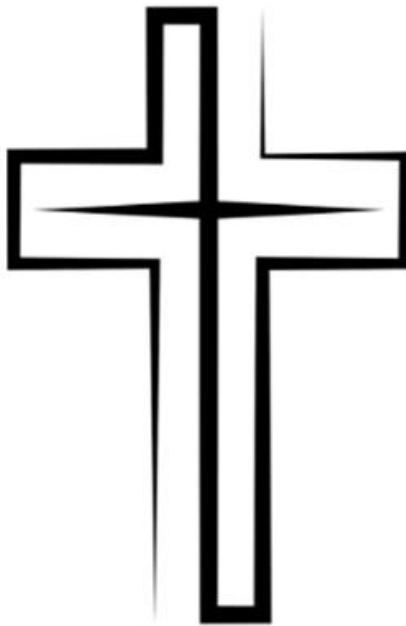


Church of the Holy Cross

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 30, 2026
10 a.m.
Holy Communion

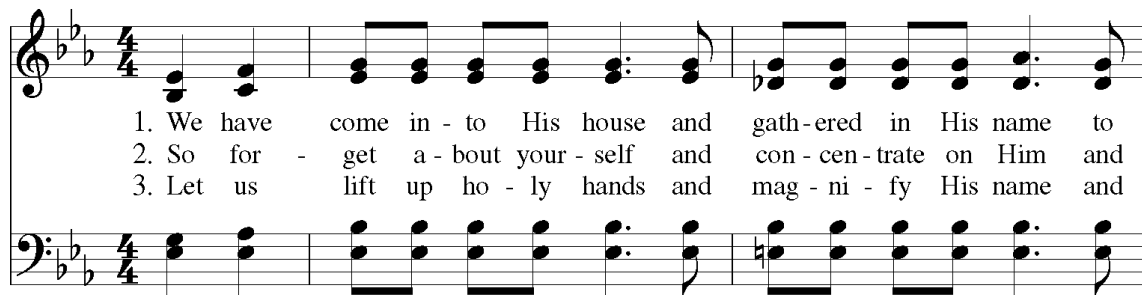
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Gathering of the People

Prelude *Silence is appreciated as we prepare to worship*

Opening Hymn LEVAS 245 *We have come into His house*



1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to
 2. So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and
 3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and



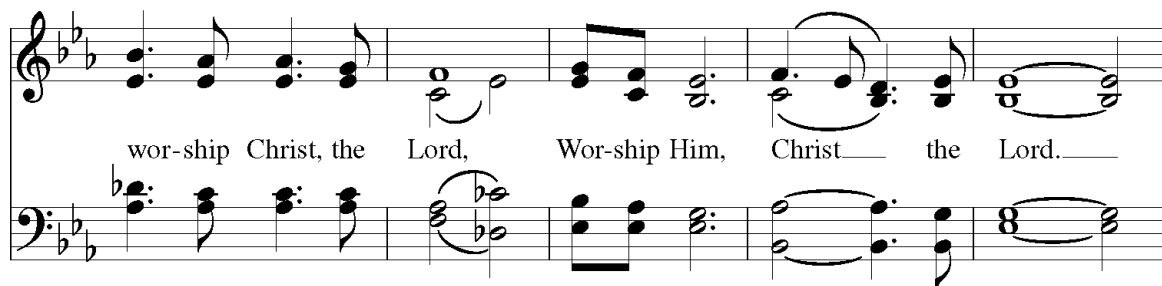
1. wor - ship Him, _____ We have come in - to His house and
 2. wor - ship Him, _____ So for - get a - bout your - self and
 3. wor - ship Him, _____ Let us lift up ho - ly hands and



1. gath - ered in His name to wor - ship Him; _____ We have
 2. con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Him; _____ So for -
 3. mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him; _____ Let us



1. come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to
 2. get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and
 3. lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and



wor-ship Christ, the Lord, Wor-ship Him, Christ _____ the Lord. _____

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise MHSO 132 *Praise to God*

1 Praise to God, praise to God, for the green - ness
2 Thanks to God, thanks to God, for the gift of
3 Sing to God, sing to God, for the grace of

of the__ trees, for the beau - ty of the__ flow'rs,
friends in__ Christ, for the church, our house of__ faith,
Je - sus__ Christ, for the love of par - ent__ God,

for a blue - ness of the__ sky, for the great - ness
for the gift of won - drous__ love, for the gift of
for the com - fort and the__ strength of the Spir - it,

of the__ sea. Praise to God, praise to God,
end - less__ grace. Thanks to God, thanks to God,
ho - ly__ God. Sing to God, sing to God,

now and for - - - ev - er - more.
now and for - - - ev - er - more.
now and for - - - ev - er - more.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 **Test me, O Lord, and try me; ***
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 **I have not sat with the worthless, ***
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, ***
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell ***
and the place where your glory abides.

Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone

evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 58 *The Lord is my light*

Sing once before the gospel & once after.

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my
light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and
my sal - va - tion; whom shall I _____ fear?

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev Jonathan Sams

Affirmation of Faith *from the New Zealand Prayerbook*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
 good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
 your love for us in Jesus Christ,
 who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

The Prayers of the People *from the Baptist Union of Great Britain*

Leader Ever living and ever-loving God,
 We praise you for your loving presence with us.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Leader take and transform our societies—
 that broken people find healing; that lonely people find love;
 that bitter people find peace; that fearful people find hope.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Leader take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal—
 that communication can be open; that relationships between
 hostile people and hostile nations will begin to calm and hostilities dissolve,
 that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Leader fill your church—that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you; that
 prayers will change our minds instead of trying to get you to change yours;
 that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world. We
 especially keep in our prayers our supply clergy and the ministry of the lay
 people of Holy Cross.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Leader for our search committee and vestry. Grant them wisdom, discernment and
 patience as they move through this search process.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Leader for the pastor who will be joining us. Lead the right priest to our Church and
 guide us as we move forward together.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Leader fill our lives with your presence—so that more and more every day, all that
 we do and say and hope will be an act of worship to you and an expression of
 love to others, to the glory of your name.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Leader As we pray for those in our cycle of prayer _____.

Please add your own intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully,
 grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name, through
 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Confession and Absolution (Episcopal Book of Common Prayer)

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord
 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.**

God's Peace is exchanged with one another.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music H 675 *Take up your cross*

The Offertory is performed while the Celebrant sets the table.



1	Take	up	your	cross,	the	Sa - vior	said,	if
2	Take	up	your	cross,	let	not	its weight	fill
3	Take	up	your	cross,	heed	not	the shame,	and
4	Take	up	your	cross,	then,	in	his strength,	and
5	Take	up	your	cross,	and	fol - low	Christ,	nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

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.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times.
 All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth;
 you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
 He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.
 Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose rejoicing in communion
 with all your saints, we offer you our praise,
 with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
 singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus WLP 858 *Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
 for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
 He is the Word existing beyond time,
 both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made.
 Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
 By your power you raised him from the dead.
 He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.
 On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come,
 having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.
 He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken
 for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread
and this wine, that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire
of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

All **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

As Jesus 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.**

Breaking of the Bread *(Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.)*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

Fraction WLP 878 *Whoever comes to me*

Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and

who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. The music is simple and melodic, suitable for congregational singing.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles, and Chants*. Copyright © 1997 Carl Haywood.

The Communion of the People

No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:
The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

Communion Music *Instrumental*

Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. **Holy and life-giving God, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all the world; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Blessing

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn H344 *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

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joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

Going into the World

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**

Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Ministers of Today's Service

1st Reading & Psalm: Karen Wang
2nd Reading & Prayers: Malcolm Wang
Greeter/Usher: Zean Smartt
Zoom Host: Shirley Chen
Counters: Pam Hinkle, Jane Foote
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