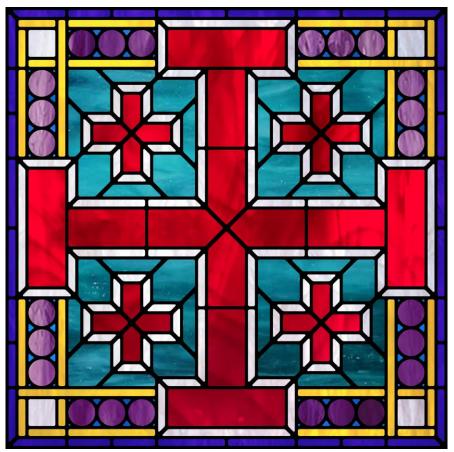


# HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL



The Cathedral Church of the Anglican Diocese of the South

### HOLY CROSS DAY



Everything we do is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

## Crosstalk,

# News for the Parish of Holy Cross Cathedral September 14, 2025 Holy Cross Day

Welcome, we're glad you're here! If you are a guest today, we'd like to get to know you better. Please fill out the card in front of your chair and drop it in the plate during the offering or give it to an usher.

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Interested in connecting at Holy Cross? Want to learn more? Scan this QR code and let us know! We look forward to connecting with you.

**Holy Cross Day Combined Service** is <u>today!</u> The service will be followed by a potluck in the Strickland Student Center.

**Job Openings:** Is God calling you to use your gifts to help lead his people through musical worship? There are openings for a part-time organist, choir director, and contemporary worship leader. Go to <a href="https://hct.ncb/hctan.com/jobs">https://hctan.com/jobs</a> to learn more.

No Spiritual Growth Classes today. Classes resume next Sunday, September 21st.

**Groovin' on the Green:** This Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, the St. Andrew's Team will be ministering at the City of Loganville's "Groovin' on the Green" concert series. Contact Pastor Justin (Justin@hcanglican.org) to join in.

**Women's Fellowship Group:** Meets on the last Friday of each month at 6 pm. This month they will meet on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Emily Gatrel's house in Monroe. Bring a dish to share! Email Gatrel2025@gmail.com for the address.

**Fish & Loaves Fellowship** next meets Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. Come enjoy a potluck meal, fellowship with your church family, and Evening Prayer. Nursery is available.

**The Food Pantry** needs donations! Please drop off non-perishable food & personal hygiene items at the church office.

**Volunteers:** Please remember that we need folks to volunteer in almost every ministry. You can visit hcanglican.org/serve to learn ways you can help.

**Please Pray** for the Very Rev. Michael Guernsey & the Guernsey family while Michael is on a Leave of Absence.

**Altar Flowers** are given this week by Len & Sharon Ringlespaugh in thanksgiving for their first wedding anniversary (September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024).

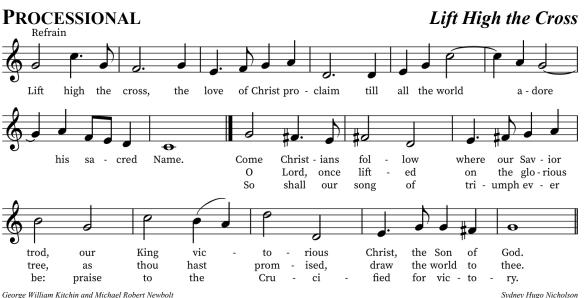
#### WHAT IS HOLY CROSS DAY?

In the Church calendar, September 14th is Holy Cross Day, and we at Holy Cross Cathedral celebrate it on a Sunday near that date. This day commemorates the dedication, in 335 A.D., of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, which is built over the site of Jesus' crucifixion and tomb. Legend has it that part of Jesus' cross was discovered in the construction of the church. The day has become a special celebration of the cross and resurrection of Jesus. As the Collect of the Day says, "Our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross... Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him."

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A Note to Parents: Children are welcome to remain with you for the whole service, but we also have special opportunities for them. For children aged 0-3, the nursery is open. Children aged 4-11 can join in for a special program at the Sermon time and will return in time for Communion. The "Family Room" in the Children's Wing is open for mothers who need a quiet place to nurse their infants.

**Sensory bags:** An usher can guide you to our sensory bags in the lobby which are designed to help kids with autism, or anyone else who may benefit from them, to more fully participate in our worship service.



Sydney Hugo Nicholson

#### THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

People: by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Celebrant: God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

People: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Celebrant: We preach Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of

God;

*People:* by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Celebrant: God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus

Christ.

*People:* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; by your holy cross,

you have redeemed the world.

1 Corinthians 1, Galatians 6

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant and People together:

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.

#### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

#### THE TRISAGION

(Repeated three times)

Celebrant: Holy God,

Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

#### COLLECT FOR HOLY CROSS DAY

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**ISAIAH 45:21-25**Pew Bible p.607

<sup>21</sup> 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?

And there is no other god besides me,

a righteous God and a Savior;

there is none besides me.

<sup>22</sup> "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

<sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return:

'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

<sup>24</sup> "Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength;

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

<sup>25</sup> In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 98**BCP p.397

98 O sing unto the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things.

- With his own right hand and with his holy arm, he has won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord declared his salvation;

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel, and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Show yourselves joyful in the Lord, all you lands; sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- <sup>6</sup> Praise the Lord with the harp;

sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and horns,

O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

- Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it,
  - the round world, and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord,

for he has come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

#### PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Pew Bible p.980

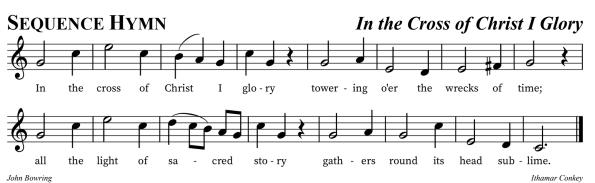
2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

\*\* PARENTS: For those who wish to participate, children aged 4-11 are invited into the center aisle for the Gospel reading. They will then follow the Cross to their special program. They will return after the sermon and the prayers. \*\*



**JOHN 12:31-36**Pew Bible p.899

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup> So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" <sup>35</sup> So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



THE SERMON

Justin Clemente, Associate Pastor "One Mind"

#### NICENE CREED

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Please kneel)

Reader: Let us pray to the Father through his Son, who suffered on the cross

for the world's redemption.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will fill your Church with your Holy and life-giving Spirit. Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious

glory.

By the Savior's cross and passion,

People: Lord, save us and help us.

*Reader:* Bless those who lead the Church's worship. In the preaching of the

word and the celebration of the sacraments, draw your people close

to you.

By the Savior's cross and passion,

People: Lord, save us and help us.

Reader: Give your grace to those who preach your word to the nations.

Help us to witness to the faith we have received by our words and in our deeds, and daily conform us more and more to Christ, that

we may glory in his cross.

By the Savior's cross and passion,

People: Lord, save us and help us.

Reader: Look in your mercy upon the world which you loved by sending

your Son to suffer and to die. Strengthen those who work to share

the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Savior's cross and passion,

People: Lord, save us and help us.

Reader: Today on Holy Cross Day, we pray especially for this congregation

of Holy Cross Cathedral. We ask you to continue to use us for your kingdom purposes that many will come to faith and grow as your disciples. Lead us in the way you have for us, that everything we do will be to lead people into a growing relationship with your Son,

Jesus Christ.

By the Savior's cross and passion,

People: Lord, save us and help us.

Reader: Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed

down by pain and injustice. Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the love of Jesus, who

through his cross has won their salvation.

By the Savior's cross and passion,

People: Lord, save us and help us.

Reader: Welcome into paradise all who have died in your friendship.

According to your promises, bring them with all your saints to

share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.

By the Savior's cross and passion,

People: Lord, save us and help us.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers, and in your great mercy answer

them as may be best for us, to the honor and glory of your Son Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Celebrant: And now, trusting in the cross and resurrection of Jesus, we pray

to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Celebrant and People together:

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, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

#### THE PEACE

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have

been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is

our peace.

Ephesians 2:13

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

At this time, we remind each other of the peace we have with God because of what Jesus has done for us. Traditionally, it is also a time for reconciliation between fellow Christians prior to receiving communion together.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,

**People:** For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Here at Holy Cross all the loose cash given in the offering is always included in what we give away to mission and ministry outside of the congregation.

#### THE OFFERTORY

Old Rugged Cross

#### PRESENTATION HYMN

**Doxology** 

(Please stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(ACNA Renewed Ancient Text, BCP p.132)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

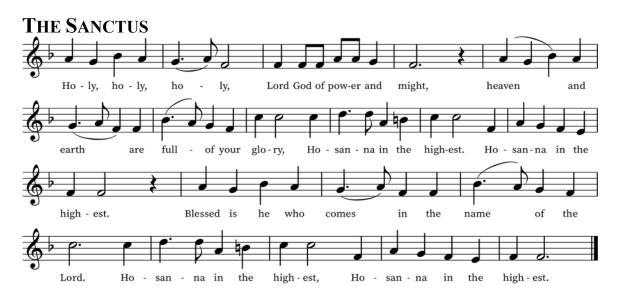
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And now we give you thanks because, for our salvation, your Son was obedient even to death on the cross. The tree of shame was made the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

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:



#### THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(Please kneel)

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People together:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.

People: Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come thy will be done.

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, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for

all upon the Cross.

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

#### **AGNUS DEI**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People: have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People: have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People: grant us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(Please be seated)

#### Invitation to Communion

This is the Lord's table. All Christians who put their faith in Jesus, have been baptized, are obediently following the Lord's way, and are in fellowship with their neighbor, are invited to receive the bread and wine.

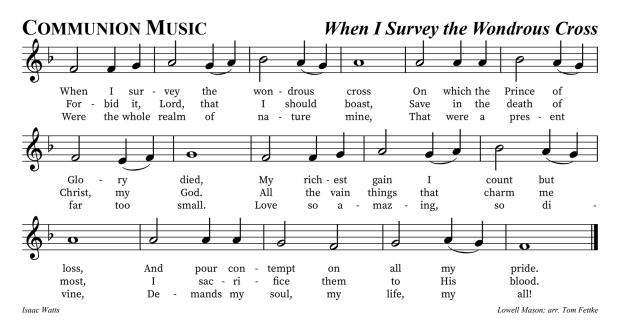
#### To Receive Communion or a Blessing

Place one hand on top of the other to receive bread. To receive a gluten-free wafer, place one hand on your shoulder and open your other hand. You may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or hold it and carefully dip the bread into the chalice. If for any reason you wish not to receive Communion, or if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest at the communion rail to receive a blessing in place of the communion elements.

\*If you are unable to go to the rail and need Communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

#### **Healing Prayer**

Healing-prayer ministers will be available to pray and anoint with oil all who come with concerns during Communion. After you receive, please proceed to the back to the Gethsemane Prayer Chapel for prayer.



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Stuart Townend Stuart Townend, arr. A. Dittmann



#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together:

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.

#### THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May 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.

People: Amen.



#### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of our crucified and

risen Christ.

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



#### JESUS THE MESSIAH – THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

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