

HOLY CROSS DAY

Word of Welcome

Processional Hymn

Holy Cross to thee be glory



Opening Acclamation

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity

All ***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 per-
fectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Greeting

Celebrant The love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People ***And also with you.***

The Gloria

All ***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, al-
mighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, 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. 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. Amen.***

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for Holy Cross Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray: 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 Lessons

Please be seated for the readings.

From the Hebrew Bible *Read in Arabic.*

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus (14:19-31).

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm *Read in both English and Arabic*

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.

From the Epistles *Read in English*

Reader A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

sung 3 times

VF #115

Please stand as you are able

Margaret Green, Cantor



Gospel: John 12:31-36a

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated

The Homily

A moment of silence follows the Sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Bihubika Rabbi

Combined Choir and Mother of the Savior on Refrain

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able*

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

Remain standing

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

People *Lord, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.*

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

People *Lord, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.*

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

People *Lord, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.*

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

People *Lord, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.*

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

People *Lord, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.*

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom .

People *Lord, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant Passionate Lord, walking to Golgotha in the midst of our confusion: free us from our images of you which keep you enthroned in idle power, apart from the pain and sin of the world; lead us to embrace the scandal of the cross, and let our violence die that greater life might rise; through Jesus Christ, who took the form of a slave.

People *Amen.*

Confession

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

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.

All

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Offertory

Go Down, Moses
Combined Choir

Hymn #648

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given, and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All

Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All

Blessed be God forever.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer p. 361

People stand as you are able

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you have made us, through water and the Holy Spirit, a new people in Christ Jesus our Lord, that we might reveal your glory throughout the whole world.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Kood-DOOS, Kood-DOOS, Kood-DOOS, ar-RABB Ee-LAAH as-Sa-ba-OOT.

As-sa-MAA wal-ARD mam-LOO-a-TAA-ni min MAJ-di-ka.

Ho-SHA-na fil-a-AA-lee. Ho-SHA-na fil-a-AA-lee. Ho-SHA-na fil-a-AA-lee.

Moo-BAA-ra-kun al-AA-tee, al-AA-tee, al-AA-tee, bi-IS-mi ar-RABB.

Ho-SHA-na fil-a-AA-lee. Ho-SHA-na fil-a-AA-lee. Ho-SHA-na fil-a-AA-lee.

***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.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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 As our Savior Jesus Christ taught us, we pray in the language of our hearts:

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

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

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

People ***Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.***

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Taste and see that the Lord is good. The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated

The Communion of the People

- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, including children. Both bread and wine are offered. You may receive either or both, as you prefer.*
- *If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the celebrant when the bread is offered to you.*
- *Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.*
- *If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

Communion Music

Voluntary

Maurice Greene

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All ***Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.***

Announcements

The Blessing

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People ***Amen.***

Near the Cross
Verses 1 & 2 in English
Verses 3 & 4 in Arabic

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre-cious foun-tain,
2. Near the cross, a trem-bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
4. Near the cross, I'll watch and wait, Hop-ing, trust-ing ev - er,
Free to all, a heal-ing stream Flows from Cal-v'ry's moun-tain.
There the Bright and Morn-ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.
Help me walk from day to day With its shad-ows o'er me.
Till I reach the gold-en strand Just be-yond the ri - ver.

REFRAIN
In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;
Till my rap-tured soul shall find Rest be-yond the riv - er.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

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