

**13 September 2020      Trinity 14 / Holy Cross Day**

**Short passage of scripture**                      *we sit*

Jesus said, 'When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.' *John 12.32*

### **Collect**

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.

### **Invitation to 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.

We accept your forgiveness for our sins, but do not see the price you paid on the Cross. Lord, have mercy.      **Lord, have mercy.**

We fail to choose to carry our own cross, and try to burden others. Christ, have mercy.                      **Christ, have mercy.**

We spend too much time following our own way and not the way of the Cross. Lord, have mercy.                      **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Psalm 22.23-28** *we stand and say the underlined verses together*

- 23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; ♦ O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
- 24 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.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦ those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦  
and he rules over the nations.

**Philippians 2.6-11** *we stand said as a creedal statement*

**<sup>6</sup>Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.**

**<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>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**     *we stand*

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 3.13-17

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: <sup>13</sup>'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>'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.

<sup>17</sup>'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.'

*At the end the readers says:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily and Reflection**     *we sit*

**Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer:**     *we sit or kneel*

*These responses may be used*

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

*And at the end*

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

**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.**

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us the 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.

### **Acclamation**

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*

### **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 ...

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