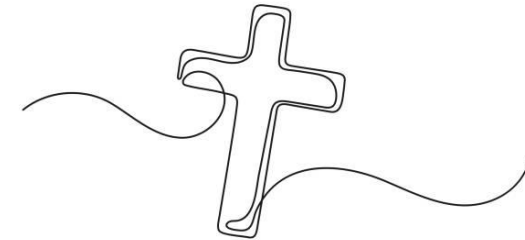


GOSPEL READINGS

1 Luke 4:16-30	<i>Giles, hermit</i>
2 Luke 4:31-37	<i>Martyrs of Papua New Guinea</i>
3 Luke 4:38-end	<i>Gregory the Great, bishop</i>
4 Luke 5:1-11	<i>Birinus, bishop</i>
5 Luke 5:33-end	
6 Luke 6:1-5	<i>Allen Gardiner, missionary</i>
7 Luke 14:25-33	12th Sunday after Trinity
8 Luke 6:6-11	
9 Luke 6:12-19	<i>Charles Fuge Lowder, bishop</i>
10 Luke 6: 20-26	
11 Luke 6:27-38	
12 Luke 6:39-42	
13 Luke 6:43-end	<i>John Chrysostom, bishop</i>
14 John 3:13-17	Holy Cross Day
15 Luke 7:1-10	<i>Cyprian, bishop, martyr</i>
16 Luke 7:11-17	<i>Ninian, bishop</i>
17 Luke 7:31-35	<i>Hildegard, abbess</i>
18 Luke 7: 36-end	
19 Luke 8:1-3	<i>Theodore, archbishop</i>
20 Luke 8:4-15	<i>John Coleridge</i>
<i>Patteson, bishop</i>	
21 Matthew 9:9-13	Matthew, Apostle
22 Luke 8:16-18	
23 Luke 8:15-21	
24 Luke 9:1-6	<i>Ember Day</i>
25 Luke 9:7-9	<i>Lancelot Andrews, bishop</i>
26 Luke 9:18-22	<i>Wilson Carlile, Church Army</i>
27 Luke 9:43b-45	<i>Vincent de Paul</i>
28 Luke Luke 16:19-end	15th Sunday after Trinity
29 John 1:47-end	Michael and All
Angels	
30 Luke 9:51-56	<i>Jerome translator</i>

PRAYER DIARY SEPTEMBER



HOLY CROSS DAY

All Sundays are feast days as they are memorials of Our Lord's Resurrection; they are marked in the gospel readings in **BOLD LETTERS**, telling us which Sunday they are in the church's year. Also in **BOLD LETTERS** are the days when we remember the apostles and other important Feast Days, sometimes referred to as Class 1 Feasts. This month two such feasts occur on Sundays, Holy Cross Day and the feast of St Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist

Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, discovered what many believed to be the empty tomb and true cross of Christ during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. According to tradition, the discovery was made on September 14th, 330. From as early as the seventh century, the Church commemorated September 14th each year with a Feast of the Holy Cross.

In the high Middle Ages, after the Norman conquest, the cross became a central feature of English church architecture. Both Cathedrals and parish churches were frequently laid out with a floor plan in the shape of a cross.

Today, the commemoration of the Holy Cross is common throughout Anglicanism. This major feast reminds us to boast in nothing “except in the cross of our Lord”.

Anglican Compass

Preparation

Take time to become still and ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray. You might like to use something to help you like lighting a candle.

We pray that the Gospel may come into our lives not in word only but also in the power of the Spirit, and that our love may not be a matter of words or talk but be genuine and show itself in action.
Help us, our Father, to mean this our prayer as we ask it in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading

Read the Gospel passage set for today slowly.
(see back cover)
Notice if any words or phrases jump out to you.
Meditate on these and what they might be saying to you, your church and the community you live in.

Time for prayer for others and ourselves

Take time to think about and pray for:
what you have learned today from the Gospel
the world which God made and loves
those with whom we share our lives
anyone in special need
our parish

The Lord's Prayer

Ending

Creator God,
I offer you this day.

Give me grace to love and serve you
to the praise of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS

Holy Cross Day

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.

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

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All taken from the Common Worship prayers for Festivals.

