

Holy Cross Day

Holy Eucharist



- *Visitors - welcome to our service today!*
To follow the service today you need this sheet, together with the coloured Holy Eucharist card.
- *Please ask Fr Chris if you would like a paper or email copy of the sermon to read*
- We welcome and invite baptised Christians from other denominations to receive Holy Communion at this service.
- *Please join us for refreshments after the service*
- If you are glad our church is here, please support us with your generosity in the collection, and by telling others about us.
- *To ask a question or to find out more, please speak to a minister or visit our website:*
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/christ-church-manche-normandy>



The Entry of the Ministers T – Caswall ('Glory be to Jesus')

**Hail the Cross of Jesus;
Lift it up on high:
Hail the mighty Signal,
Pointing to the sky!**

**Hail the Guide of pilgrims,
Through the desert drear!
Hail the Sign of Jesus,
Chasing far our fear!**

**God forbid we glory,
Save in that blest Sign--
Sign of Him who saved us
Through His love divine.**

**Hail the Cross of Jesus,
Lifted up on high!
Hail the mighty Signal,
Pointing to the sky!**

**Stands the Cross of Jesus
Foremost in the fight,
Drawing ever all men
By Its wondrous might.**

**Hail the Cross of Jesus,
Lifted up on high!
Hail the mighty Standard,
Pointing to the sky.**

Readings: God's Word in scripture



Numbers 21, vv4-9

- When they looked to the sign, people lived

Psalms 22, vv23-28 T – St Magnus ('The head that once')

**All you who fear the Lord, praise Him;
revere and glory tell;
All Jacob's children, honour Him
—offspring of Is-ra-el.**

**For He did not despise nor scorn
th'afflicted's suffering;
Nor hid His face from him, but heard
the cry which he did bring.**

**Within the congregation great,
my praise shall be of Thee;
Before all those who fear You, I'll
fulfill my vows to Thee.**

**The poor shall eat, and shall be filled;
those seeking God will give
praise to the Lord; all you who seek
—may your hearts ever live.**

**And all the ends of earth shall turn,
remembering the Lord;
All fam'lies of the nations will
bow down and praise accord.**

**For all dominion far and near
belongs to Him alone.
The Lord rules over nations all,
from His almighty throne.**

Philippians 2, vv6-11

- Christ became obedient, even to death on a cross

Gospel greeting:



All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Son of Man will be lifted up:
to draw us to salvation. **All: Alleluia**

Before the Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (3, vv13-18)

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Son of Man is lifted up, that all may live

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

At the preparing of the gifts T – Blauenwern

**God is here! As we his people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the Gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!**

At the Sending Out T - Herongate ('It is a thing most wonderful')

**We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.**

**The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.**

**It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light.**

**The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.**