

Evening Prayer on 14th September Holy Cross Day

*Welcome, Mute line *1*

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Lead your people to freedom, O God.

And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

As we behold your Son, enthroned on the
cross, stir up in us the fire of your love,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and walk with you in newness of life
singing the praise of him who died
for us and our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Confession

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ
died for us.

Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and
faith.

We are often slow to follow the example of
Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

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We often fail to be known as Christ's
disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy.

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Absolution

May almighty God, who sent his Son into
the world to save sinners, bring *us* his
pardon and peace now and forever.

Amen

Psalm 110

Isaiah 63. 1-16

Canticle

**Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.**

1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an
example, ♦

that you should follow in his steps.

2 He committed no sin, no guile was found
on his lips, ♦ when he was reviled, he did
not revile in turn.

3 When he suffered, he did not threaten, ♦
but he trusted himself to God who judges
justly.

4 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on
the tree, ♦ that we might die to sin and live
to righteousness.

5 By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep, ♦
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Responsory

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed
the world.**

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Gospel Canticle The Magnificat

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦ he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦ the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦ from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦ and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦ and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦ and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦ to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦ to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers

Prayer of thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

The Prayer of Christ the King

Christ Our King

Fill us with your love that we may gladly speak for you, work for you and live our whole life for you until all join with us in endless praise of you. **Amen**

The Collect of the 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.**

A time of reflection

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the courage to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Notices

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The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.