

# HOLY CROSS DAY

SEPTEMBER 14



ANGELICAN CHURCH  
IN NORTH AMERICA

HOLY DAY

## SEASONAL GREETINGS

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.

*People* **Now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:21-25

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

<sup>22</sup> “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’

<sup>24</sup> “Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. <sup>25</sup> In the LORD all the

offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory.”

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

## PSALTER VERSES

*(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)*

### Psalm 98

- <sup>1</sup> O sing unto the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his own right hand and with his holy arm, \*  
he has won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD declared his salvation; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- <sup>5</sup> Show yourselves joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- <sup>6</sup> Praise the LORD with the harp; \*  
sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.
- <sup>7</sup> With trumpets also and horns, \*  
O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, \*  
the round world, and those who dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, \*  
for he has come to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup> With righteousness shall he judge the world, \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to  
St. John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 12:31-36a

Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this

world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup> So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup> So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## OFFERTORY AND POST-COMMUNION SENTENCES

*(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)*

## PROPER PREFACE

*Holy Week*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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