

Holy Cross Day

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found.**  
**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.  
In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN ELW #744 "Lord, Be Glorified"

- 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

## BIBLE READING

Numbers 21:4b-9

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #172 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. *(Repeat)*

## GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

## SERMON

Rev. Gary MacManus

## HYMN OF DAY

ELW #338 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and burdens of the day.
- 2 Upon the cross of Jesus,  
my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one  
who suffered there for me.

And from my contrite heart, with tears,  
two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love  
and my unworthiness.

- 3 I take, O cross, your shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all, the cross.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our**

**Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### DEDICATION OF RED PARAMENTS

Friends in Christ...

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord God, ... with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

Responses: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #583 (syncopated version) “Take My Life, That I May Be”

#### *Refrain*

**Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 1 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. *To Refrain*
- 2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *To Refrain*
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee. *To Refrain*
- 4 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. *To Refrain*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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, and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,  
 who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,  
 † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN      ELW #335      “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

- 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
 there's a precious fountain;  
 free to all, a healing stream  
 flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

***Refrain***

**In the cross, in the cross  
 be my glory ever;  
 till my ransomed soul shall find  
 rest beyond the river.**

- 2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
 love and mercy found me;  
 there the bright and morning star  
 sheds its beams around me.    ***To Refrain***
- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
 bring its scenes before me;  
 help me walk from day to day  
 with its shadow o'er me.    ***To Refrain***
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
 hoping, trusting ever,  
 till I reach the golden strand  
 just beyond the river.    ***To Refrain***

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**