



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds



**Holy Cross Day
14 September 2019**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn

1 A psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung when the ministers enter or after the greeting.

Acclamation

2 An Invocation, or an Acclamation such as follows, may be said before or after the greeting.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Greeting

3 The Greeting. The priest greets the people in these or other suitable words.

Greeting 1

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence

1 A seasonal sentence may be used here or after 3.

Holy Cross

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. Galatians 2.19-20

Prayer of Preparation

4 This Prayer of Preparation may be said.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION

5 The Two Great Commandments, the Ten Commandments (see page 101), or other suitable passages are said when the confession follows.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Invitation

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

Romans 5.8

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

Confession and Absolution

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

7 The Absolution. Standing, the priest says

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise (Gloria)

9 The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Loving God,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross
so that he might draw all people to himself:
mercifully grant to us,
who glory in the mystery of our redemption,
the grace to take up our cross daily and follow him;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Reading from the Old Testament or as Appointed

12 All sit for the Reading from the Old Testament or as appointed.

1st Reading

Numbers 21.4b-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶ Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78.1-2, 34-48

13 A Psalm, hymn or anthem may be sung.

¹ Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
² For I will open my mouth in a parable:
and expound the mysteries of former times.
³⁴ They remembered that God was their rock:
that God Most High was their redeemer.
³⁵ But they lied to him with their mouths:

and dissembled with their tongues;

³⁶ For their hearts were not fixed upon him:
nor were they true to his covenant.

³⁷ Yet he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity
and did not destroy them:

many times he turned his anger aside,
and would not wholly arouse his fury.

³⁸ He remembered that they were but flesh:
like a wind that passes, and does not return.

³⁹ How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness:
and grieved him in the desert!

⁴⁰ Again and again they put God to the test:
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

⁴¹ They did not remember his power:
or the day when he redeemed them from the enemy;

⁴² How he wrought his signs in Egypt:
his wonders in the country of Zoan.

⁴³ For he turned their rivers into blood:
so that they could not drink from the streams.

⁴⁴ He sent swarms of flies that devoured them:
and frogs that laid them waste.

⁴⁵ He gave their crops to the locust:
and the fruits of their labour to the grasshopper.

⁴⁶ He struck down their vines with hailstones:
and their sycamore trees with frost.

⁴⁷ He gave up their cattle to the hail:
and their flocks to the flash of the lightning.

⁴⁸ He loosed on them the fierceness of his anger,
his fury, his indignation and distress:
and these were his messengers of destruction.

New Testament Reading

14 The Reading from the New Testament (other than from the gospels).

1 Corinthians 1.18-24

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3.13-17

¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

17 The Sermon

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the Father through his Son,
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church ...
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship ...
In the preaching of the word
and the celebration of the sacraments,
draw your people close to you.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Give your grace to those who preach your word to the nations ...
Help us to witness to the faith we have received
by our words and in our deeds,
and daily conform us more and more to Christ,
that we may glory in his cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die ...

Strengthen those who work to share
the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice ...

Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,
and in his passion to know their salvation.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship
...

According to your promises,
bring them with all your saints
to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

**Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Opening

24 All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

A hymn may be sung.

OFFERTORY

25 The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table. They may be presented in silence or a suitable prayer, such as follows, may be used.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Merciful God,

through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame
into a sign of hope and glory.

Receive all we bring before you this day,
and renew us in the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ,
the Lord of glory.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

26 The priest takes the bread and wine for the communion, places them on the Lord's Table, and says the following (Thanksgiving 1) or another authorised Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration.

Thanksgiving 1

Opening

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth. We give you thanks and praise for your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. He taught your word with boldness, and offered himself to you in perfect obedience. He cared for all as the good shepherd, and laid down his life for his sheep. By his death and rising to new life he brought new life to your people. In baptism you have united us to him, and brought us out of darkness to light. And now we give you thanks that in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts and leading us into all truth. You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations, and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Breaking of the Bread

28 The priest breaks the bread. One of the following may be said.

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

30 *Post Communion*

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes:
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.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Hymn

33 The priest says this or an appropriate seasonal Blessing.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Acclamation

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6

34 The deacon may say

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen