

**MORNING PRAYER: Rite II**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Officiant Richard McCormick**  
**September 10, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL Glory in the Cross, verses 8, 9, 10, handout**

Officiant:            Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity,  
                         whose Name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place  
                         and also with the one who has a contrite and humble  
                         spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the  
                         heart of the contrite.”

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**BCP 79**

*The Officiant says to the people:*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept, after which Officiant and People say together, all kneeling:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**In thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,**  
**And by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,**  
**And walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant says:*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

**THE INVITATORY & PSALTER**

**BCP 80**

*All stand.*

*Officiant: Lord, open our lips.*

*People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Officiant and People:*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting. Come let us adore him.*

*Officiant and People:*

**CHRIST OUR PASSOVER**

**BCP 83**

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all: \*

but the life that he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

**PSALM 98:1-4**

**BCP 727**

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song,\*

for he has done marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm\*

has he won for himself the victory.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory;\*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,\*

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**PSALM RESPONSE** (say)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\**  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**READING Isaiah 45:21-25**

**Pew Bible 764**

The Word of the Lord

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

*Officiant & People:*

**CANTICLE 16, The Song of Zechariah**

**BCP 92**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;\*

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,\*

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies,\*

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers\*

and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,\*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear,\*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,\*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation\*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God\*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death,\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**READING    Philippians 2:5-11                      Pew Bible 1230**

The Word of the Lord.

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

*Officiant and People:*

**CANTICLE 19 The Song of the Redeemed                      BCP 94**

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done,\*  
surpassing human understanding,  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,\*  
O King of all the ages,  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name?\*

for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you,\*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing  
Thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God,  
Should take our mortal form for mortals sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy  
Fast and hungered sore; for us temptations  
Sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

*Officiant*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL    John 12:31-36a    Pew Bible 1127**

*Officiant*        *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
Daily works he wrought: by words and signs and  
Actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

*Officiant and People:*

**CANTICLE 21    You are God**

**BCP 95**

**You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father;  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
    Father, of majesty unbounded,  
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,  
    and bring us with your saints  
    to glory everlasting.**

**Holy Cross Day**

**Dar Khoury**

Today we observe a major feast in the Episcopal Church to honor Christ's self-offering on the cross for our salvation. Let's read today's Collect. The themes of Holy Cross Day are powerfully expressed in today's Recessional "Lift High The Cross". Let's take 5 minutes to reflect on what

the cross, and Christ's sacrifice on it, means to us on Sept 10, 2023. To help us center-down and reflect, quietly consider some of the following:

“For the message of the cross is foolishness [absurd and illogical] to those who are perishing and spiritually dead [because they reject it], but to us who are being saved [by God's grace] it is [the manifestation of] the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18

“Everything is a reminder of the Cross. We ourselves are made in the shape of a cross.” St. John Vanney

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8:34

“The everlasting God has in His wisdom foreseen from eternity the cross He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost heart. The cross he now sends you he has considered with his all-knowing eyes, understood with his divine mind, tested with his wise justice, warmed with loving arms, and weighed with his own hands to see that it is not one inch too large nor one ounce too heavy for you. He has blessed it with his holy name, anointed it with his grace, perfumed it with his consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God.” -St. Francis de Sales

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE CREED OF SAINT ATHANASIUS**

**BCP 864**

*Officiant and People together, all standing:*

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith. Which Faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholic Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one, the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals, but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated, but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord.  
And yet not three Lords, but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by himself to be both God and Lord,

So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion, to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other; none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;

Perfect God and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;

Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.

Who although he be God and Man, yet he is not two, but one Christ;

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the Manhood into God;

One altogether, not by confusion of Substance, but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic Faith, which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

## **THE PRAYERS**

**BCP 97**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People:*

**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.**

*Then follows these Suffrages*

**BCP 97**

*Leader & People:*

**V.** Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R.** **And grant us your salvation.**  
**V.** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R.** **Let your people sing with joy.**  
**V.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R.** **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
**V.** Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R.** **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
**V.** Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R.** **Your saving health among all nations.**  
**V.** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R.** **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
**V.** Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R.** **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The Officiant says:*

Let us with gladness present the Offerings of our life and labor unto the Lord.

### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*All things come of Thee, O Lord  
And of Thine own have we given Thee.*

*The Officiant then says the following Collects:*

*The Collect of the Day*

**BCP 244**

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.**

***Our Father in heaven,***

*We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.*

*Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:*

*For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit.*

*We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.*

*Amen.*

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We search for the means to stay on this path together. We stand before you crying out to you. We know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

**BCP 101**

*Officiant and People:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*The Officiant says:*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two of three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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



*The Officiant concludes with the following:*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
***Amen.***

**RECESSIONAL Hymn #473 Lift High The Cross**