

St. Hugh & St. Edmund Anglican Church, Malton

September 12th, 2021: Holy Cross Day

Opening Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

The Gathering of the Community

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

People And also with you.

Officiant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you 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.

Glory to God

Officiant Glory to God in the highest,
All and peace to his 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 of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.
Almighty God,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross
that he might draw the whole world to himself,
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our
redemption,
have grace to take up our cross and follow him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Please refer to the following pages for a copy of this Sunday's readings.

HOLY CROSS DAY

14 SEPTEMBER NUMBERS 21:4B-9; PSALM 98:1-6; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24; JOHN 3:13-17

COLLECT: Almighty God, whose Son our saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon a cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

^{4B} 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 miser-able food." ⁶ Then the Lord sent poisonous ser-pents among the people, and they bit the peo-ple, 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 when-ever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. NUMBERS 21:4B-9

PSALM

Refrain **The Lord has made known his vic-tory.** ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. ² With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. **R** ³ The Lord has made known his vic-tory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. ⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the vic-tory of our God. **R** ⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. ⁶ Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. **R** *Refrain* **The Lord has made known his victory.** PSALM 98:1-6

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are be-ing saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is writ-ten, "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 de-cided, through the foolishness of our proclama-tion, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews de-mand 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. 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO JOHN

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

JOHN 3:13-17

Prayer over the gifts: 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 offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: Almighty God we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Sermon

Hymn for Reflection: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

The Nicene Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “Lord hear our prayer.”)

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity,
service, and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human
family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us
to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all
may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of
those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All 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.

Confession and Absolution

Officiant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Officiant Most merciful God,
All 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 neighbours 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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

The Prayer over the Gifts

Officiant 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 offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

People Amen.

The Doxology

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

The Blessing

Officiant The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face
shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you
with favour and grant you peace. And the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you always.

People Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: *Sing A New Song Unto the Lord*