

AT THE EUCHARIST TODAY

HYMNS: (*St Arvans*) 79; 94; 296; 78

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and resurrection;
through whom we are saved and delivered.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

May this oblation, O Lord,
which on the altar of the Cross
cancelled the offence of the whole world,
cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins.
Through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Celebrant : Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

***Response* : Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw all people to myself, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER 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. **AMEN**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HOLY CROSS DAY *14th September* ***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross***

The Collect

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

A reading from the book of Numbers [21; 4 - 9]

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom;
but the people became impatient on the way. 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.'

Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people,
and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

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.

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.'

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.

Reader/ This is the Word of the Lord ***R/ Thanks be to God***

Psalm 22, 23 - 28

R/ You are the Holy One, O God.

You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

R/ You are the Holy One, O God.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live for ever!

R/ You are the Holy One, O God.

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

R/ You are the Holy One, O God.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians [2. 6 - 11]

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality
with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every
name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader/ This is the Word of the Lord **R/ / Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, alleluia!
We adore you O Christ and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you **R/ And also with you**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John [3. 13 - 17]

R/ Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘**N**o one has ascended into heaven
except the one who descended from heaven,
the Son of Man.
And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
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.
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: **R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**