



**Richmond
Team Ministry**



Sung Eucharist

11:00am

Holy Cross Day

14th September 2025

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WELCOME to St John's this morning on Holy Cross Day!



The cross on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal symbol for Christianity, replacing the fish symbol of the early church, though the latter has been revived in recent times.

After the end of the persecution era, early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at the places associated with the life of Jesus.

Helena, the mother of the emperor, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing

excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year 335.

This act of worship is livestreamed on our Facebook page, please do 'follow' us on Facebook: St John the Divine, Richmond Team Ministry.

The clergy in the Richmond Team Ministry are always happy to meet for pastoral conversations about faith or to offer spiritual counsel. If you would like to speak with a member of the clergy, do be in touch directly or through the RTM Parish Office.

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Prelude

Chorale

William Mathias

*Please stand to sing the **Introit Hymn** when the bell rings.*

**1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.**

JOHN NEWTON (1725–1807)

A&M 587 (omitting verse 6)

The Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

Joe greets the people.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Joe introduces our worship.

Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned
against you and against our neighbour; in what we
have thought, in what we have said and done, through
ignorance, through weakness, through our own
deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love, and marred your image in
us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from
darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Joe says:

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

Amen.

The Gloria

Refrain:

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest!

**Glory to God in the highest,
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. Refrain**

**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. Refrain**

**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. Refrain**

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the readings and the psalm.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers (21.4-9).

From Mount Hor, Moses and the people of Israel 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22.22-28

*The Psalm appointed for the day is led by the choir, and the congregation are invited to join in with the sung **Response**.*

Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

22 I will tell of your name to my people;
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel. **R**

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face from them;
but when they cried to him he heard them. **R**

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever. **R**

27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians (2.6–1).

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn**

**1 The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.**

**2 The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;**

**3 The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.**

**4 To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name, an everlasting name,
their joy, the joy of heaven.**

**5 They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.**

**6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

THOMAS KELLY (1769–1855) A&M 232

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

A seasonal sentence is sung.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(3.13-17). **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No 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.'

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit.

The Creed

Please stand.

**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:
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel for the prayers of intercession.

These or other responses may be used.

Either: Lord, in your mercy *or:* Lord, hear us.
Hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end:

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

Joe introduces the Peace with the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
Who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
Look not on our sins,
But on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**
The peace of Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We greet each other with a sign of peace, and then sing the **Offertory Hymn**

**1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;**

**4 And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**5 O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;**

**6 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN (1801–1890)
A&M 763

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Preparation of the Altar

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

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. **Amen.**

The words of the Eucharistic Prayer are said mainly by the priest, although they are prayed by the whole congregation. You may find it helpful to your prayer to look and listen as the presiding priest leads us in this part of our worship. We pray with our eyes as well as our ears.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we celebrate with songs of praise
the cross, the victory-sign of Christ.

Once through the fruit of the forbidden tree we fell,
now through this tree our Saviour cancels all our sin.

An instrument of shameful death
has become for Christ a throne of glory.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

Please sit or kneel.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and the cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Divine, Matthias, Mary Magdalene and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Joe breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Holy Communion

Joe says:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Baptised members of all Christian traditions are welcome to receive Communion here today. Everyone is invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing if you do not wish to receive Communion.

During the distribution of Holy Communion the choir sing:

God so loved the world Alan Bullard

Prayer after Holy Communion

Let us pray.

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 Notices

Information about our life together is shared.

The Dismissal

We stand to sing the **Post Communion Hymn**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**I Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:**

**7 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:**

**8 Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:**

**9 From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:**

**10 Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:**

**11 For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne:**

GEORGE WILLIAM KITCHIN (1827–1912) and

MICHAEL ROBERT NEWBOLT (1874–1956)

A&M 707 (verses 1, 7–11)

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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, rest upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

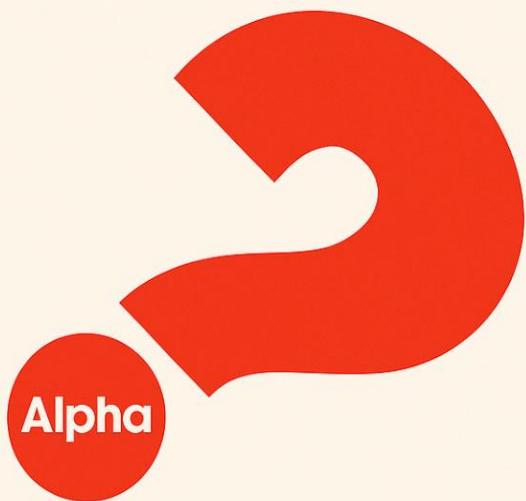
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7:00pm**



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Sunday 5th October



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