

Year A,B,C

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

Collect

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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

***The Lesson is written in the Forty-fifth Chapter of the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah beginning at the twenty-first verse***

Isaiah 45:21-25

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' "Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

The Word of the Lord

Psalm 98

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds.
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.
REFRAIN
2. The Lord has made his salvation known;
In the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
Toward the house of Israel. *REFRAIN*
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;
Break into song, sing praise. *REFRAIN*
4. Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
With the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
Sing joyfully before the King, the Lord. *REFRAIN*

The Lesson is written in the Second Chapter of the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Philippians beginning at the fifth verse

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

John 12:31-36a

† Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."