

Holy Cross

Greenford Magna



Holy Cross Day 2020

Mass at 8am and 9.30am

*Welcome as we celebrate our Parish Festival: Holy Cross Day.
And welcome to our preacher the Revd Ann Clarridge.*

*The Angelus bell is rung 10 minutes before each mass.
Please join in the prayers and responses printed in **bold**.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Jesus said,
'When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw all people to myself.'

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

We preach Christ crucified,
the power of God and the wisdom of God.
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome as we celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Cross, the Cross of Christ. (*And Welcome to our preacher the Revd Ann Clarridge.*) Today is our parish festival. As we give thanks for this community and for all our past worshippers, so we pray in this mass that we may be renewed in following the life-giving Way of Christ.

GREETING

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

Amen

The Lord be with you

And also with you

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

When sin cuts us off from God and from one another, God's love forgives, heals and restores us. Let us turn to the Lord and say:

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,
and your salvation according to your word:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

COLLECT FOR HOLY CROSS DAY

Let us pray

For the healing of the nations, O God,
you raised up your Son on the wood of the Cross
and exalted him as the Lord of creation.

Grant that all who believe in him
may have the gift of eternal life
and share in the glory of your kingdom,
where you live forever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING (Philippians 2.6-11)

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians

Christ Jesus, who, 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.

As you are able, please stand

GOSPEL (John 3.13-17)

Alleluia, alleluia.

The tree of shame
was made the tree of glory;

Where life was lost.
there life has been restored.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, '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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON – The Revd Ann Clarridge

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

Let us pray to the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give us life.

Silence

Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus to carry his cross. Give us grace to bear one another's burdens and to reach out to those in need. Hear our prayers for refugees and those who seek asylum, and for all are fleeing conflict, oppression or natural disasters.

Silence

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus, was promised a place in your kingdom. Give hope, healing and peace to all who live in the shadow of war and violence, among them the peoples of Syria, Yemen and Belarus.

Give us grace to build peace, and hear our prayers for all who struggle for justice and speak up for those who have no voice.

Silence

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and John his disciple to each other's care. Give us grace to show compassion to those in need.

And hear our prayers for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit, among them for: Undene Scantlebury, Georgie Calver, Lisa Vincent, Norman Dorival, Jo Hadler, Catherine Johnson, Stella Prats, Christopher Mgutshini, Patrick Foran, The Parish Family, Sally Cameron, Magda Pavlova, Michael Lewis, John Scully, Joan Bird, Alan Kingshott, Ronnie Perring, Morgan Bishop, The McCullugh Family, Little Beng, Melissa Heckick and Betsy Messenger.

Silence

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

In Mary and John your Son Jesus created a new family at the cross. Fill our relationships with mutual care, and give us a secure hope for the future. Hear our prayers for our families and church community; for the newly born, those starting school, for our older relations and any known to us who are shielding, isolated or anxious.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Joseph of Arimathaea came to take your Son's body away. Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved, and gentleness to those who minister to them. Hear our prayers for those who have died, for past worshippers and and for all whom we love, but see no longer.

Today we pray by name for Sylvia Umdegrove, Joan Clarke, Gillian Kimsey, Steve Parish and Sam Malaba who have died recently and for Rene Muns, Thomas James Morris, Geoffrey James Woodruff, David Jackson Amah, Irene Smale, Nigel Churn and Anne Webber whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Simon of Cyrene and Joseph of Arimathaea, Blessèd Mary and John the Apostle became part of your Church in Jerusalem. And still you call people from north and south, east and west to share in the feast of the kingdom.

Open your Church to all who seek to know, love and serve you, and help us to walk with Christ in the way of his passion and to find our salvation in the victory of his cross.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We say together

**Almighty God,
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with your saints in heaven and on earth:
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage
we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer,
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness
to your power and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *(Prayer A)*

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

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

Blessèd are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and saying:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus has taught us, so we pray

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

(For mass in church) Please come up to Communion one at a time

(For mass outdoors) Communion will be brought to you

Please extend your arms fully and stretch out your hand to receive the bread.

Communion is distributed without speaking and so we say together

The Body of Christ.

Amen

During Communion, reflective music is played

PRAYER AFTER 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.

CLOSING RESPONSES, BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Let us pray

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.

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,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please take this Order of Service home with you. Did you know? You can go paperless by downloading our weekly service sheet from our website.

Please leave the Church by the nearest marked exits and wait to enjoy your conversations in the fresh air.

Today we have a Parish Walk to Horsenden Hill followed by a picnic at Horsenden Hill Activity Centre. We set from the Old Church at 11am (prompt). The picnic will be at 12.30pm (approx). All Welcome.

HOLY CROSS PRAYERS

Grieving God,
on the cross
your Son embraced death
even as he had embraced life:
faithfully and with good courage.
Grant that we who have been
born out of his wounded side
may hold fast to our faith in him exalted
and may find mercy in all times of need.
Amen

Lord of the outstretched hand;
sun-darkened wood was split,
sandblown skin was torn
on the day you carried
the lies and hate,
the fear and suffering of all creatures
into our Mother's heart:
may we follow you beyond condemnation
and the terror of death
to find hope in love's crossed beams;
through Jesus Christ,
who emptied himself for us.
Amen.