

14 September 2020



Holy Cross Day

***'8 to 8' Day of Prayer for the Mission and Ministry of the Church
in the Parishes and Chaplaincies of the Leigh Deanery
and for members of the Bishop's Leadership Team***

*'Christ abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances,
that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two,
thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross'*
Ephesians 2.15,16

Join us throughout Holy Cross Day as we pray for the parishes and chaplaincies of the Leigh Deanery and for the Bishop's Leadership Team here in the Diocese of Manchester at this time of change and opportunity.

- 0800 to 0900: Astley: St Stephen's
- 0900 to 1000: Atherton with Hindsford: St John's, George's and St Philip's
- 1000 to 1100: Bedford: St Thomas and All Saints
- 1100 to 1200: Chaplaincies across the deanery
- 1200 to 1300: Christ Church Pennington and Leigh Sports Village
- 1300 to 1400: Howe Bridge: St Michael's and All Angels
- 1400 to 1500: Leigh: St Mary's
- 1500 to 1600: Mosley Common: St John's
- 1600 to 1700: Tyldesley: St George's
- 1700 to 1800: Westleigh: St Paul's
- 1800 to 1900: Westleigh: St Peter's
- 1900 to 2000: The Archdeaconry of Salford and our wider Diocese of Manchester including Zoom Evening Prayer @ 1930 (details below)

Collect for Holy Cross Day

Almighty God who is 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.

Evening Prayer
Monday, 14 September 2020 @ 19:30
Holy Cross Day

'8 to 8'

***Day of Prayer for the Mission and Ministry of the Church in
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for members of the Bishop's Leadership Team***

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Join Zoom Meeting

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“Christians will be found in the neighbourhood of Jesus – but Jesus is found in the neighbourhood of human confusion and suffering, defencelessly alongside those in need. If being baptized is being led to where Jesus is, then being baptized is being led towards the chaos and the neediness of a humanity that has forgotten its own destiny.” [Williams,

R. (2014) *Being Christian*. London: SPCK Publishing.]

Gathering

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

Amen.

Saviour of the World

- 1 Jesus, Saviour of the world,
come to us in your mercy: ♦
we look to you to save and help us.
- 2 By your cross and your life laid down,
you set your people free: ♦
we look to you to save and help us.

- 3 When they were ready to perish, you saved your disciples: ♦
we look to you to come to our help.
- 4 In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains, ♦
forgive the sins of all your people.
- 5 Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer; ♦
save and help us that we may praise you.
- 6 Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus: ♦
hear our prayer and be with us always.
- 7 And when you come in your glory: ♦
make us to be one with you
and to share the life of your kingdom.

**My soul waits for the Lord
more than those
who watch for the morning,
more than those
who watch for the morning.**

Silence is kept.

Out of the depths I have cried to You.
O Lord, hear my voice.

With my whole heart I want to praise You.
O Lord, hear my voice.

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:
Who could stand? Who could stand?

I will wait for the Lord.
My soul waits, and in His hope do I hope.

The Word of God

Psalm 110

Refrain:

The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel.

1The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right hand, ♦
until I make your enemies your footstool.'

2 May the Lord stretch forth the sceptre of your power; ♦
rule from Zion in the midst of your enemies.

3 'Noble are you on this day of your birth; ♦
on the holy mountain, from the womb of the dawn
the dew of your new birth is upon
you.'

R *The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel.*

4 The Lord has sworn and will not retract: ♦
'You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'

5 The king at your right hand, O Lord, ♦
shall smite down kings in the day of his
wrath.

R *The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel.*

6 In all his majesty, he shall judge among the nations, ♦
smiting heads over all the wide earth.

7 He shall drink from the brook beside the way; ♦
therefore shall he lift high his head.

R: *The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel.*

*Lord Jesus, divine Son and eternal priest,
inspire us with the confidence of your final conquest of evil,
and grant that daily on our way
we may drink of the brook of your eternal life
and so find courage against all adversities;
for your mercy's sake.*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63.1-16

'Who is this that comes from Edom,
from Bozrah in garments stained crimson?

Who is this so splendidly robed,
marching in his great might?’

‘It is I, announcing vindication,
mighty to save.’

‘Why are your robes red,
and your garments like theirs who tread the wine press?’

‘I have trodden the wine press alone,
and from the peoples no one was with me;
I trod them in my anger
and trampled them in my wrath;
their juice spattered on my garments,
and stained all my robes.

For the day of vengeance was in my heart,
and the year for my redeeming work had come.

I looked, but there was no helper;

I stared, but there was no one to sustain me;

so my own arm brought me victory,
and my wrath sustained me.

I trampled down peoples in my anger,

I crushed them in my wrath,

and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.’

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, ‘Surely they are my people,

children who will not deal falsely’;

and he became their saviour

in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel

but his presence that saved them;

in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;

he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

But they rebelled
and grieved his holy spirit;
therefore he became their enemy;
he himself fought against them.
Then they remembered the days of old,
of Moses his servant.
Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is the one who put within them
his holy spirit,
who caused his glorious arm
to march at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,
who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.
Like cattle that go down into the valley,
the spirit of the Lord gave them rest.
Thus you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.
Look down from heaven and see,
from your holy and glorious habitation.
Where are your zeal and your might?
The yearning of your heart and your compassion?
They are withheld from me.
For you are our father,
though Abraham does not know us
and Israel does not acknowledge us;
you, O Lord, are our father;
our Redeemer from of old is your name.

Canticle

***Refrain: Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.***

**Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, ♦
that you should follow in his steps.**

**He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, ♦
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.**

**When he suffered, he did not threaten, ♦
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.**

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, ♦
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

**By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep, ♦
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.**

1 Peter 2.21b-25

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.***

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

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? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
By his wounds you have been healed.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

cf 1 Peter 2

Prayers for the Mission and Ministry of the Church in the Leigh Deanery and for members of the Bishop's Leadership Team

Teach us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray in the storm,
in these uncertain times.

Teach us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray as we wade through
the risk assessments and the reams of changing advice.

Teach us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray as we look at our friends
who seem to have everything sorted and all is going well.

Teach us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray as we scroll through
our phones, through the newsfeeds, Twitter, and Facebook and more.

Teach us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray as we fear for the future,
even though we know we should hope for today.

Teach us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray in the dark of the night when sleep
never comes and our thoughts are all mangled.

Teach us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray as we decide the wrong from the right.

Teach us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray, to listen, to sit in the stillness and breathe in the depth of your love.

Teach us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray, to lift up your name and to call for your Kingdom to come here on your earth.

Amen.

Baptist Union.

Breakout Room Prayers

We pray for the parishes and chaplaincies of the Leigh Deanery.

We pray for Bishop David, Bishops Mark and Mark, Archdeacons Karen, Jean and David and Helen Platts and members of the Bishop's Leadership Team.

We pray for wisdom, for courage, for boldness and for charity as we seek to be a Church for a Different World.

Concluding Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful,
to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love,
and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.

Lincoln Cathedral

**Lord of Light – shine on us;
Lord of peace – dwell in us;
Lord of might – succour us;
Lord of love – enfold us;
Lord of wisdom – enlighten us.
Then Lord, let us go out as your witnesses,
in obedience to your command;
to share the good news of your mighty
love for us in the gift of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Church in Wales

The Collect of the day is said

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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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