

4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thine equal be;
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For the weight that hung on thee!

5 Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To the eternal Spirit honor
Now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

HOLY CROSS DAY (SEPTEMBER 14)

The color for Holy Cross Day is red.



What to listen for during the service?

Listen for parts in the service when it talks about Jesus dying on the cross and about Jesus forgiving our sins. How many times do we say or sing about those things in the service? In what way has Jesus loved you most?

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Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What did the people ask Philip?
- 2) What did Jesus mean when He said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified"? What was Jesus going to do?
- 3) What did Jesus mean when He said, "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life"? What are we to do while we are in this world? Should we go along with the world or follow Jesus' Word?
- 4) Who is the "ruler of this world" that will be "cast out"?
- 5) What kind of death would Jesus die? What would they do to Him? How would He be "lifted up" and how would that "draw all people" to Jesus?

People of the Bible: Jesus

Today we celebrate Holy Cross Day. As you can see from the picture on the cover, the cross is holy because Jesus died on it as the sacrifice for the forgiveness our sins. Jesus was the promised Messiah from the Old Testament, and was God become Man to be the Savior for all who believe. His baptism marked the beginning of his official ministry. In his baptism the sins of all people were laid on Jesus, which was the reason He came to us. After His baptism, Jesus then taught the people and performed miracles for approximately three years, in order to lead them to follow Him and believe. He would then be crucified to pay for the sins of all people and give eternal life to those who believe in Him. His ministry, death and resurrection (when He rose from the dead) are written about in the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Because of all these things Jesus did, now your baptism unites you with Christ and He has come to save you. Throughout your life, you should always remember your baptism and believe, knowing that you are safe in Jesus.

HYMN – "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay;
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,
As a victim won the day.
- 2 Tell how, when at length the fullness
Of the-appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman,
Left for us His Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience,
Shone as light amidst the gloom.
- 3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Did His work, and met His death;
Like a lamb He humbly yielded
On the cross His dying breath.