

Holy Cross

Morning Prayer

Gathering Hymn: Sanctuary

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true

With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Service

This is the day that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. For we are no longer strangers and sojourners, but citizens together with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise. **People: And your glory all the day long.**

Doxology

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship. Let us pray:

In you gracious God, the widowed find a carer, the orphaned find a parent, the fearful find a friend.

In you, the wounded find a healer, the penitent find a pardoner, the burdened find a counselor.

In you, the miserly find a beggar, the despondent find a laughter-maker, the legalists find a rule-breaker.

In you, Jesus Christ, we meet our Maker. And if some need to say, 'Help me'; and if some need to say 'Save me' and if some need to say, 'Hold me' and if some need to say, 'Forgive me' then let these be said now in confidence by us. (Silence)

O Christ, in whose heart is both welcome and warning, say to us, do to us, reveal within us the things that will make us whole. And we will wait; and we will praise you. ***Amen***

Sequence Hymn

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
our Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You

Chorus

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It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

In all I do I honor You
You are my King
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The Lesson, Gospel and Sermon

Canticle 12

A Song of Creation *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini Song of the Three*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

You that are holy and humble of heart glorify the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

The Lords Prayer

Stewardship Prayers

Heavenly Trinity, Creator of all we enjoy, we give you thanks for the countless people who have gone before us in the leadership of this church.

We know that the Holy Spirit inspired some as they longed for this church, others as they built this church and still others as they lovingly and boldly led this church through times of abundance and times of scarcity.

Help us to be bold as we model giving of time and money to this parish. Make our bold and generous pledge a symbol of both our integrity and gratitude. Then help us to encourage giving with all that we are and all that we have, just as you did while teaching among your disciples. *Amen.*

Prayer for Use by Children Regarding Stewardship

Jesus, we love you and we know you love us. Everything we have is a gift from you. Thank you for playtime and for our growing bodies. Thank you for our laughter and our joy. Help us to give some of our time and some of our money back to you. When we think of giving something away to someone who needs it, help us to give two and not just one. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Vision

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves; when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little; when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to shore.

Disturb us, Lord when with the abundance of the things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life.

Stir us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas, where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes and to push us into the future in strength, courage and love. Amen.

Stewardship Prayer - Thomas Merton

“Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, your Son

and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in you is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us". *Amen.*

_____ will present their pledges at this time (Chuck & Jo)?

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace/Lord I Need You

Amazing Grace/Lord I Need You
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
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun