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Holy Cross Day September 13, 2026

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #441 In the cross of Christ I glory

Collect of the Day

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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading: 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?
There is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Saviour;
there is no one 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 forth in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
"To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear."
Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him
shall come to him and be ashamed.
In the Lord all the offspring of Israel
shall triumph and glory.

The Psalm: Psalm 98:1-4 BCP Page 727-728

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal #474 When I survey the wondrous cross

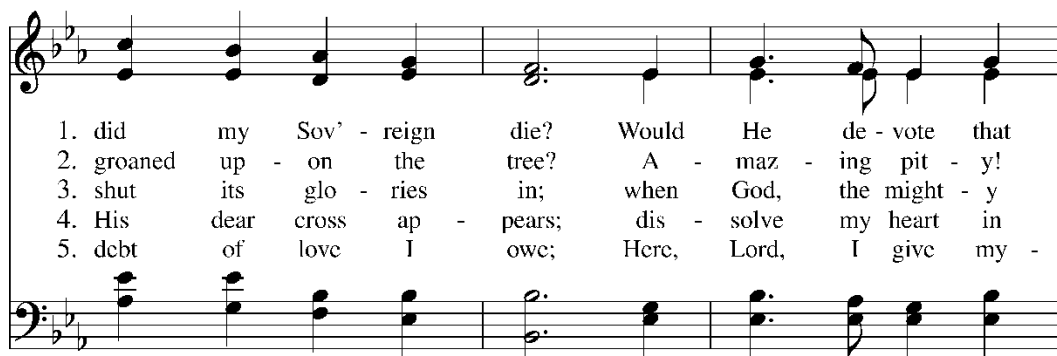
The Gospel: John 12:31-36a

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

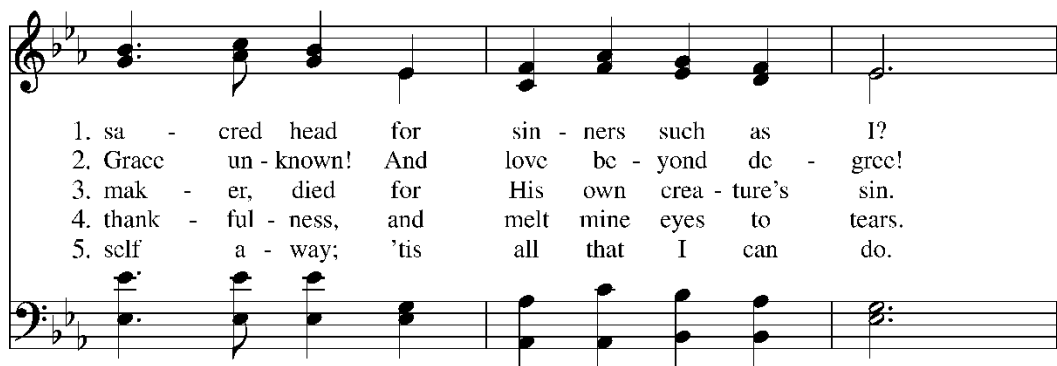
Offertory Anthem: At the Cross



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and
2. Was it for crimes that I have done, He
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while
5. But drops of tears can ne'er re - pay the



1. did my Sov' - reign die? Would He de - vote that
2. groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!
3. shut its glo - ries in; when God, the might - y
4. His dear cross ap - pears; dis - solve my heart in
5. debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



1. sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
2. Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
3. mak - er, died for His own crea - ture's sin.
4. thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes to tears.
5. self a - way; 'tis all that I can do.

At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the

bur - den of my heart rolled a - way; it was there by faith I re -

ceived my sight, and now I am hap - py all the day.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, refrain Ralph E. Hudson, 1885. Music: Ralph E. Hudson, 1885.

Communion Hymns

Hymn #1: Hymnal #324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymn #2: Put your trust in God

Fi - ez - vous en Lui, ne craig-nez pas. La paix de Dieu gar - de -
Put your trust in God, and do not fear. God's peace will dwell deep with -

ra vos cœurs. Fi - ez - vous en Lui. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
in your hearts. Put your trust in God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Processional Hymn: Hymnal #473 Lift High the Cross

SERVING TODAY

Presider & Preacher: The Reverend Nelson Serrano Poveda
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeni-Ann Kren, Roger Mortimer, Jennifer Bianchi
Readers: Priscilla Metry & Pam Johnston
Counters: Yolanda Herrera & Joe Kieta

CATHEDRAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cathedral Chapter Nominations:** Are you feeling called to serve our St. James Cathedral community in a meaningful way? The Cathedral Chapter is seeking dedicated members of our congregation to step forward and lead. **How It Works:** Each year, four Chapter members are elected by the Cathedral congregation on the **third Sunday of October**. Members serve a **three-year term**, with the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the life and ministry of our Cathedral. **Interested in Running?** If you feel led to serve, we invite you to complete a **nomination application**, which will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee. Applications are available in the Narthex OR can be requested electronically by emailing Pam Johnston, Senior Warden at srwarden@stjamesfresno.org. We encourage all eligible and interested members to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. Questions? Contact Pam or any Chapter member.
- **Produce Market:** Our produce market happens on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our next one is on Tuesday, September 15th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. All who are in need are welcome. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please email admin@stjamesfresno.org.
- **Women's Retreat:** St. James Cathedral is in the early stages of planning a Day Retreat for the Women of St. James on October 17, 2026. The cost for this retreat is \$40. Payment can be made to St. James. If this is something you would enjoy, please sign up on the interest form in the Narthex. If you have any questions or need financial assistance please get in touch with Priscilla Metry or email admin@stjamesfresno.org.
- **Prayer Book Gatherings:** Join us to learn about one of our greatest resources, The Book of Common Prayer! This takes place on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Chapter Conference Room. We will gather to talk about the value, spirituality, and discipline of the BCP using the book *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as Guide to a Spiritual Life* written by Derek Oslen. We'll end the gatherings with a liturgy from the BCP.
- **Bible Study:** Join Emily Niblick as leads the latest bible study focusing on the fourth gospel of John is characterized by descriptions and scenes which differ greatly from the first three (synoptic) gospels. Did the writer of John have his own sources? Come explore this beautiful gospel as we discuss what this unique gospel story has to share with us! Happening Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the Chapter Conference room located inside the Admin. Building. Zoom information can be found on the master calendar.
- **Create & Sew Days:** Join the Arts group on Wednesdays for their weekly craft day. Happening in the Arts & Education wing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Can't make it on Wednesdays? Join them on the 4th Saturday of the month, same place, same time!