

14 September
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Invitation to Confession
God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.
Romans 5.8
(or)
Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,
so that, free from sins,
we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.
Let us confess our sins.
cf 1 Peter 2.24
Kyrie Confession
Lord Jesus,
you came to reconcile us to one another and the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

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Lord Jesus,

you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus,
you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Collect
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.
Lectionary
Principal Service
Numbers 21.4-9

Psalm 22.23-28

John 3.13-17
Second Service
Isaiah 63.1-16
1 Corinthians 1.18-25
Evening Psalms
Psalms 110, 150
Third Service
Genesis 3.1-15
John 12.27-36a
Morning Psalms
Psalms 2, 8, 146
Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia.
Intercession
Let us pray to the Father through his Son,
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.
Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church

Philippians 2.6-11

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the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.	
Strengthen those who work to share	
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die	
Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much	
Lord, save us and help us.	
By the Saviour's cross and passion,	
that we may glory in his cross.	
and daily conform us more and more to Christ,	
by our words and in our deeds,	
Help us to witness to the faith we have received	
Give your grace to those who preach your word to the nations	
Lord, save us and help us.	
By the Saviour's cross and passion,	
draw your people close to you.	
and the celebration of the sacraments,	
In the preaching of the word	
Bless those who lead the Church's worship	
Lord, save us and help us.	
By the Saviour's cross and passion,	
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.	

Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing

By the Saviour's cross and passion,	
Lord, save us and help us.	
Bring healing by the wounds of Christ	
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice	
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,	
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,	
and in his passion to know their salvation.	
By the Saviour's cross and passion,	
Lord, save us and help us.	
Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship	
According to your promises,	
bring them with all your saints	
to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.	
By the Saviour's cross and passion,	
Lord, save us and help us.	
Holy God, holy and strong,	
holy and immortal,	
have mercy on us.	
Introduction to the Peace	
Once we were far off,	
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near	
through the shedding of Christ's blood,	

(or)
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.
Prayer at the Preparation of the Table
Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame
into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we bring before you this day,
and renew us in the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ,
the Lord of glory.
Preface
And now we give you thanks
because, for our salvation,
he was obedient even to death on the cross.

for he is our peace.

Ephesians 2.13

and where life was lost, there life has been restored.
(or)
And now we give you thanks
because for our sins he was lifted high upon the cross,
that he might draw the whole world to himself;
and, by his suffering and death,
became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.
(or)
And now we give you thanks
that through his suffering and death
you have brought life to the whole world
and moved our hearts to praise your glory.
The power of the cross reveals your judgement on this world
and the kingship of Christ crucified.
Extended Preface
It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Today we celebrate with songs of praise
the cross, the victory-sign of Christ.
Once through the fruit of the forbidden tree we fell,
now through this tree our Saviour cancels all our sin.
An instrument of shameful death
has become for Christ a throne of glory.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:
Post Communion
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,

Blessing
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.
Acclamation
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.

who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

Short Passages of Scripture

Jesus said,
'When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw all people to myself.'
John 12.32
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.
Galatians 6.14
Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.
Colossians 1.20
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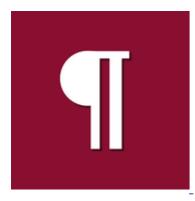
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