



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

# The Feast of the Holy Cross

14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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## Hymns:

- ♫ Processional- 492
- ♫ Gradual- 62
- ♫ Offertory- 399
- ♫ Communion- 446
- ♫ - God so loved the world:  
Sir John Stainer
- ♫ Recessional- 549
- ♫ Voluntary: Toccata & Fugue in  
D minor, BWV 565: JS Bach

## 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. **Amen.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Numbers 21.4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

<sup>4</sup> The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way.

<sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.'

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

<sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.'

<sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: 22.23-28

### Refrain:

My praise is of thee in the great congregation: **my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.**

<sup>23</sup> O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor: he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him. **R**

<sup>25</sup> My praise is of thee in the great congregation: my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever. **R**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord:

and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

<sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the people. **R**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Philippians 2.6-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

<sup>6</sup> Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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## Gospel Reading: John 3.13-17

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

**Glory to you O, Lord.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

<sup>13</sup> 'No one has ascended into heaven

except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Prayers

For healing and protection for: Joshua, Annie, Dwayne, Youngson Kuditas, Beverley, Glyn, Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Theresa, Valerie Stevenson, Joan & Julie Rochefort.

For those departed this life including Christine Castro, Daphne Butters, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time.

## Notices

### Pet Service 2!

We passed the audition for Dogs Behaving Badly, so we'll be holding another Pet Service on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 11am, this time with Graeme Hall off the telly!

Thanksgiving service of **100 years of the Downham Estate.**

21<sup>st</sup> September, 2pm, St Barnabas.

**Table sale.** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 11am-2pm. £15 per table. Speak to Sandy for more details.

**Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Conference:** Saturday 8 November from 10.00am to 4.00pm at St John's, Waterloo.

**St John's WhatsApp prayer group-** speak to Anne-Marie or Shea to join.

### Foodbank donations

Can be left in the collection bins outside the hall, or in the crate at the back of church. All non-perishable donations welcome.

**Volunteers appreciated** to help once a month with Children's Church, Youth Church & Café Church. Speak to Cynthia or Shea for details.

## Church Diary

### Prayer Chapel open:

Weekdays: 7.30am-5.30pm

Weekends: 9.30am-5.30pm

### Feast of the Holy Cross (14<sup>th</sup>)

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church & Youth Church.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Cyprian, martyr, 258

7.30am Morning Prayer (MP)

5pm Evensong (ES)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Ninian, missionary, c432

7.30am MP. 8.30am Said Mass.

1.30pm Mothers' Union. 5pm ES.

7.30pm DCC

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Hildegard, religious, 1179

7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass,

followed by Bible study. 5pm ES.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

7.30am MP.

**10am** Pet blessing service. 5pm ES.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Theodore, archbishop, 690

7.30am MP.

### Matthew the Apostle (21<sup>st</sup>)

10.30am Sung Mass with baptism, Children's Church & Youth Church.

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