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Lessons and Gospel

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HOLY CROSS



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FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Collect

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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lesson is written in the forty-fifth Chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah beginning at the twenty-first verse

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? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none 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 out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' "Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

Isaiah 45:21-25

Psalm 98

- 1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- 2 The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together
- 9 before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

The Lesson is written in the second Chapter of the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Philippians beginning at the fifth verse

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in

the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Saint John***

† Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

St. John 12:31-36a