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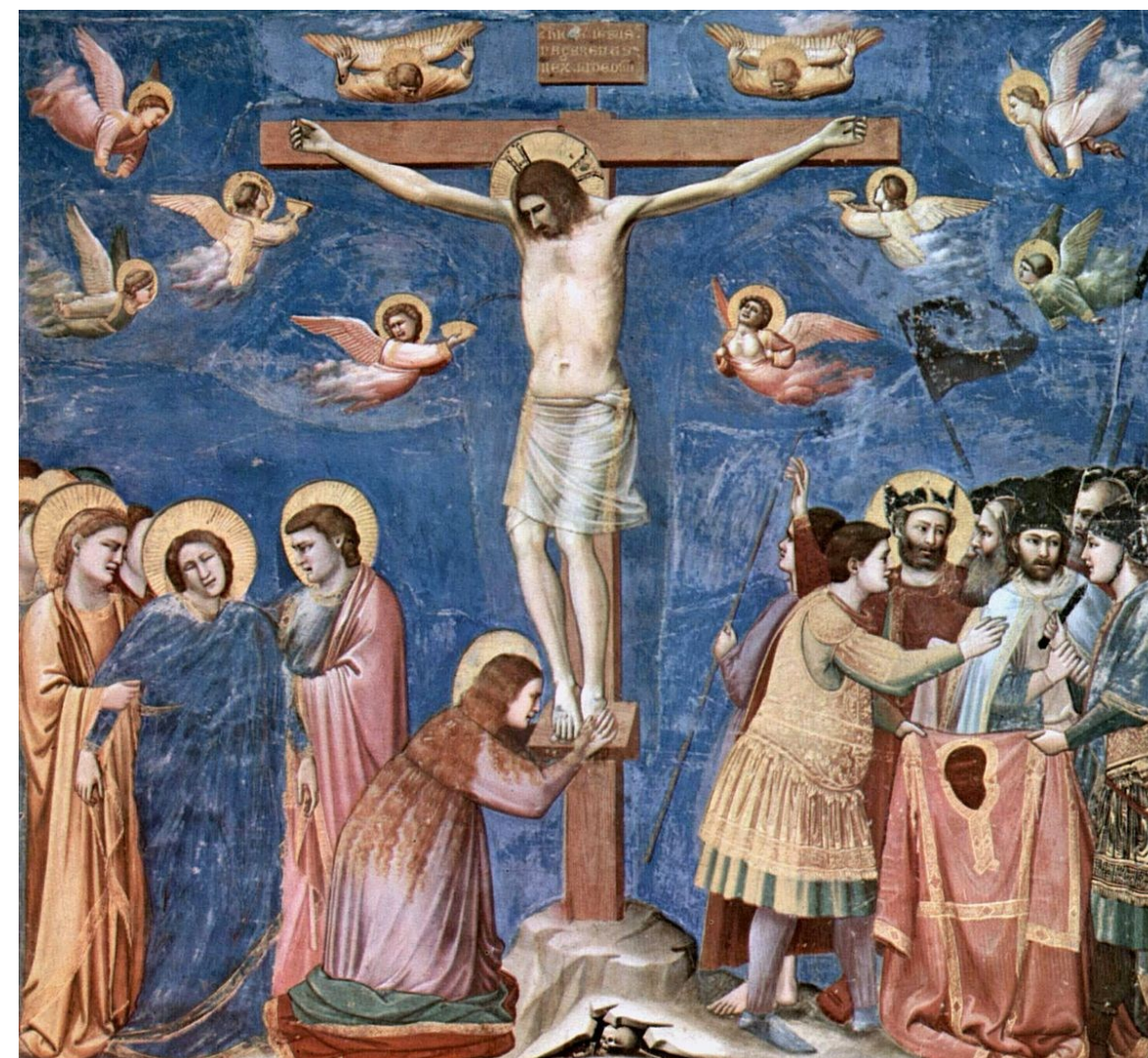
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# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## Choral Evensong Holy Cross Day

Sunday, September 14, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.*

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ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CHORAL EVENSONG

HOLY CROSS DAY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Voluntary *Prélude, OP. 5* Maurice Duruflé

*Please stand.*

Processional Hymn 24 *The day thou gavest, Lord is ended* St. Clement

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Preces Plainsong

**Officiant:** O Lord open thou our lips,  
**Choir:** And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
**Officiant:** O God make speed to save us,  
**Choir:** O Lord make haste to help us.  
**Officiant:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
**Choir:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, Amen.  
**Officiant:** Praise ye the Lord.  
**Choir:** The Lord’s Name be praised.

*Please be seated.*

Psalm 98 *(choir)* *Cantate Domino* Ivor Atkins

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.  
The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
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.  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

Holy Cross Day

During the reign of Constantine, first Roman Emperor to profess the Christian faith, his mother Helena went to Israel and there undertook to find the places especially significant to Christians. (She was helped in this by the fact that in their destructions around 135, the Romans had built pagan shrines over many of these sites.) Having located, close together, what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (at locations that modern archaeologists think may be correct), she then had built over them the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which was dedicated on September 14, 335. It has become a day for recognizing the Cross (in a festal atmosphere that would be inappropriate on Good Friday) as a symbol of triumph, as a sign of Christ's victory over death, and a reminder of His promise, “And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me.” (John 12:32)

*Adapted from an article by James Kiefer*



St. Helena & Heraclius taking the Cross to Jerusalem

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

**Officiant**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee  
**Closing Prayers**  
The Reverend Deacon James Green  
**Verger**  
Leon Tillery  
**Thurifer**  
Scott Sheble  
**Lectors**  
Elisabeth Sanders-Park  
Teresa Singer  
**Music**  
Dr. Brendan Conner, Organist and Director of Music  
Dr. Bryan Mock, Assistant Organist  
The Choir of St. Paul’s

Anthem

O Saviour of the World

John Goss

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

The Homily

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Please stand.

Closing Prayers

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 662

Abide with me

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The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Placare Christe Servulis

Marcel Dupré

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!  
Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together  
before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.” ’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,\* knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ The Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’

Reader: Here ends the lesson.

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded: the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away. He rememb’ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel: as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. *(Luke 1:46-55)*

*Please stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:17-22**

**Reader:** A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered\* for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you\* to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for\* a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Reader:** Here ends the lesson.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. *(Luke 2:29-32)*

*Please stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**The Apostles’ Creed *(sung together)***

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.	He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
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ResponsesPlainsong

<b>Officiant:</b>	The Lord be with you.
<b>Choir:</b>	And with thy Spirit.
<b>Officiant:</b>	Let us pray.
<b>Choir:</b>	Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

**The Lord’s Prayer *(choir)***

Our Father, who art in Heav’n, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heav’n. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

**The Suffrages**

<b>Officiant:</b>	O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us,
<b>Choir:</b>	And grant us thy salvation.
<b>Officiant:</b>	O Lord, save the State,
<b>Choir:</b>	And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
<b>Officiant:</b>	Endue thy ministers with righteousness,
<b>Choir:</b>	And make thy chosen people joyful.
<b>Officiant:</b>	O Lord save thy people,
<b>Choir:</b>	And bless thine inheritance.
<b>Officiant:</b>	Give peace in our time, O Lord.
<b>Choir:</b>	Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou O God.
<b>Officiant:</b>	O God, make clean our hearts within us,
<b>Choir:</b>	And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**The 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 unto 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.*

**A Collect for Peace**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**A Collect for Aid against Perils**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.