



Diocese of Scranton

Day of Prayer and Gratitude for Priests

Evening Prayer II *for the* Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross


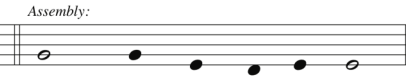
September 14, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Cathedral of Saint Peter
Scranton, Pennsylvania


Presider and Homilist
The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

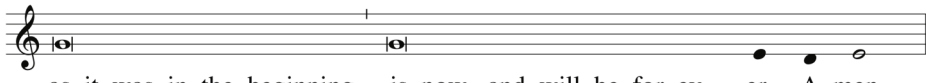
INTRODUCTORY DIALOGUE (stand)

Presiding minister:  *Assembly:* 

O God, ✠ come to my as - sis - tance. Lord, make haste to help me.

All: 

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A-men.

Added outside Lent:



Al - le - lu - ia.

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HYMN

“We Glory in the Cross of Christ”

ICH GLAUB AN GOTT/Chepponis

Verses



1. We glo - ry in the cross of Christ, for
2. Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, we
3. We cel - e - brate the life of Christ, are
4. Pro - claim to all the love of Christ, who



he is our sal - va - tion. His res - ur - rec - tion
rise through liv - ing wa - ters. A - noint - ed with the
nour - ished with his pres - ence. He gives his bod - y,
died and rose to save us. By serv - ing oth - ers



from the dead gives life to all cre - a - tion.
sa - cred oil, God names us sons and daugh - ters.
shares his blood: a cov - e - nant re - mem - brance.
we o - bey the man - date that he gave us.

Refrain



Praise Christ, our Sav - ior! Praise our Re - deem - er!



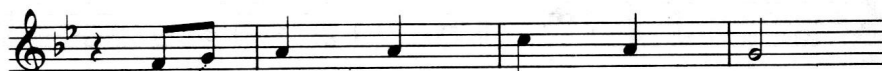
Praise and a - dore him for - ev - er!*

**An optional interlude may follow the refrain after verse 3.*

PSALMODY (sit)

Bishop: What a great work of charity! Death itself died when life was slain on a tree.

Psalm 110: 1-5, 7



Cantor: 1. The Lord's reve - lation to my Master:

All: 2. The Lord will wield from Zion

Cantor: 3. A prince from the day of your birth

All: 4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change

Cantor: 5. The Mas - ter standing at your right hand

All: 6. He shall drink from the streams by the wayside

All: 7. To the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit



“Sit on my right; your
your scep - ter of pow'r; rule
on the ho - ly mountains; from the
“You are a priest for ever, a
will shat - ter kings in the
and there - fore he shall
give praise for ever, give



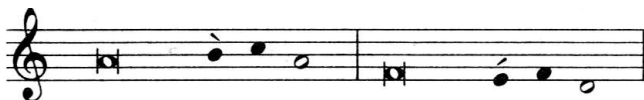
foes I will put be - neath your feet.”
in the midst of all your foes.
womb be - fore the dawn I be - got you.
priest like Mel - chi - ze - dek of old.”
day _____ of his wrath.
lift _____ up his head.
praise for ev - er. A - men.

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All: What a great work of charity! Death itself died when life was slain on a tree.

Bishop:

Psalm 116: 10-19



Cantor:

All:

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All:

Bishop: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12



Cantor: O Lord our God, you *are* worthy
to receive glory and honor *and* power.

All: For you have created *all* things;
by your will they came to be and *were* made.

Cantor: Worthy are you, O Lord,
to receive the scroll and break open *its* seals.

All: For you *were* slain;
with your blood you purchased *for* God
men of every race *and* tongue,
of every people *and* nation.

Cantor: You made of them a kingdom,
and priests to serve *our* God,
and they shall reign on *the* earth.

All: Worthy is the Lamb that *was* slain
to receive power *and* riches,
wisdom *and* strength,
honor and glory *and* praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to *the* Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the *beginning*,
is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

All: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

READING

Philippians 2: 6-11

HOMILY

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

RENEWAL OF PRIESTLY PROMISES

*The Bishop invites the priests present to stand and for all priests
to renew their dedication to Christ and to the service of His people.*

Bishop: Beloved sons, as today we commemorate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people, the promises you once made?

Priests: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to him, denying yourselves and confirming those promises about sacred duties towards Christ's Church which, prompted by love of him, you willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of your priestly ordination?

Priests: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls?

Priests: I am.

Then the Bishop addresses the faithful.

Bishop: As for you, dearest sons and daughters, pray for your Priests, that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them, and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest, so that they may lead you to Him, who is the source of salvation.

Assembly: Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

Bishop: And pray also for me, that I may be faithful to the apostolic office entrusted to me in my lowliness and that in your midst I may be made day by day a living and more perfect image of Christ, the Priest, the Good Shepherd, the Teacher and the Servant of all.

Assembly: Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

Bishop: May the Lord keep us all in his charity and lead all of us, shepherds and flock, to eternal life.
Assembly: Amen.


HYMN OF THANKGIVING (sit) “Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam”
Schutte

Refrain



Ad ma - ió - rem De - i gló - ri - am. God of all things,
in great and small things, so we la - bor to set all
hearts on fire for your great - er glo - ry, O God.

Verses



1. Be the pas - sion in our soul as we fight for
2. Be the hun - ger in our heart as we bring your
3. Be the won - der in our mind as we seek for
4. Be the bless - ing on our lips as we share your

to Refrain



1. jus - tice and long for the reign of peace.
2. mer - cy to all who are bound by shame.
3. wis - dom and walk in the way of truth.
4. prom - ise of hope for the home - less heart.

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GOSPEL CANTICLE (stand)

Bishop: O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory.
Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

Luke 1: 46-55



All: My soul ✠ proclaims the greatness *of* the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in *God* my Savior

For he has looked with favor on his *lowly* servant.
From this day all generations will *call* me blessed:

The Almighty has done great *things* for me
and holy *is* his Name.

He has mercy on *those* who fear him
in every *generation*.

He has shown the strength *of* his arm,
he has scattered the proud in *their* conceit.

He has cast down the mighty *from* their thrones,
and has lifted *up* the lowly.

He has filled the hungry *with* good things,
and the rich he has sent *away* empty.

He has come to the help of his *servant* Israel
for he has remembered his *promise* of mercy,

the promise he made *to* our fathers,
to Abraham and his *children* for ever.

Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son,
and to the *Holy* Spirit:

As it was in the beginning is now,
and will be *forever*. Amen.

All: **O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory.
Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.**

INTERCESSIONS

Bishop: Let us pray with confidence to Christ who endured the cross to save us.

“O God, Hear Us”
Hurd



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THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER

Bishop: O God,
who willed that your Only Begotten Son
should undergo the cross to save the human race,
grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth,
may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

GREETING, BLESSING, DISMISSAL

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: **Now and forever.**

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

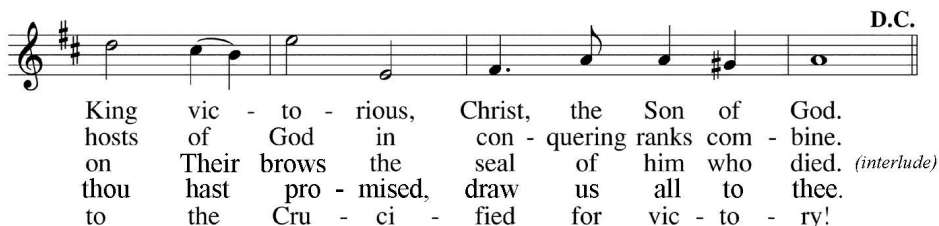
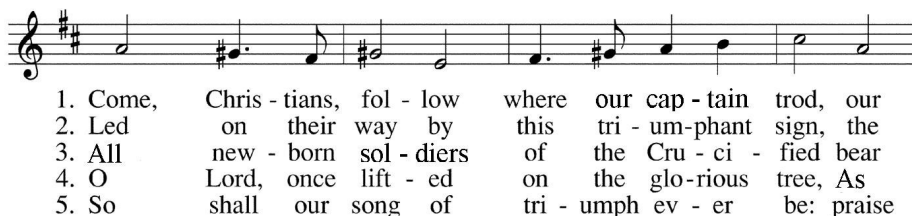
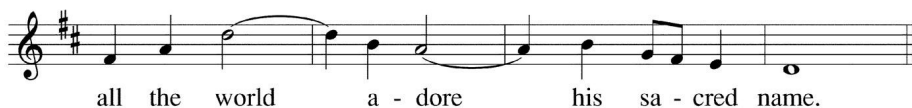
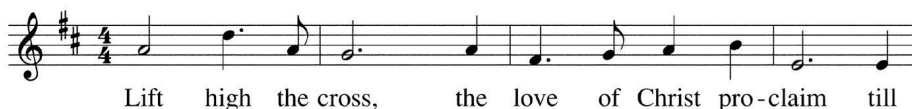
Bishop: Go in peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF SENDING FORTH

“Lift High the Cross”

Nicholson/ arr. Hillert



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