

**AN ORDER FOR**  
**MORNING DEVOTIONS**  
**HOLY CROSS ANGLICAN SCHOOL**

***THE GATHERING***

***Quiet Time***

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Children: And also with you.**

Leader: ***Let us Pray: (Leader reads)***

Father, we come together in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

***Song: (All)***

Leader: Please join me in prayer: ***(All say together)***

**Lord God, Almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***THE READING FOR THE DAY***

***Reflection on the Reading (Leader or group designated to do)***

***Song: (All)***

Leader: Let us stand and affirm our faith by saying together the Apostles' Creed. ***(All say together)***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ***THE SUFFERAGES***

Leader: Please respond

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**Children: And grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Children: Let your people sing with joy.**

Leader: Give peace, O Lord in all the world;

**Children: For only in you can we live in safety.**

Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**Children: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Leader: Let your way be known upon earth;

**Children: Your saving health among all nations.**

Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Children: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**Children: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Please join me in *A Litany of Thanksgiving*

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of creation,

**Children: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

**Children: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,

**Children: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For minds to think and hearts to love,

**Children: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

**Children: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**Children: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For all who pursue peace, justice and truth,

**Children: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: Today, we give thanks especially for Holy Cross Anglican School and those celebrating birthdays,

**Children: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**Children: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; to Him be praise and glory, with You, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: Are there any special prayer requests or birthdays this week? If you have a birthday, please come forward (*Give out stickers and read birthday blessing. Ask others to sing Happy Birthday*)

Leader: Please stand and join me in singing the *Doxology*:  
(*All*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Leader: Remain standing and say *The Lord's Prayer* and the Prayer of self-dedication together: *(All)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*A Prayer of Self-Dedication: (All)*

**Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Grace:*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us today and always.

*Song: (All)*

***THE DISMISSAL***

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**Children: And also with you!**

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

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