

JOHN 3:16



LOVED THE WORLD

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



**HOLY CROSS DAY:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 AT 9 A.M.**

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*We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.*

## **Welcome**

*Steven Mackison*

**Prelude: We Are Not Alone – Pepper Choplin**

*Virtual Choir*

## **✠ The Gathering of the Community**

*Officiant: Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Glory to God

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Priest:* Almighty God,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
was lifted high upon the cross  
that he might draw the whole world to himself,  
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption,  
have grace to take up our cross and follow him,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

*Karen Visser*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

The Israelites became impatient on the way. 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.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 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. 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.” 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.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Numbers 21.4b-9

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Psalm 98: Song 95 – Refrain II (Gather)

### Refrain

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wonderful deeds.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wonderful deeds.

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds; whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm.
2. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all, remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen salvation by our God.  
Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.
4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.  
Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord.

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## Second Reading

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

*Dennis Duffy*

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our

proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

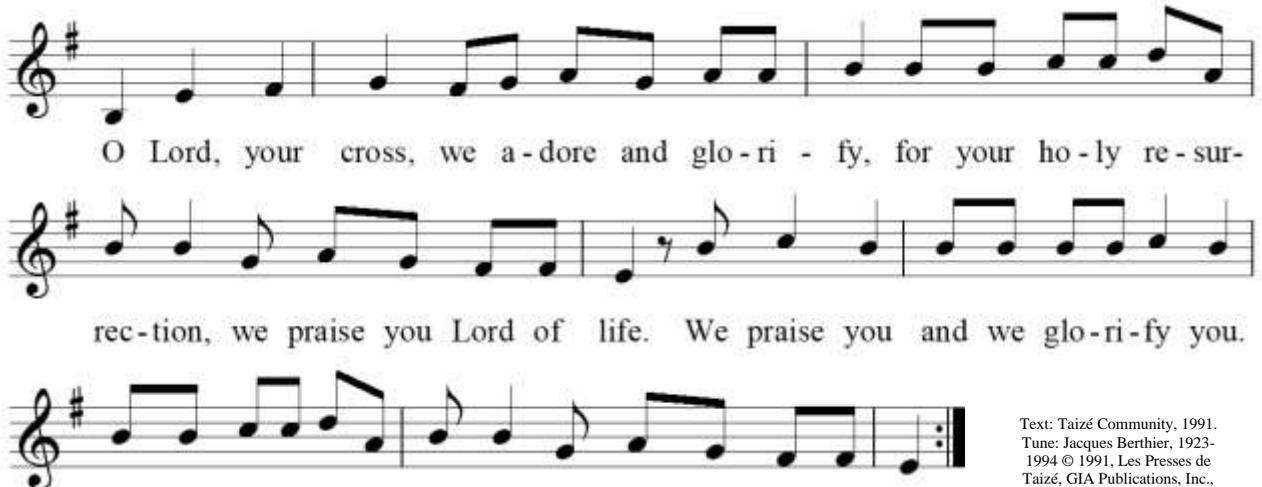
*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.18-24

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Hymn: #417 (Gather) “O Lord, Your Cross”



O Lord, your cross, we a-dore and glo-ri - fy, for your ho-ly re-sur-  
rec-tion, we praise you Lord of life. We praise you and we glo-ri-fy you.  
For your ho-ly re-sur-rec-tion, we praise you Lord of life.

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## The Gospel

*Steven Mackison*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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.

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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 3.13-17

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Steven Mackison

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: The Cross - Prince

Hymn: #694 (Gather) "Now We Remain"

Refrain:

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts. Liv-ing; now we re-main with  
 Je-sus the Christ.

Verses:

1. Once we were peo - ple a - fraid, lost in the night. Then by your  
 2. Some-thing which we have known, some-thing we've touched, What we have  
 3. He chose to give of him - self, be - came our bread. Bro - ken,  
 4. We are the pres-ence of God; this is our call. Now to be-

cross we were saved; Dead be-came liv-ing, Life from your giv-ing.  
 seen with our eyes: This we have heard; Life giv-ing word.  
 that we might live. Love be-yond love, Pain for our pain.  
 come bread and wine: Food for the hun-gry, Life for the wea-ry,

for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

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# The Prayers of the People

Marjorie Wrightson

*Leader:* Let us pray to God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who suffered on the cross out of love for us. We pray for the Church, especially those that bear the name of the Holy Cross. We pray for Christ's Body in all parts of the world. God, where your church is broken, persecuted, or suffering, heal and strengthen it, and may all Christians be willing to take up their cross and follow you.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross:

**All: That the whole world may come within your reach.**

*Leader:* We pray for the world, for whom God sent his only begotten son in sacrifice. Bless all who struggle and strive to do your will in this broken world. Nurture and sustain us as we seek ways to heal what we have hurt.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross:

**All: That the whole world may come within your reach.**

*Leader:* Look with mercy on those for whom Jesus came to die, especially those who are sick and suffering, lonely or lost, as we offer their names to you in prayer.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Help us to remember when we suffer, that you suffer with us, O God, in the person of Jesus, and that casting all our fears upon him, we may find peace and wholeness.

You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross:

**All: That the whole world may come within your reach.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who have died. Welcome into paradise all who have passed on to eternity to be in your presence.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. May all share in the resurrection of Jesus in communion with all your saints

You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross:

**All: That the whole world may come within your reach.**

*Leader:* Dear God, we thank you for transforming an instrument of death and despair into a symbol of hope and new life. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you for all that you are.

*Please add your prayers of thanksgiving over in the chat box*

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

**All: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Doxology

*Priest:* Glory to God,

**All: whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Hymn: #707 (Gather) "Guide My Feet"



1. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,  
2. Hold my hand while I run this race, Hold my hand while I run this race,  
3. Stand by me while I run this race, Stand by me while I run this race,  
4. I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,  
5. Search my heart while I run this race, Search my heart while I run this race,  
6. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,



Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

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## The Dismissal

*Steven Mackison*

**Priest:** Let us take up our crosses and go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Ministry Updates

*Steven Mackison*

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