



HOLY CROSS DAY:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Dear Friends in Christ, during this time of pandemic
we have been unable to worship the Lord, gathered as one body in church
and we have fasted from the celebration of Christ's body and blood.
Today we return, rejoicing that we have come home
and grateful for how God sustained us in our exile.

Meditation Song: "We Are Not Alone" — *Pepper Choplin*

Virtual Choir (Recorded)

We are never alone, for God is with us.
Now, through all our days, always.
For ever and ever, we are never alone.

And God will make us strong, for God is with us.
We will press on, for God is with us.
Now, through all our days, always.
For ever and ever, we are never alone.

The Paschal Candle is lit in witness to the presence of the risen Christ in our midst.

Priest: We meet in the presence of God

All: **who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

Priest: Lord God, the maker and redeemer of all,
as we come before you in grief and praise this day,

All: **comfort us with your presence,
make us attentive to your voice,
and sustain us with the hope of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting

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.**

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.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

First Reading

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 98.1-5

Priest: O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

**All: His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.**

Priest: The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

**All: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

Priest: All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

All: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Priest: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

All: **with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

Second Reading

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

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: “Take Care of this House” – *Leonard Bernstein*

Take care of this house keep it from harm
if bandits break in sound the alarm
Care for this house shine it by hand and keep it so clean
the glow can be seen all over the land.

Be careful at night, check all the doors,
if someone makes off with a dream the dream will be yours.
Take care of this house be always on call
for this house is the home of us all.

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The Gospel

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.**

(Jesus said) “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

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

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 offer them in silence.

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 offer them in silence.

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 offer them in silence.

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 offer them in silence.

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 give voice to your prayers of thanksgiving or offer them in silence

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 Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #214 (Common Praise) “The Lamb’s High Banquet Called to Share”



The Lamb's high ban-quet called to share, ar - rayed in gar-ments white and fair, the
Up - on the al - tar of the cross, his bod - y hath re - deemed our loss; and,
Now Christ our pass - o - ver is slain, the Lamb of God with - out a stain; his



Red Sea past, we long to sing to Je - sus our tri - um-phat king.
tast - ing of his pre - cious blood, our life is hid with him in God.
flesh, the true un - leav-ened bread, is free-ly of - fered in our stead.

Text: Latin (Ad cenam Agni, 6th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Melody Antiphoner, Rouen, 1728; harm. Michael Fleming (1928-2006). Harm. © Hope Publishing Co.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Presider: Steven Mackison

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
Through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven’s song:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
He took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.
This is his story.

All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Therefore, Father,
with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you
to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest. 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 Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People: Now we are raised to new life.

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

People: Now we share in your resurrection.

Priest: Live in us, that we may live in you.

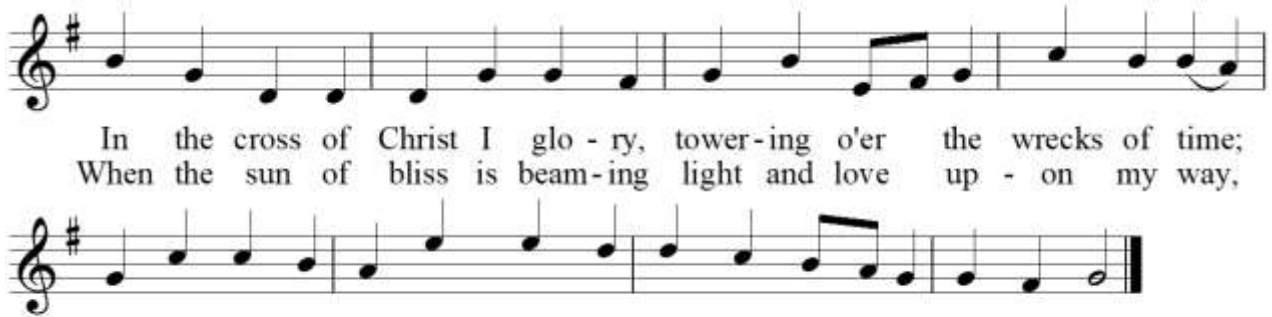
Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion

Communion Hymn: #537 (Common Praise) “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower-ing o'er the wrecks of time;
When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and love up - on my way,
all the light of sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub-lime.
from the cross the ra-diance stream-ing adds more lus-tre to the day.

Text: John Bowring (1792-1872). Music: John Stainer (1840-1901).

Prayer After Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.**

Ministry Updates

Please be seated

