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"We adore you, O Christ, and  
we bless you.  
Because by your holy cross you  
have redeemed the world."

## *Holy Cross Day*

14 September 2025

Solemn High Mass with Procession

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

## Organ Prelude

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland ('Jesus Christ, our Saviour'),  
BWV 665 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Mass Setting

Missa Brevis XIII "Holy Cross" Healey Willan (1880-1968)  
Gloria and Creed: Merbecke

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of the Lord. Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

*Members of the congregation are invited to join in the procession.*

**243 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Crucifer**  
**(v. 1-4, 8-12)**

## Station at the Rood

When I am lifted up:

**I will draw the whole world unto me**

O Blessed Saviour, who by thy cross and passion hast given life unto the world: Grant that we thy servants may be given grace to take up the cross and follow thee through life and death; whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit we worship and glorify, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The conclusion of the hymn follows.*

## Introit Proper

But as for us, it behoveth us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ : in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection; by whom we were saved and obtained our freedom. *Ps.* God be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. Glory be ... But as for us ...

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## Collect

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.**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

#### Numbers 21:4-9

The people 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.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 98

*Cantate Domino.*

- <sup>1</sup> O sing unto the Lord a new song; / for he hath done marvellous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, / hath he gotten himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord hath declared his salvation: / his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; / and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- <sup>5</sup> Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: / sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- <sup>6</sup> Praise the Lord upon the harp: / sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

### Second Reading

#### 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

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.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn

**242    *O Cross of Christ, immortal tree***

**Horsley**

### Gradual Proper

Christ became obedient for our sakes unto death : even the

death of the Cross. V. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him : and given him the Name which is above every name. Alleluia. Alleluia. V. Sweetest wood, sweetest iron, that bare so sweet a Burden : which only was counted worthy to sustain the King of heaven and its Lord. Alleluia.

## Gospel

John 3:13-17

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the third chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

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## Offertory Proper

By the sign of the holy Cross, defend, O Lord, thy people from all the snares of our enemies : that the service which we render

may be pleasing unto thee and our sacrifice acceptable in thy sight, alleluia.

### Offertory Hymn

**543    *O praise the Lord, ye servants of the Lord*      Old 124th**

### Prayer over the Gifts

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.**

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### Communion Proper

By the sign of the Cross deliver us from our enemies; O Lord our God.

### Communion Hymn

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God so loved the world John Stainer (1840-1901)

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