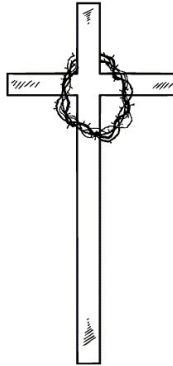


Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed
the world. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you **and also with you**



Gospel

John 3.13-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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.

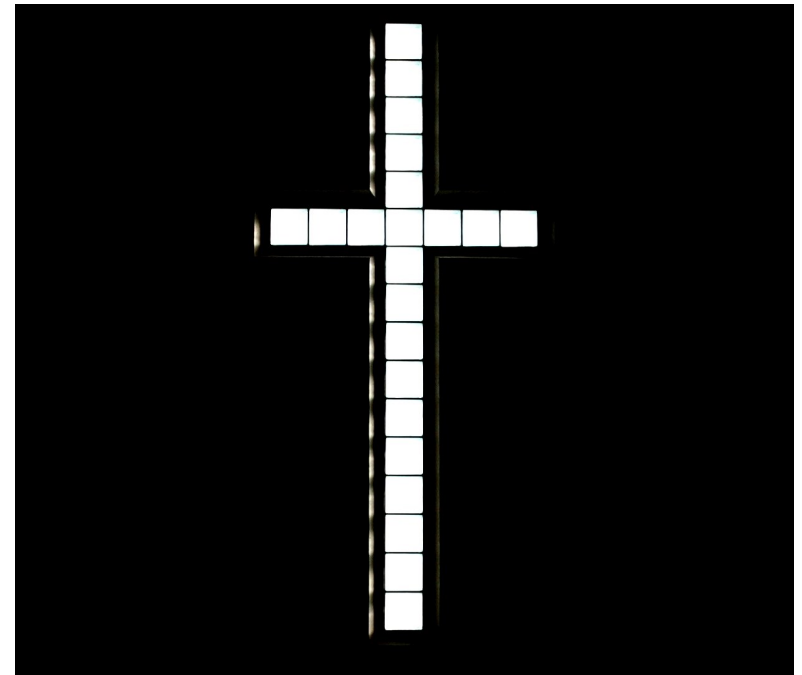
“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“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.

For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Feast of Holy Cross

14th September 2025



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Sentence

Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Galatians 6.14

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Numbers 21.4b - 9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged 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.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 78.1-2, 34-38

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Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
For I will open my mouth in a parable:

And expound the mysteries of former times.
They remembered that God was their rock:
That God Most High was their redeemer.

But they lied to him with their mouths:
And dissembled with their tongues;

For their hearts were not fixed upon him:
Nor were they true to his covenant.

Yet he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them:

Many times he turned his anger aside, and would not wholly arouse his fury.

He remembered that they were but flesh:

Like a wind that passes, and does not return.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.18-24

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

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God