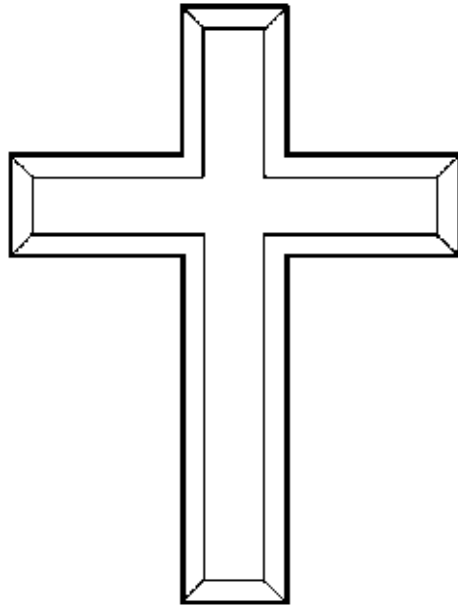


# Church of the Holy Cross

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Cross Day



September 17, 2023

10 a.m.

Holy Communion

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# Gathering of the People

**Prelude** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Arr. Berry

**Opening Hymn** CG 4 *All Are Welcome*



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,  
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger  
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we  
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us  
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Tune: TWOCARs, ♭ 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

## Invocation (LaughingBird.net & BCP)

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, God of all creation,  
**People** **and blessed is the communion into which you gather us.**

*Celebrant* You promised through your beloved Son  
that when two or three gather together in his name,  
you will be there in the midst of them.

**People** **Send your Holy Spirit  
to dwell among us, call us by name, and lead us.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** LEVAS 215 *Great are you, O Lord*

*Feel free to choose a line to sing, as you feel comfortable.*

*3 part canon*

**Middle Voices**



1. God, our Fa - ther, we a - dore— you, mag - ni - fy— you;  
 2. Heav'n and earth pro - claim your pow - er, show your glo - ry;  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

**High Voices**



1. God, our Fa - ther, we a - dore— you, mag - ni - fy— you;  
 2. Heav'n and earth pro - claim your pow - er, show your glo - ry;  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

**Low Voices**



Great are you, O Lord!\_\_\_\_\_

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Hebrew Scripture**

Isaiah 45:21-25

*Reader* A Reading from Isaiah

Declare and present your case;  
 let them take counsel together!

Who told this long ago?  
 Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, the LORD?  
 There is no other god besides me,  
 a righteous God and a Saviour;  
 there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved,  
 all the ends of the earth!  
 For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn,  
 from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness  
 a word that shall not return:

“To me every knee shall bow,  
every tongue shall swear.”  
Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,  
are righteousness and strength;  
all who were incensed against him  
shall come to him and be ashamed.  
In the LORD all the offspring of Israel  
shall triumph and glory.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98

*Recited responsively by whole verse. The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

## A Reading from the Letters

Philippians 2:5-11

*Reader* A reading from Philippians.  
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue should confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Sequence Hymn** H 554 'Tis the gift to be simple

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
 and when we find our - selves in the place just right,  
 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.  
 When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to  
 bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will  
 be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

**Holy Gospel**

John 12:31-36a

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

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Affirmation of Faith** (LaughingBird.net)

*Standing as you are able, together say*

**We believe in God, who made the world and reaches out to it with a love fierce and passionate, tender and kind.**

**We believe in Jesus, the Christ, God revealed in a human life. He touched the untouchable, pardoned the unforgivable and unmasked the powers that enslave us. In fear and arrogance we cast him, lifeless, into the grave, and with him went our hopes of salvation. Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit – God's mysterious presence with us – whose breathing gives life; whose fire purges and renews; whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions, awakening courage, humor and hope.**

**We believe in ourselves, made in the image of God and growing to wholeness in Christ. Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized into a common life: a life laid open to all, overflowing with love and mercy, richer than mind can measure, but appearing foolish to the world.**

**And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world, and that the suffering of God will heal the earth and fulfill our hopes of justice and peace.**

**Prayers of the People** (Anglican Church in Australia)

*Prayer* Let us pray for our own needs, and those of others.  
For the community and world we live in, and for the ministry of Holy Cross.

**People We pray in the Spirit, O God.**

*Prayer* For the least, the last and the outsiders to find belonging in love, O Christ,

**People We pray in the Spirit, O God.**

*Prayer* For the wise, the gifted and the strong to offer their talents, in Christ's service,

**People We pray in the Spirit, O God.**

*Prayer* For all who seek faith to discover the Good News here in their own way,

**People We pray in the Spirit, O God.**

*Prayer* For all who are broken or discouraged to find healing and peace, in the grace of Christ,

**People We pray in the Spirit, O God.**

*Prayer* For those who have gone before us.

**People May we be one in the resurrection to God's life.**

*Prayers may be typed into the Zoom chat or offered aloud in the sanctuary.*

*Prayer* Give us such trust in you, our generous God,  
that our own generosity may be expressed in your service.

**All Give us the grace to live our unfolding story with you,  
and to be changed by your Spirit as we live in hope. Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution** (EOW 1 & John O'Donohue)

*Stand or kneel as you prefer.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* May all that has been unforgiven in you be released.  
May your fears yield to the deepest tranquilities.  
May all that is un-lived in you blossom into a future graced with love.  
In the name of the Holy Trinity, one God. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*God's Peace is exchanged with one another.*

## **Liturgy of the Table**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Music** *Let There Be Peace On Earth* Words and Music by Miller and Jackson;  
Arr by Keith Christopher

### **Communion Prayer** (BCP, Prayer A)

*Celebrant* God be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** S 130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Creator, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, we now 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.**

### Breaking of the Bread *(Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy gifts for holy people.

### Fraction S 169 *My flesh is food indeed*

*Cantor or Choir*  
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* deed, says the Lord. My Lord. 2 *Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my

*All* flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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## The Communion of the People

The church choir is invited to take communion in the first group so they can lead the communion hymn after. No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.


### Communion Music VF 89 We gather at your table, Lord



1 We gath - er at your ta - ble, Lord: we hum - bly lift our  
2 We share this meal and we are fed. Such bas - ic gifts be -  
3 God, pour your Spi - rit on us all, and on these gifts that  
4 From north and south, from west and east, now rec - on - ciled, we



hearts to you! Here all are wel - comed, all re - stored, and  
come your sign: we see you bro - ken in the bread; we  
we re - ceive; for in Christ's pre - sence we re - call his  
ga - ther near; we taste your king - dom's ban - quet feast, so



*For canon only*  
all are giv - en work to do. (-en work to do.)  
know your love in com - mon wine. (in com - mon wine.)  
life and death, and so be - lieve. (and so be - lieve.)  
find - ing strength to serve you here. (to serve you here.)

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Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585).

## Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

### Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

**All**

**Eternal God, heavenly Creator,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness  
and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing** (EOW 1)

*Celebrant*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy,  
has always protected you, and loves you as a mother.  
Go in peace to follow the good road  
and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** H473 *Lift high the cross*

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
 till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.  
 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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**Going into the World**

*Deacon* Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

**Postlude**

*This brings the worship to a close. Please join for coffee hour in the Parish Hall.  
 Zoom guests may stick around for a virtual coffee hour.*

Ministers of Today's Service  
 Reader 1: Ed Happ  
 Reader 2: Larry Jansen  
 Prayer: Minerva Melville  
 Greeter/Usher: John Janson  
 Zoom Host: Shirley Chen  
 Counters: Pam Hinkle & Kip Voss

Altar Guild  
 Joanne Quinlin, Carole Abshier, Marge Bixby,  
 Gael Grossman, Anne Hamilton, Katherine Housman,  
 Cathi Peterson, Edith Saywayne

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