

September 13, 2020
Holy Cross Sunday

*Welcome to our service of Holy Eucharist. All are welcome, we are glad that you are here. The people are invited to join in everything that is in **BOLD** type, while the Celebrant will speak the plain type.*

Entrance Hymn

Greeting

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

There is one body and one Spirit,
there is one hope in God's call to us;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

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

PSALM 98:1-5

*The reader will read the light print, while the people will read the **bold**.*

- 1 Sing to our God a new song,*
for you have done marvelous things.
- 2 + **With your right hand and your holy arm***
have you won for yourself the victory.
- 3 You have made known your victory;*
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **You remember your 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 God, all you lands;*
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Glory to God our Creator, to God's most Holy Word,
and to the Spirit, indwelling:***
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

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 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 called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you O Christ.

John 3:13-17

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 Christ. **Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon

Beloveds, today is a glorious day! Today is a day like no other. Today is full of challenges, surprises, heartbreak, confusion. Full of smoke, viruses and cruelty. Today people will die in fires and wars and in hospital wards. Tomorrow will be a day like that too. But today is also a day of wonder and glory. Today is a day when we will

say YES to a way of being on earth, a way of being with earth, a way of being with one another that changes all of history.

Today is a day of remembrance, a day of commitment, a day of prayer.

Today is a day where with water, oil, light, bread and wine, we will declare our allegiance with Love.

A few days ago a smart, kind woman -- I was a guest in her house -- asked me how I could believe in God -- with such evidence of suffering and cruelty in the world. How could God be both All Powerful, and Good? An ancient question. Of course, I couldn't come up with a quick answer at the time -- I never can. But I have an answer: There is no answer that solves this question for all time. Because it's the wrong question.

God, the Creator, is the maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. God made everything, and called everything Good. Every bit of God's creation is infused with this beauty and this goodness, from the farthest star to the spider in my garden. All of us. We were all made good, every child ever born. Everyone carries this spark in their heart.

Human cruelty is -- of course -- very real. And so is suffering caused by the whims of nature, and by the reality of death. What are we to do?

We, who are Christians, decidedly turn away from human hatred, towards the Creator, who is love. Our Creator, who loves us, looked down upon the Creation -- remember Moses from a few weeks ago -- and had compassion upon the suffering people, and brought them into freedom's land. We, who are Christians, believe that God so loved this precious Earth, that God sent Jesus into the world to crack open the history of human cruelty and to illuminate another way.

Human cruelty did not end with the coming of Jesus, of course we know that. People who have called themselves Christians throughout the ages have acted with great violence: do we need to name them all: the crusades, the invasion of these precious lands, the imposition of residential schools, which harshly ripped and destroyed the fabric of families and communities in this land we renamed Canada? These are our histories of great shame. But anything acting in power, might, imposition -- these are simply NOT the things of Jesus. In order to confront and change these things, we must acknowledge them, and then pledge forever to be a different way.

If we preach Christ crucified, then we are throwing off the works of cruelty, we are looking towards the way of love to centre our own lives, and to love the world around us. This appears foolish to the world that is committed to violence, power, wealth, greed, accumulation, exclusion, and above all, fear. That is the paradox. Is God all powerful? Well, yes, God created Heaven and Earth. Then is God good? Yes, of course, can you see the beauty all around us?

Human cruelty is not caused by God, but is caused by the turning away from God.

This glorious day, when we, with Devin, say YES to the humble power of love, of humility, of kindness, is a day like no other.

Let us go out into the world, this hurting world, bearing this gentle power. Standing with one another during the times of loss and trial, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, God's own true power, seen in every flower, in every act of welcome.

That is our charge this day.

The Celebration of Baptism

With joy we welcome Devin into our Christian community.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Prayers for the Candidate

The Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Anointing with Chrism

The Giving of the Light

Priest: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Loving God,
before the world began you called us.
Make holy all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you . . .
. . . to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might
Heaven and Earth are Full of your Glory.
Hossana in the Highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest

Holy God, source of life and goodness ...
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling his death . . .
Now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body,
For we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

The Table is ready and all are welcome

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Please maintain respectful silence during communion.

Receiving Communion at St. Barnabas:

Please extend both hands for bread; one hand for a wafer (to dip in the cup.) When receiving wine or grape juice, please assist the cupbearer by guiding the chalice with your hand. The silver cup contains wine and the pottery cup contains grape juice.

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray:

O God,
we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God,
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.

Announcements

Priest`s Blessing

Sending Hymn

Sending Out

Go forth in peace and love, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Thanks be to God.

Today`s Worship Team

Presider: Emilie

Music: Jason

Reader: Martha

Prayers: Martha