

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14, 2025

GATHERING SONG: *Lift High the Cross*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
3. Each newborn foll'wer of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has bought us life eternally.
5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

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Gloria: *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will!”*

LITURGY OF THE WORD [Readings](#)

Responsorial Psalm 86: *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

Prayer of the Faithful: Un-mute your microphone so we can lift up your prayers!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

My Sunday Offering to God



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Preparation of the Gifts *Only This I Want*

Refrain: Only this I want: but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross so to wear the crown he wore.

1. All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me,
for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.
2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
so to win the prize of the Kingdom of my Lord.
3. Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord,
so to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Communion

Behold the Lamb

1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
We who live, we who die are grateful for this gift, thankful for God's love.
Refrain: Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know God's glory!
2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
Of the wheat, of the wine united with God's word and the love we share.
3. Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.
4. Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love.

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Sending Forth Song:

Take Up Your Cross

1. "Take up your cross," the Savior said, "If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me."
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still;
The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly ev'ry danger brave:
It guides you to a better home and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
For those who humbly bear the cross one day will wear the glorious crown.

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