

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Today's feast celebrates simultaneously the Finding of the True Cross in Jerusalem, traditionally by St. Helena, c. A.D. 327; the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on the site of Calvary in Jerusalem on September 13, 335; and the return of the True Cross to Jerusalem in 629 by the Roman Emperor Heraclius after the rescue of the Cross from having been captured by the forces of the Persian Empire.

The complete Order of Mass begins on page 4 of United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo.  
Prayers and responses of the Mass can also be found inside the front cover of the Gather hymnal.

ORGAN/PIANO PRELUDE

5pm Sat, 7am, 9am, 11am

Prelude on CRUCIFER (Lift High the Cross)

Charles Ore (b. 1936)

5pm Sun

God So Loved the World

John Stainer (1840-1901)

ENTRANCE SONG

Lift High the Cross

Gather 968

GREETING

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT See inside front cover of Gather hymnal.

GLORIA in EXCELSIS

Psallite Mass: At the Table of the Lord

All



1. Glory to God in the highest,  
2. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,  
3. Lord God, heavenly King,  
1. and on earth peace to people of good will.  
2. we glorify you, we give you thanks for } your great glory,  
3. O God, al - might - y Father.  
4. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be - got - ten Son,  
5. you take away the sins of the world,  
6. you take away the sins of the world,  
7. you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
4. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
5. have mercy on us;  
6. receive our prayer;  
7. have mercy on us.  
8. For you a - lone are the Holy One,  
9. you alone are the Most High, } Jesus Christ,  
10. A - men,  
8. you alone are the Lord,  
9. with the Holy Spirit, } in the glory of God the Father.  
10. A - men.

9:00 Glory to God from Mass of Saint Ann

Gather 313

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

LITURGY of the WORD



The text of the readings begins on page 106/107 of Unidos en Cristo/United in Christ.

FIRST READING Numbers 21:4b-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38



Do not for - get the works of the Lord.

Hearken, my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable,  
I will utter mysteries from of old.

While he slew them they sought him  
and inquired after God again,  
Remembering that God was their rock  
and the Most High God, their redeemer.

But they flattered him with their mouths  
and lied to him with their tongues,  
Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him,  
nor were they faithful to his covenant.

But he, being merciful, forgave their sin  
and destroyed them not;  
Often he turned back his anger  
and let none of his wrath be roused.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor, twice; then all, twice.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your Cross you have redeeemd the world.

GOSPEL John 3:13-17

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION of FAITH See inside front cover of Gather or page 155  
of United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



PRESENTATION of the GIFTS and PREPARATION of the ALTAR

Center of My Life

Refrain: Repeat 1st time



O Lord, you are the cen-ter of my life: I will al-ways praise you,

1-5 (to Verses) Final



I will al-ways serve you, I will al-ways keep you in my sight. 1. 7 sight.  
2. 7  
3. And

Verses 1-3



1. Keep me safe, O God, \_ I take ref-uge in you. \_ I say to the  
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me coun - sel, \_ who e - ven at  
3. so my heart re - joic - es, my soul is glad; \_ 7 e - ven in



1. Lord, "You are my God. My hap - pi-ness \_ lies in you a -  
2. night di - rects my heart. I keep \_ the Lord \_ ev - er in my  
3. safe - ty shall my bod-y rest. For you will not leave my soul a-mong the

to Refrain



1. lone; my hap-pi-ness \_ lies in you a - lone." \_  
2. sight: since he is at my right \_ hand, \_ I shall stand firm.  
3. dead, nor let \_ your be-lov - ed know de - cay. \_

Verse 4



4. You will show me the path of life, the full - ness of



4. joy in your pres-ence, at your right hand,

to Refrain



4. at your right hand hap-pi-ness for-ev - er.

INVITATION to PRAYER

PRIEST: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable  
to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER over the OFFERINGS

The Eucharistic Prayer

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.  
PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**  
PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.  
PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
PEOPLE: **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

Mass of Christ the Savior

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Christ the Savior

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

Mass of Christ the Savior

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Communion Rite

THE LORD’S PRAYER *Gather 216*

THE SIGN *of* PEACE

BREAKING *of the* BREAD

Mass of Christ the Savior

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

INVITATION *to* HOLY COMMUNION

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God,  
          behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
          Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.  
PEOPLE: **Lord, I am not worthy**  
          **that you should enter under my roof,**  
          **but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**11:00** COMMUNION ANTIPHON (*choir*) John 12:32; Christopher Walker  
When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself,, says the Lord.

COMMUNION SONG

**This Is the Feast of Victory** *Gather 558*

**9:00 Restless Is the Heart, choir** *Psalm 90; Bernadette Farrell*  
Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.  
Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.  
High King of heaven, thy victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, thou brighter Sun;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**11:00 God So Loved the World, choir** *John 3:16-17; John Stainer (1840-1901)*  
God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through him might be saved.

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

SONG *at the* SENDING FORTH  
**Alleluia, Sing to Jesus** *Gather 1018*

ORGAN/PIANO POSTLUDE  
**5pm Sat, 7am, 11am**  
**Jubilate Deo Omnis Terra (Shout to God All Ye Nations!)** *Dom Paul Benoît (1893-1979)*

**5pm Sun**  
**For God So Loved the World** *Marty Haugen*

*Taizé Ecumenical Prayer: Monday, September 15 at 8pm.*  
*All are welcome!*

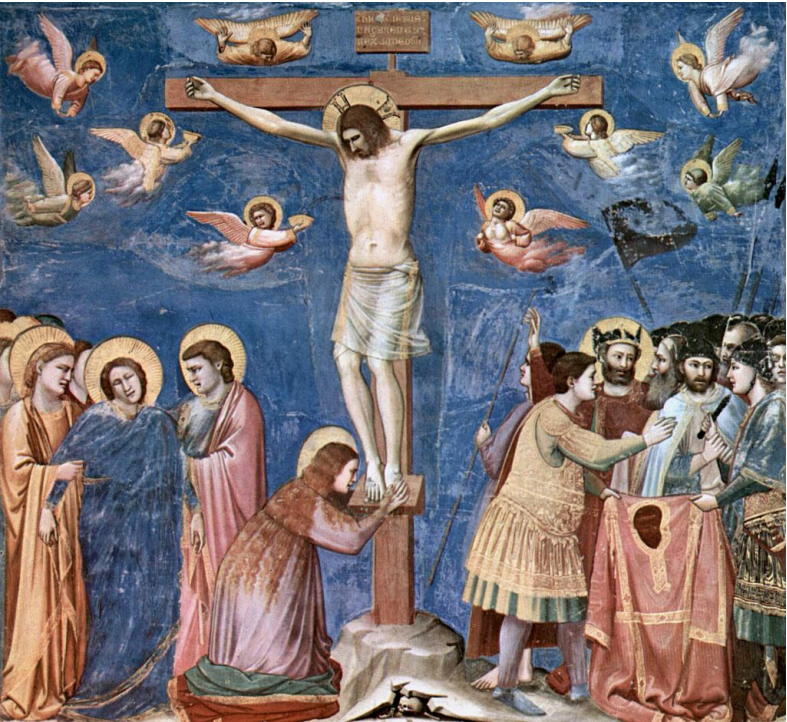
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*The Crucifixion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Beloved Disciple and Mary Magdalen*  
Giotto, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy, c. 1305.