

## Gospel

**Jn. 3:13-17**

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

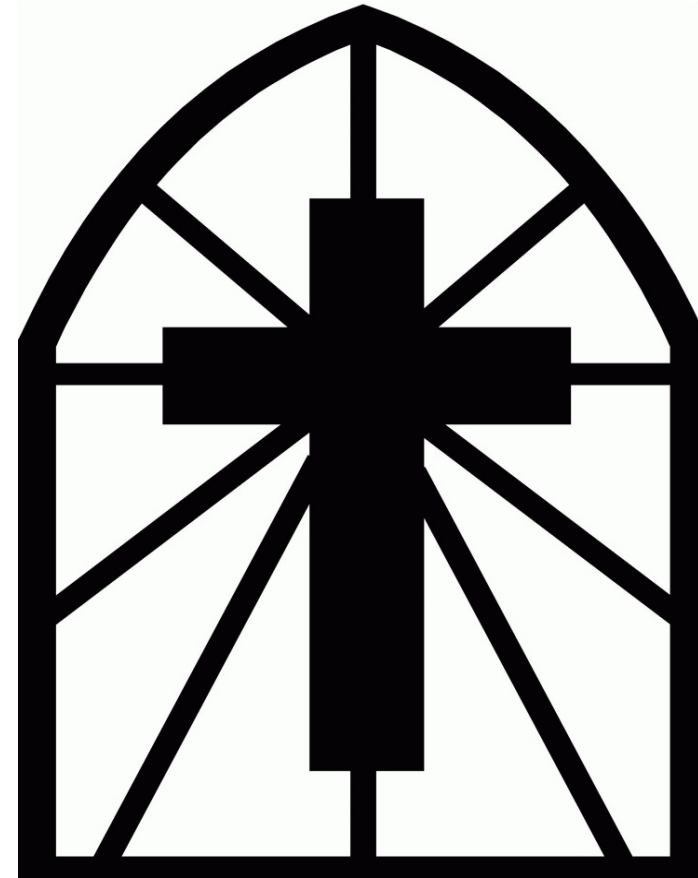
No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOLY CROSS

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**Sentence**

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.  
Galatians 2.19-20

*or*

God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6.14

**Prayer of the day**

Loving God,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
was lifted high upon the cross  
so that he might draw all people to himself:  
mercifully grant to us,  
who glory in the mystery of our redemption,  
the grace to take up the cross daily and follow him;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

**Num 21:4b-9**

**A reading from the book of Numbers**

The people became impatient 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 — A.P.B.A. Page 301**

- 1 Give heed to my teaching O my people:  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
2 For I will open my mouth in a parable:  
and expound the mysteries of former times.  
34 They remembered that God was their rock:  
that God Most High was their redeemer.  
35 But they lied to him with their mouth:  
and dissembled with their tongues.  
36 For their hearts were not fixed upon him:  
nor were they true to his covenant.  
37 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.  
38 He remembered that they were but flesh:  
like a wind that passes and does not return.

**Second Reading**

**1 Cor. 1:18-24**

**A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians**

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 the 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.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,  
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

**Alleluia!**