

# FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.  
I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his love as he told me to.

*He said: "Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live."*

2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his pow'r as he told me to.



## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen



## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Numbers 21:4-9  
*If anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the  
bronze serpent and lived.*

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites  
lost patience. They spoke against God and against  
Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in  
this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor  
water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the  
people; their bite brought death to many in Israel.  
The people came and said to Moses, 'We have  
sinned by speaking against the Lord and against  
you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from  
these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people,  
and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent

and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and  
looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a  
bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if  
anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the  
bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R) v.7

## R. Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;  
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable  
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. (R.)
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,  
return and seek him in earnest.  
They would remember that God was their rock,  
God the Most High their redeemer. (R.)
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;  
they lied to him with their lips.  
For their hearts were not truly with him;  
they were not faithful to his covenant. (R.)
4. Yet he who is full of compassion  
forgave their sin and spared them.  
So often he held back his anger  
when he might have stirred up his rage. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians  
2:6-11

*He humbled himself, therefore God raised him high.*

The state of Jesus Christ was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.

But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!



