

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. O cross erected above the world } 2
Cross of our Saviour King!
Fount from which gushed the waters
Straight from the wound in His side
Filling our lives with His gift of grace
Cross of our Saviour King
2. O cross sublime and refulgent tree, } 2
Cross of our Saviour King!
Jesus through thee has saved us,
Great was the price that He paid
Thou art the folly of love divine,
Cross of our Saviour King!



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 people 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!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much

that he gave his only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
 but may have eternal life.
 For God sent his Son into the world
 not to condemn the world,
 but so that through him the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven;

(All bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
 Mary, and became man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
 dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

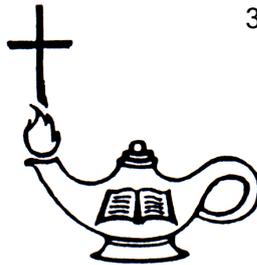
OFFERTORY HYMN

*Take thou the offering thy children make,
 All united for thy name's sake.*

1. Heavenly Father, almighty God,
 We offer Thee this sacrifice.
 Show to us thy mercy, O Lord,
 Forgive us the sins of all our life.
2. To thee, O Lord, our joy we give,
 Our weariness, our work and woe,
 The anxious moments that we live;
 Lighten our burden as we go.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
 the emblem of suffering and shame;
 and I love that old cross where the dearest and
 best
 for a world of lost sinners was slain.



*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
 till my trophies at last I lay down;
 I will cling to the old rugged cross,
 and exchange it some day for a crown.*

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
 has a wondrous attraction for me;
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
 to bear it to dark Calvary.
3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so
 divine,
 a wondrous beauty I see,
 for 'twas on that old cross, Jesus suffered and
 died,
 to pardon and sanctify me.

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*We hail thee, Saviour and Lord  
 Thy Cross ever be adored!*

1. O Cross, thou art the fountain  
 of love and of liberty;  
 shine down upon the millions  
 who search for the light of truth.
2. Look down upon the needy,  
 confirm them in strength and grace,  
 Thou art our true salvation  
 in thee, all our hope we place.
3. Be thou our sign of vict'ry  
 redeem us from sin and strife.  
 renew in us thy passion  
 and grant us eternal life.

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1. He is Lord, he is Lord.
 He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.
 Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord.
2. He is King, he is King.
 He is risen from the dead and he is King.
 Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
 that Jesus Christ is King.
3. He is love, he is love.
 He is risen from the dead and he is love.
 Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
 that Jesus Christ is love.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. We stand for God and for His glory.
 The Lord supreme and God of all.
 Against His foes we raise His standard,
 Around the cross we hear His call.

*Strengthen our faith, Redeemer
 Guard us when danger is nigh
 To Thee we pledge our lives and service
 Strong in a trust that ne'er shall die* } 2

2. We stand for God, Jesus our Master,
 Has saved the world with love untold,
 His law divine and truth unchanging.
 In this our land, their place must hold!

