THE EXULTATION OF THE CROSS - FEAST

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.
- 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.)
- 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.

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.

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.

and his kingdom will have no end.

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 our bread, we ask you, take our hearts, we love you, take our lives, oh Father, we are yours, we are yours.

- Yours as we stand at the table you set, yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
 We are the signs of your life with us yet; we are yours, we are yours.
- 2. Your holy people stand washed in your blood, Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food. Poor though we are, we have brought ourselves to you: we are yours, we are yours.

COMMUNION HYMNS

 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy hand has made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee How great thou art, how great thou art.

 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

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.

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2. He is King....

3. He is love....

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelui, alleluia. (2)

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; allelu, alleluia.

