

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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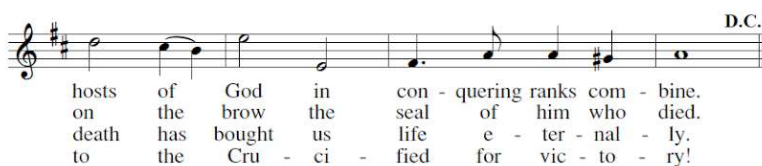
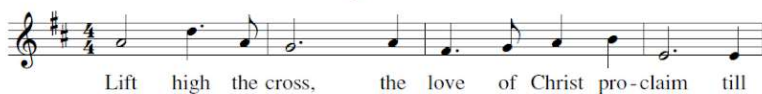
Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Galatians 6:14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Entrance Hymn

Lift High the Cross - CRUCIFER



Gloria

Heritage Mass - Owen Alstott



First Reading

Numbers 21:4b-9

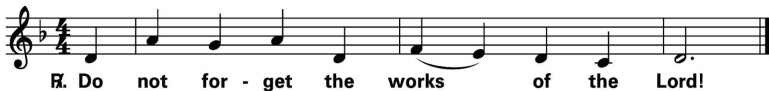
A reading from the Book of Numbers

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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



R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. 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. **R**

2. 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. **R**

3. 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. **R**

4. 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. **R**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Philippians

Brothers and sisters: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who 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 might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Profession of Faith

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

Behold the Cross - Bob Hurd

Verses 1-3, 5



1, 5. Be - hold the cross on which was hung life's ver - y Lord, ____
 2. Nails in his hands, nails in his feet, a trai-tor kiss ____ up-
 3. Eyes that won't see, ears that won't hear, lips that de - ny ____ the



1, 5. God's on - ly Son; Ma - ry's own babe, so cold and so
 2. on ____ his cheek; and his pierced heart, now bro - ken in
 3. friend once so dear; slow - ly he turns and cap - tures your



1, 5. still, help-less be-fore her on Cal - va - ry hill. (to Vs 2)
 2. two, love cru - ci - fied ____ for me and for you. (to Vs 3)
 3. eye, then pass-es on ____ to Cal-v'ry to die. (to Vs 4)

Verse 4



4. Be-hold the cross of Christ in our midst: all those who bear his
 4. wounds in their flesh. Suf-f'ring for crimes of mer-cy and peace,



4. signs of the king-dom on Cal - va - ry street. 2 to Vs. 5

Communion Antiphon

John 12:32

When I am lifted up from the earth,
 I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

Communion Hymn

The Body of Christ - Sarah Hart

Verses

1-3. This is the Bod - y of Christ, beau - ti - ful, bro - ken and
word be - come flesh by his
gath - ered in hope and in

1. blessed; mir - a - cle of the great - est of loves, $\frac{1}{2}$
2. grace; mir - a - cle of a mys - t'ry no tongue $\frac{1}{2}$
3. faith; bound by this love, this Bod - y and Blood he

1. pres - ence of God in our midst. This is the Cup that he
2. ev - er could ful - ly ex - plain. This is the Blood of the
3. of - fers a - gain and a - gain. All of the hun - ger we

1. shares, end - less - ly emp - tied and poured; sac - ri - fice
2. Lamb, gift of a heart o - pen wide; poured from the
3. have, sat - is - fied on - ly by this; so we re -

1. made so that we might be saved $\frac{1}{2}$ now and for - ev - er - more.
2. Cross to the al - tar where love $\frac{1}{2}$ com - forts and fills and pro - vides.
3. ceive, we re - mem - ber, be - lieve and share so that oth - ers may live.

Refrain

A - men, a - men! We are healed by the Bread of life.

A - men, a - men! We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.

We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.

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Recessional Hymn

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King - ICH GLAUB AN GOTT

1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - reign King, Who
2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To
3. To you, and to your Church, great King, We

is the world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age
ev - 'ry land and na - tion; For in your king - dom,
pledge our hearts' ob - la - tion Un - til be - fore your

do we bring And thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
Lord di - vine, A - lone we find sal - va - tion.
throne we sing In end - less ju - bi - la - tion.

Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor! Christ Je - sus, Rul - er!

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.