

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**Year A**

Sunday, September 14, 2014

Readings: 1) Numbers 21:4b-9

2) Philippians 2:6-11

3) John 3:13-17

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that The Cross of Christ is a rich source of faith. It offers both wisdom and courage for our daily living.

In the first reading, the Hebrews were saved from the desert snakes if they looked at the bronze serpent mounted on a pole.

In the second reading, Saint Paul tells us that Christ emptied himself, became human and was crucified.

Jesus tells Nicodemus that God so loved the world he sent his Son to save it, not condemn it.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

We look to the cross as our symbol of hope in the world and offer our prayers to God who loves us.

For the universal Church,
preaching salvation through the life-giving cross of Christ.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For every nation, for progress toward peace through justice.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the newly baptized.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the sick and for the suffering.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all gathered here at the cross of Christ,
gaining strength as we share this journey of faith.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, (long pause),

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

God of all, we praise you.

Strengthen us in times of difficulty and challenge.

We ask you to hear and answer our prayers.

Through Christ our Lord.

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