

Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite
Sunday, September 12, 2010
The External Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
“But it behooves us to glory in the Cross of Our Lord...”

INTROIT *Galatians 6. 14.* But it behooves us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection: by whom we are saved, and delivered. – (*Psalms 66. 2.*) May God have mercy on us and bless us: may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and may He have mercy on us. *V.* Glory be to ... – But it behooves us to glory ...

COLLECT O God, who on this day dost gladden us by the yearly feast of the Exaltation of the holy Cross: grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who on earth, acknowledge the Mystery of Redemption wrought upon it, may be found worthy to enjoy the rewards of that same Redemption in heaven. Through the same ...

EPISTLE *Philippians 2. 5-11.* Brethren, let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a Name which is above all names: (*here all genuflect*) that in the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

GRADUAL *Philippians 2. 8, 9.* Christ became obedient for us unto death: even the death of the cross. *V.* Wherefore God also hath exalted Him, and hath given a name which is above every name.

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Sweet the wood, sweet the nails, sweet the load that hangs on thee: thou only wast worthy to bear up the King and Lord of heaven. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *John 12. 31-36.* At that time, Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews, Now is the judgment of the world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to Myself. (Now this He said, signifying what death He should die). The multitude answered Him, We have heard out of the law, that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest Thou, The Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is the Son of Man? Jesus therefore said to them, Yet a little while, the light is among you. Walk whilst you have the light that the darkness overtake you not. And he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. Whilst you have the light, believe in the light; that you may be the children of light.

OFFERTORY By the sign of the holy Cross, O Lord, protect Thy people from the wiles of all our enemies that we may be able to do Thee worthy service, and that our sacrifice may be well-pleasing in Thy sight. Alleluia.

SECRET We who are about to feed on the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom the banner of the holy Cross was sanctified, beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that since we have been found worthy to venerate that same holy sign, it may be ours to enjoy for evermore the salvation secured for us by its triumph. Through the same ...

Preface of the Holy Cross

COMMUNION By the sign of the Cross, deliver us from our enemies, O Thou our God.

POSTCOMMUNION Be present with us, O Lord our God, and do Thou, who makest us to rejoice in honor of the holy Cross, defend us evermore by its help. Through our Lord ...