



### **Dedication of the Mission Cross**

Or, if there is already a Mission Cross, the **Renewal of the Dedication of the Cross**

Prayers are from Mass of the Exaltation of the Cross / Office

Opening Prayer

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son  
should undergo the Cross to save the human race,  
grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth,  
may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever. AMEN

Reading from Fr. Judge: (taken from Friday-First Week Of Lent  
Article-THE HOLY GHOST Magazine-Nov. 1923-MF 831-32).

*The Cross is a sign that provokes us to love, to worship, to gratitude, to thanksgiving, to service. But for the mysteries of that Cross our destiny would be too hideous to think about. The Cross is our hope, our joy, our peace and consolation. It is a blessed pledge of a happy future, a happy eternity. We cannot look upon that Cross without knowing that thereupon was paid the price of our soul's salvation.*

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the works of the Lord

**R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

Praise, you servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD  
both now and forever.

**R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

From the rising to the setting of the sun  
is the name of the LORD to be praised.  
High above all nations is the LORD;  
above the heavens is his glory.

**R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high  
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

**R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

He raises up the lowly from the dust;  
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor  
To seat them with princes,  
with the princes of his own people.

Reading: Phil 2:6-11

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.

Petitions:

Response: **We adore you O Christ and we praise you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world!**

Leader: *Love the Cross of Jesus Christ, for of all signs, it is the surest pledge of our journey to glory; the person who shows a devotion to the Cross, who works for it, who loves it to sacrifice-cannot be lost. (Fr. Judge)*  
And so we pray:

- That the Missionary Cenacle continues to exalt the cross of Christ in the world, let us pray.
- That the Cross will be loved and used often in blessing, and that the knowledge of the Cross grow in all hearts, let us pray.
- That the Cross will deepen our devotion to the holy and blessed Trinity, let us pray.
- That we be faithful disciples as we bear the Cross of Jesus in our lives, let us pray.
- That we as missionaries deepen in our devotion to the naked abandoned Christ on the Cross and search out the abandoned in his name, let us pray.
- That we proclaim our love for the Cross and exalt it through our sacrifices and work, let us pray.

*May we ever glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection by whom we are saved and delivered. We ask that you hear and answer our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE CROSS:

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, we pray that you would pour your blessings on this Cross, the sign of our salvation and our hope. May all who gaze upon it be provoked to love, worship, gratitude, thanksgiving and service. May this Cross give glory to you, our Triune God and exalt the name of Jesus forever! This we ask through the power and love of the Trinity, Amen!

Closing Prayer: from the Liturgy of the Exaltation of the Cross

Let us pray:

God our Father,  
In obedience to you your only Son accepted death on the cross  
for the salvation of humankind.  
We acknowledge the mystery of the cross on earth.  
May we receive the gift of redemption in heaven.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God for ever and ever . AMEN