HYMN TO THE HOLY CROSS

H: We must glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,* in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, * by whom we have been saved and freed.

R: Thanks be to God.

H: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

H: O Lord, we adore your Cross, and we celebrate your glorious passion.

R: Have mercy on us, for you have suffered for us.

H: O Blessed Cross, you alone were worthy to bear the King and Lord of heaven.

R: Through the sign of the Holy Cross, free us from our enemies, O Lord, our God.

Hymn

O Holy Cross, consecrated by Our Lord's blood -* Font of Grace, source of truth, seat of wisdom come to enlighten me.

O Sacred Cross, revelation of God's power -Vanquisher of evil, Victor over sin -* come to strengthen me.

O Beloved Cross, giver of hope in death's dark hour- bring me light, dispel the darkness- come to save me.

H: The sign of the Cross shall be in the heavens.

R: When the Lord come to judge.

H: Let us pray.

By the sign of the Holy Cross, O Lord, protect your people from all the snares of the enemy that they may serve you in peace. This we ask of you through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.