The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | Year C |14th September

**Welcome before Mass**

**Tēnā Koutou Katoa / Good morning and welcome. We come together this morning in the presence of God, who is merciful, forgiving and flowing with love. We come as one body, Christ’s Body through whom God wants show mercy, forgive and love all people. In preparation for the celebration of this liturgy, let’s now take a moment of silence.**

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**Together now, we join and sing our opening hymn.**

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church – that we may glory in the cross, where our salvation was won.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For leaders of nations – that in their efforts to build strong economies and safe societies, they remember the poor and vulnerable, those on the margins, and plan for their wellbeing.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For the Auckland Diocese – that as we embark on this process of *Reshaping* to discern for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For the sick, especially those who are dangerously ill – that the cross of Christ may bring them comfort and hope.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For parish and faith communities – that walking together, we will welcome the troubled and speak words of consolation in our local communities.**

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**For our local community of …** (What are the needs of your locality – housing, health, truancy, an accident… Please discern the needs of your community and compose a petition.)

**Concluding Prayer**

**Lord God, answer our prayers in your great mercy,**

**so that the mystery of our redemption in the Cross of Christ**

**may transform us and the world you love.**

**We ask this through our crucified yet risen Savior,**

**Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.** R. Amen.