



USE OF THE PROCESSIONAL CROSS

SERVING POLICY

The underlying principle should be the same as with the vestments: we use the 'best' sets for the Great Festivals and their seasons, and the less grand ones on other occasions. Therefore, the Great Cross would be used at the Great Festivals and (normally) throughout their seasons when white or gold is worn or on 'red' saints' days that fall on; the Wotton cross would be used in ordinary time when green or, during the Kingdom season, red vestments are worn, and the wooden cross during the penitential seasons of Advent, Lent and Passiontide.

Nevertheless, it is current practice to use the wooden cross (and its matching processional torches) only in Lent, including Ash Wednesday; The Great Cross is used for the Advent Procession but the Wotton Cross may be used in place of the Great Cross otherwise during Advent. The Great Cross is used on Palm Sunday.

It is always a privilege to carry the processional cross on a Sunday or Festival, and the choice of cross to be used is secondary to that.

The other concern is the scale of the Wotton Cross. Because of its size, it cannot make the same visual impact (and therefore convey so powerful a message) as the Great Cross. For that reason, it is felt that the Great Cross should ideally be used throughout the festal seasons.

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