

Basic Detail Report

Processional Cross

Date

18th-19th century

Primary Maker

Ethiopian

Medium

pierced sheet of bronze with separate shaft and shaft extensions

Description

This is a processional cross with a simple pierced design. The head is lozenge shaped, formed by a pattern of pierced crosses. The cross shaft was cast separately. There are extensions leading from the shaft to the cross head attached by little hands. This is one of a group of crosses which are published in Mario di Salvo, Crosses of Ethiopia. The Sign of Faith. Evolution and Form (Milan, 2006) p. 111, figs. 28-32. The motif of the hands is indicative of a date within the 19th century.

Dimensions

Overall: 25.1 × 18.4 cm (9 7/8 × 7 1/4 in.)