

September 14
Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
Stichera at the Veneration of the Cross

Tone 2 samohlasen

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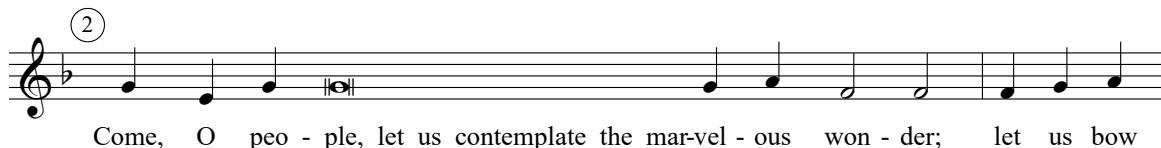
Come, O faith-ful, let us bow before the life-giv - ing Cross in which Christ,
the King of Glory, free-ly stretched our his hands. By this he raised us up to
our for-mer hap-pi-ness, which we had lost because of the an-cient En - e - my
and the bit - ter pleas-ure that ex-iled us from God. Come, O faith-ful, let us bow
be-fore the Wood which lets us crush the head of the in - vis - i - ble En - e - my.
Come, all you fam-'lies of the na - tions, let us ven - er - ate the Cross of the
Lord with our hymns: Re - joice, O perfect redemption of the fall of Ad - am;
Re - joice, O ven-er - a - ble Cross. Filled with fear and awe we em-brace you;



we glo - ri - fy our God, and we say: O Lord, you were nailed



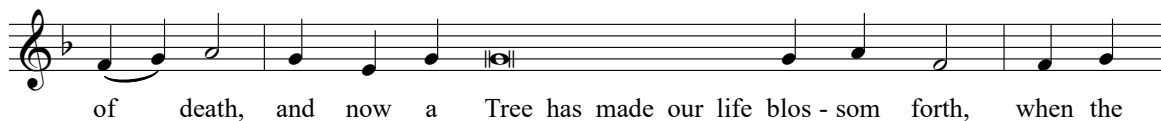
on the Cross; in your good - ness and love, have mer - cy on us. *Tone 5 samohlasen*



② Come, O peo - ple, let us contemplate the mar - vel - ous won - der; let us bow



be - fore the pow'r of the Cross. For the tree of Paradise gave rise to the reign



of death, and now a Tree has made our life blos - som forth, when the



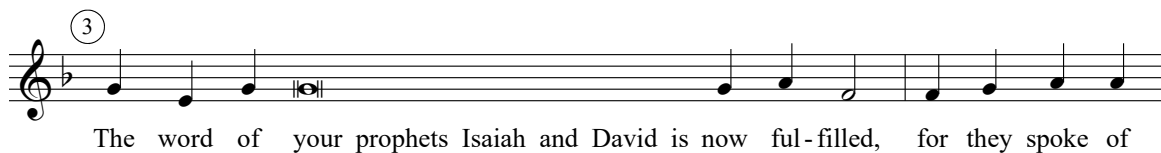
sin - less Savior was nailed up - on it. And now, all the nations that are



nourished by this incorruptible food sing prais - es: You de - stroyed death by your



Cross and set us free. O Lord, glo - - - ry to you!



③ The word of your prophets Isaiah and David is now ful - filled, for they spoke of

you, O Lord, and said: All the na - tions shall come to you and bow be - fore you.

Be-hold the people who are now filled with your grace in your sanc - tuary in the

tem-ple of Je - ru - sa - lem. O God of goodness who suffered on the

Cross for us and gave us life through your holy re - sur - rec - tion,

pro - tect us with your care, O Lord, and save us. *Tone 6 samohlasen*

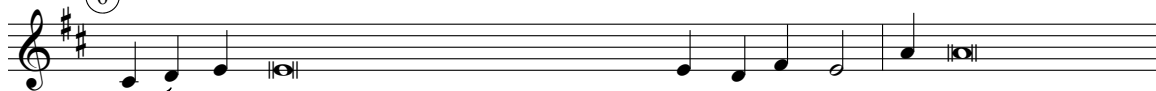
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The four corners of the earth are sanctified today, O Christ our God, by the four ends

of your ex - al - ted Cross. With it, exalt your faith - ful Chris - tians

who de-destroy the power of the Ene-my through your Cross. You are great, O Lord,

and won-drous in your works; glo - ry to you!

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The words of the prophets have told of the most ho-ly wood by which Adam was



delivered from the an-cient curse and from death. On this day of its exaltation,



cre-a - tion rais-es its voice to beg God for the abundance of his mer - cy.



O Lord, your compassion is be-yond meas - ure; spare us, O



God, and save our souls.

Cantor



Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and



ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Doxastikon - Tone 8 samohlasen



Be-hold the words of your prophet Moses are ful-filled, O Lord; for he said:



You shall see your life suspend-ed be-fore your eyes. To - day the Cross is



exalted, and the world is freed from er - ror. To - day the Resurrec-tion



of Christ is re - newed; the ends of the earth ex - ult with joy.



At the sound of the cymbals of Da - vid, they of - fer a hymn of praise



and say: In your good-ness and love for all, you have brought about your



salvation in the middle of the earth, O our God. Through your Cross and Resurrec-tion



you save us. O Lord all - pow - er - ful, glo - ry to you!