

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

SEPTEMBER 14



1. Life - giv - ing Cross, the pow - er of mar - tyr's,
2. In all the Scrip - tures, you were pre - fig - ured:
3. An - gels sur - round you as you are lift - ed;
4. Come, all you peo - ples, bow down in wor - ship



Glo - ry of priests, and wea - pon of peace!
Mo - ses out - stretched his arms in the fight;
You lift the poor and sin - bound from earth.
Here where our sen - tence has been crossed out!



We bow be - fore you, and praise your vic - t'ry!
Ja - cob in bless - ing crossed hands o'er off - spring;
Con - quer - ing death, you raised our first pa - rent
E - vil de - feat - ed! Joy reigns for - e - ver!



Our thank - ful sing - ing ne - ver shall cease!
Show - ing to us your pow - er and might!
From Ha - des' chains to glo - rious re - birth!
Let all Christ's Church in tri - umph now shout!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast

Melody: *Krestu Tvojemu* / *At the most holy cross* (from *Grekokatolicki Duchovni Pisni*, 1969)