

Vespers Propers: February 26, 2005
Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Cross Veneration Sunday

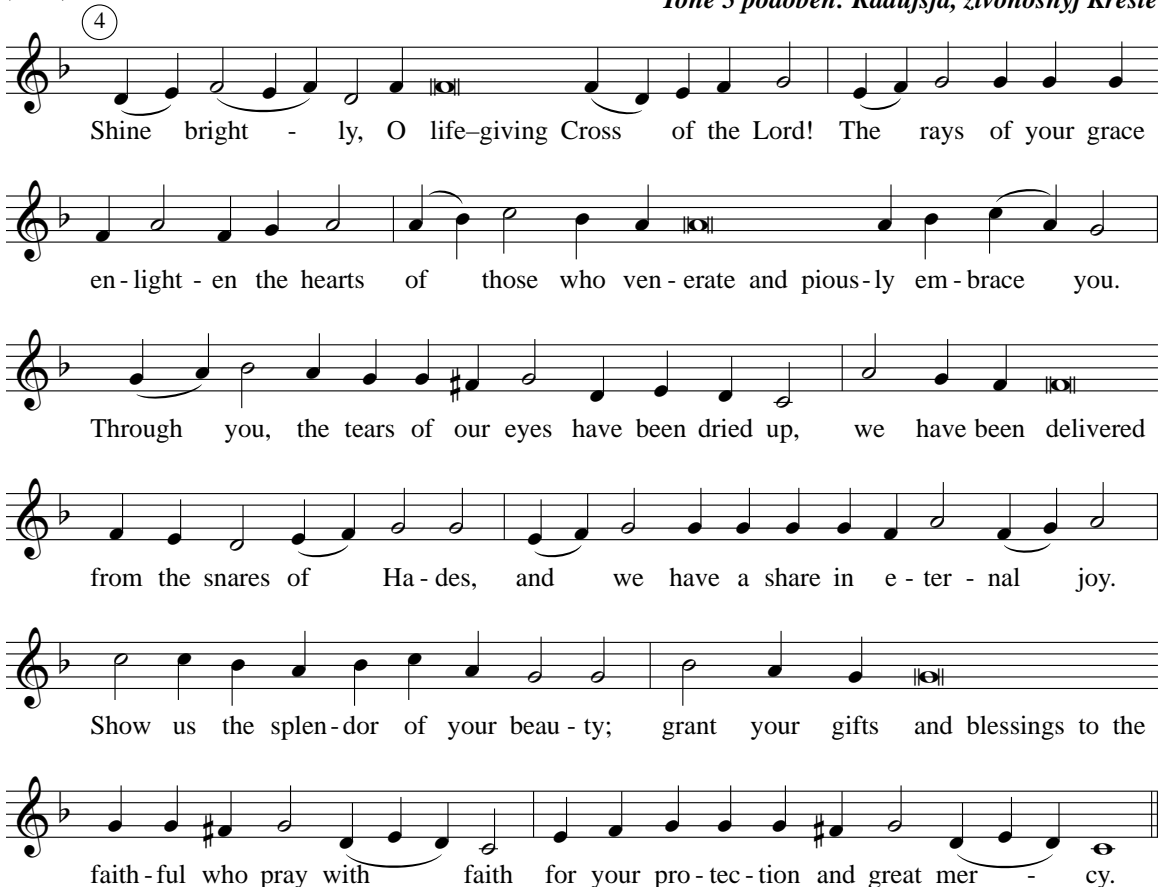
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5. *Lamplighting Psalms Tone 6 p. 82*
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Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Tone 5 podobn: Radujsja, zivonosnyj Kreste

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Shine bright - ly, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! The rays of your grace
en-light - en the hearts of those who ven - erate and pious-ly em - brace you.
Through you, the tears of our eyes have been dried up, we have been delivered
from the snares of Ha - des, and we have a share in e - ter - nal joy.
Show us the splen-dor of your beau - ty; grant your gifts and blessings to the
faith - ful who pray with faith for your pro - tec - tion and great mer - cy.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

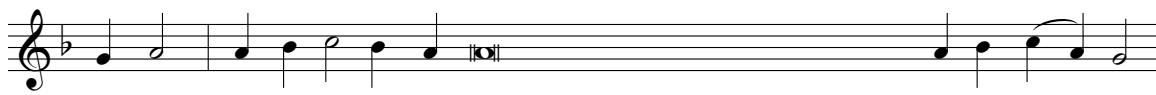
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Re - joyce, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! Pa - ra - dise of the Church
and new Tree of Life! who bring us the joy of un-end-ing glo - ry.
Through you, the hosts of de-mons are driv-en back; in you, the an-gels
in heav-en re-joyce; and for you, the assemblies of believers are now keep-ing
the feast. O in - vin - ci - ble weap - on and impene-tra - ble strong - hold,
pride of bish-ops and scep-ter of kings, grant that we may now contem-plate
the Pas - sion of Christ, and his ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!

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Re - joyce, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! in - vin - ci - ble em-blem



of faith, gate of Pa-ra-dise, rampart of the Church and consolation of be-liev - ers.



Through you, the pow-er of death was a - bol - - ished, the an-cient



curse dis - ap - peared, and we are lifted up from earth to heav - en.



O in - vin - ci - ble weap-on that dis-pels de - mons, har - bor of salvation and



glo-ry of mar - tyrs, pre-cious a-dorn-ment of the just and ho - ly ones,



you bring to the world great mer - - cy.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



Re - joice, O first cre-a-ted cou-ple, whom the jeal-ous En-e-my made fall



from on high by the bit-ter pleas-ure of eating from the for-bid-den tree. Be - hold,



the new Tree of Life draws near. Has - ten to em-brace it in joy,

and let your cry of faith rise up: O pre - cious Cross, you are our help
 and pro - tec - tion; your fruit brings us im - mor - ta - li - ty,
 the pro - mise of Para - dise and great mer - cy.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon

Tone 3

O Christ our God, you willingly suffered cru - ci - fix - ion for the re - surrection
 of all hu - ma - ni - ty. On the Cross, you signed the royal charter of our
 li - be - ra - tion, with the pur - ple of your blood.
 Do not for - sake us when we are in danger of being separat - ed from you.
 In your goodness, have mercy on your peo - ple in dis - tress. Rise up against
 our ene - mies, O al - might - y Lord.

Cantor: Now and ever...

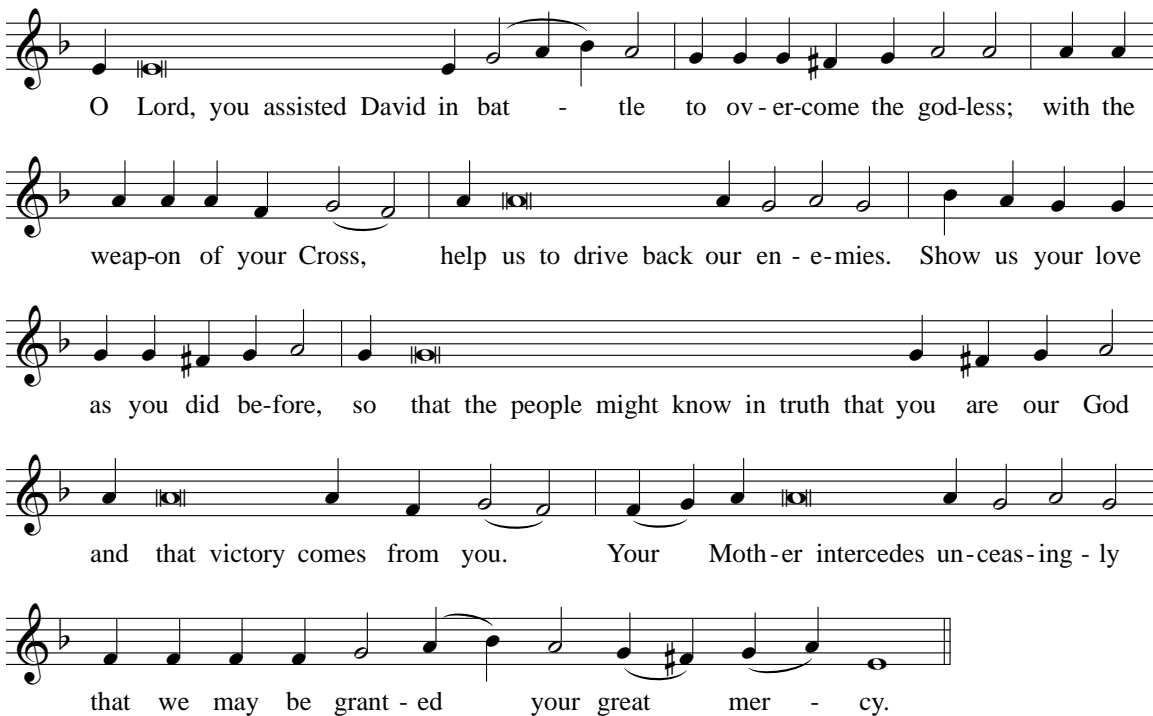
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Cantor Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon

Tone 4



O Lord, you assisted David in bat - tle to ov - er - come the god - less; with the
weap - on of your Cross, help us to drive back our en - e - mies. Show us your love
as you did be - fore, so that the people might know in truth that you are our God
and that victory comes from you. Your Moth - er intercedes un - ceas - ing - ly
that we may be grant - ed your great mer - cy.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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Troparion of Cross-Veneration Sunday

Tone 1

Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in-her-i-tance. Grant vic-to-ry
to your Church o-ver e-vil, and pro-protect your peo-ple by your cross.

Glory...now and ever...

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