

**Vesper Propers, July 31, 2016**  
**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Prefestive day of the Procession of the Venerable Cross**

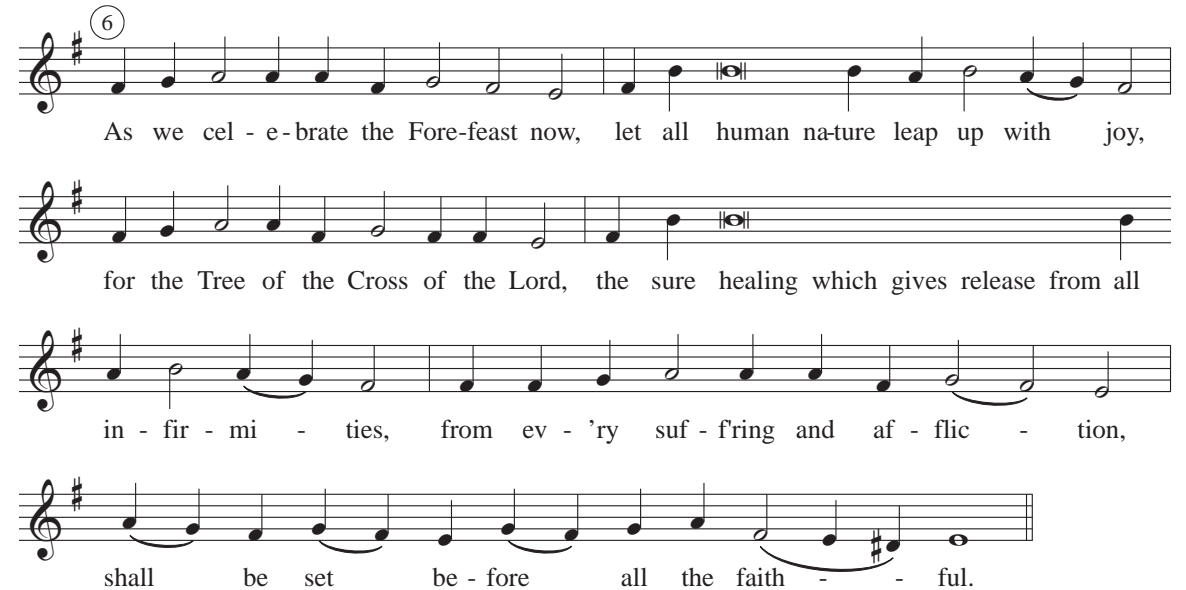
**The holy and righteous Eudocimus\***, who lived in the time of the emperor Theophilus, the iconoclast. He was the military governor of Cappadocia, and lived a virtuous life before God and man. He died at the age of thirty-three. (9th century)

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2 p. 36), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the Cross - Tone 1 samohlasen**



As we cel - e-brate the Fore-feast now, let all human na-ture leap up with joy,  
for the Tree of the Cross of the Lord, the sure healing which gives release from all  
in - fir - mi - ties, from ev - 'ry suf - fring and af - flic - tion,  
shall be set be - fore all the faith - ful.

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

\* Eudocimus: you-DOH-sih-moos

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Come, all you faith - ful, let us see the strange won - der— how the Tree  
of the Cross of the Lord quench-es the fe - ver of ev-'ry in - fir - mi - ty  
and ex - tin-guish-es the burning heat of the pas - sions of those who cele-brate  
its Fore - feast with faith and hon - or in its fes - ti - val.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak, and Israel on the Lord.  
*(on 4)*

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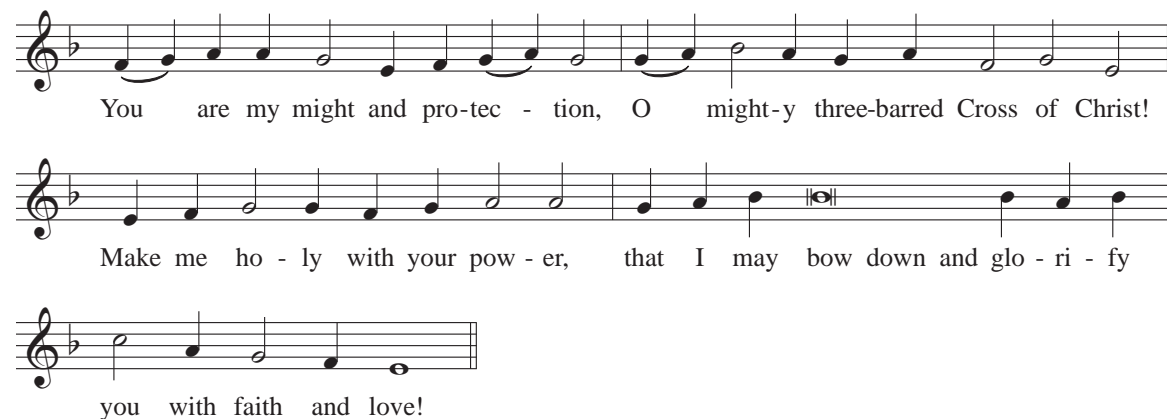
O all the liv - ing, cel - ebrate the Fore-feast with those who have died;  
for the Tree of the Cross of the Lord, which slew the pow'r of Ha - des,  
and is the pro - tec - tor of all of us, the res - ur - rec - tion of the dead,  
comes now to im - part true grace to all, be - stow - ing its heal - ings  
on the hu - man race.

## Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 43), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory... now and ever

**Aposticha Doxastikon of the prefeast of the Cross - Tone 2 samohlasen**



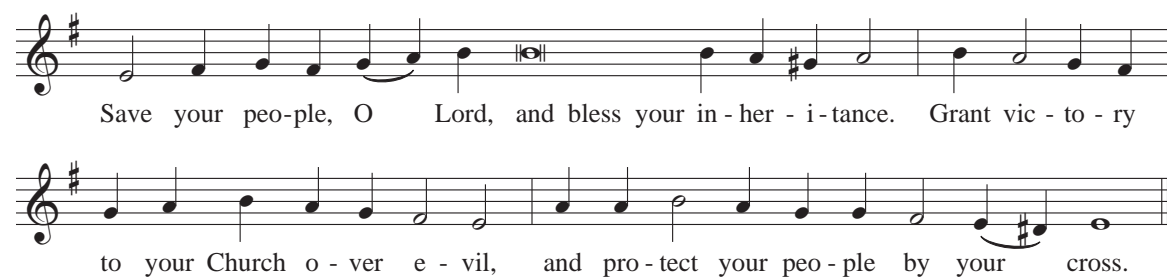
You are my might and pro-tec - tion, O might-y three-barred Cross of Christ!  
Make me ho - ly with your pow - er, that I may bow down and glo - ri - fy  
you with faith and love!

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 47), then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory...now and ever...

**Troparion of the Cross - 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 - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

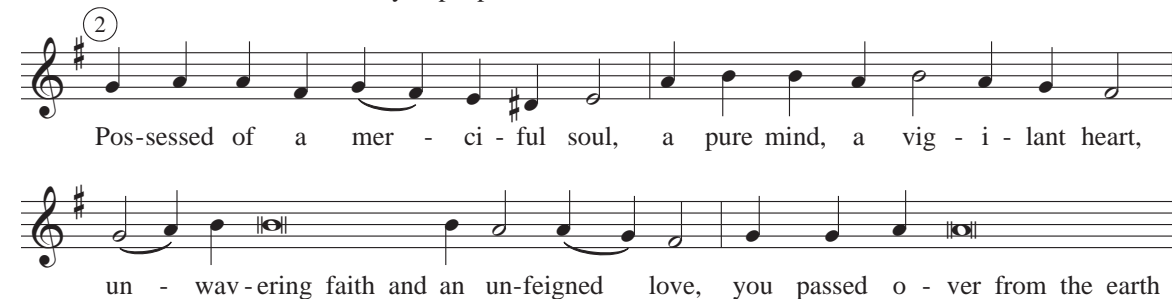
**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the holy and righteous Eudocimus - Tone 8 samohlasen**



O bless - ed and all-wise Eu - do - ci - mus, your pure soul, shining with the  
understanding of the true faith, and shed - ding the light of the radiance of  
the vir - tues, il - lu - mines the fullness of the faith - - - ful,  
dis - pel - ling the darkness of the de - mons. Where - fore, O all-won-drous one,  
We all hon - or you with pi - e - ty As one who has a share in  
nev - er - wan - ing grace.

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



Pos - sessed of a mer - ci - ful soul, a pure mind, a vig - i - lant heart,  
un - wav - ering faith and an un - feigned love, you passed o - ver from the earth

to the heav - ens and made your abode with the choirs of the right - eous.

Thus we hon - or you with sa - cred hymns, and call you blest, O ho - ly

Eu - do - ci - mus.

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

① When strength-ened by di - vine doc - trines, you drove carnal pas-sions

a - way from your soul; you be-came a pure habitation of the Ho-ly Trin - it - y.

Thus you have departed in-to di - vine de - light, since God now preserves

your body incor-rupt, O bless-ed one, who, by judg-ments known to him a - lone,

has man - i - fest - ly glo - ri - fied you, O ho - ly Eu - do - ci - mus.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 1)* Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Cross - Tone 1 samohlasen**

The ho - ly words of David truly reach their ful - fill - ment to - day!

For see, we publicly bow down before the footstool of your all - pure feet,

and plac-ing our hope in the shel-ter of your wings, we cry aloud to you, O

most com-pas-sion-ate One: Let the light of your face be signed up - on us!

Ex - alt the horn of your Or-tho-dox peo - ple in the ex - al - ta-tion of your

pre - cious cross, O most mer - ci - ful Sav - ior!

**Cantor:** *(Tone 2)* Now and ever

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, page 42).*