

**Vesper Propers for the
Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Veneration of the Holy Cross**

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week, stichera 10-5.

Cantor: *(Tone 5)* Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of the Veneration of the Holy Cross - Tone 5 samohlasen

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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 pi - ous - 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.

Re - joice, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! Par - adise of the Church and new
Tree of Life! who bring us the joy of un-end - ing glo - ry. Through you,
the hosts of demons are driv - en back; in you, the an-gels in heav-en re-joice;
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 contemplate the Pas - sion of Christ, and his ho - ly
Res - ur - rec - - - tion.

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

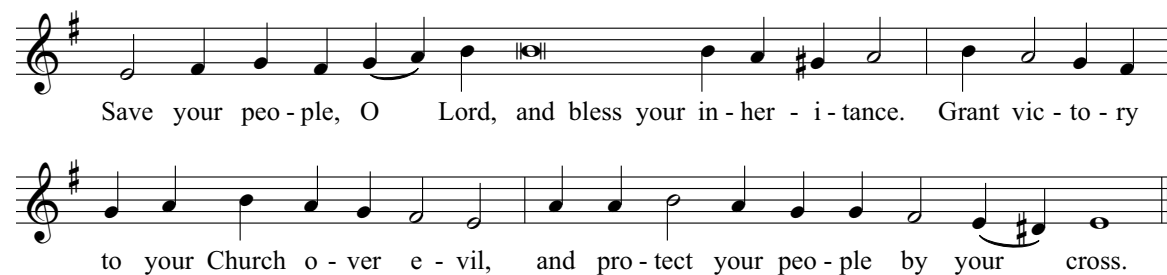
Re - joice, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! in - vin - ci - ble em-blem of faith,

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the tone of the week

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...

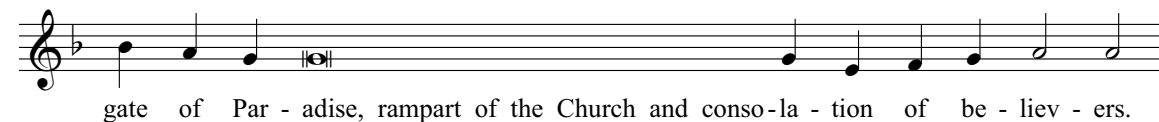
Troparion of the Holy Cross - Tone 1



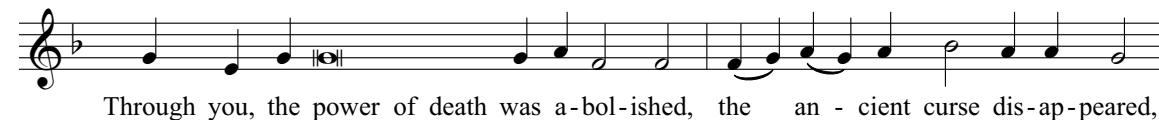
Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry
to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 1, p. 32)



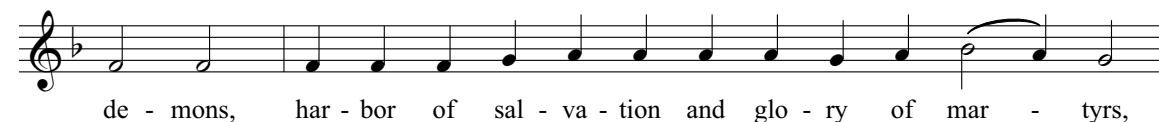
gate of Par - adise, rampart of the Church and conso - la - tion of be - liev - ers.



Through you, the power of death was a - bol - ished, the an - cient curse dis - ap - peared,



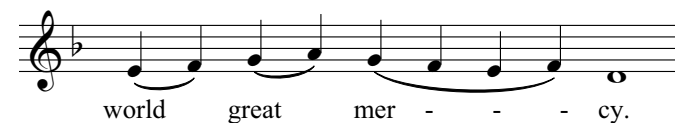
and we are lift - ed up from earth to heav - en. O in - vin - cible weapon that dis - pels



de - mons, har - bor of sal - va - tion and glo - ry of mar - tyrs,



pre - cious a - dorn - ment of the just and ho - ly ones, you bring to the

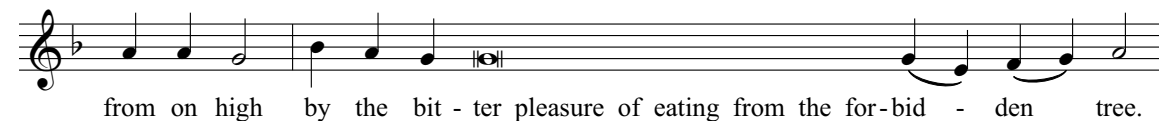


world great mer - - - cy.

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



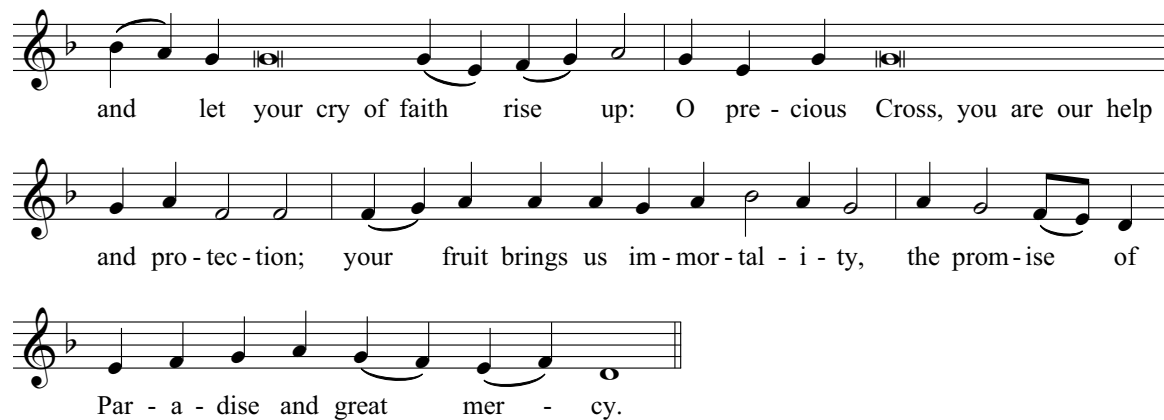
Re - joyce, O first cre - at - ed cou - ple, whom the jeal - ous En - e - my made fall



from on high by the bit - ter pleasure of eating from the for - bid - den tree.



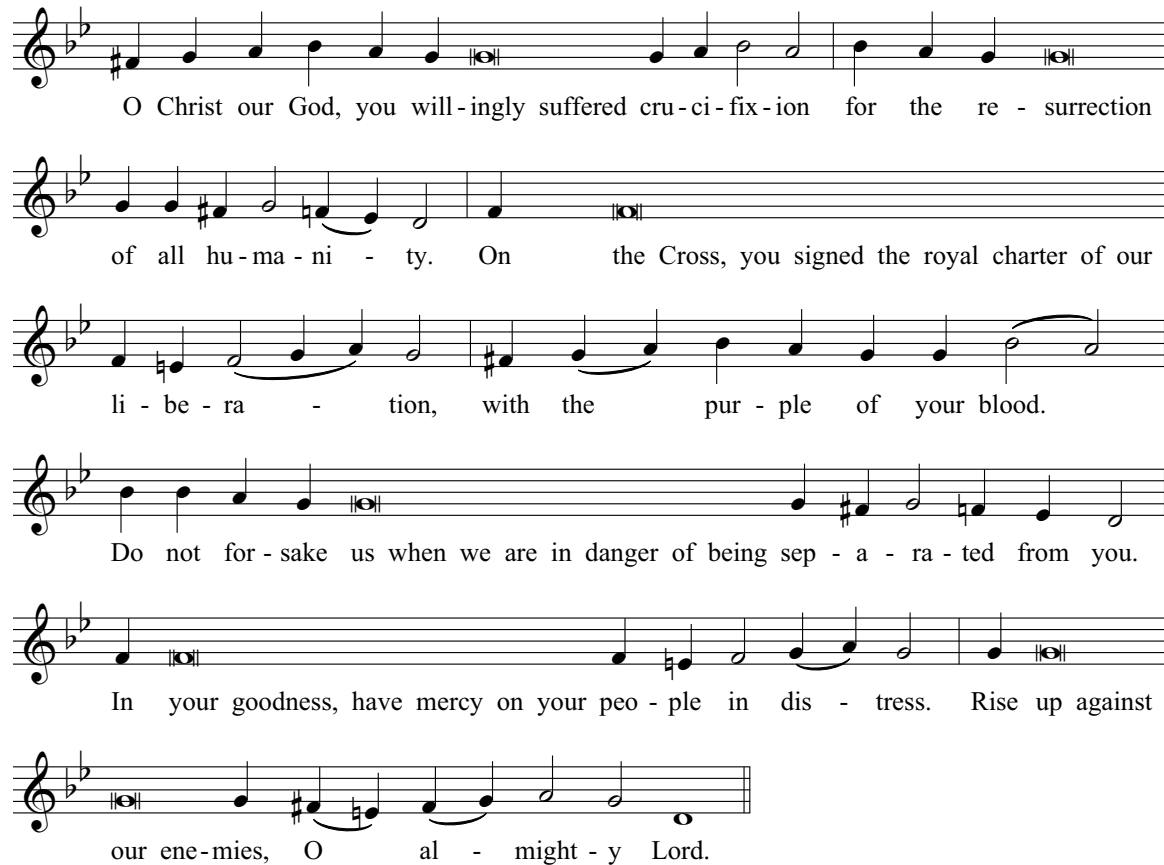
Be - hold, the new Tree of Life draws near. Has - ten to em - brace it in joy,



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 - tal - i - ty, the prom - ise of
Par - a - dise and great mer - cy.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 3 samohlasen



O Christ our God, you will - ingly 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 sep - a - ra - ted 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: (Tone of the week) Now and ever...

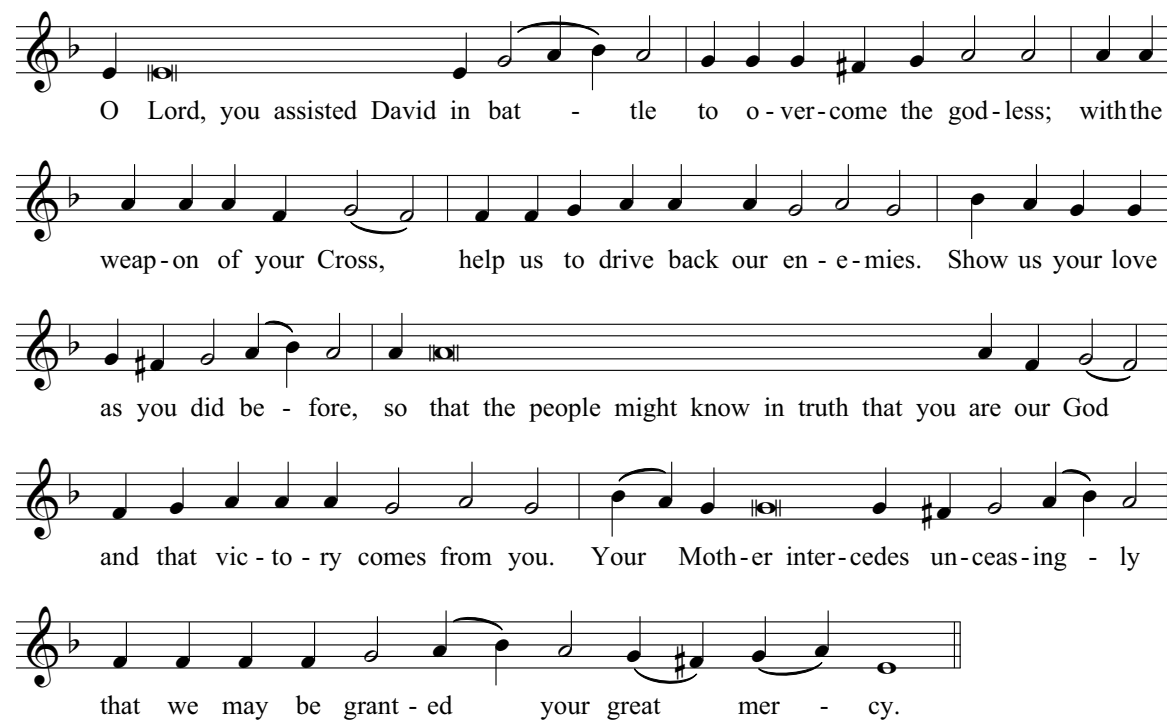
Dogmatikon in the tone of the week

Aposticha

Aposticha in the tone of the week, concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 4



O Lord, you assisted David in bat - tle to o - ver - 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 vic - to - ry comes from you. Your Moth - er inter - cedes un - ceas - ing - ly
that we may be grant - ed your great mer - cy.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 67)