

Vesper Propers, September 20, 2026
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Postfestive day of the Exaltation of the Cross

The holy martyr Eustace and his companions. Eustace was a Roman military leader in the time of the emperors Titus and Trajan. He was a righteous and merciful pagan. One day while hunting, he found a stag. In the stag's antlers, a cross appeared, and Eustace heard a voice telling him to find a Christian priest and be baptized. He and his whole family were baptized, and then left Rome for Egypt. Eustace was called back into service by Trajan during the barbarian invasions. After defeating the enemy, Eustace was arrested by the new emperor Hadrian for being a Christian. He was killed with his entire family. (118)

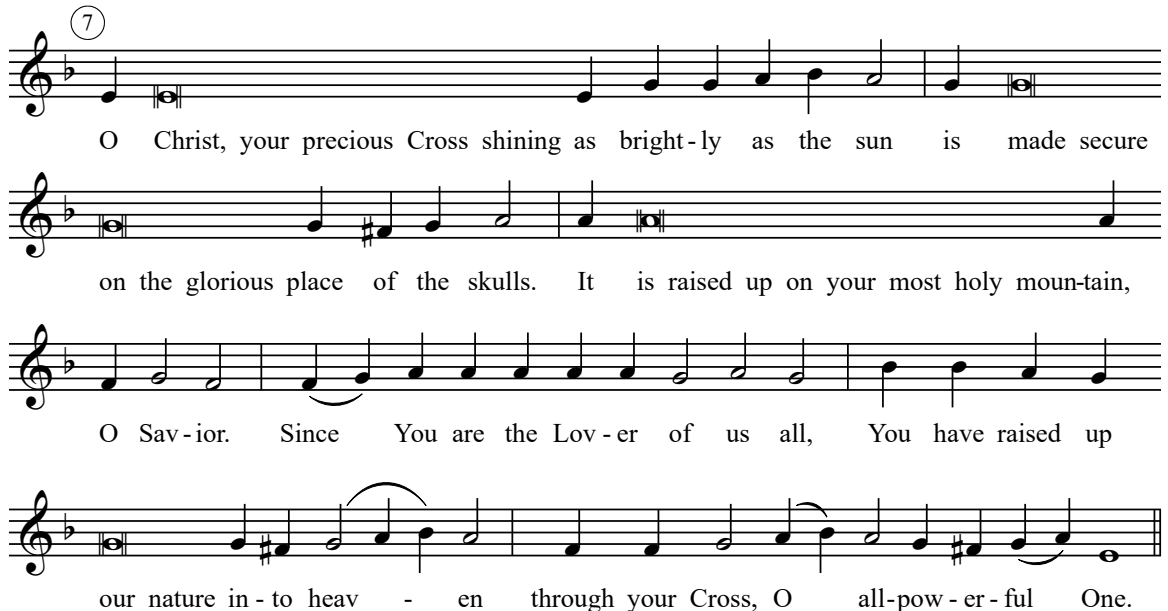
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-8.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

Stichera of the Postfeast - Tone 4 samohlasen

(7)



O Christ, your precious Cross shining as bright-ly as the sun is made secure
on the glorious place of the skulls. It is raised up on your most holy moun-tain,
O Sav-ior. Since You are the Lov-er of us all, You have raised up
our nature in - to heav - en through your Cross, O all-pow-er-ful One.

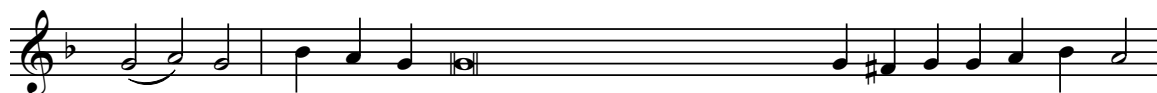
Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.



O in-com-pre-hen-si-ble One, to-day the heavens have proclaimed your glo-ry to all.



Hav-ing brightly illumined the image of the Cross by your un-approach-able



splen-dor, You ex-posed the insanity and cruel standards of the en-e-mies of God.

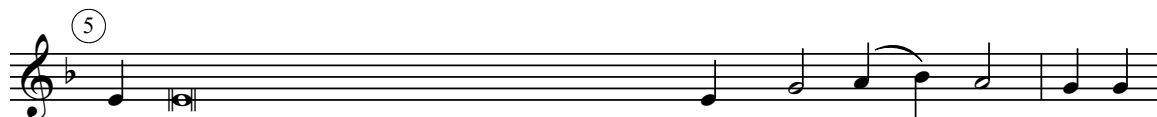


For this rea-son, we glo-ri-fy You, O all-power-ful Je-sus,



Sav-ior of our souls.

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.



By the spreading out of his hands, Moses con-quer-ed Am-a-lek. In this



he pre-fig-ured the Cross. We, who now bow down to the Cross,



crush the at-tacks and craftiness of the en - e - my. We are strength-ened by Christ the



Con-quer - or who is raised upon it in the flesh. He has put the

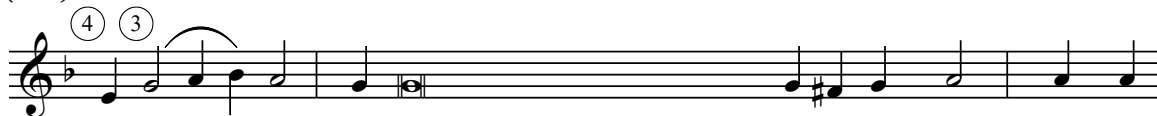


ser - pent to death and has saved all peo - - - ple.

Cantor:

Let the watchman count on daybreak, and Israel on the Lord.

(on 4)



O Eus - tace, your call from on high was not from a hu-man source. Christ, the



Lov - er of us all, ap-peared to you and drew you into the nets of faith,



O bless-ed one. He cleansed you of sin by baptism and by the tests of life.



As the Master, he spread out suf-fer - ings for you and showed you to be a

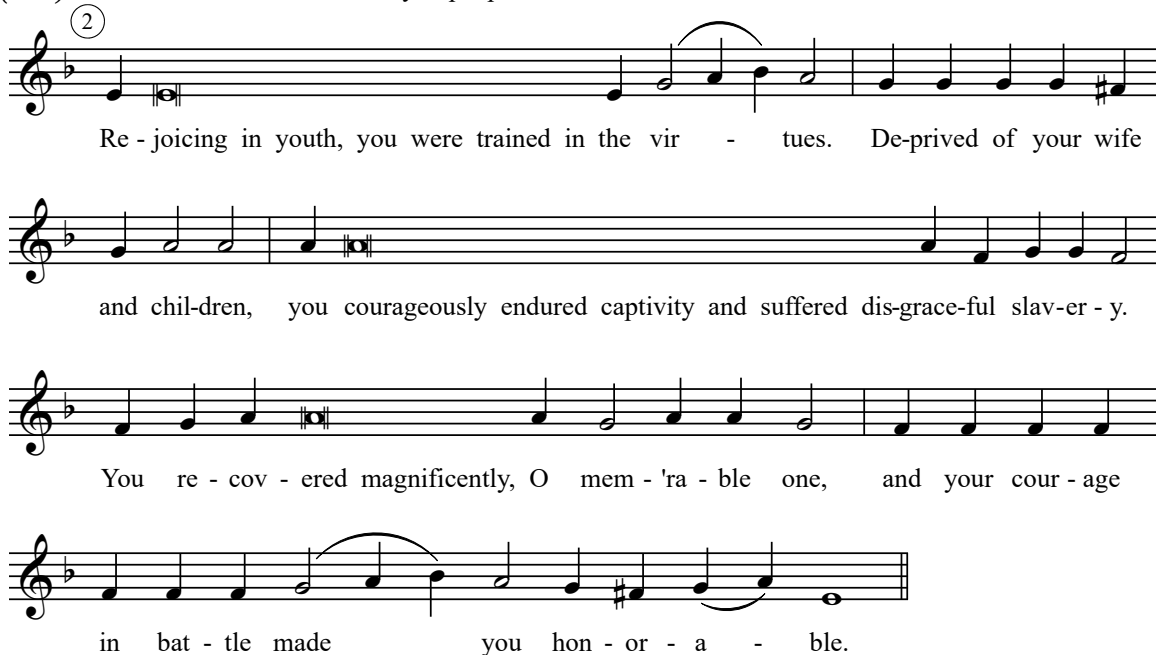


glo - ri - ous con - quer - or.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. Repeat: "O Eustace, your call..."

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

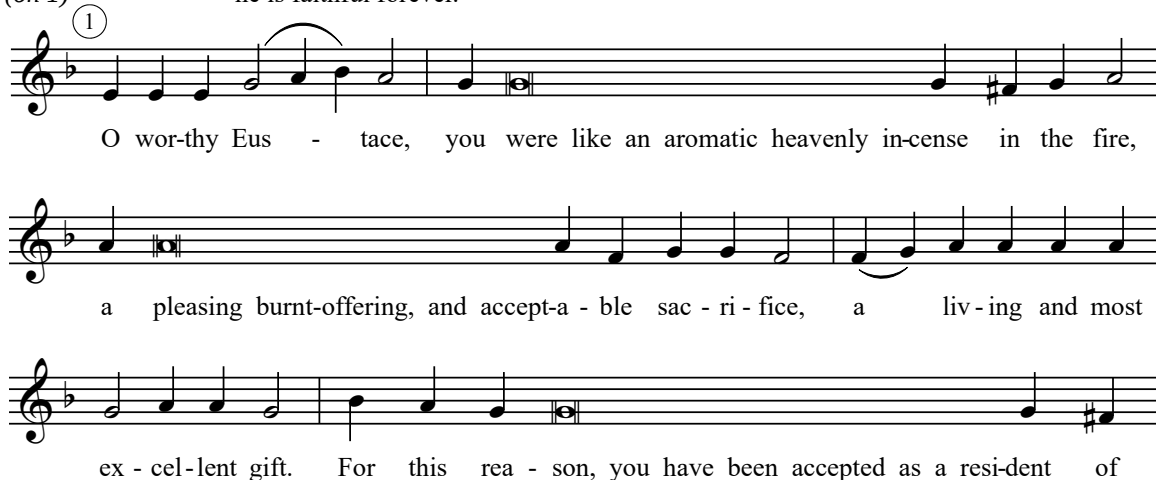
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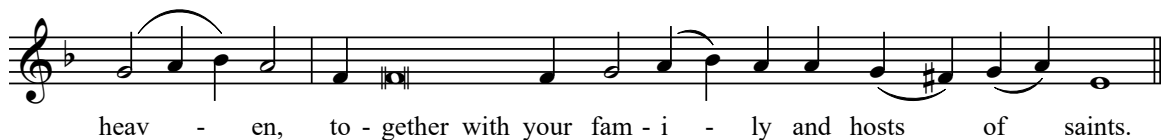
Re - joicing in youth, you were trained in the vir - tues. De-priv-ed of your wife
and chil-dren, you courageously endured captivity and suffered dis-grace-ful slav-er - y.
You re - cov - ered magnificently, O mem - 'ra - ble one, and your cour - age
in bat - tle made you hon - or - a - ble.

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

(1)

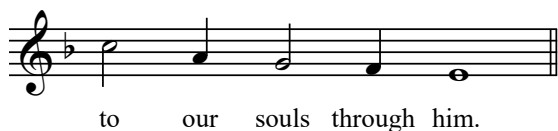
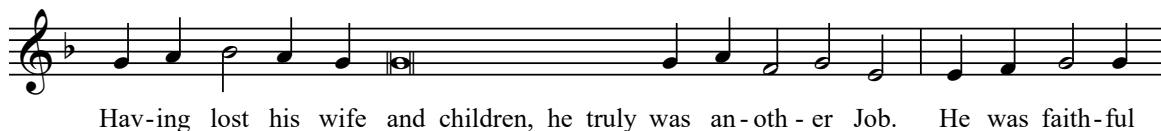


O wor-thy Eus - tace, you were like an aromatic heavenly in-cense in the fire,
a pleasing burnt-offering, and accept-a - ble sac - ri - fice, a liv-ing and most
ex - cel-lent gift. For this rea - son, you have been accepted as a resi-dent of



Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of the holy martyr Eustace - Tone 2 samohlasen



Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

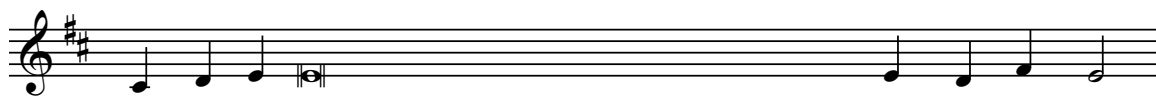
Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 107)

Aposticha

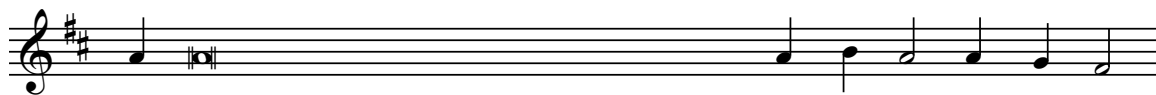
Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 108), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy martyr Eustace - Tone 6 samohlasen



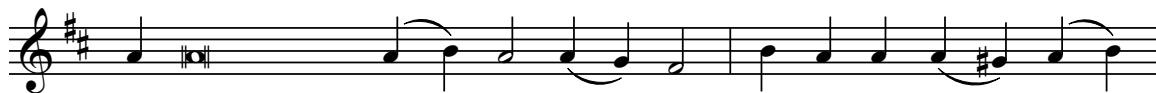
How are we to worthily praise you whose life was more pre-cious than dia-monds?



You went beyond nature, leaving your wife, children, and pos-ses-sions be-hind.



You cried out in the words of Job: Bless-ed is He.



The Lord gave; the Lord takes a-way; and as the Lord wills,



so shall it be. You loved God and ardent-ly yearned for Him.



He granted your wishes in addition to your suf-fer-ings.



Be-cause of the various tortures, you and your fam - i - ly had bless-ed deaths.



O pa-tient Eus - tace, you and your devout ones re - ceived these re-wards.



En-treat Christ that we be de-liv - ered from our trans-gres - sions.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 6 samohlasen



O Cross of Christ, hope of Chris-tians, guide of all those who have gone



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firm foun - da - tion of the In-hab - it - ed earth, heal - er of the sick



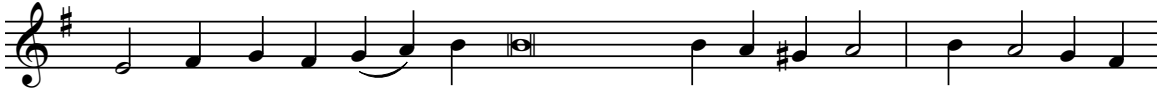
and res - ur - rec - tion of the dead, have mer - cy on us.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 111). Then:

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

Troparion of the Exaltation 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.