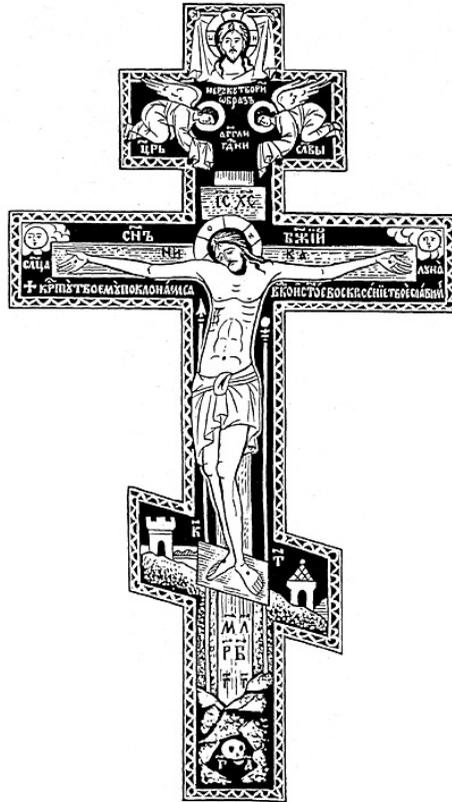


A SERVICE TO THE HOLY CROSS



*"Your Cross, O Lord, is holy and brings healing
to those who are in sickness through their sins."*

(Matins, Third Sunday of the Great Fast)

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The priest (vested in epitrachil and phelon) and the deacon (vested in stichar and orar) come before the Altar. The Royal Doors are opened, and the deacon goes to the amvon.

STAND

D: Master, give the blessing!

P: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and forever.

R: Amen.

P: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

R: O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who are in all places and fill all things; Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us and cleanse us from every blemish and save our souls, O Blessed One.

P: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

R: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

P: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

R: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

R: O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; O Lord, cleanse us of our sins; O Master, forgive our transgressions; O Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for Your Name's sake.

P: Lord, have mercy. *(three times)*

R: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

R: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

P: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R: Amen.

P: Lord, have mercy. *(six times)*

R: Lord, have mercy. *(six times)*

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

P: Come, let us adore God our King.

R: Come, let us adore Christ our King and our God.

P: Come, let us adore and bow down to Christ Himself, our King and our God.

The deacon returns to his usual place in the altar.

PSALM 21 (22)

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?

O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;

And in the night season, and am not silent.

But You are holy,

Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in You;

They trusted, and You delivered them.

They cried to You, and were delivered;

They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

But I am a worm, and no man;

A reproach of men, and despised by the people.

All those who see Me ridicule Me;

They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

“He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him;

Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”

But You are He who took Me out of the womb;

You made Me trust while on My mother’s breasts.

I was cast upon You from birth.

From My mother’s womb You have been My God.

Be not far from Me, for trouble is near;

For there is none to help.

Many bulls have surrounded Me;

Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.

They gape at Me with their mouths,

Like a raging and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water,

And all My bones are out of joint;

My heart is like wax;

It has melted within Me.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.
For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones.
They look and stare at Me.
They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.
But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me;
O My Strength, hasten to help Me!
Deliver Me from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog.
Save Me from the lion's mouth
And from the horns of the wild oxen!
You have answered Me.
I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
You who fear the Lord, praise Him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
For He has not despised nor abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted;
Nor has He hidden His face from Him;
But when He cried to Him, He heard.
My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;
I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the Lord. Let your heart live forever!
All the ends of the world
Shall remember and turn to the Lord,
And all the families of the nations
Shall worship before You.
For the kingdom is the Lord's,
And He rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth
Shall eat and worship;
All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him,
Even he who cannot keep himself alive.
A posterity shall serve Him.
It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,
They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
That He has done this.

STAND

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

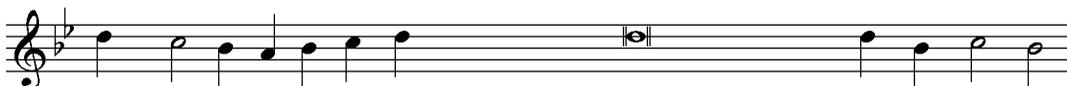
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God! *(three times)*

TROPAR

Tone 1



O Lord, save Your peo-ple and bless Your in-her - it-ance.



Grant vic-to-ry to all Or-thodox Christians over their ad-ver-sar-ies,



and pro-tect Your peo-ple by Your Cross.

MAGNIFICATION

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "We mag - ni - fy You, O Life - Giv - ing Christ, and we hon - or Your pre - cious Cross through which we have been saved from the work of the en - e - my." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the third staff.

We mag - ni - fy You, O Life - Giv - ing Christ,
and we hon - or Your pre - cious Cross through
which we have been saved from the work of the en - e - my.

P: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

R: We magnify You...

P: Let us worship in the place where His feet have stood.

R: We magnify You...

P: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy.

R: We magnify You...

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God! (*three times*)

R: We magnify You...

STAND

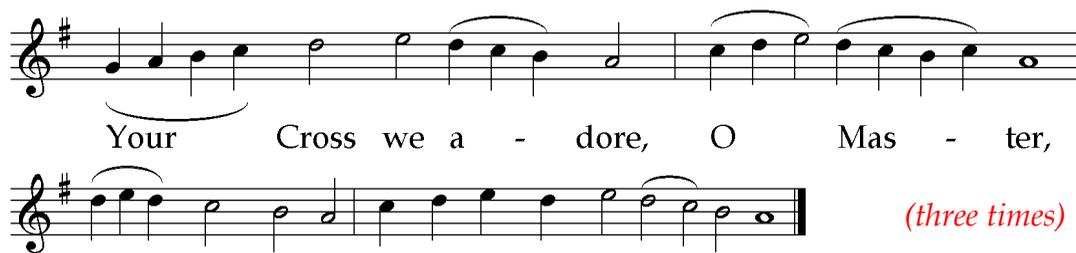
HYMN TO THE HOLY CROSS

If the Holy Cross is on the tetrapod, the clergy will go to the tetrapod for the following hymn and return to the altar at its conclusion.

P: For You, our God, are holy, and we give glory to You: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

R: Amen.

Version #1:



Your Cross we a - dore, O Mas - ter,
and Your Ho-ly Res-ur-rec-tion we glo - ri-fy.

(three times)

Version #1, Slavonic:



Kre - stu Tvo-je-mu po-kla-ňa-jem - sja Vla-dy - ko
i svja-to-je Vos-kre-se-ni-je Tvo-je sla - vim.

Version #2:



Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Your Cross we a - dore, O Mas - ter,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "and Your Ho - ly Res-ur-rec - tion we glo-ri-fy." The word "O" is underlined with a slur, and "Mas - ter," is also underlined with a slur. The second staff ends with a double bar line. To the right of the second staff, the text "(three times)" is written in red.

Your Cross we a - dore, O Mas - ter,
and Your Ho - ly Res-ur-rec - tion we glo-ri-fy. *(three times)*

Version #2, Slavonic:



Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Kre - stu Tvo - je - mu po - kla - ňa - jem - sja Vla - dy - ko". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "i svja-to - je Vos-kre-se-ni-je Tvo-je sla-vim." The second staff ends with a double bar line.

Kre - stu Tvo - je - mu po - kla - ňa - jem - sja Vla - dy - ko
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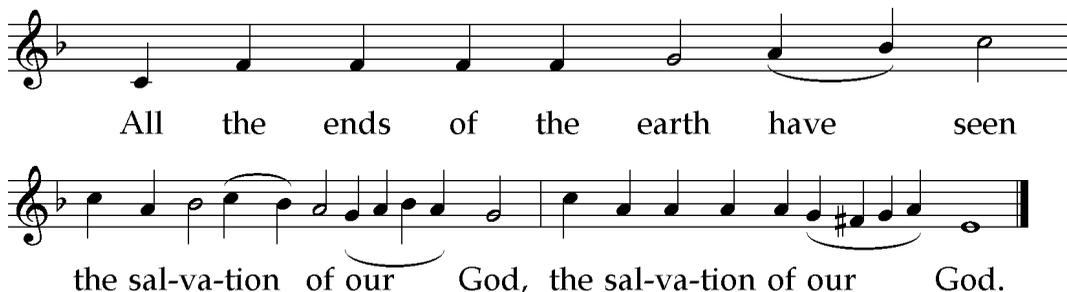
D: Be attentive!

P: Peace † be unto all!

D: Wisdom! Be attentive!

PROKIMEN

Tone 4



All the ends of the earth have seen
the sal-va-tion of our God, the sal-va-tion of our God.

D: Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, have mercy.

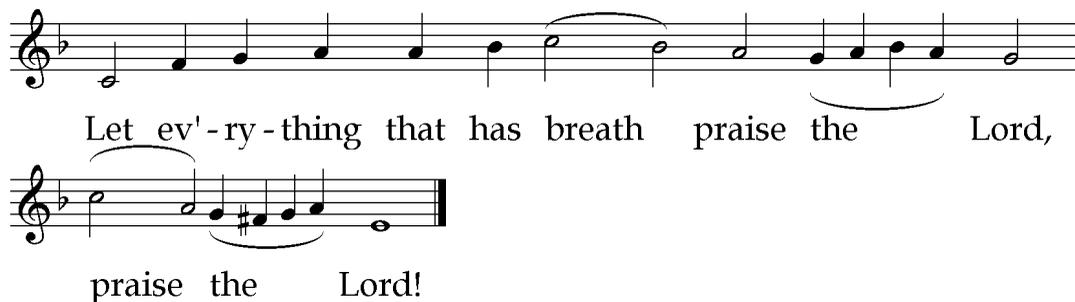
P: For You, our God, are holy and abide in the saints, and we give glory to You, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

R: Amen.

The deacon, having received the blessing, now censens the four sides of the holy altar.

D: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

R:



Let ev'-ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord,
praise the Lord!

Standing within the Royal Doors, the deacon censens the people while intoning:

D: That we may be considered worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, in peace, let us pray to the Lord God.

R:



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

P: Peace † be unto all!

R:



And with your spi - rit, your spi - rit.

D: Wisdom! Let us stand as we listen to the Holy Gospel.

P: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R:



Glo - ry to You, glo - ry to You, O Lord, O Lord.

D: Be attentive!

P: At that time, there were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last. So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!" And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. *(Luke 23:32-49)*

R:



A sermon may now be preached at this time.

THE BEATITUDES

P: When You come into Your kingdom.

R:

Lord, re - mem - ber us, when You come in - to Your king - dom.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G minor (one flat). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a triplet of eighth notes under the word 'You'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

P: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R: Lord, remember us...

P: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

R: Lord, remember us...

P: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

R: Lord, remember us...

P: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

R: Lord, remember us...

P: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

R: Lord, remember us...

P: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

R: Lord, remember us...

P: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

R: Lord, remember us...

P: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R: Lord, remember us...

P: Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

R: Lord, remember us...

STAND

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.

R: Lord, remember us...

KNEEL

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

D: Kneeling in all humility, in peace let us pray to the Lord God.

R:



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer - cy.

The clergy and people recite this prayer together.

O Lord Almighty, God of angelic hosts and of all flesh: You dwell in the highest and care for the humble. You search the innermost depths of mind and heart, and clearly discern the hidden things of men. You are the Light without beginning, without change or alteration. O King Immortal, receive our prayers which we offer to You at this time from our sinful lips, ever trusting in Your great mercy. Forgive us our sins which we have committed, both intentionally and unintentionally. Cleanse us from every blemish of flesh and spirit. Grant us to pass through the night of this present life courageously and seriously, awaiting the bright and manifest day of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. In that day He shall come in glory to Judge all, and will give to each the reward according his actions. May we not fall into laziness, but take courage and be inspired to action. May we be found ready to enter into the joy of the divine Bridal-chamber of His glory where the voice of those who feast is ceaseless, and the delight of those who look upon the beauty of Your face can not be described.

P: For You are the true light which enlightens and sanctifies everything in the world, and all creation praises you forever.

R: Amen.

LITANY

D: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy. (*three times*)

D: Furthermore we pray for our holy Ecumenical Patriarch **N.**, the Archbishop of Constantinople, for our God-loving Bishop **N.**, for our spiritual fathers and all other clergy and for all our brethren in Christ; for their welfare, peace, health, salvation, and for the remission of their sins and that the Lord our God may prompt and help them in all things.

R: Lord, have mercy. (*three times*)

D: Furthermore we pray for every Christian soul that is afflicted and maltreated, in need of God's mercy and help: graciously hear us and have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy. (*three times*)

D: Furthermore we pray to the Lord our God that He hear the voice of the prayer of us sinners and have mercy upon all Orthodox Christians, and grant a perfect peace to His Holy Orthodox Church and preserve it from harm. Keep it steadfast, and maintain it from all evil. Let us all say: O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy. (*three times*)

P: For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind and we give glory to You: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

R: Amen.

STAND

DISMISSAL

D: Wisdom!

R:

Mag - ni - fy, mag - ni - fy, O my soul, O my soul,
the most pre-cious Cross of the Lord.

P: Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope, glory to You.

R: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Father, bless.

P: May Christ our true God, Who willed to suffer the dreadful passion for us and for our salvation, and accepted the life-giving Cross, through the prayers of his most-pure Mother, of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy Apostles, of Saint **N.**, patron of this church, through the prayers of Saint(s) **NN.**, whose memory we celebrate today and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is gracious and He loves mankind.

R: Amen.

During the Great Fast Only:

HYMN TO THE PASSION

The following hymn is sung three times, with a bow each time.

Hav-ing suf-fered the pas-sion for us, O Je-sus Christ,
Son of God have mer-cy on us.
have mer-cy, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

The musical score is written on three staves in G minor (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, with a third ending bracket over the final two measures.

Slavonic:

Pre - ter - pi - vyj za nas stra - sti, I - su - se Chri - ste,
Sy - ne Bo - žij, po - mi - luj nas.
po - mi - luj, po - mi - luj, po - mi - luj nas.

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HYMNS TO THE CROSS AND PASSION OF CHRIST

1



1. When pre - par - ing for Your Pas - sion, O Je - sus.
2. You shed Your blood on - the Cross, O Je - sus.
3. An an - gel brought strength - to You, O Je - sus.
4. A heav - y cross they placed on You, O Je - sus.



1. In the gar - den of Geth - sem' - ne, O Je - sus.
2. So You could give me - free - dom, O Je - sus.
3. Chal - ice of great pas - sion gave You, O Je - sus.
4. Wound - ed, You were made to carry it, O Je - sus.

Refrain:

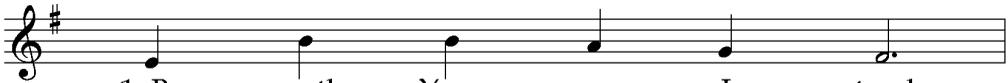


The ev - er Vir - gin, most sor - row - ful Moth - er,



in grief cried mourn - ful - ly.

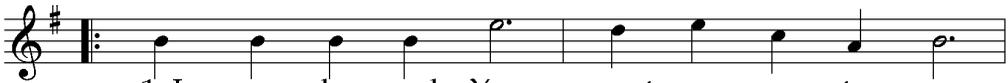
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1. Be - neath Your cross I stand,
 2. For me You suf - fered shame,
 3. From You I'll nev - er turn.



1. O my - lov - ing Sav - ior.
 2. For me You suf - fered Your Cross.
 3. For me, Your last breath You spent.

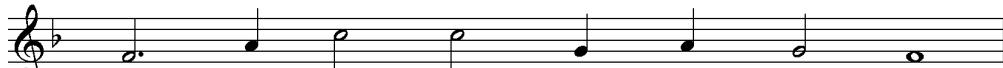


1. I - be - seech You grant - un - to me
 2. You paid for my sins. You paid for my faults.
 3. Let Your sev - en words spo - ken from the Cross



1. sin - cere sor - row for my sins.
 2. You - re - deemed man - kind lost.
 3. Be - my strength to re - pent.

3



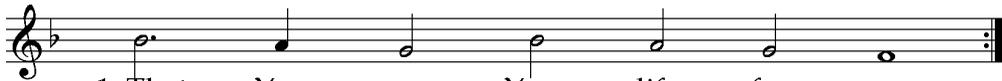
1. O - Je - sus, deep - ly wound - ed
 2. You - shed Your blood on the Cross
 3. I want to live with You for - ev - er



1. And on the Cross cru - ci - fied.
 2. To make me free - from death.
 3. And de - vote my life to You



1. You have loved - me so dear - ly
 2. Your - ho - ly inno - cent blood
 3. Be - cause Your most pre - cious life



1. That You gave Your life for me.
 2. Shed for my - sin - ful - ness.
 3. You gave as ran - som for me.

4



Now do I go to the Cross no-where else shall I find You,



Je - sus Lord, Peace of my soul.



There shall I find the Moth - er of God,



sor-row and pain pierc-ing her heart. Sor-row now is all I feel.



1. The Moth-er of Sor-rows stood be - neath the Cross -
2. In my bit-ter tears - I have washed Your Bod - y.
3. You sac - ri-ficed Your-self to - save all peo-ple,



1. Sob - bing - ly la - ment - ed and tear - ful - ly cried out:
2. And from Your mur - der - ers I have tried to hide You.
3. And for it You re - ceived this - as Your pay - ment:



1. O Son, O my Son, for what trans - gres - sion
2. But to - day I cry, for I have lost You,
3. Wrath and in - jus - tice from an e - vil world,



1. do you suf - fer this day in Your dark - est hour -
2. I shall nev - er see You a - gain my Be - lov'd Son,
3. Which - has now ful - filled its blood - y in - ten - tion



1. on the Cross.
2. O my Son.
3. On the Cross.

