"Lord I Call..." - Tone 6

Reader: In the Sixth Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

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Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Let my prayer arise in Your sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!// Hear me, O Lord!



Reader: (Reads text from service book)

- v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!
- v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.
- v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!
- v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
- v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

Tone 6 (for the Feast) (You have given a sign)

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to praise the undefiled Passion of Christ, Who was lifted up on it.

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and brought us back to life when we were dead.

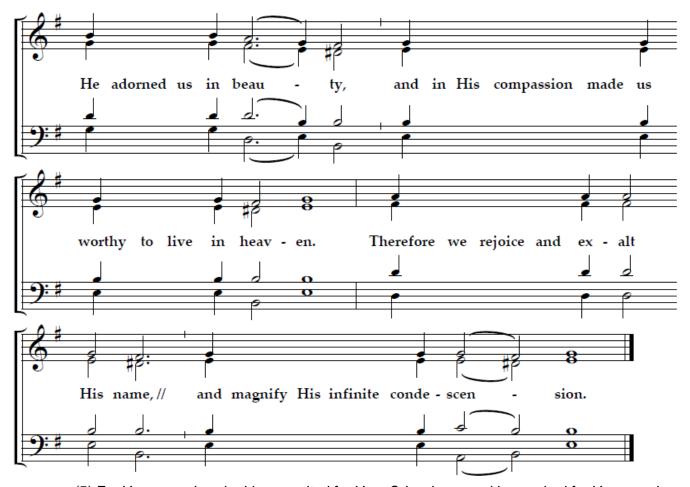
He adorned us in beauty,

and in His compassion made us worthy to live in heaven.

Therefore we rejoice and exalt His Name,//

and magnify His infinite condescension.





v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

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v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Moses prefigured you, O precious Cross, when he stretched out his hands on high, and put the tyrant Amalek to flight.

You are the boast of the faithful, the support of those who suffer,

the glory of the Apostles, the champion of the Righteous,

and the preservation of all the Saints.

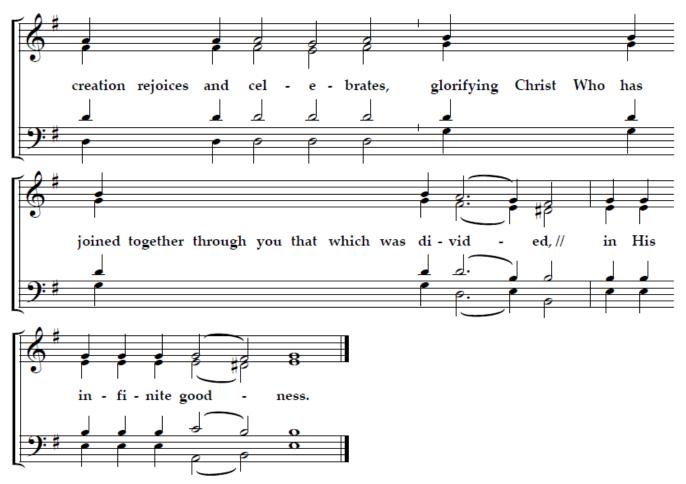
Therefore, beholding you raised on high,

creation rejoices and celebrates,

glorifying Christ Who has joined together through you that which was divided//

in His infinite goodness.





v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

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v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

O most venerable Cross,

attended by ranks of rejoicing angels,

as you are exalted today at the divine command,

may you lift up again

all those who through the stolen food

had been cast out and were sunk in death.

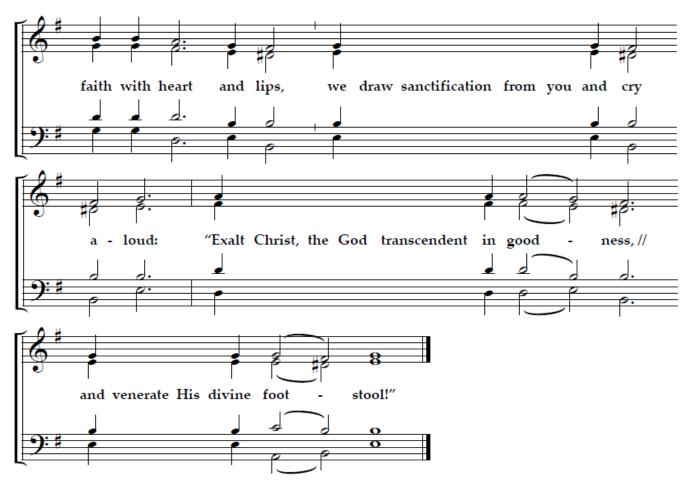
Therefore, as we venerate you in faith with heart and lips,

we draw sanctification from you and <u>cry</u> aloud:

"Exalt Christ, the God transcendent in goodness,//

and venerate His divine footstool!"





v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

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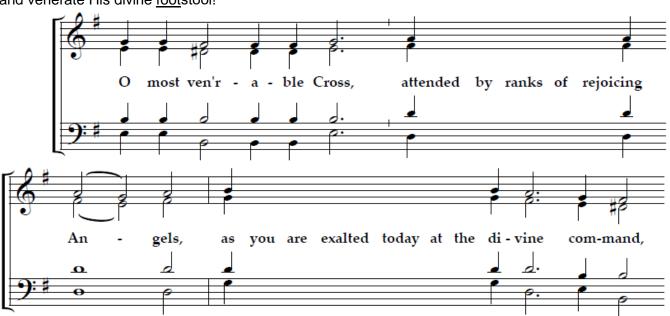
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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, all you nations,

let us fall down in worship before the blessed Tree,

by which eternal justice has come to pass!

For he who deceived Adam by a Tree

is caught by the lure of the Cross;

and he who held under his tyranny the creature endowed by God with royal dignity

is brought down in a headlong fall.

The serpent's venom is washed away by the <u>blood</u> of God,

and the <u>curse</u> of just condemn<u>ation</u> is undone

when the Just One is condemned by an unjust judgment.

For it was fitting that the tree should be <u>healed</u> by a Tree,

and that by the Passion of the passionless God

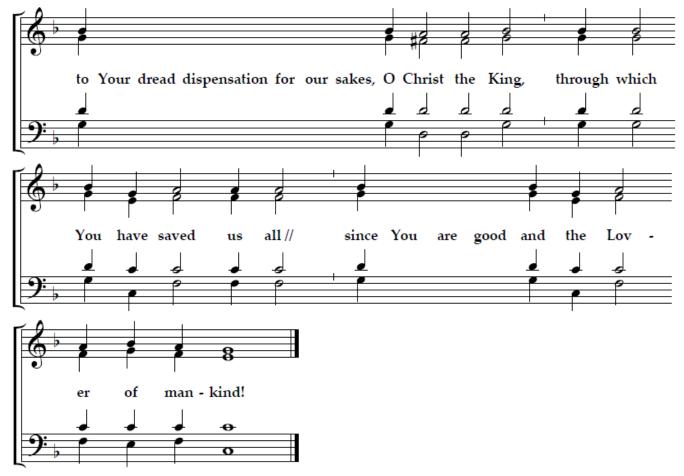
what was wrought on the Tree should destroy the passions of man, who was condemned.

But glory to Your dread dispensation for our sakes, O Christ the King,

through which You have saved us all,//







Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

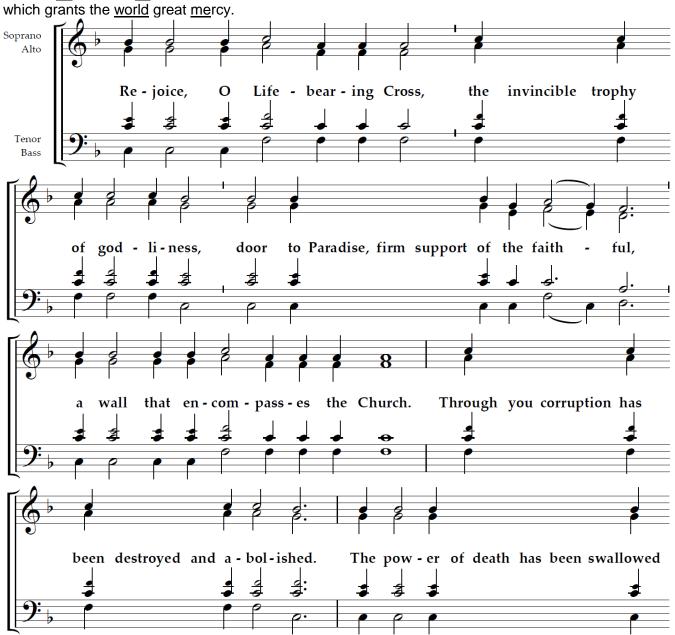
Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 46)

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross: invincible triumph of godliness, gate of Paradise, and protection of the faithful! The Cross is the might of the Church, through which corruption is abolished, through which the power of death is crushed. and we are raised from earth to heaven.

O invincible weapon, the adversary of demons,

the glory of martyrs, the true adornment of ven'rable saints,

and the haven of salvation,//





v: Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!

Rejoice, O Cross of the Lord,

through which mankind has been delivered from the curse!

You are a sign of true joy,

shattering our enemies by your Exaltation.

O Cross, worthy of all honor,

you are our help, you are the strength of kings.

You are the power of the <u>right</u>eous.

You are the majesty of priests.

All who sign themselves with you are freed from danger.

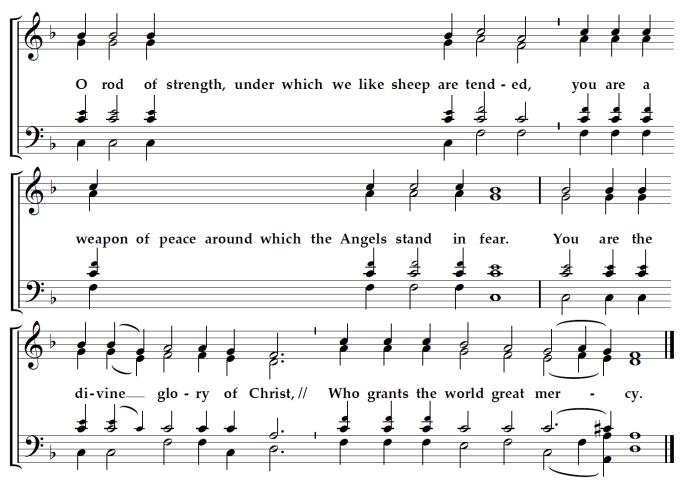
O rod of strength, under which we like sheep are tended,

you are a weapon of peace around which the angels stand in fear.

You are the divine glory of Christ,//

Who grants the world great mercy.





v: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

Rejoice, O guide of the blind,

physician of the sick and resurrection of all the dead;

you have <u>raised</u> us up when we were fallen into mor<u>tal</u>ity.

O precious Cross,

through you cor<u>rup</u>tion has been destroyed,

and incorruption has blossomed forth.

We mortals are made divine,

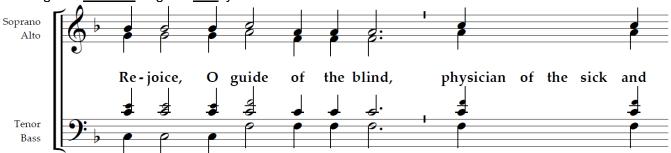
and the devil is completely overthrown.

Today, as we see you exalted by the hands of bishops,

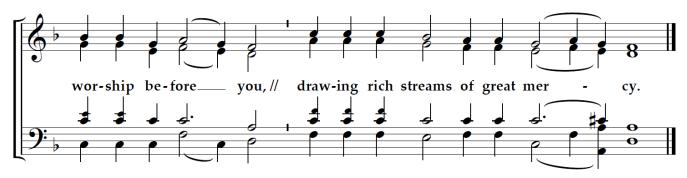
we exalt Him Who was lifted up upon you,

and we fall down in worship before you,//

drawing rich streams of great mercy.







In the Eighth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

Your precious Cross, O Christ God,

which Moses of old prefigured in his own person

when he overthrew Amalek and put him to flight;

which David commanded to be worshipped,

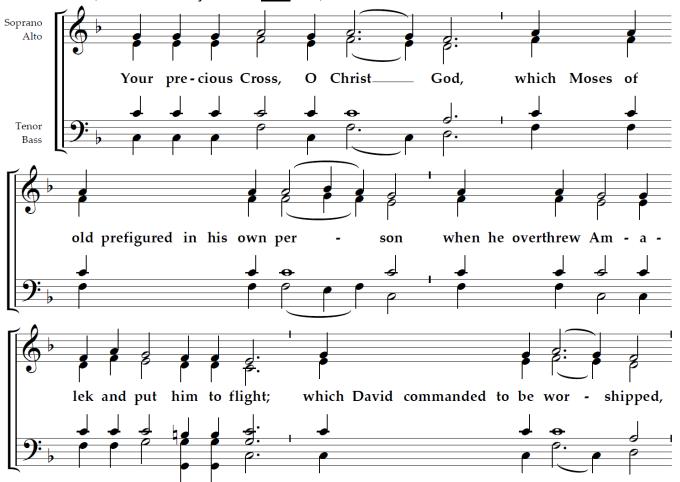
calling it Your footstool:

this same Cross we sinners worship today with unworthy lips.

We praise You Who were pleased to be nailed upon it,

and we cry to You://

"With the thief, make us worthy of Your Kingdom, O Lord!"





(Troparion for the Exaltation – Tone 1)
O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross,//
preserve Your habitation!



Then, Augmented Litany (p. 60)