

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

The Third Sunday of Great Lent - The Veneration of the Cross

Tone 5
Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. L'vov/Bakhmetev

The musical score is written for Soprano and Alto (treble clef) and Tenor and Bass (bass clef). It consists of four systems of music. The lyrics are: "Shine, O Cross of the Lord! Illumine the hearts of those who honor you! With love inspired by God, we embrace you, for you are the only hope of the world. Through you our tears are wiped away, the snares of death are [sprung, and we pass over ...]"

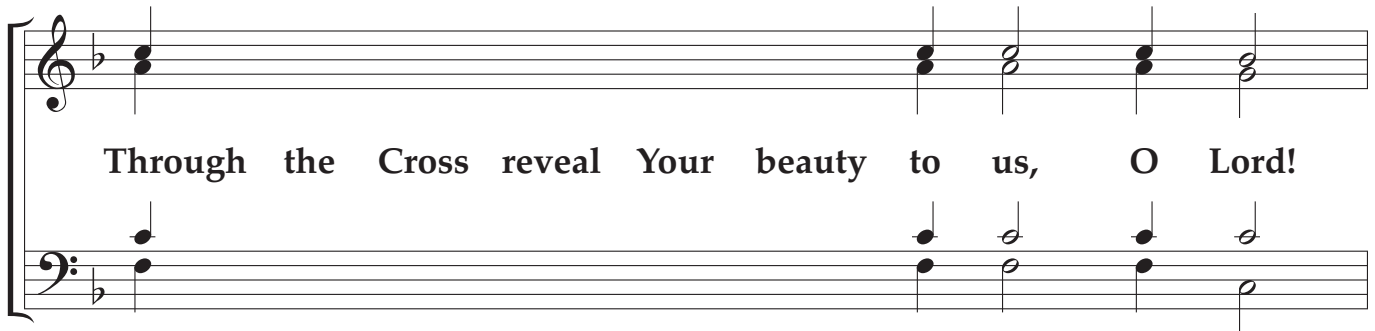
Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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of those who hon - or you! With love inspired by God,
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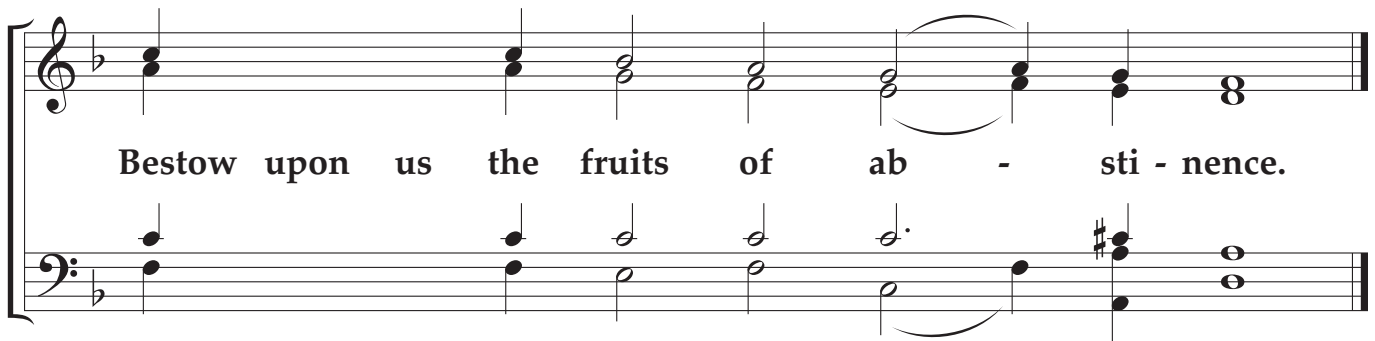
sprung, and we pass o - ver into ever - last - ing joy.



Through the Cross reveal Your beauty to us, O Lord!



Help Your servants who ask for mer - cy in faith! //



Bestow upon us the fruits of ab - sti - nence.

Sticheron 2

Re - joice, O life - bear - ing Cross: bright paradise

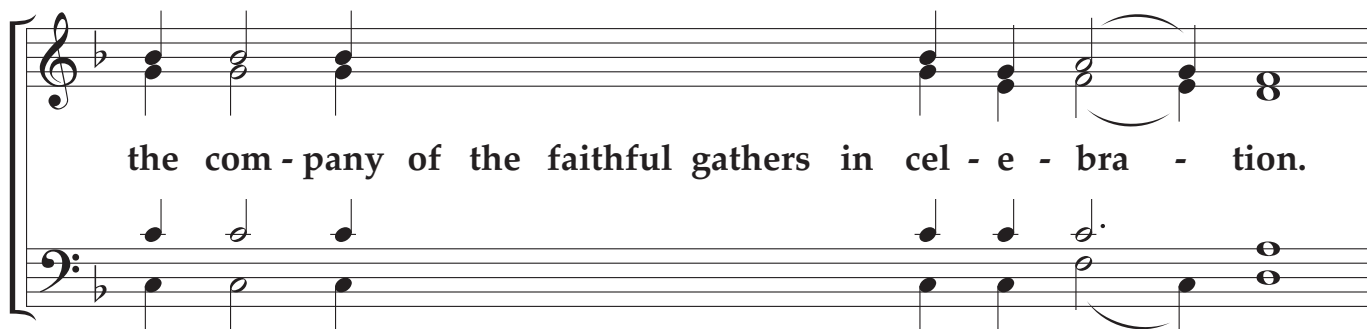
of the Church, the tree of incor - rup - tion! You have

ob-tained for us the joy of ever-last - ing glo - ry.

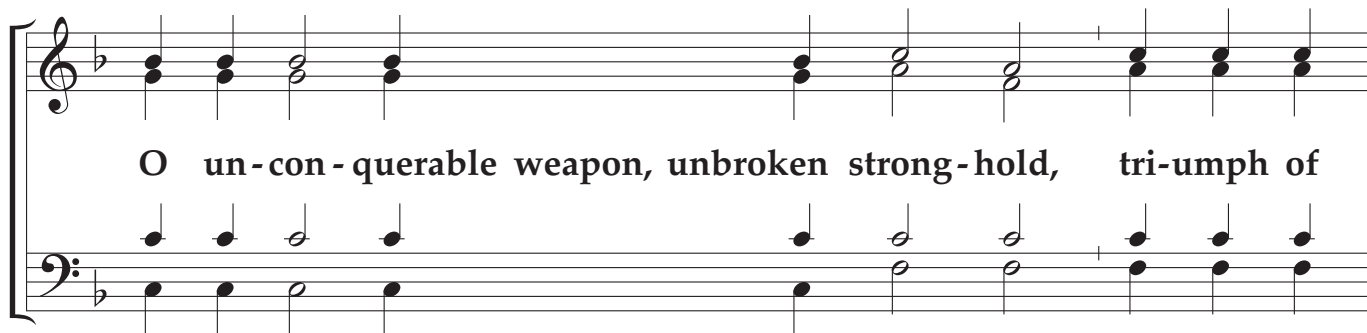
Through you, the host of demons are driv - en out;

the choirs of angels are a - mazed and re - joice;

[the com - pany]



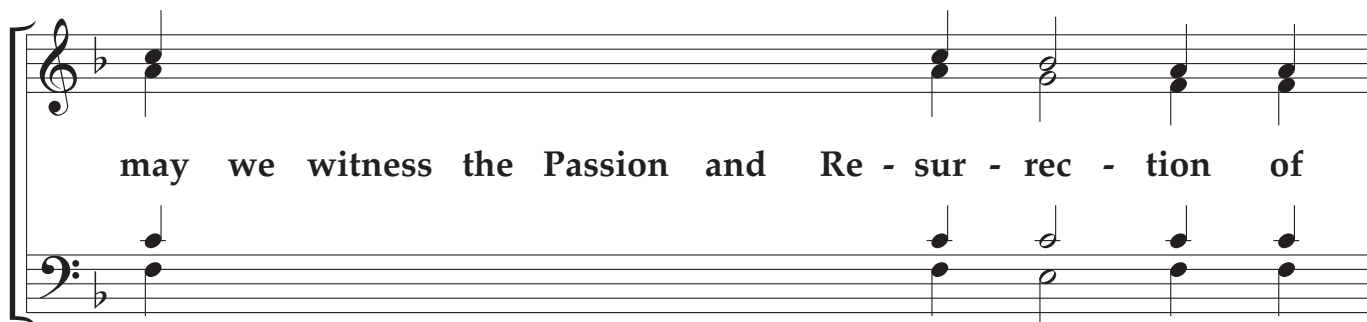
the com - pany of the faithful gathers in cel - e - bra - tion.



O un - con - querable weapon, unbroken strong - hold, tri - umph of



Orthodox Christians and pride of priests, // by following you



may we witness the Passion and Re - sur - rec - tion of



Christ our God.

Sticheron 3

Re-joyce, O Life - bear-ing Cross: invincible weapon of

god - li - ness, gate of Paradise, and protection of the

faith - ful! The Cross is the might of the Church,

through which corruption is a - bol - ished,

through which the pow - er of death is crushed,

[and we are raised...]

and we are raised from earth to heav - en. O invincible

weapon, the adversary of de - mons, the glo - ry of martyrs,

the true adornment of ven - 'ra - ble saints, and the

ha - ven of sal - va - tion, // which grants the

world great mer - cy.

Sticheron 4

Come, O Adam and Eve, our first father and moth - er,

who fell from divine glo - ry through the en - vy of the

mur - der - er of man. Bit - ter was the pleasure of the

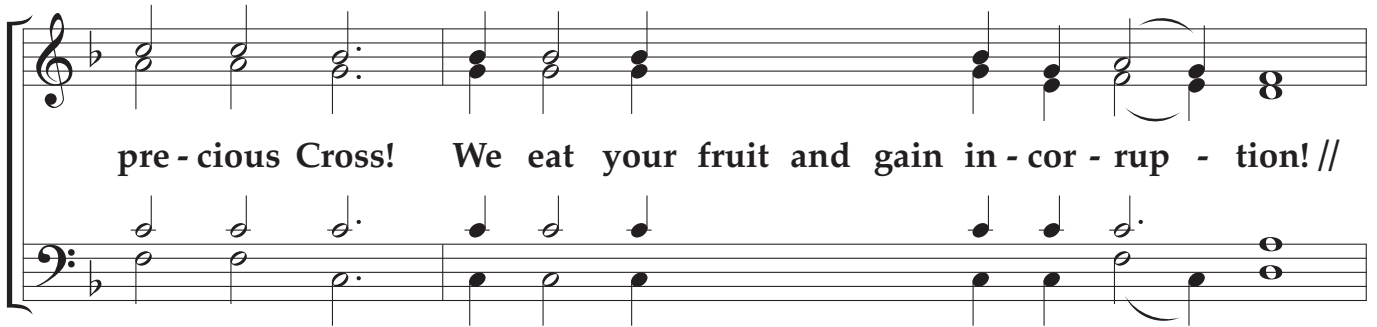
Tree of old; but see, the honored Tree of the Cross draws

near! Run with haste and em - brace it in joy,

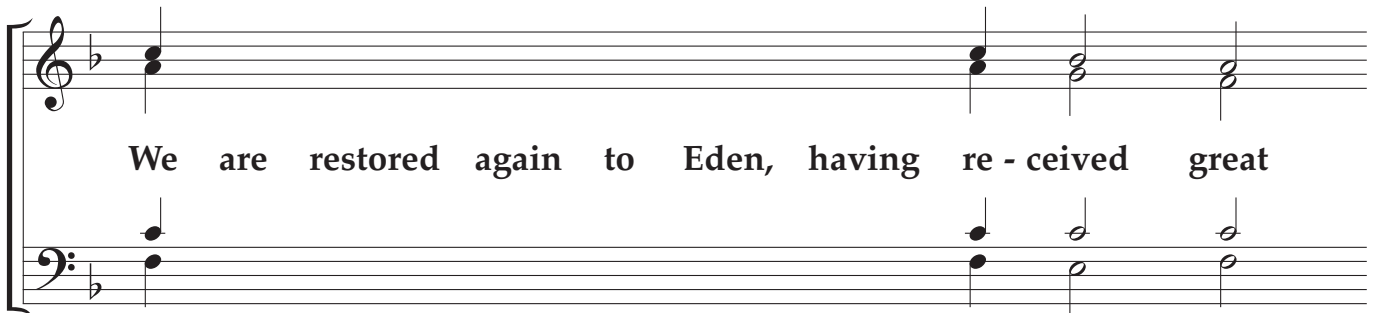
[cry-ing out with faith:]



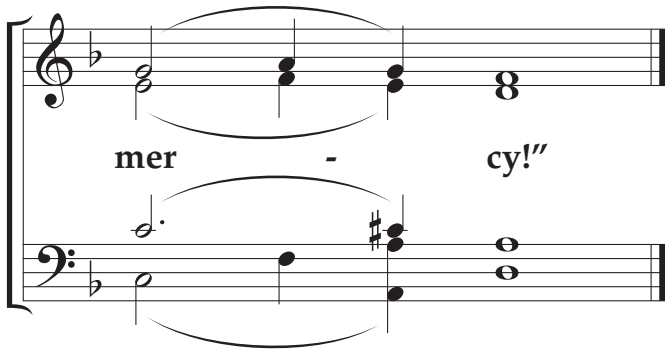
cry - ing out with faith: "You are our help, O most -



pre - cious Cross! We eat your fruit and gain in - cor - rup - tion! //



We are restored again to Eden, having re - ceived great



mer - cy!"