

Stichera at the Veneration of the Cross

The Elevation of the Holy Cross – September 14

Tone 2
Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Come, O faithful, let us venerate the life - giv - ing

Wood on which Christ the King of Glory voluntarily stretched

out His hands and raised us up to our an - cient bliss,

though formerly the enemy had despoiled us through pleas - ure

[and made us exiles . . .]

and made us ex - iles from God. Come, O faithful, let us

ven - er - ate the Wood through which we have been accounted

worthy to crush the heads of our invisible en - e - mies.

Come, all you kindred of the na - tions, let us hon - or in

hymns the Cross of the Lord: "Rejoice, O Cross, complete

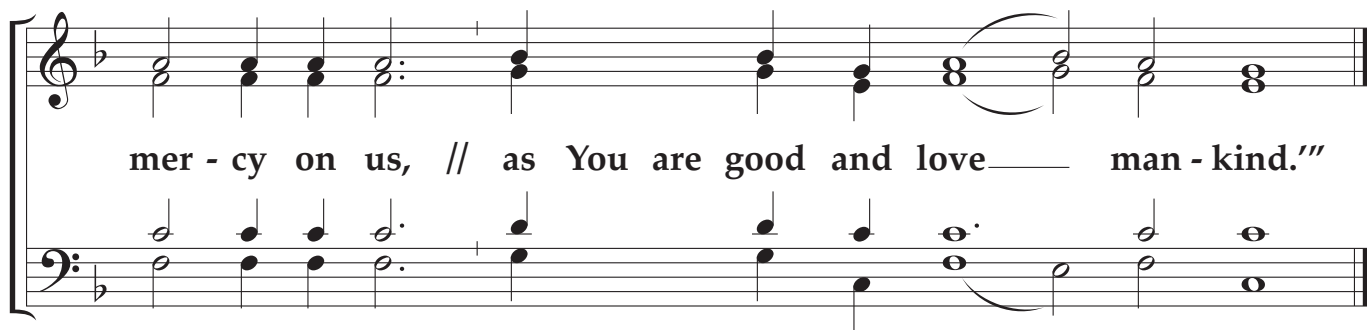
deliverance of fallen Ad - am. In you our faithful rulers

make their boast, since by your pow - er they subjugate the

peo - ple of Ish - ma - el. As we Christians now kiss you with

fear, we glorify God who was nailed up - on you, and we

say: 'O Lord, who on the Cross were crucified, have



mer - cy on us, // as You are good and love man - kind."

Tone 6
Sticheron 2

Today, as the Tree of Life rises up from the hidden

plac - es of the earth, it confirms our faith in the

resurrection of Christ Who was nailed up - on it. And

as it is raised aloft by priest - ly hands, it proclaims His

elevation to heav - en, by which our nature, from its fallen

state on earth, becomes a citizen of heav - en. There-fore

let us cry out in thank - ful - ness, "O Lord, Who were

lift - ed up on the Cross and through it lifted us with Your -

self, // count worthy of heavenly joy those who sing Your praise."

Tone 8
Sticheron 3

The voice of Your prophet Mo - ses, O God, has been ful -

filled, for he said: "You will see your Life hang - ing be -

fore your eyes." Today the Cross is lifted up and the

world is set free from er - ror. Today the church of Christ's

Resurrection celebrates its dedi - ca - tion, and the ends

[of the earth rejoice,]

of the earth rejoice like Da - vid with cym - bals, offering

You a hymn and say - ing: "You have worked salvation

in the midst of the earth, — O God - Your Cross and Res-ur-

rec - tion, through which You have set us free, as You are

good and love man - kind. // O Almighty Lord, glo - ry to You!