

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

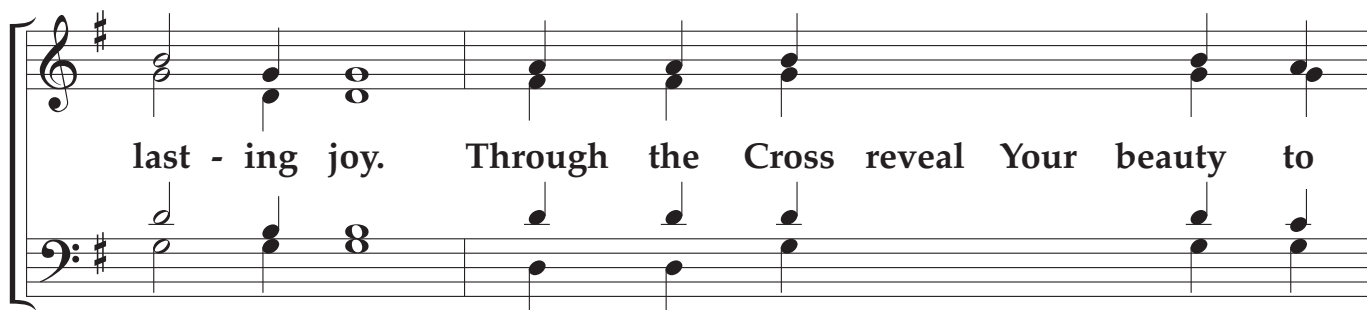
The Third Sunday of Great Lent - The Veneration of the Cross

Tone 5
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

The musical score is arranged for Soprano and Alto (top staff) and Tenor and Bass (bottom staff). It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Shine, O Cross of the Lord! Il - lumine the hearts of those who hon - or you! With love in - spired by God, we em - brace you, for you are the only hope of the world. Through you our tears are wiped a - way, the snares of death are sprung, and we pass o - ver into ever -

[- lasting joy.]



last - ing joy. Through the Cross reveal Your beauty to



us, O Lord! Help Your servants who ask for mer - cy

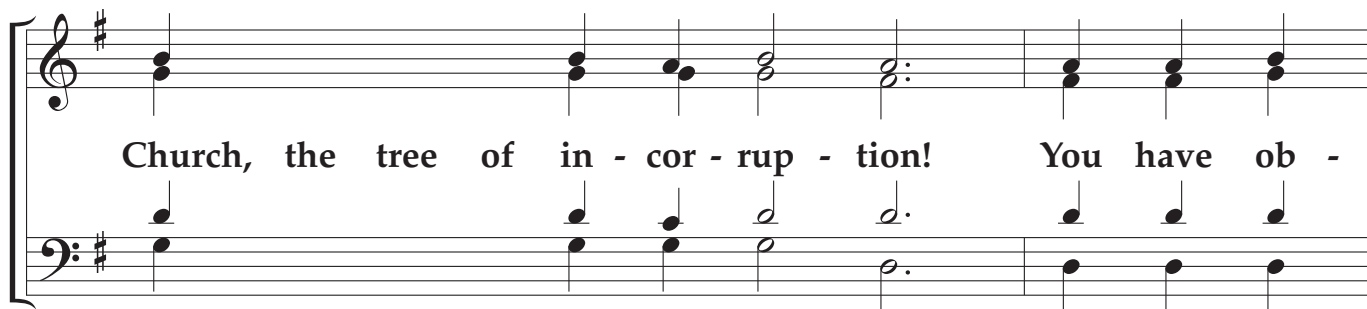


in faith! // Bestow upon us the fruits of ab - sti-nence!

Sticheron 2

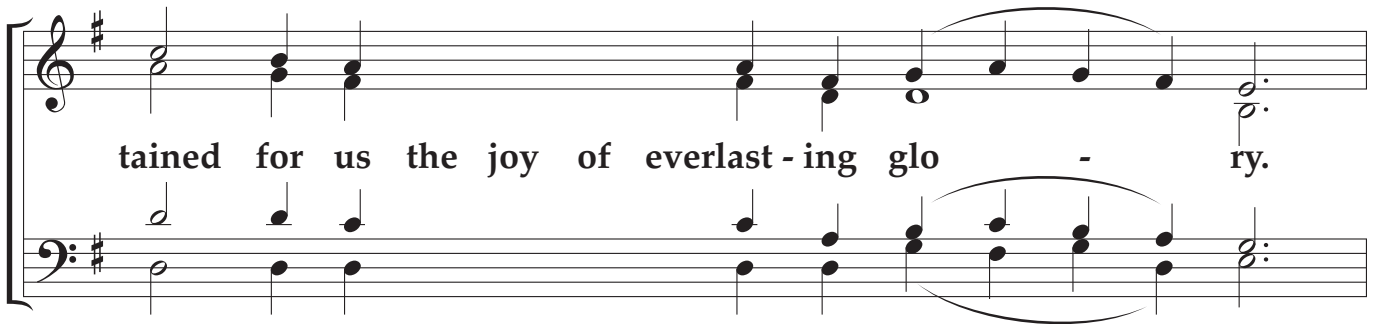


Re-joyce, O life - bear-ing Cross: bright paradise of the

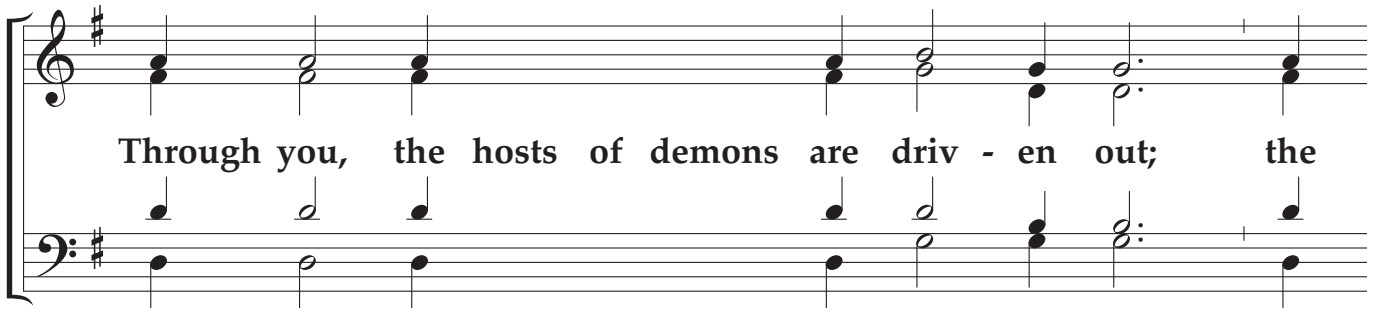


Church, the tree of in - cor - rup - tion! You have ob -

[- tained for us . . .]



tained for us the joy of everlast - ing glo - ry.



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



choirs of Angels are a - mazed and re - joi - ce; the com - pa - ny



of the faithful gathers in cel - e - bra - tion. O un -



con - querable weapon, unbroken strong - hold, triumph of Orthodox

Chris-tians and pride of priests, // by following you may we

witness the Passion and Resur-rec - tion of Christ — our God!

Sticheron 3

Re-joice, O life - bear-ing Cross: in - vincible triumph of

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

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

[through which corruption . . .]

through which corruption is a - bol - ished, through which the

pow - er of death is crushed, and we are raised from

earth to heav - en. O in - vincible weapon, the adversary of

de - mons, the glo - ry of martyrs, the true adornment of

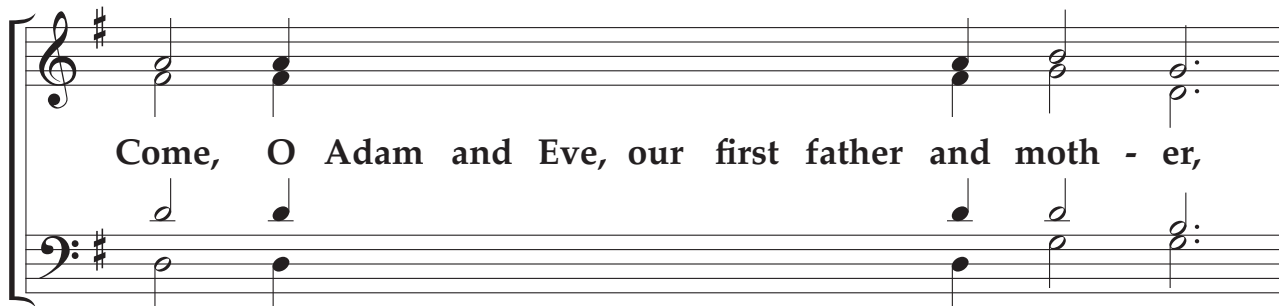
ven - 'ra - ble saints, and the ha - ven of sal - va - tion, //

[which grants the ...]

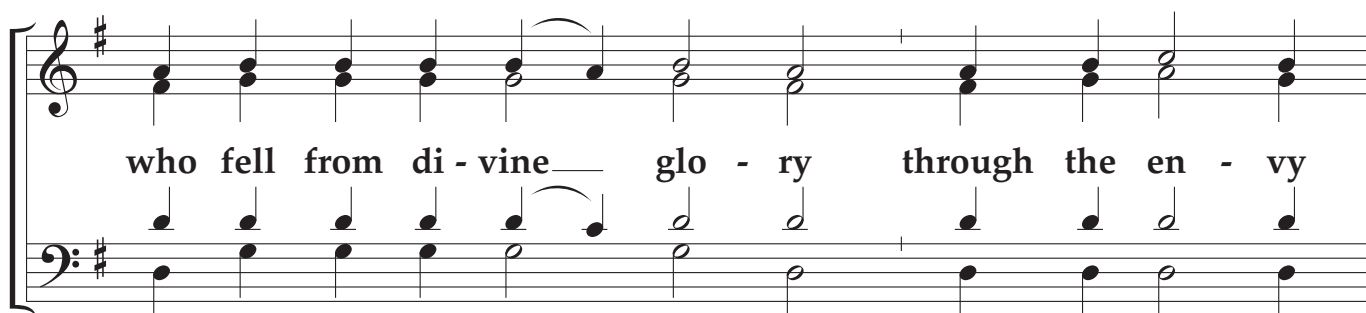


which grants the world— great mer - cy.

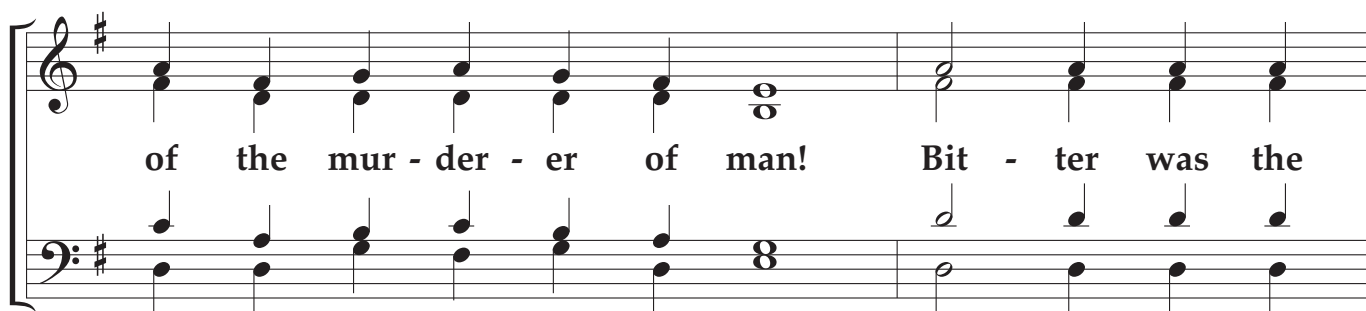
Sticheron 4



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



who fell from di - vine— 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!]

Cross draws near! Run with haste and embrace it in

joy, 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!"