

Stichera at the Veneration of the Cross

The Elevation of the Holy Cross – September 14

Tone 2
Sticheron 1

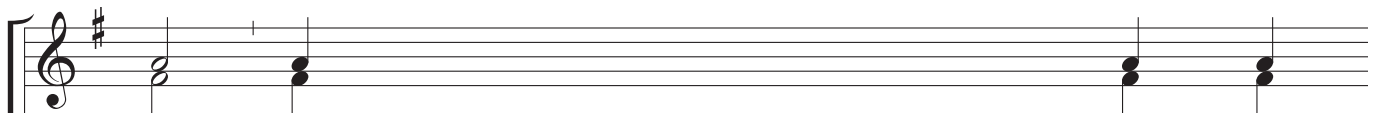
Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto

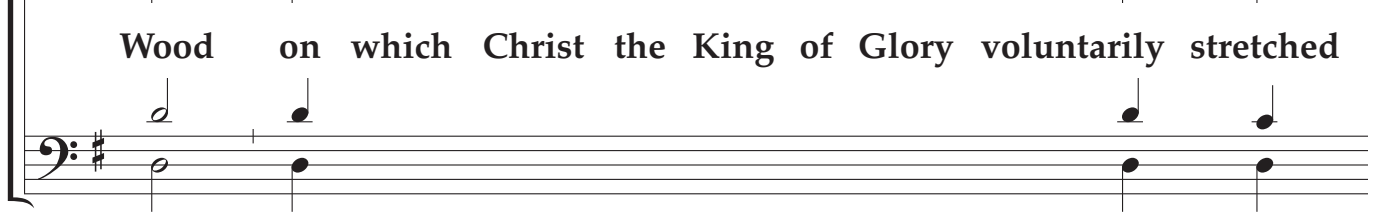


Come, O faith - ful, let us venerate the life - giv - ing

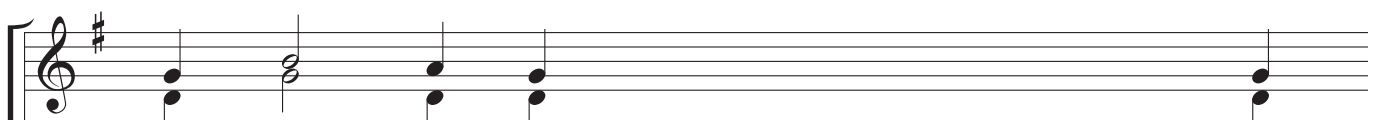

Tenor
Bass



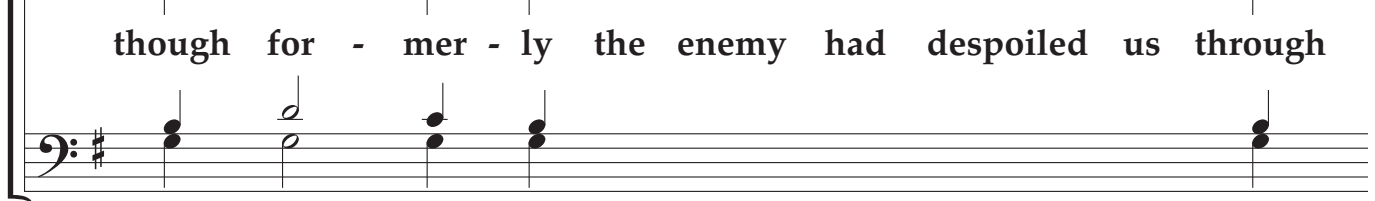
Wood on which Christ the King of Glory voluntarily stretched



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



though for - mer - ly the enemy had despoiled us through



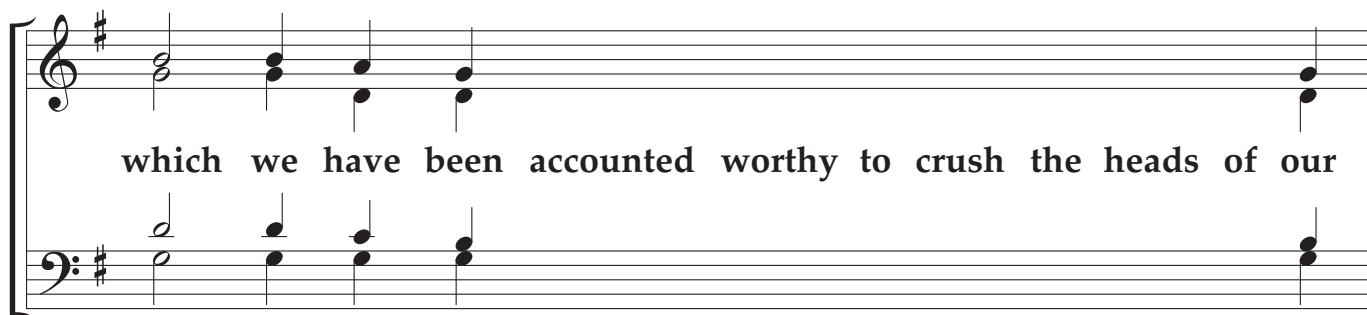
[pleasure]



pleas - ure 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: "Re - joice, O Cross, complete deliverance of

fall - en Ad - am! In thee our faithful rul - ers

make their boast, since by thy pow - er they

subjugate the people of Ish - ma - el. As we Chris -

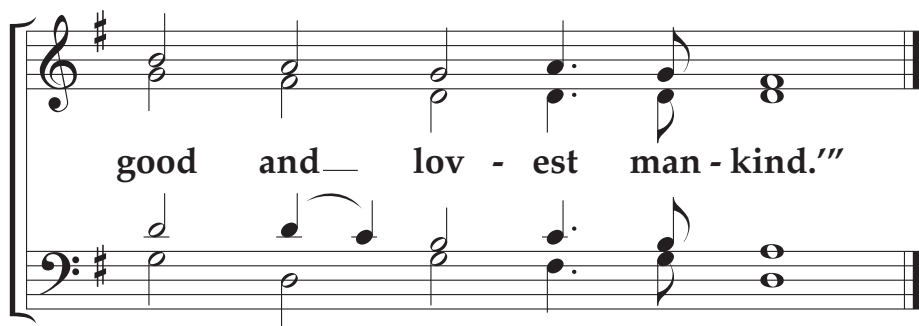
tians now kiss thee with fear, we glorify God Who was



nailed up - on thee, and we say: 'O Lord, Who on the

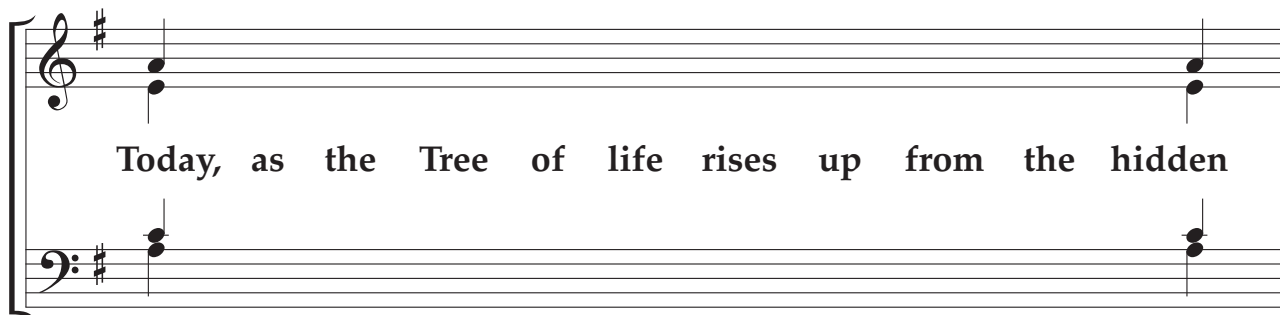


Cross wast crucified, have mer - cy on us, // as Thou art



good and lov - est man - kind."

Tone 6
Sticheron 2



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



plac - es of the earth, it con - firms our faith in the

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

as it is raised aloft by priest - ly hands, it pro -

claims His elevation to heav - en, by which our

nature, from its fallen state on earth, becomes a citizen of

heav - en. Therefore let us cry out in thank - ful -

ness, "O Lord, Who wast lifted up on the Cross

and through it didst lift us with Thy-self, // count worthy of

hea - ven - ly joy those who sing Thy praise."

Tone 8
Sticheron 3

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

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

[be-fore your eyes.]"

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

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

Resurrection celebrates its ded - i - ca - tion, and the

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

offering Thee a hymn and say - ing: "Thou hast worked sal -

vation in the midst of the earth, O God - Thy Cross and

Res - ur - rec - tion, through which Thou hast set us

free, as Thou art good and lov - est man-kind. // O Almighty

Lord, glo - ry to Thee!