

'Lord I Call' - Veneration of the Cross

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

Tone 5

Obikhod

Shine, O Cross of the Lord! Illumine the hearts of those who hon - or you!

With love inspired 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 over into ev - er - last - ing joy.

Through the Cross reveal Thy beauty to us, O Lord! Help Thy servants

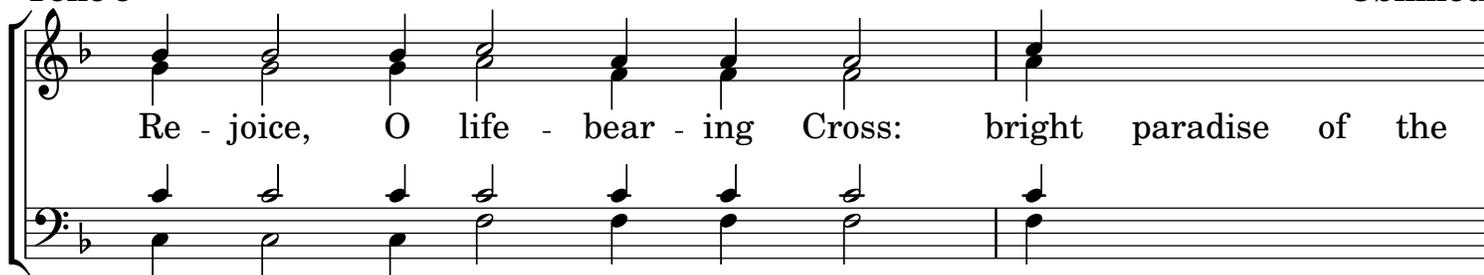
who ask for mer - cy in faith! Bestow upon us the fruits of ab - sti - nence!

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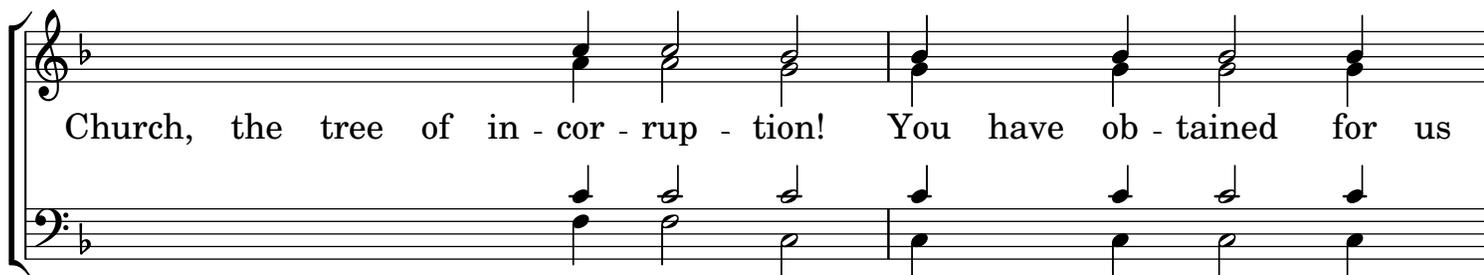
Reader (3): For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

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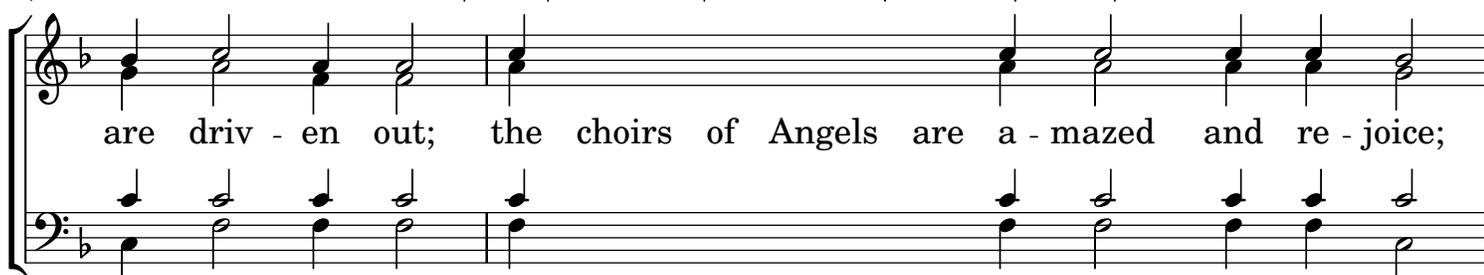
Re - joice, O life - bear - ing Cross: bright paradise of the



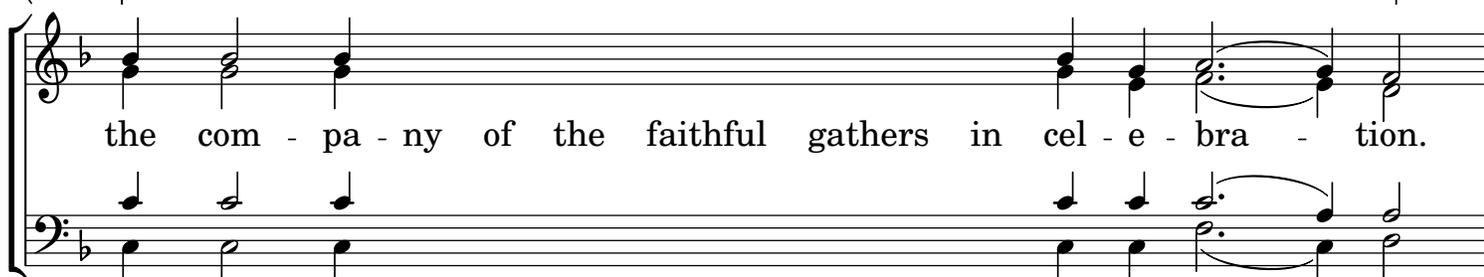
Church, the tree of in - cor - rup - tion! You have ob - tained for us



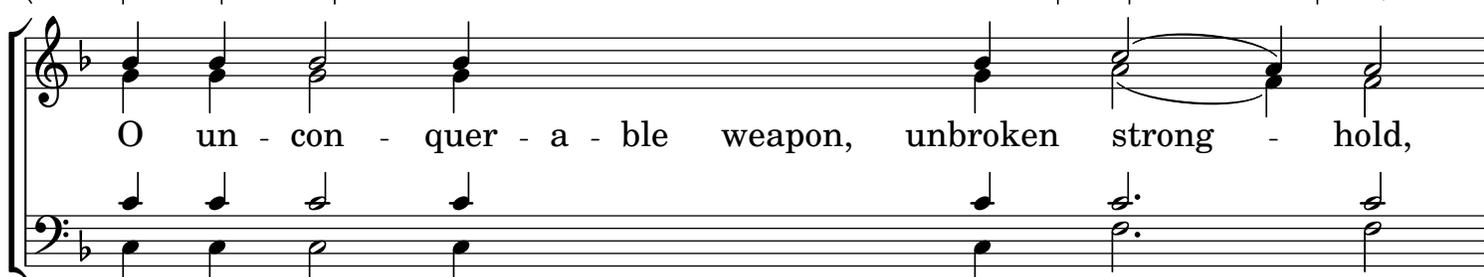
the joy of ev - er - last - ing glor - y. Through you, the hosts of demons



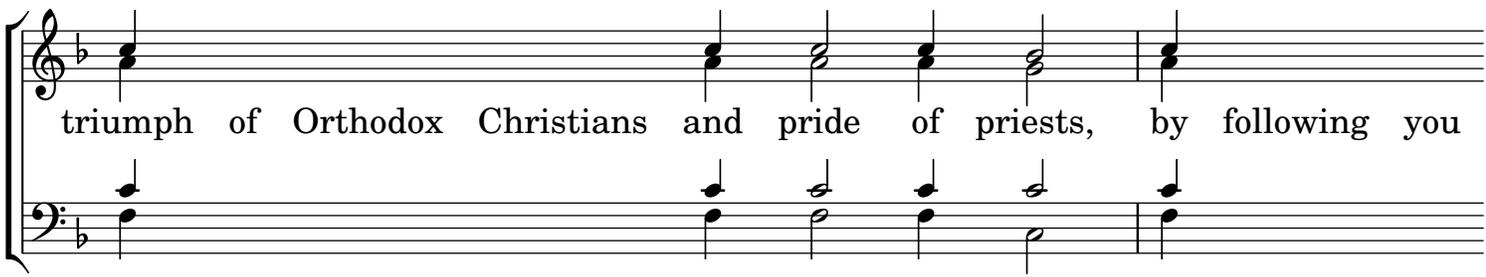
are driv - en out; the choirs of Angels are a - mazed and re - joice;



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



O un - con - quer - a - ble weapon, unbroken strong - hold,



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



may we witness the Passion and Res-ur-rec-tion of Christ our God!

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Reader (2): Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Tone 5

Obikhod

Re-joice, O life-bearing Cross: the invincible weapon of god-li-ness,
the gate of Paradise, the protection of the faith-ful!

The Cross is the might of the Church, through which corruption
is a-bol-ished, through which the power of death is crushed.

The Cross raises us up from earth to heav-en.

The Cross is the enemy of Sa-tan. The Cross is the glory of mar-tys.

The Cross is the haven of sal-va - tion, and grants the world great mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Reader (1): For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

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

Thou didst fall from divine glor - y 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: "You are our help, O most - pre - cious Cross!

We eat of your fruit and gain in - cor - rup - tion!

We are restored again to Eden, having re - ceived great mer - cy!"

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Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 3

Obikhod

Wishing to restore all men to life, Thou didst accept crucifixion,

O Christ our God. Burning with boundless love for man,

Thou didst take the quill of the Cross in Thy hand;

dipping it in ink of royal crim - son,

Thou didst sign our release with blood - stained fin - gers.

Though temptations as - sault us, may we never for - sake Thee a - gain!

Have mercy on Thy despairing peo - ple, O long - suffering Mas - ter!

Arise and fight Thine e - ne - mies in Thine al - might - y pow'r!