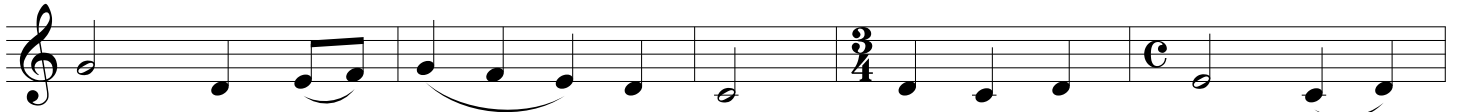


Feast of the Cross

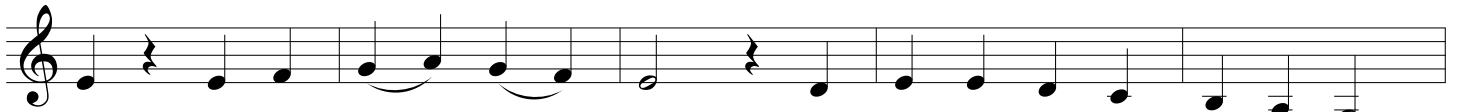
Ainoi: Verses and Stichera



Praise Him for His might-y acts: praise Him ac-cord-ing to His ex - cel-lent great-ness.



How strange - ly ___ won - der - ful that the life - bear - ing ___



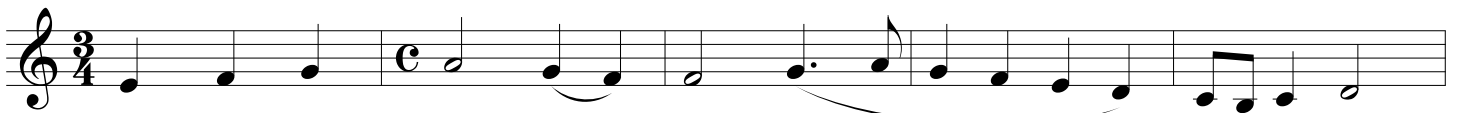
plant, the all - ho - ly ___ Cross, ap - pear - eth lift - ed on ___ high;



and all quar-ters glo - ri - fy it, and all the e - vil ___



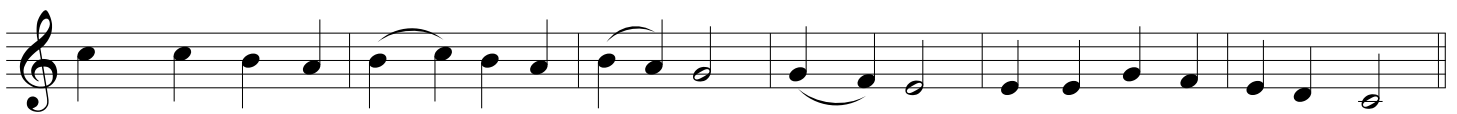
spir - its trem - ble. O what a boon grant-ed man - kind!



Where-fore, O Christ our ___ God, save ___ our ___ souls;



for ___ Thou a - lone art com - pas - sion - ate.



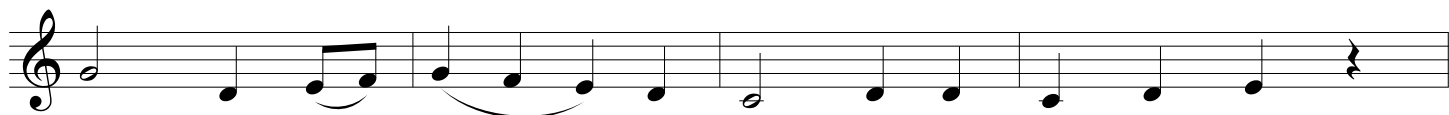
*Praise Him with the sound of the trum - pet: praise Him with the psal-ter - y and harp.
(Repeat Sticheron One: "How strangely wonderful that the life-bearing plant . . . ")*



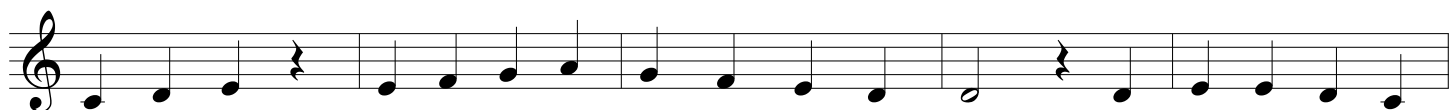
Praise Him with the tim - brel and dance. Praise



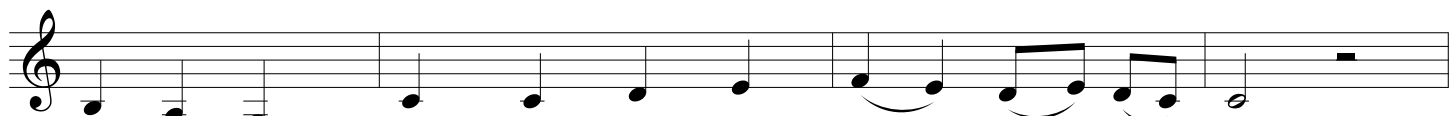
Him with stringed in - stru - ments and or - gans.



How strange - ly won - der - ful that the Cross which bore



the high One as a clus - ter of grapes full of life, ap - pear - eth lift - ed



from the earth, through which we were all drawn to God,



and death was swal - lowed un - to the end. O what a pure Tree through which



we have re - ceived the non - mor - ti - fy - ing food



of E - den, of E - den, glo - ri - fy - ing Christ.



Praise Him up - on the loud cym - bals. Praise Him up - on the high -



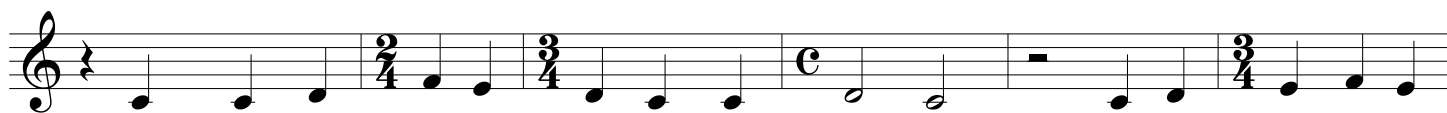
sound-ing cym - bals. Let eve - ry - thing that hath breath praise the Lord.



How strange-ly — won - der - ful that — the Cross ap - peared



e - qual - ing heav-en in length and breadth, sanc-ti - fy-ing all things with di - vine grace,



through which bar - bar-ic na-tions were con-quer-ed, and the scep-ters of



kings were es - tab-lished! What a di - vine lad - der



o - ver which we as - cend to — the — heav - ens,



rais - ing with prais - es Christ the — Lord.