

Feast of the Holy Cross

Kekregarial Stichera and Verses

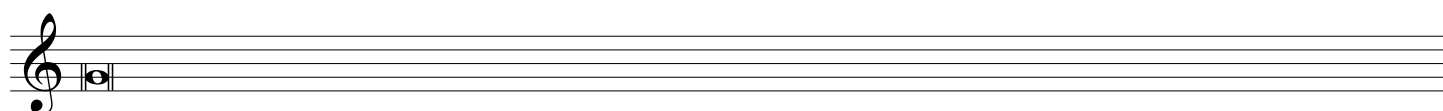
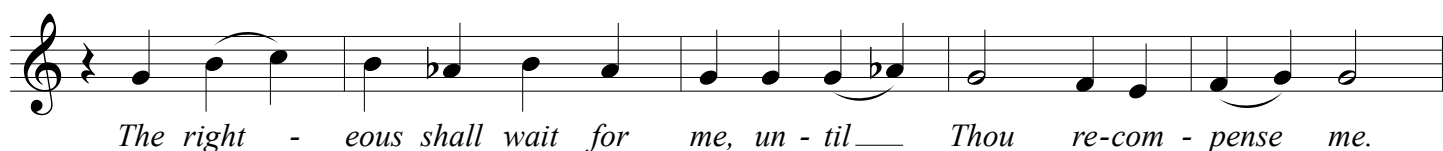
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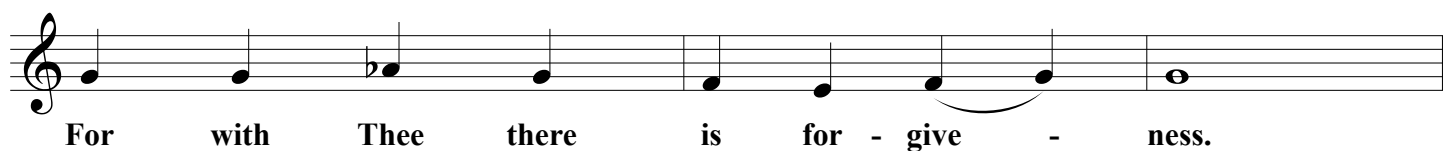
Stichers: "Having laid up all their hope"

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If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?



As the Cross is lift-ed up, it urg-eth all of cre-a-tion to praise

the im-mac-u-late Pas-sion of the One Who was lift-ed up there-on.

For by means of the Cross, He slew him that slew us; and He

made the dead to live a-gain, mak-ing them beau-ti-ful, grant-ing

them the Heav-ens as dwell-ing-place, be-cause He is com-pas-sion-ate,

in the un-sur-passed and un-speak-a-ble ex-cess of His good-ness. With

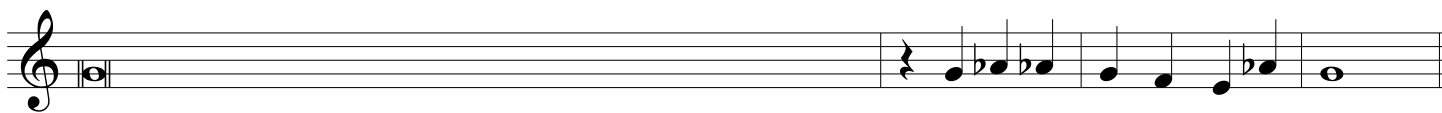
joy, then, let us all ex-alt His Name, while mag-ni-fy-

ing His in-fi-nite con-de-scen-sion toward our race.

Because of Thy name have I waited for Thee, O Lord: my soul hath waited upon Thy word;

my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Repeat Sticheron One: "As the Cross is lifted up . . ."



From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Is-ra - el trust in the Lord.



Mo-ses once pre - fig - ured Thee, stretch-ing his hands out toward Heav - en, and pre -



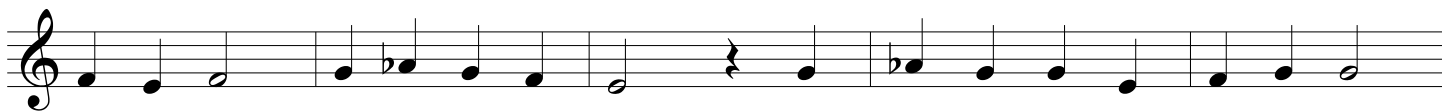
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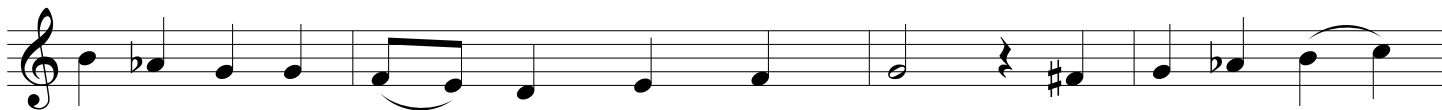
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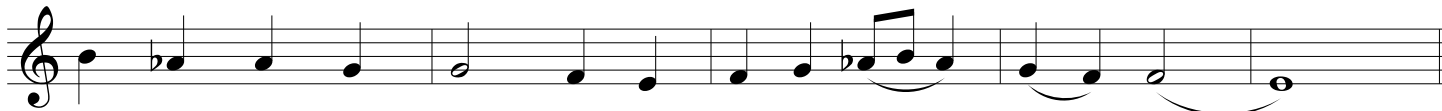
sure sal - va - tion of all the Saints. Hence, see - ing thee ex - alt - ed now,



all cre - a - tion keep - eth a fes - ti - val, filled with joy and glad - ness, and



glo - ri - fy - ing Christ God, Who through thee in His ex - treme



good - ness joined a - gain what was set at en - mi - ty.



*For with the Lord there is mercy and He will de - liv - er Is - ra - el from all his in - i - qui - ties.
and with Him is abundant redemption,*

Repeat Sticheron Two: "Moses once prefigured Thee . . . "

Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people.

O all-honored Cross of Christ, round which the orders of Angels hover

with exceeding joy, as thou art raised up to-day by the will of God,

thou dost raise up all those cast away and exiled for the

theft of the forbidden fruit, who had slipped down to death. Wherefore,

with our lips and with all our heart, we kiss thee, filled with faith and love,

and we draw forth holiness for our-selves, crying out: Exalt

ye Christ Jesus, the transcendently good God, and do ye wor-

ship the most divine foot-stool of His holy feet.

For His mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

Repeat Sticheron Three: "O All-honored Cross of Christ . . ."