

**Vesper Propers, September 20, 2020**  
**Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Postfestive day of the Exaltation of the Cross**

**The holy martyr Eustace and his companions.** Eustace was a Roman military leader in the time of the emperors Titus and Trajan. He was a righteous and merciful pagan. One day while hunting, he found a stag. In the stag's antlers, a cross appeared, and Eustace heard a voice telling him to find a Christian priest and be baptized. He and his whole family were baptized, and then left Rome for Egypt. Eustace was called back into service by Trajan during the barbarian invasions. After defeating the enemy, Eustace was arrested by the new emperor Hadrian for being a Christian. He was killed with his entire family. (118)

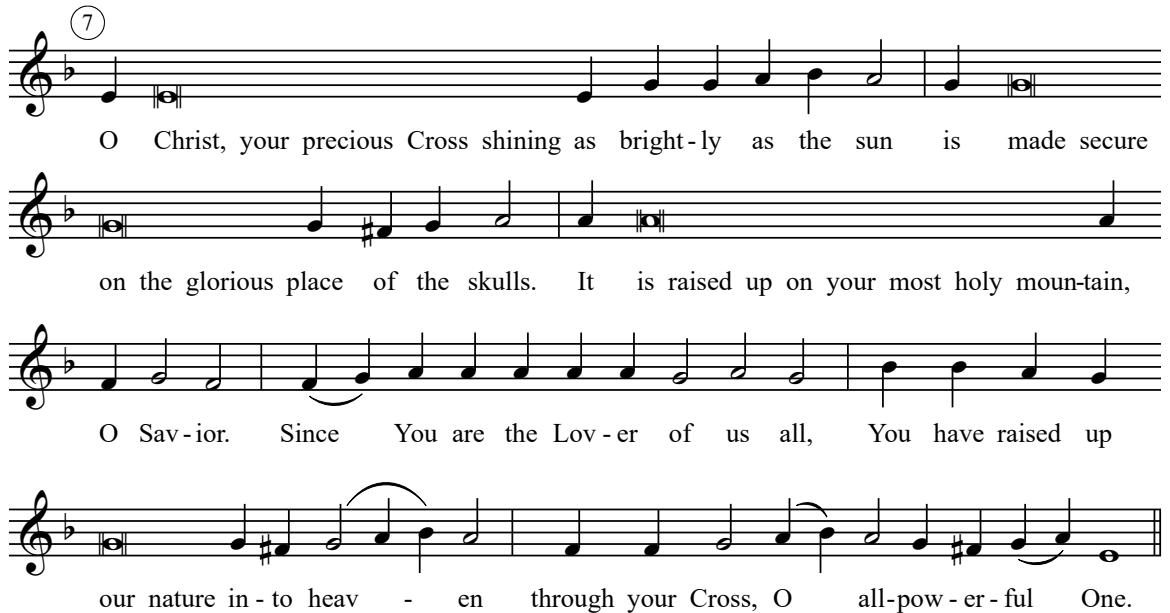
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 92), stichera 10-8.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

**Stichera of the Postfeast - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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O Christ, your precious Cross shining as bright-ly as the sun is made secure  
on the glorious place of the skulls. It is raised up on your most holy moun-tain,  
O Sav-ior. Since You are the Lov-er of us all, You have raised up  
our nature in - to heav - en through your Cross, O all-pow - er - ful One.

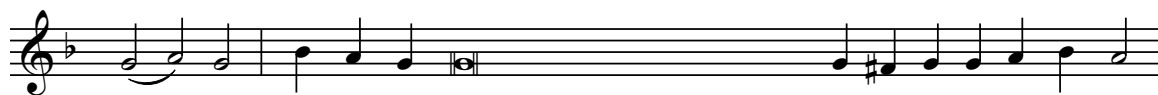
**Cantor:** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.



O in-com-pre-hen-si-ble One, to-day the heavens have proclaimed your glo-ry to all.



Hav-ing brightly illumined the image of the Cross by your un-approach-able



splen-dor, You ex-posed the insanity and cruel standards of the en-e-mies of God.

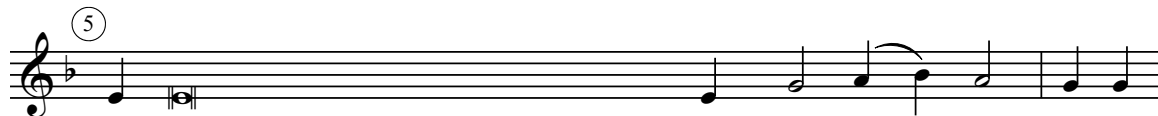


For this rea-son, we glo-ri-fy You, O all-power-ful Je - - sus,



Sav-ior of our souls.

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



By the spreading out of his hands, Moses con-quer-ed Am-a-lek. In this



he pre-fig-ured the Cross. We, who now bow down to the Cross,



crush the at-tacks and craftiness of the en - e - my. We are strength-ened by Christ the



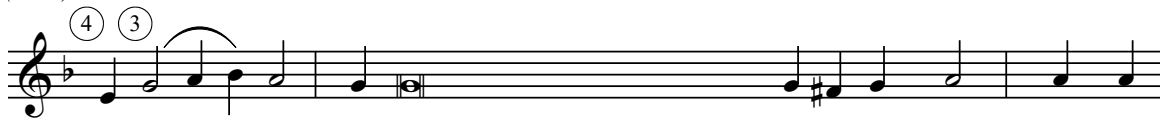
Con-quer - or who is raised upon it in the flesh. He has put the



ser - pent to death and has saved all peo - - - ple.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak, and Israel on the Lord.

(on 4)



O Eus - tace, your call from on high was not from a hu-man source. Christ, the



Lov - er of us all, ap-peared to you and drew you into the nets of faith,



O bless-ed one. He cleansed you of sin by baptism and by the tests of life.



As the Master, he spread out suf-fer - ings for you and showed you to be a



glo - ri - - ous con - quer - or.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *Repeat: "O Eustace, your call..."*

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples.



Re - joicing in youth, you were trained in the vir - tues. De-priv-ed of your wife



and chil-dren, you courageously endured captivity and suffered dis-grace-ful slav-er - y.



You re - cov - ered magnificently, O mem - 'ra - ble one, and your cour - age



in bat - tle made you hon - or - a - ble.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.




O wor-thy Eus - tace, you were like an aromatic heavenly in-cense in the fire,



a pleasing burnt-offering, and accept-a - ble sac - ri - fice, a liv - ing and most



ex - cel-lent gift. For this rea - son, you have been accepted as a resi-dent of



heav - en, to - gether with your fam - i - ly and hosts of saints.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...


**Doxastikon of the holy martyr Eustace - Tone 2 samohlasen**



By his life, Eustace was likened to a dia - mond. Through his suffer-ings and strug - gles,



he be-came an Im-age of vir-tues and a pil-lar of pa-tience for us.




Hav-ing lost his wife and children, he truly was an-oth - er Job. He was faith-ful



in life and unshaka-ble in temp-ta-tions. He car - ried the trophy of victo-ry in



his suf-fer-ings. We pray that Christ grant enlightenment and puri-fi - ca - tion



to our souls through him.

**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

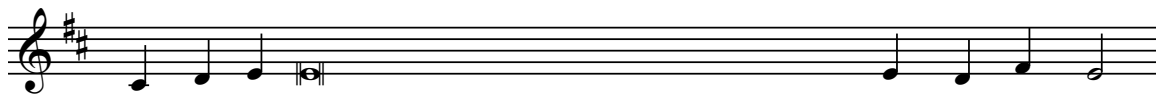
*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, page 98)*

### **Aposticha**

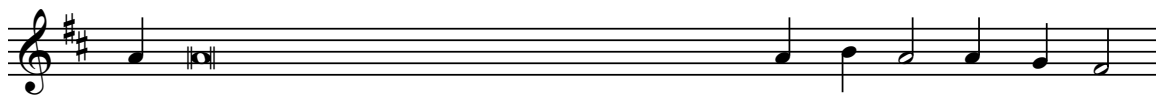
*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, page 99), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy martyr Eustace - Tone 6 samohlasen**



How are we to worthily praise you whose life was more pre-cious than dia-monds?



You went beyond nature, leaving your wife, children, and pos - ses - sions be - hind.



You cried out in the words of Job: Bless - ed is He.



The Lord gave; the Lord takes a - way; and as the Lord wills,



so shall it be. You loved God and ardently yearned for Him.



He granted your wishes in addition to your suf - fer - ings.



Be-cause of the various tortures, you and your fam - i - ly had bless-ed deaths.



O pa-tient Eus - tace, you and your devout ones re - ceived these re-wards.



En-treat Christ that we be de-liv - ered from our trans-gres - sions.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 6 samohlasen**



O Cross of Christ, hope of Chris-tians, guide of all those who have gone



a - stray, ha - ven of the storm-tossed and vic - to - ry in war - fare,



firm foun - da - tion of the In-hab - it - ed earth, heal - er of the sick



and res - ur - rec - tion of the dead, have mer - cy on us.

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, page 101). Then:*

**Cantor:**       *(Tone 1)* Glory... now and ever...

### **Troparion of the Exaltation of the Cross - Tone 1**



Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in-her-i-tance. Grant vic-to-ry



to your Church o-ver e-vil, and pro-TECT your peo-ple by your cross.