As the Cross is lifted on high, it urges all of creation to praise the undefiled Passion of Christ, Who was lifted up on it. For by the Cross He killed the one who killed us, and brought us back to life when we were dead. He adorned us in beauty,

[and in His compassion ...]
and in His compassion made us worthy to live in heaven.

Therefore we rejoice and exalt His name, // and magnify His infinite condescension.

Moses prefigured thee, O precious Cross, when he stretched out his hands on high, and put the tyrant...
Amalek to flight. Thou art the boast of the faithful, the
support of those who suffer, the glory of the Apostles, the
champion of the Righteous, and the preservation of all the Saints. Therefore, beholding thee raised on high,
creation rejoices and celebrates, glorifying

[Christ Who has joined . . .]
Christ Who has joined together through thee that which was divided, // in His infinite goodness.

O most venerable Cross, attended by ranks of rejoicing Angels, as thou art exalted today at the divine command, thou dost lift up again all [those who through . . . ]
those who through the stolen food had been cast out and were

sunk in death. Therefore, as we venerate thee in faith with

heart and lips, we draw sanctification from thee and

cry aloud: “Exalt Christ, the God transcendent in

goodness, // and venerate His divine footstool!”