To-day the holy saying of David truly has come to pass,

for behold, in the sight of all, we ven-er-ate the

footstool of Thine un-de-filed feet, and, putting our hope

in the shad-ow of Thy wings, we cry a-loud to Thee, O

[all-compas-sionate Lord:]

© 2022 The Orthodox Church in America. Permission is granted to duplicate for liturgical use only. All other rights reserved.
all - com - pas - sion - ate Lord: “May the light of Thy
countenance be marked as a sign up - on us! Ex - alt the
horn of Thine Ortho - dox peo - ple by the Exal - ta - tion of Thy
precious Cross, // O Christ of many mer - cies!”

The Tree of True Life was planted in the Place of the [Skull, and upon it...]
Skull, and upon it hast Thou, the eternal King, worked salvation in the midst of the earth. Exalted today, it sanctifies the ends of the world, and the church of the Resurrection celebrates its dedication. Angels in heaven rejoice, and men upon earth make glad, crying aloud with [David and saying:]
David and saying: “Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool, // for He is holy, granting the world great mercy!”

Sticheron 3

Prefiguring Thy Cross, O Christ, Jacob the Patriarch, when he gave the blessing to his descendants,
laid his hands cross-wise upon their heads. And today, as we
exalt Thy Cross, O Savior, we cry: “Give victory to Thine
Orthodox people, // as Thou once gavest it to Constantine!”
Divine treasure hidden in the earth, the Cross of the
Giver of Life appeared in the heavens to the holy king,
and its inscription spiritually signified his victory over the enemy. Rejoicing with faith and love, and inspired by God he made haste to raise on high the Cross which he had seen, and with great zeal he brought it forth from the bosom of the earth // for the deliverance of the world [and the salvation . . .]
and the salvation of our souls.

Sticheron 5

When the Patriarch Jacob crossed his hands while blessing his children, he foreshadowed the mighty symbol of Thy Cross. Having this as our unshakable safeguard, we drive out with almighty strength the ranks of [demons;]
de-mons; and, casting down by it the arrogance of *Be-li-

al we put to flight the all-destroying power of hate-ful

Am-a-lek. Now as the Cross is lift-ed on high,

we the faithful piously offer it to Thy goodness for the

cleans-ing of our sins, cry-ing out in a loud voice:

*Pronounced: BEE - lee -uhl

[Have mercy, O Lord . . .]
"Have mercy, O Lord, made flesh of the Virgin; // take pity, O Good One, on the works that Thou hast fashioned in Thy wisdom."

Sticheron 6

O three-branched Cross of Christ, thou art my strong protection. Sanctify me by thy might, // that I may [venerate and glorify . . .]
venerate and glorify thee in faith and love!

Let us proclaim today a festival of song, and with radiant faces and with our tongues let us cry aloud: "O Christ, Thou hast accepted condemnation for us, and, being spat upon, and scourged, Thou wast robed in purple and didst ascend the Cross."

Tone 4
Sticheron 7
cend the Cross. Seeing Thee, the sun and the moon hid their light, the earth quaked in fear, and the veil of the Temple was torn in two. Grant us Thy precious Cross as our guardian and protector, driving demons away, that we may all embrace it and cry out:

['Save us, O Cross...']
‘Save us, O Cross, by thy might! Sanctify us by thy radiance, O precious Cross, and strengthen us through thine Exaltation; // for thou hast been given to us as the light and salvation of our souls!’"

Thou, O Cross, as a sign radiant with light, formed of stars,

Sticheron 8

[hast prophetically . . .]
hast prophetically revealed a trophy of victory to the godly king; and when his mother Helen found thee, she displayed thee in the sight of all the world. And we the choirs of faithful shout aloud, as we exalt thee today:

“Enlighten us with thy brightness, O life-bearing Cross!”
Sanctify us by thy might, O all-ven’rable Cross,

and strengthen us through thine Exaltation, //

when thou art lifted on high before the ranks of our enemies!”