We ven-er-ate the wood of Thy Cross, O Lover of man-kind,

for up-on it Thou wast nailed, O Life of all. O Sav-ior,

Thou hast opened Paradise to the thief who turned to Thee in faith,

count-ing him wor-thy of blessedness when he confessed Thee

* Sometimes referred to as Sedalen or Sessional Hymn. [ crying: “O Lord...” ]

** In Slav practice the 2nd Kathisma Hymn after the 1st Reading from the Psalter.
crying: “O Lord, re-mem-ber me”. Ac-cept us like him,
as we cry: “We all have sinned, in Thy merciful
kind-ness de-spire us not.

(Sung only when the Kathisma Hymn above is to be sung again.)

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spir-it, now and ev-er and unto ages of a-ges. A-men.