Oh, most glorious wonder! The life-bearing tree, the holy Cross today is raised up on high and shown to the world. All the ends of the earth give glory; all the demons are struck with terror.

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terror. Oh, what a gift is bestowed on mortals. Through the Cross, save our souls, O Christ,

as Thou alone art compassionate!

Oh, most glorious wonder! The Cross that carried the Most High like a cluster of grapes

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filled with life today is seen raised above the earth.

Through this we have all been drawn to God, and death is finally swallowed up. O immaculate Wood!

Through thee we enjoy the immortal food of Eden //

as we give glory to Christ!
Oh, most glorious wonder! The length and breadth of the Cross is equal to heaven, for by divine grace it sanctifies the universe.

By the Cross, pagan nations are overcome. By the Cross the sceptres of kings are firmly established.

[O divine ladder...]
O divine ladder, by which we go up to heaven, //

exalting Christ the Lord in song!