Come, O faithful, let us venerate the life-giving Wood on which Christ the King of Glory voluntarily stretched out His hands and raised us up to our ancient bliss, though formerly the enemy had despoiled us through pleasure [and made us exiles...]

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and made us exiles from God. Come, O faithful, let us

ven er ate the Wood through which we have been accounted

worthy to crush the heads of our invisible enemies.

Come, all you kindred of the nations, let us honor in

hymns the Cross of the Lord: “Rejoice, O Cross, complete
deliverance of fallen Adam. In you our faithful rulers make their boast, since by your power they subjugate the people of Ishmael. As we Christians now kiss you with fear, we glorify God who was nailed upon you, and we say: 'O Lord, who on the Cross were crucified, have mercy on us,'
mercy on us, // as You are good and love man-kind.”

Today, as the Tree of Life rises up from the hidden places of the earth, it confirms our faith in the resurrection of Christ Who was nailed upon it. And as it is raised aloft by priestly hands, it proclaims His
elevation to heaven, by which our nature, from its fallen state on earth, becomes a citizen of heaven. Therefore let us cry out in thankfulness, “O Lord, Who were lifted up on the Cross and through it lifted us with Yourself, // count worthy of heavenly joy those who sing Your praise.”
The voice of Your prophet Moses, O God, has been fulfilled, for he said: "You will see your Life hanging before your eyes." Today the Cross is lifted up and the world is set free from error. Today the church of Christ's Resurrection celebrates its dedication, and the ends [of the earth rejoice,]
of the earth rejoice like David with cymbals, offering

You a hymn and saying: “You have worked salvation

in the midst of the earth, O God — Your Cross and Resurrection, through which You have set us free, as You are good and love mankind. // O Almighty Lord, glory to You!