

September 14

Exaltation of the Cross

Vespers Aposticha

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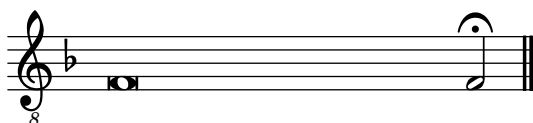
Automelon: "Rejoice"

Adapted by Hermitage of the Holy Cross



Re-joice, O life-bearing Cross, in-vin - ci-ble vic-tor-y of pi - e - ty,
gate of par - a-dise, confirm-a - tion of the faith - ful, ram - part set a -
bout the Church, whereby corrup - tion hath been destroyed and a - bol-ished and the
pow-er of death hath been trampled down; and we have been raised from the earth to the
heav - ens. O in-vin - ci-ble wea - pon, oppo-nent of the de-mons, glo - ry
of the mar - tyrs, true adorn-ment of the ven' - rable, ha - ven of sal-va - tion:
Grant the world, great mer - cy.

Canonarch:



Exalt ye the Lord our God.

Chanters:

and worship the footstool of His feet, for it is ho-ly.



Rejoice, O Cross of the Lord, whereby mankind hath been released from the curse,



thou emblem of joy, who in thine ex-alt-a - tion drivest a-way the



en - e - my, O most honoured one, our help-er, do - min - ion of



kings, might of the righteous and splendor of priests, who when traced dost de-liv-er from



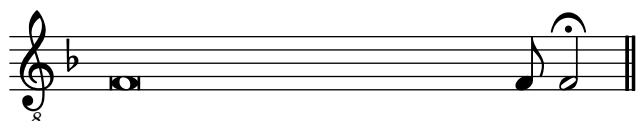
e - vils, staff of pow - er whereby we are shepherded, wea - pon of



peace, around whom the angels stand in fear, di - vine glo - ry of Christ, Who granteth



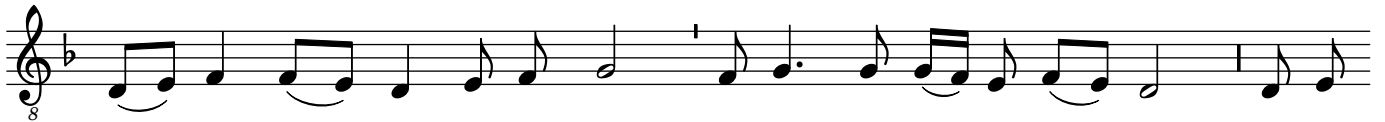
the world great mer - cy.

Canonarch:

God is our King before the a-ges.

Chanters:

He hath wrought sal-va-tion in the midst of the earth._



Re - joi-ce, thou guide of the blind, phys-i - cian of the ail - ing, re-sur-



rec-tion of all the dead, O pre-cious Cross, who hast raised us up when we were



fallen into mor-tal - i - ty and through whom corrup-tion hath been a - bolished and



in-corrup-tion hath blos - somed forth and we mor - tals have been de - i-fied. The



de - vil is ut-ter-ly cast down, and we be - holding thee exalted today in the hands



of the priest do ex-alt Him who was ex-alt - ed on thee; and we bow down be -



fore thee, richly drawing forth great mer - cy.