

September 17, 2007

# Litia Stichera

(taken from the *Vespers Aposticha*  
for the Afterfeast)

Tone II

Podoben: "O House of Ephratha"

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Adapted and arranged by

Holy Cross Hermitage

Sticheron I

Like a bride is the Church splendid-ly a -

dorned with the wa - - ter of grace and with Thy

blood, O Word, hymn-ing the glo - ry of Thy Cross.

## Sticheron II

Rais - - ing a - loft the spear and the

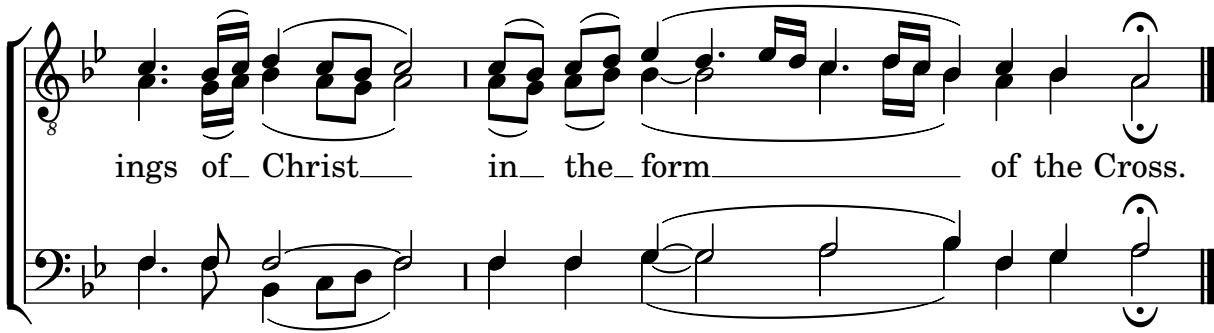
Cross, the nails and all else wherewith the lifebearing

bo - dy of Christ was pierced let us hon - - - nor them.

## Sticheron III

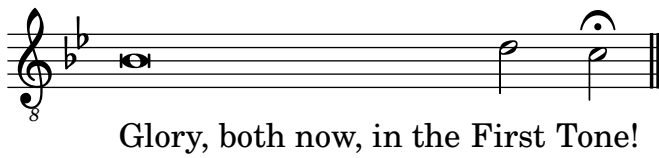
When Mos - es con - quered Am - a - lek, keep - ing his arms

raised a - loft. He pre - fig - ured the all - pure suf - fer -



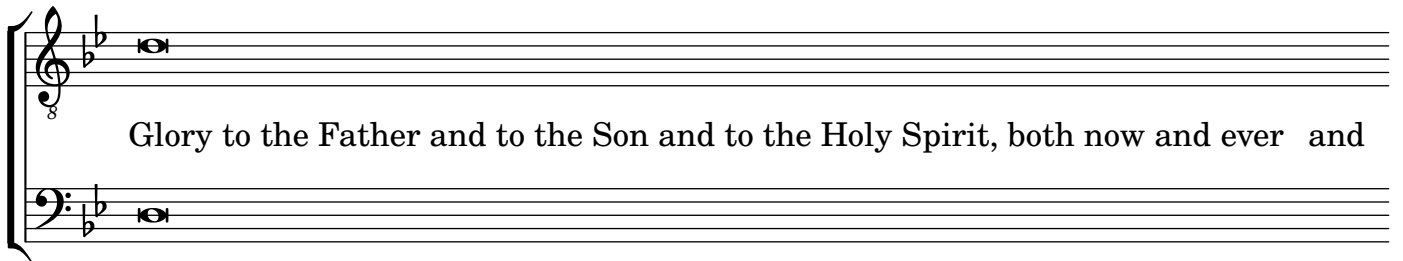
ings of Christ in the form of the Cross.

*Canonarch:*

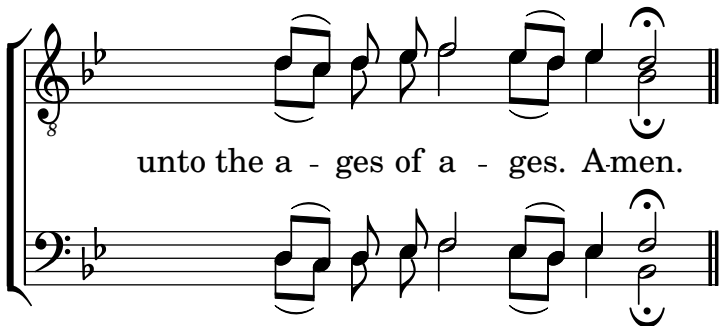


Glory, both now, in the First Tone!


*Chanters:*



Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and



unto the a - ges of a - ges. Amen.



Pre - fig - ur - ing Thy Cross, O Christ, in giv - ing his bless - ing to his

grand - sons, the Pa - tri - arch Jacob crossed his hands o - ver their heads. And we,

raising Thy Cross aloft today, cry out to Thee, O Sav - iour: Grant vic - tor - y to

all Or - tho - dox Chris - tians ov - er their ad - ver - sar - ies as\_ Thou\_gav -

est the vic - tor - y\_ to Con - stantine.