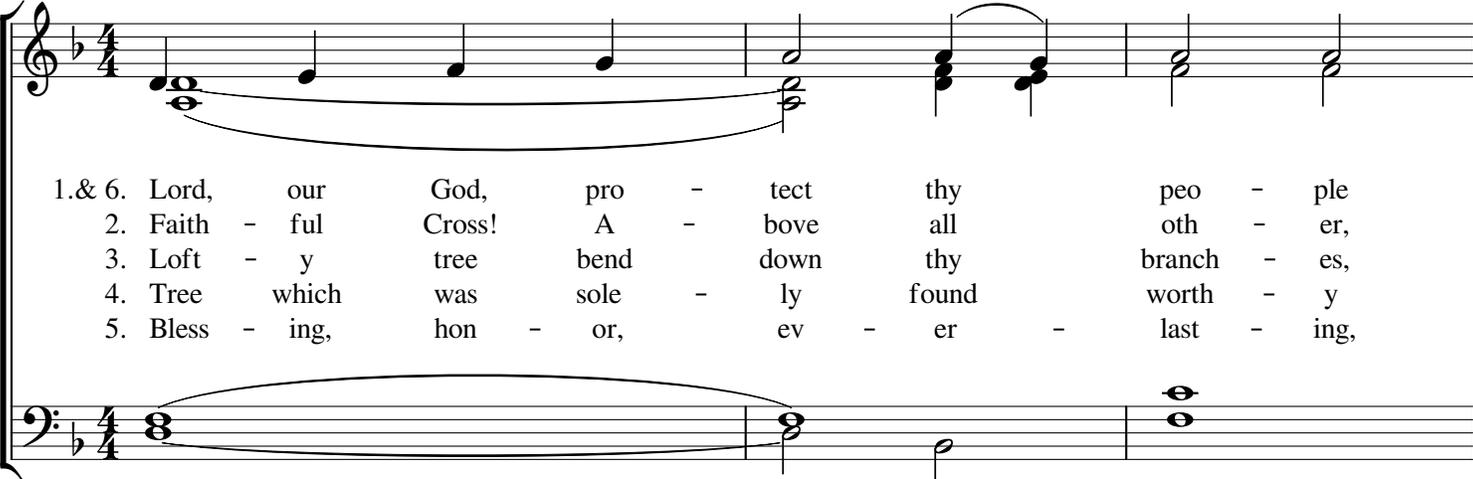
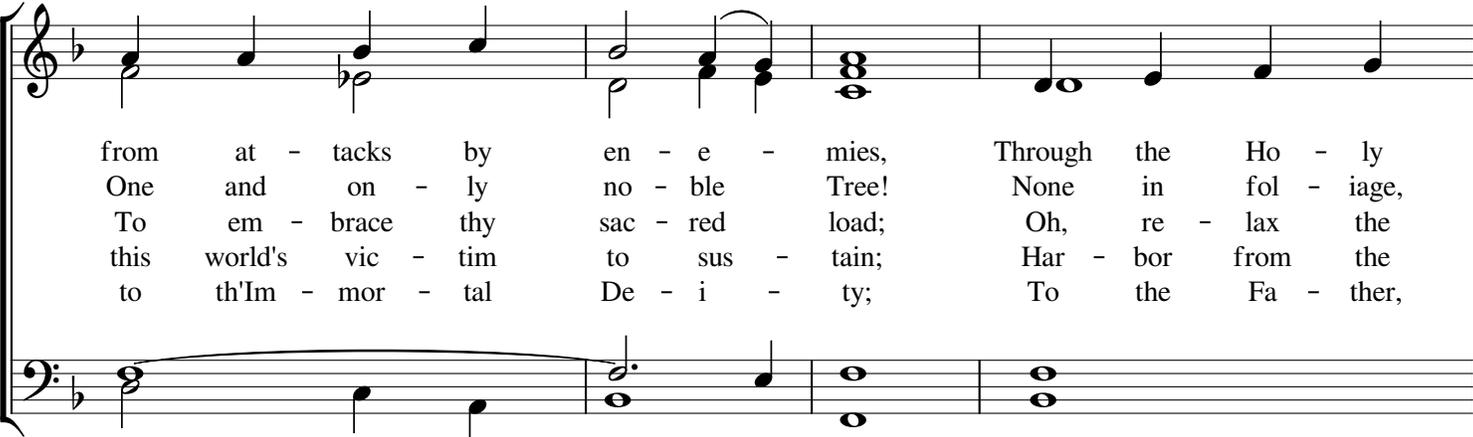


# Through the Holy Cross

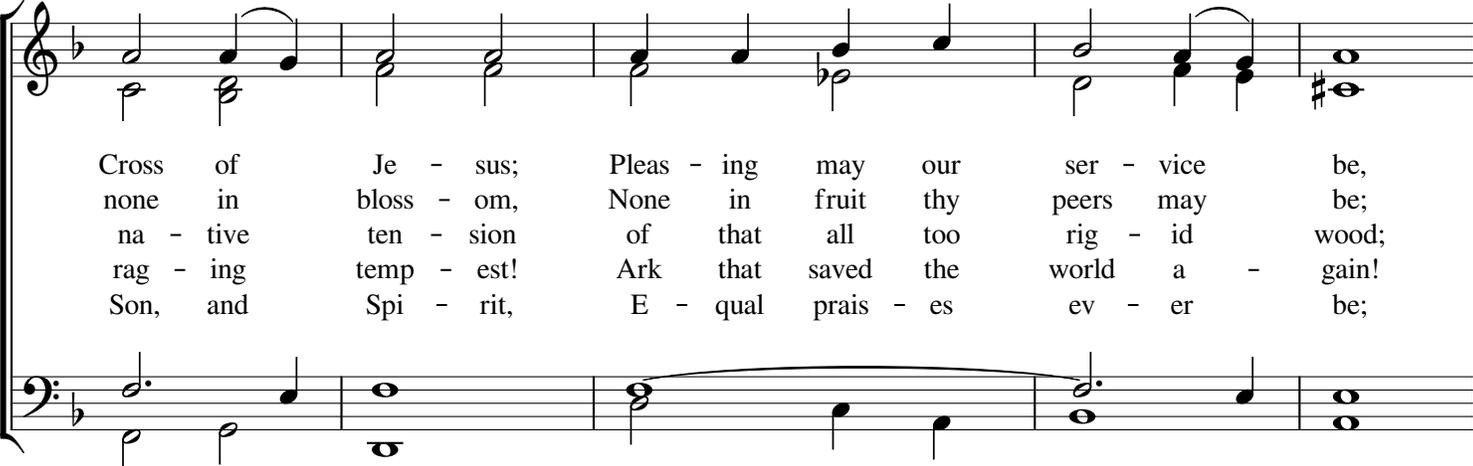
*Triumph of the Holy Cross, September 14th, Offertory Antiphon Hymn*



1. & 6. Lord, our God, pro - tect thy peo - ple  
2. Faith - ful Cross! A - bove all oth - er,  
3. Loft - y tree bend down thy branch - es,  
4. Tree which was sole - ly found worth - y  
5. Bless - ing, hon - or, ev - er - last - ing,



from at - tacks by en - e - mies, Through the Ho - ly  
One and on - ly no - ble Tree! None in fol - iage,  
To em - brace thy sac - red load; Oh, re - lax the  
this world's vic - tim to sus - tain; Har - bor from the  
to th'Im - mor - tal De - i - ty; To the Fa - ther,



Cross of Je - sus; Pleas - ing may our ser - vice be,  
none in bloss - om, None in fruit thy peers may be;  
na - tive ten - sion of that all too rig - id wood;  
rag - ing temp - est! Ark that saved the world a - gain!  
Son, and Spi - rit, E - qual prais - es ev - er be;

*Text: Vs. 1 Offertory Antiphon, Triumph of the Holy Cross, Gregorian Missal, Protege, Domine  
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*Original Antiphon: Protect your people, O Lord, by the sign of the Holy cross, from the attacks of all enemies;  
so that our service may be agreeable unto you and our sacrifice acceptable, alleluia.*

And our sac - ri - fice be ev - er,  
 Sweet - est wood and sweet - est i - ron!  
 Gent - ly, gent - ly bear the mem - bers  
 Tree with sac - red blood an - oint - ed,  
 Glo - ry through the earth and heav - en,

Lord, ac - cept - a - ble to Thee.  
 Sweet - est weight is hung on thee.  
 of thy dy - ing King and God.  
 of the Lamb for sin - ners slain.  
 Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.