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*The Cross is the true tree of life.  
By dying on this tree, Christ destroyed death,  
by rising, He restored our life,  
He deserved for us eternal life.  
Let us pass from death to life, with the Lord...*

*A VERY HAPPY EASTER!*

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### HYMN

Hail, O faithful Cross of Jesus,  
Nobler than all other trees;  
On your branches hung the Savior,  
God's own justice to appease.  
You, O Cross, became the balance  
On which Jesus' body lay:  
All man's sins amassed together  
Jesus' death did far outweigh.  
Hail, O Cross, our only comfort,  
Teach us patience, mercy, love;  
Be a fount of inspiration  
And of grace from God above. Amen.

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### HYMN

Faithful Cross, by far the noblest  
Of all trees that every grew,  
No vast forest ever yielded  
Tree so honored as were you.  
Planted on Mount Calvary's summit,  
Holding Jesus crucified,  
Thorns and nails his body tortured,  
Gall his thirsty lips denied.  
You alone embraced the Savior  
As he bowed his head and died;  
From his side gushed blood and water,  
Whereby we are sanctified. Amen.

Ant. 1. By suffering upon that sacred Cross,  
Christ crushed the power of hell; but clothed  
with power, he rose again on the third day.

2. That blessed Cross now shines with  
splendor upon which the Lord hung in the flesh  
and washed our wounds with his blood.

3. Shine resplendently, beloved Cross,  
through which the world's salvation was  
restored! The Cross has triumphed, the Cross  
reigns on high, the Cross vanquishes all evil,

