

# Veneration of the Cross

Two choirs, or soloists, indicated (1) and (2)

(1 and 2) We wor-ship you, Lord, we ve - ne-rate your cross, we praise your res - ur-rect-ion.

Through the cross you brought joy to the world.

(1) May God be grac-ious and bless us; and let his face shed its light up - on us.

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## The Reproaches

### Refrain 1

(1 and 2) My peo-ple what have I done to you? How have I - of-fend-ed you? Ans - wer me!

(1) I led you from sla-ve-ry to free - dom, but you led your Sav-iour to - the cross. R.1

(2)

### Refrain 2

(1) Ho-ly is God! (2) Ho-ly and strong! (1 and 2) Ho-ly im-mor-tal one, have mer - cy on us.

(1) For for - ty years I led you safe - ly through the des - ert.

I fed you with man-na from heav-en, and brought you to a land of plen-ty;

(1 and 2) Refrain  
2  
but you led your Sav-iour to the cross.

(2) What more could I have done for you? I plant-ed you as my fair - est vine,

(1)  
but you on - ly yield - ed bit - ter - ness: when I was thirs - ty

(1 and 2) Refrain  
2  
you gave me vi - ne - gar to drink, and you pierced your Sav-iour with a lance.

(1) For your sake I scourged your cap - tors and their first - born sons,

Refrain 1  
but you brought your scour-ges down on me.

(2) I led you from sla - ve - ry to free-dom and drowned your cap-tors in the sea,

Refrain 1  
but you hand-ed me ov - er to your high priests.

Refrain  
1  
(1) I op-ened the sea be-fore you, but you op-ened my side with a spear.

