

# 'Lord I Call' - Veneration of the Cross

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 3

Obikhod

Wishing to restore all men to life, Thou didst accept crucifixion,

O Christ our God. Burning with boundless love for man,

Thou didst take the quill of the Cross in Thy hand;

dipping it in ink of royal crim - son,

Thou didst sign our release with blood - stained fin - gers.

Though temptations as - sault us, may we never for - sake Thee a - gain!

Have mercy on Thy despairing peo - ple, O long - suffering Mas - ter!

Arise and fight Thine e - ne - mies in Thine al - might - y pow'r!