1) Thou wast first of all the Christian kings to receive the scepter from God; for His saving sign, which was hid in the earth, was shown to thee, O blessed Constantine. By its might thou didst subjugate all nations and peoples underneath the Christians' feet, since thou didst truly have Christ's life-giving Cross as a weapon which no adverse power could conquer, and thereby thou also wast brought to our God.

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Verse: I have raised up one chosen out of My people. I have found David My servant, with My holy oil have I anointed him (Psalm 88:18c-19).

2) Veri ly most bless ed is the womb and the hal lowed belly that bare thee within, O ven ra ble King, Con - stan - tine, thou God crowned rul er whom the whole world loved; thou en rich er and cham pi on of or phans and wid ows, glo ry of the Ro mans, shel ter of all hum - ble men, joy of Chris - tians, guard ian of pau pers, res cu er from straits and af flic tions, and re deem er of those in cap tiv i ty.

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3) Smiten with desire and love for Christ, eagerly did Helen, the mother whence sprang the son most sweet,
haste to Holy Zion till she found the holy place where our Savior was crucified,
desiring to save us. And when through her diligence, she there had found the Cross
and had raised it up with great longing,
she rejoiced and cried aloud: Glory be to Him Who grant ed me mine ar dent hope.

Verse: Wherefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness (Psalm 44:6b).

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