1) That most wicked tasting of the tree, which of old in Eden fell our fathers ruinously brought in death on all the race of mortals after them. But now we have been called again through Jesus's divine Cross unto perfect life and a higher inheritance.

Therefore, we, in raising it up now, hymn the Lord Who on it was raised up and Who with Himself hath raised up all the world.

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2) Thou didst take the stray ing sheep, O Christ, on Thy shoul ders, and Thou didst bring it un to Thy Fa ther on high through Thy pre cious, life cre at ing Cross, to number it with the An gels by Thy Di vine and All ho ly Spir it; for, O Sav ior, Thou didst set a tree a gainst the tree.

Now with fer vent faith we ex alt it, glo ri fy ing Thee Who up on it wast ex alt ed, might i ly ex alt ing us.
3) Rich in godly virtues, let us stand in the house of God now and let us look on the Place of the Skull with a mind completely pure, ye faithful of the Lord. O ye Angels and mortal men, come, let us all gaze on the all-holy Wood now lifted up where on Christ God freely stretched His hands out and drew us to Himself and brought us to new life, and hath lifted all of us to Heaven's heights.

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