Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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By the sign of the cross, deliver us from our enemies, O Lord.

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Mode IV

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Psalm 18: 2-3a,3bc,4,18,38,39,41,48,49,50

1. I love you, LORD, my strength;  
   O LORD, my rock, my fort-ress, my savior;

2. My God, my rock where I take refuge;  
   My shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.

3. I cry out, “Praised be the LORD!”  
   And see, I am saved from my foes.

4. He saved me from my pow-er-ful foe,  
   From my enemies, whose strength I could not match.

5. I pursued and over-took my foes,  
   Never turning back till they were slain.

6. I struck them so they could not rise;  
   They fell be-neath my feet.

7. You made my foes take flight;  
   Those who hated me I destroyed.

8. The God who gives me redress  
   And subdues the peo-ple-s under me.

9. You saved me from my fur-i-ous foes;  
   You set me above my as-sailants;  
   You saved me from the vio-lent man.

10. So I will praise you, LORD, am-ong the nations;  
    To your name will I sing a psalm.

   Dox. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spirit,  
    As it was in the beginning, is now,  
    And will be fore-ver. Amen.