In scrib ing the invincible weapon of the Cross up on

the wa ters, Mo ses marked a straight line before him with his staff

and di vi ded the Red Sea, o pen ing a path for Israel who went

o ver dry shod. Then he marked a second line across the waters
and united them in overwhelming the chariots of Pharaoh.

Therefore let us sing to Christ our God, for He has been glorified.
The rod of Aaron is an image of this mystery, for when it budded it showed who should be priest. So in the Church, that once was barren, the wood of the Cross has now put forth flower, filling her with strength and steadfastness.
O Lord, I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation:

I have considered Thy works, and I have glorified Thy Godhead.
O thrice-bless'd Tree, on which Christ the King and Lord was stretched,
through thee the beguiler fell, who tempted man kind with the tree. He was
caught in the trap set by God, who was crucified upon thee in the flesh,
granting peace unto our souls.
Jo-nah stretched out his hands in the form of a cross with in the bel-ly of the sea mon-ster, plain-ly pre-fig-ur-ing the re-deem-ing Pas-sion. Cast out from thence af-ter three days, he fore-shadowed the marvellous re-sur-recc-tion
of Christ our God, who was crucified in the flesh

and enlightened the world by His rising on the third day.
The senseless decree of the wicked tyrant, breathing forth threats and blasphemy hateful to God, confused the people.

Yet neither the fury of wild beasts nor the roaring of the fire could frighten the three Children: but standing together in the flame,
fanned by the wind that brought refreshment as the dew they sang:

"Blessed art Thou and praised above all, O our God and

the God of our fathers."
O ye Children, equal in number to the Trinity,
bless ye God the Father and Creator; sing ye the praises
of the Word Who descended and changed the fire to dew;
and exalt ye above all for ever the most Holy Spirit,
Who gives life to all.

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord; praising and supremely exalting Him unto all the ages.
Refrain before the Irmos and the troparia.

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord.

Irmos

O Theotokos, thou art a mystical paradise,

who un-tilled hast brought forth Christ. He has planted upon earth the life giving Tree of the Cross: Therefore at its exaltation on this day,
we worship Him and thee do we magnify.
Refrain before the Irmos and the troparia.

MAGNIFY, O my soul, the Exaltation of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord.

IRMOS:

Today the death that came to man through eating of the tree, is made of no effect through the Cross. For the curse of our mother Eve

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that fell on all mankind is destroyed by the fruit of the pure

Mother of God, whom all the powers of heaven magnify.