

with respect and love to Leslie and Jonathan Selage and
the music ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Parish, Palm Bay, Florida

O Cross

Based on pre-Vatican II antiphon

O crux splendidior cunctis astris;

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(♩ = ca. 60) *mf*

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Sur - pass - ing all the stars in splen - dor,
O Cross! O

ex - ceed - ing - ly dear to all the Chris - tian peo - ple,
Cross! O

and world - re - nowned, ho - li - est of earth's trea - sures, which
Cross! earth's trea - sures, which

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11 *cresc. poco a poco*

on - ly was count-ed wor - thy to hold a - loft the Price of our Re - demp-tion:

cresc. poco a poco *f*

16 *sub. mp*

Sweet the wood, and sweet the i - ron, but sweet - est of

sub. mp

19 *mf*

all, the Bur - den which hung on you! O

mf

23 *cresc. poco a poco*

O that all who come this day to cel - e - brate your
Cross!

cresc. poco a poco

27 *f*

prais - es } may find in you sal - va - tion!

f