

O Hearten Thom
(Elgar)
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Today's holiday for Mid-Autumn Festival also happens to be a major Church feast-day - the Exaltation (or the Triumph) of the Cross. Mid-Autumn is a joyful, family time: and it has a lot of symbols attached to it. The symbol of the Cross is, of course, the Christian-family symbol: and its celebration today is ~~both a~~ very ancient and a joyful occasion. In the Eastern and Orthodox churches it's one of the principal festivals of the year, and even older - so, a day common to both main Christian family traditions to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ, and His Cross that brought us the greatest gift of God's love, making us brothers and sisters together with Christ in the family of God. Let us be thankful and glad, then, today in prayer and music and praise of the Cross. And first, appropriately, from the Orthodox liturgy,

Lit. Chant Orth.
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a hymn: 'The Cross, exalted, invites all Creation' MUSIC

PRAYER (In Praise of
the Cross ECP #293)

And an old Irish prayer [Brev. Poems]

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Another hymn to the Cross now, part of Cross Fideles by King John 4th of Portugal

MUSIC

PRAYERS (Brev. hymn + intercess.)