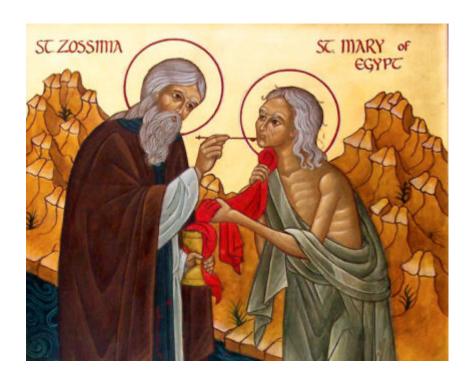
The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Celebrated on Wednesday Evenings During Lent



'For behold, His immaculate Body and His life-giving Blood, entering at this present hour, are about to be set forth upon this mystical table, invisibly escorted by a multitude of heavenly hosts. Grant us to partake of them without condemnation, that, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened thereby, we may become sons of the light and of the day."

~ from the Second Litany of the Faithful

All Saints Orthodox Church Chicago, IL



PSALM 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, Thou art very great! Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, who hast stretched out the heavens like a tent, who hast laid the beams of Thy chambers on the waters, who makest the clouds Thy chariot, who ridest on the wings of the wind, who makest the winds Thy messengers, fire and flame Thy ministers.

Thou didst set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be shaken. Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At Thy rebuke they fled; at the sound of Thy thunder they took to flight.

The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which Thou didst appoint for them. Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. Thou makest springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. By them the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

From Thy lofty abode Thou waterest the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy work. Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which He planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers. Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they get them away and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all! The earth is full of Thy creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan which Thou didst form to sport in it. These all look to Thee, to give them their food in due season. When Thou givest to them, they gather it up; when Thou openest Thy hand, they are filled with good things. When Thou hidest thy face, they are dismayed; when Thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created; and Thou renewest the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (Three times)

O our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

THE GREAT LITANY

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CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

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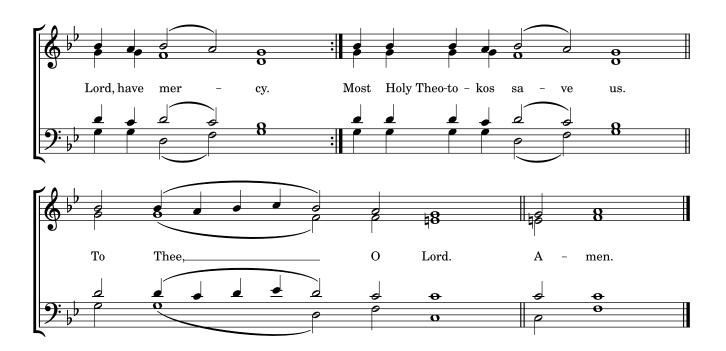
CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

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us a sign for good. Lead us in Thy way, that we may walk in Thy truth. Make glad our hearts, that we may fear Thy holy name. For Thou art great and doest wonders. Thou alone art God, and among all the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord, mighty in mercy, gracious in strength, to aid and to comfort and to save all those who put their trust in Thy holy name. For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy

Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.



PSALMS OF ASCENT: FIRST STASIS

Psalm 119

In my distress I cry to the Lord, that He may answer me: "Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue." What shall be given to you? And what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue? A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree! Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell among the tents of Kedar. Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace. I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

Psalm 120

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalm 121

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they prosper who love you! Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers! For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

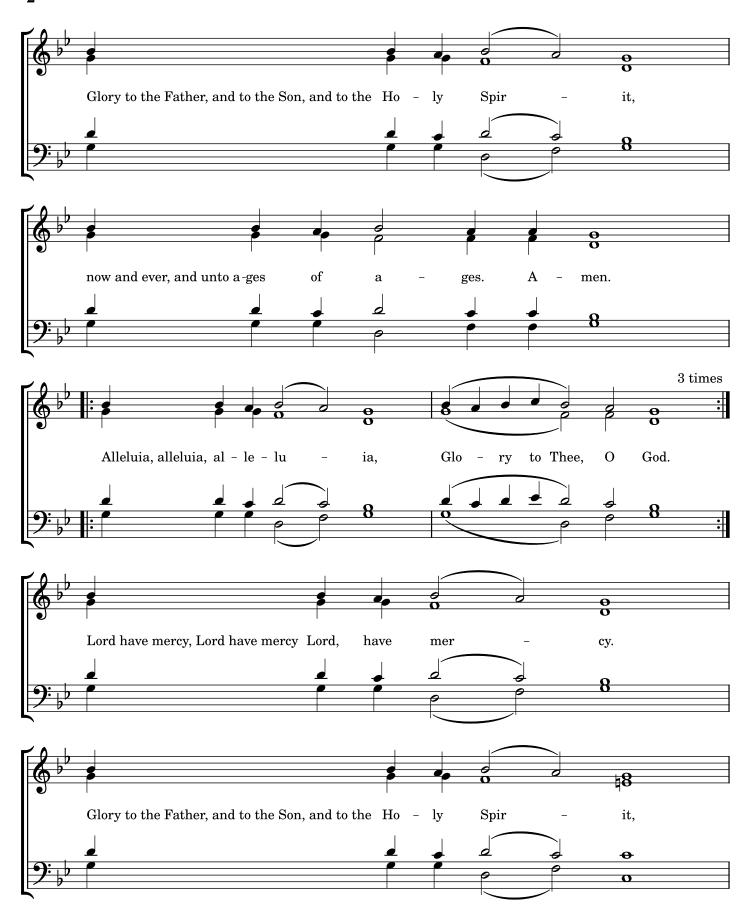
Psalm 122

To thee I lift up my eyes, O Thou who art enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud.

Psalm 123

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us. Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

CHOIR: Glory to the Father ... (music on next page)



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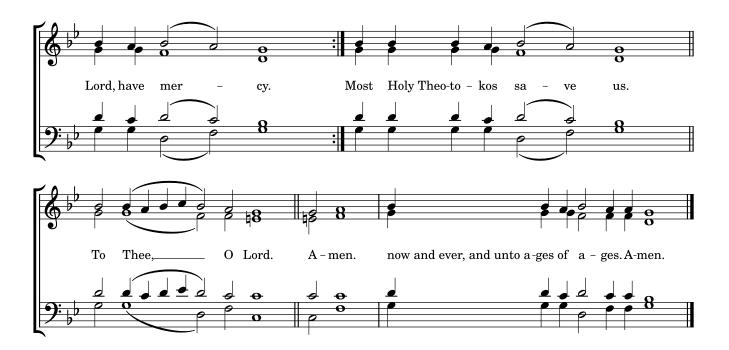
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PSALMS OF ASCENT: SECOND STASIS

Psalm 124

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people, from this time forth and forevermore. For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hands to do wrong. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts! But those who turn aside upon their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be in Israel!

Psalm 125

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy! He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 126

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. Lo, sons are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

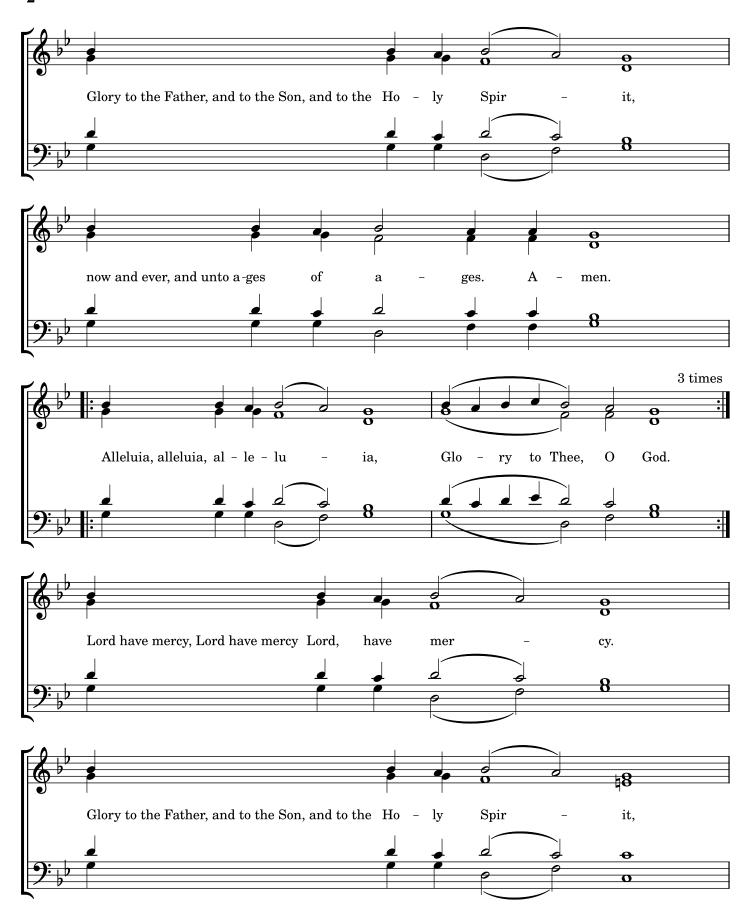
Psalm 127

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

Psalm 128

"Sorely have they afflicted me from my youth," let Israel now say: "Sorely have they afflicted me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me. The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows." The Lord is righteous; He has cut the cords of the wicked. May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward! Let them be like the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up, with which the reaper does not fill his hand or the binder of sheaves his bosom, while those who pass by do not say, "The blessing of the Lord be upon you! We bless you in the name of the Lord!"

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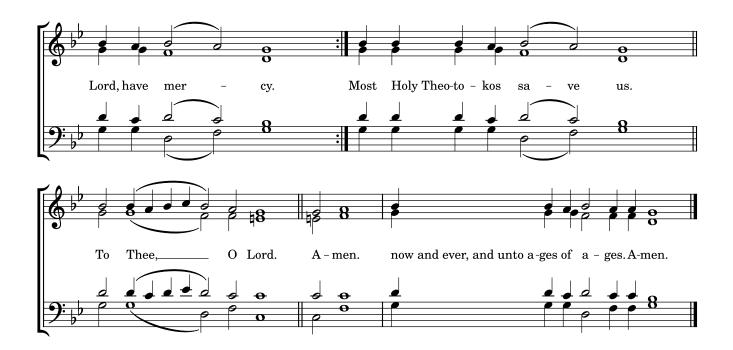
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CHOIR: Amen. Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



PSALMS OF ASCENT: THIRD STASIS

Psalm 129

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If Thou, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm 130

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast; like a child that is quieted is my soul. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and for evermore!

Psalm 131

Remember, O Lord, in David's favor, all the hardships he endured; how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, "I will not enter my house or get into my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." Lo, we heard of it in Ephrathah, we found it in the fields of Jaar. Let us go to His dwelling place; let us worship at His footstool! Arise, O Lord, and go to Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy might.

The people now stop reading, and kneel down while the priest transfers the Lamb from the altar to the prothesis table and prepares the gifts.

Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Thy saints shout for joy. For Thy servant David's sake do not turn away the face of Thine Anointed One. The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which He will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies which I shall teach them, their sons also forever shall sit upon your throne." For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread. Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy. There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed. His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon himself his crown will shed its luster."

Psalm 132

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

Psalm 133

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth.

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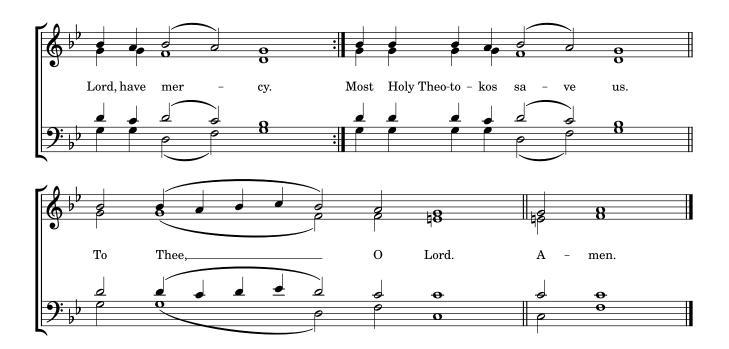
CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

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CHOIR: Amen.



1ST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

PSALM 140

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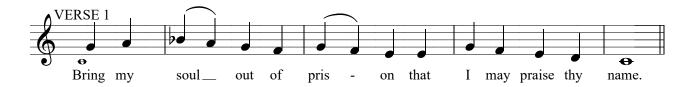




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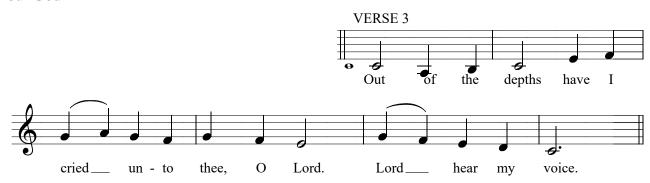




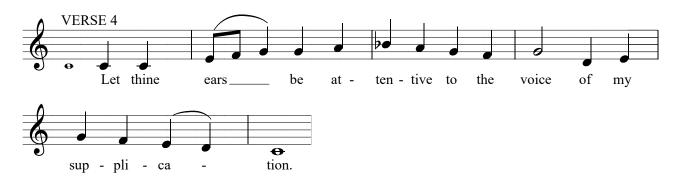
While fasting physically, brethren, let us also fast spiritually. Let us loose every knot of iniquity. Let us tear up every unrighteous bond. Let us distribute bread to the hungry, and welcome into our homes those who have no roof over their heads, so that we may receive the great mercy from Christ our God.



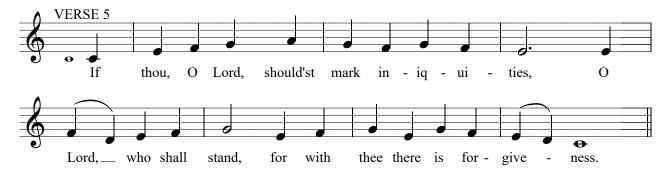
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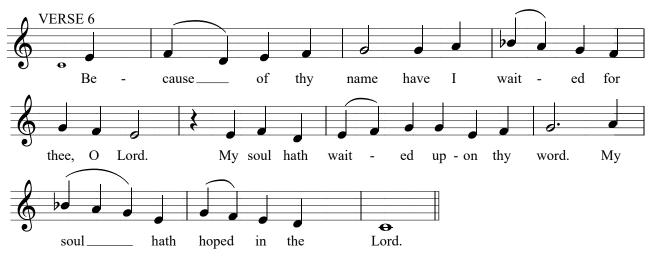
Fame and praise befit the saints, for they bowed their necks beneath the sword to Thee who didst bow the heavens and come down. They shed their blood for Thee who didst empty Thyself and take the form of a servant. By emulating Thy poverty, they also humbled themselves even unto death. By their prayers have mercy on us, O God, according to the abundance of Thy mercies!



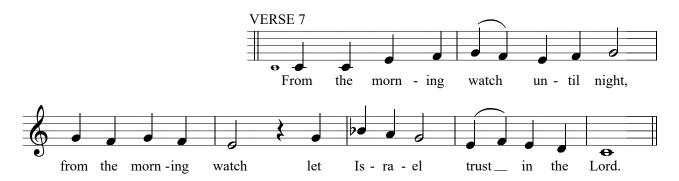
Jesus, the spiritually radiant Sun, hath sent you into the world as shining flashes of lightning, O Apostles and eyewitnesses of God. By the rays of your Divine doctrines the error of darkness was swept away, enlightening those who were held in the ignorant gloom. Entreat Him to grant us enlightenment and great mercy.



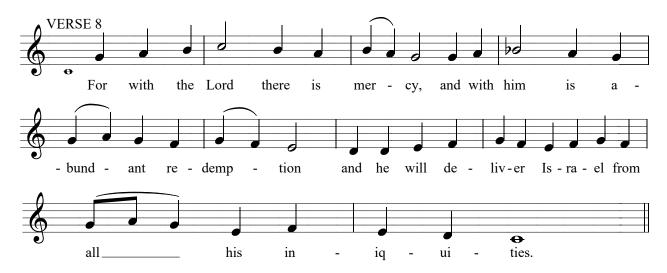
Elijah was enlightened through fasting. He mounted the chariot of good works and was taken up to the heights of heaven. Emulate him, O humble soul! Abstain from every evil and jealousy, from every fleeting pleasure, so that ye might be cleansed of corrupting disease, the fires of Gehenna, crying to Christ: O Lord, glory to Thee.



O Divine Apostles, fervent intercessors for the world, defenders of the Orthodox: You possess the authority to entreat Christ our God with boldness. We entreat ye to pray for us, O honorable ones, that we might spend the good time of fasting in joy, and receive the grace of the consubstantial Trinity. Pray for our souls, O great and glorious preachers!



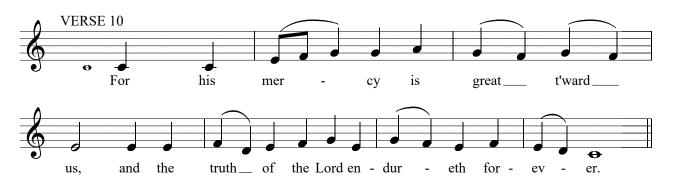
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2ND WEEK OF GREAT LENT



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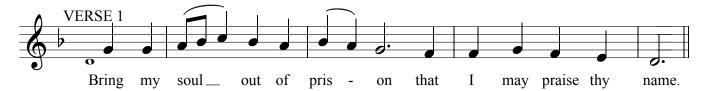




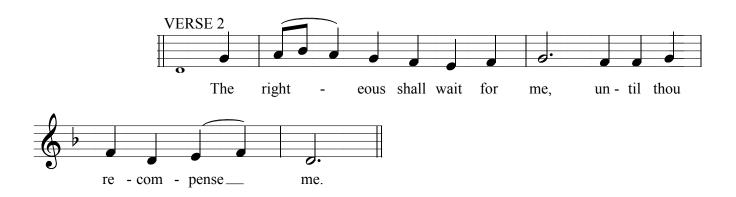
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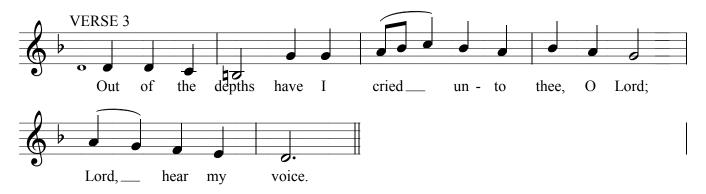




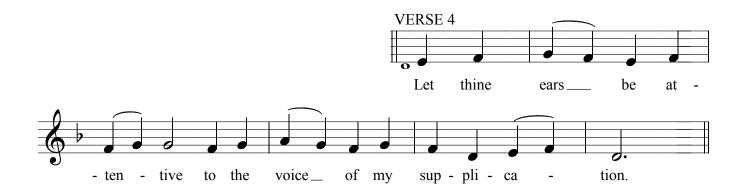
Having undertaken the spiritual fast, brethren, let us speak no lies with our tongues, nor give each other a cause for scandal. But illuminating the light of our souls through repentance, let us cry to Christ with tears: Remit our falls in sin, O Lover of mankind.



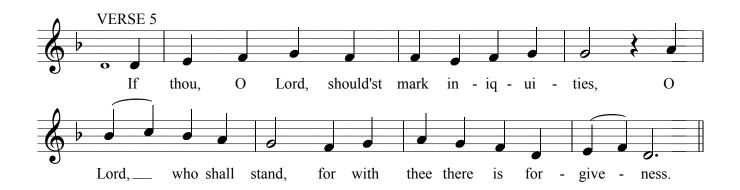
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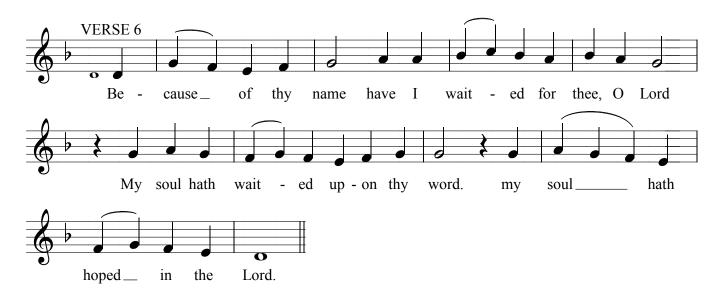
O most-laudable martyrs, the earth did not hide you, for heaven received you. The gate of Paradise was opened unto you, where ye now delight in the tree of life. Entreat Christ that peace and great mercy be granted to our souls.



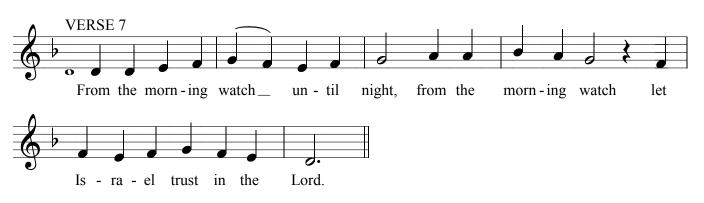
Through the prayers of Thy divine Apostles, O Lord, enable us to perform a proper fast with compunction of mind. That, being saved by Thee, we may glorify Thee, O gracious and merciful God.



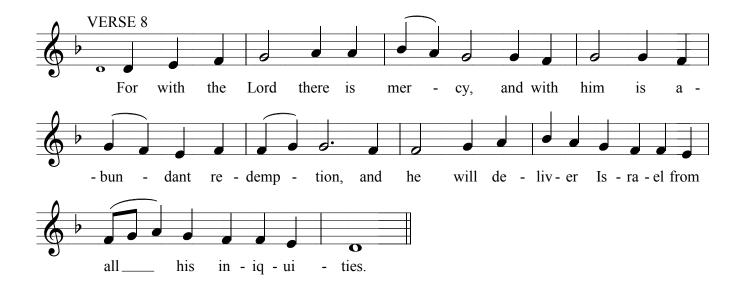
Thy coming will be great and fearful, O Lord, when Thou wilt come in righteous judgment. Do not condemn me, though I stand condemned, but spare me as the compassionate God, through the acceptable prayers of Thine Apostles.



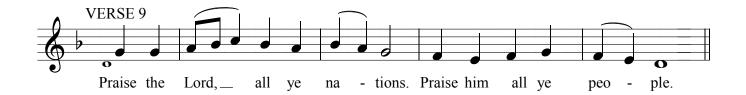
O Apostles of Christ, the lights of those born on earth, and treasures for the world of the knowledge of God. Through your prayers deliver those, who praise you, from temptation. Enable us to pass the time of fasting in peace, as children. So that having attained the passions of Christ, with boldness we may offer songs of praise to our God.



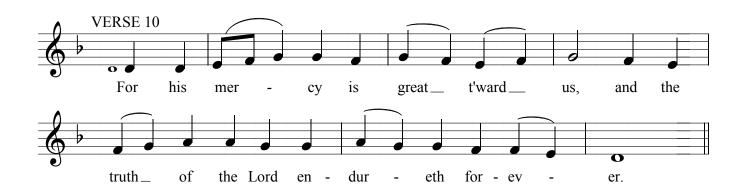
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3RD WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Psalm 140



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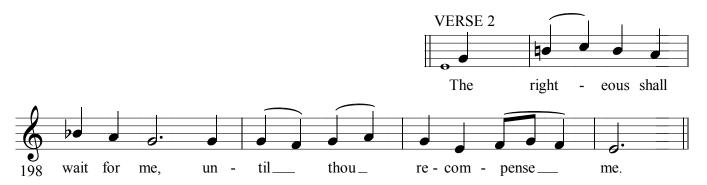
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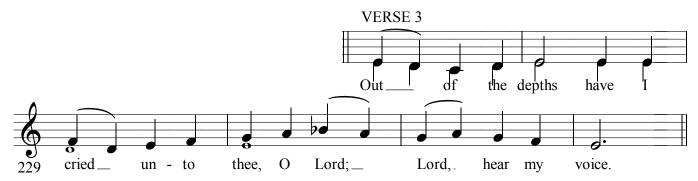




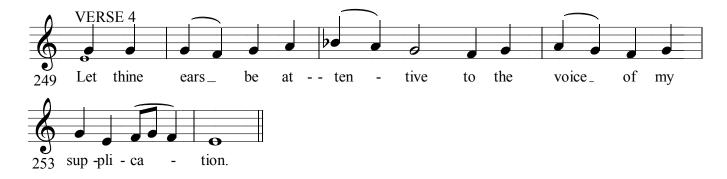
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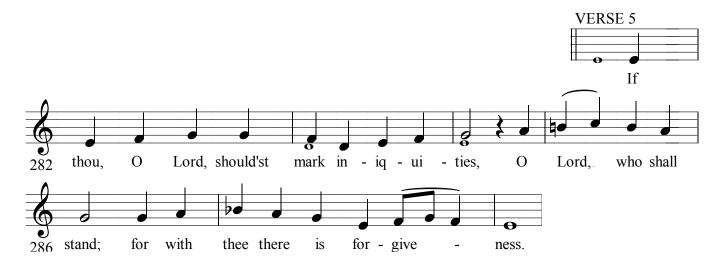
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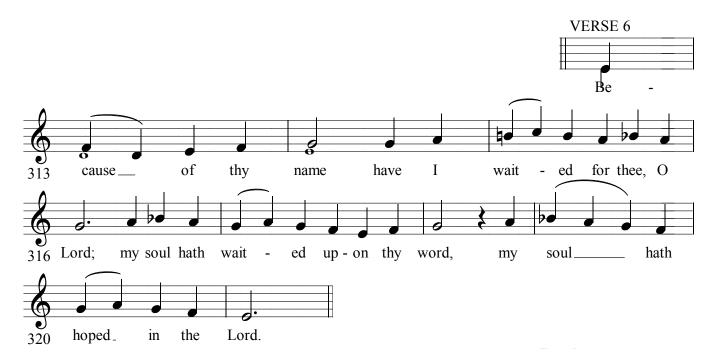
O martyrs of the Lord, inspired sacrifices, perfect victims for God, sheep who know God and are known by Him, whose pasture cannot be trespassed by wolves: Pray that we too may graze with you, near peaceful waters!



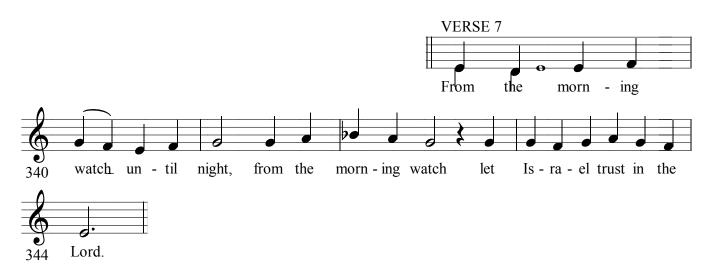
You were revealed as the rays of the spiritual Sun, O apostles who beheld our God, entreat Him to illumine our souls and deliver us from the darkness of passions, so that we may behold the saving day. By your intercessions and prayers may our hearts be purified, the hearts wounded by the evil one. And we will honor you in faith forever, for you saved the world by your wise preaching.



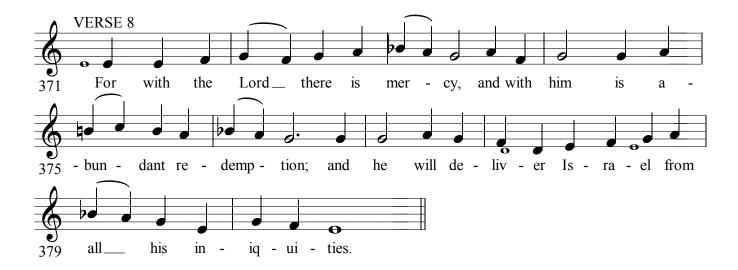
I, the prodigal, have wandered away into a land of evil, and I have squandered the riches which Thou hadst given me. Now I am pining with hunger, O compassionate Father! Clothed in the shame of transgression, I am now stripped of righteous deeds and grace. I cry to Thee: I have sinned, but I know Thy goodness. Receive me as one of Thy servants, O compassionate Christ, through the prayers of the Apostles who loved Thee.



O apostles of the Savior, lights and benefactors and saviors of the world, seers of God's glory and heaven, adorned with miracles and signs of healing, fervently pray to the Lord for us so that our prayers may be accepted. May we all be made worthy of seeing and kissing the life-bearing Cross with fear. In worshipping it, send down on us Thy mercy, O Savior, as the Lover of mankind.



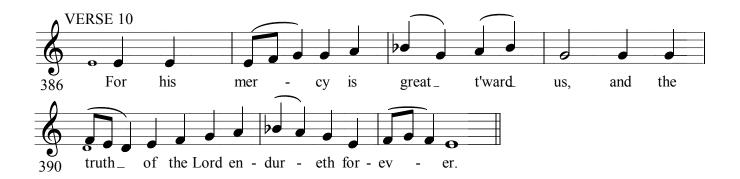
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4TH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Psalm 140



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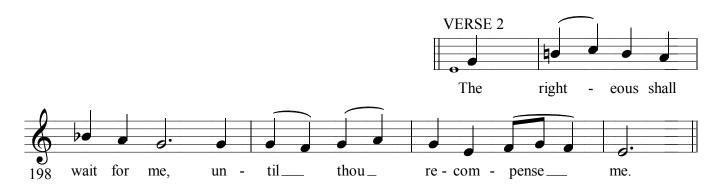
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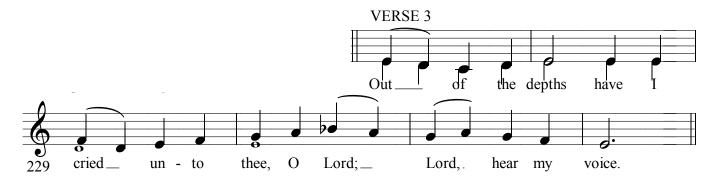




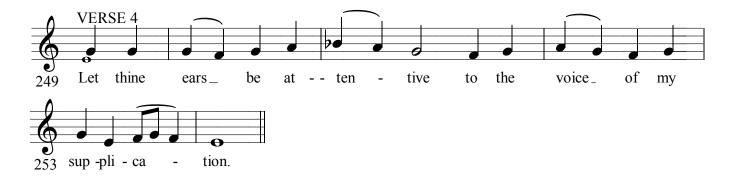
The fast, the means of receiving blessings, hath now led us halfway through its course, pleasing God with the days that are past and proposing purposeful tasks for the days ahead; for the increase of blessings produces a greater number of good deeds. Therefore, let us cry to Christ, the giver of all blessings: 'O Thou who didst fast and endure the cross for our sakes, enable us to partake uncondemned of Thy Divine Pascha, to lead our lives in peace, worthily glorifying Thee with the Father and the Spirit!'



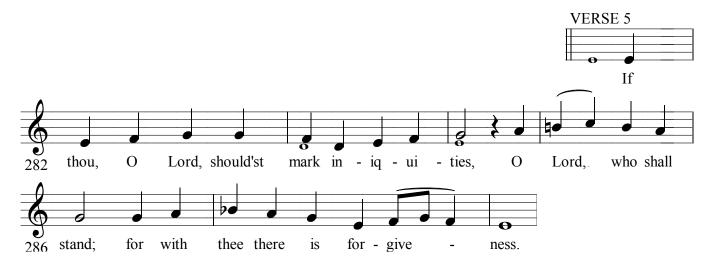
Those who thirst for spiritual blessings perform their good deeds in secret, not noising them abroad in markets, but cherishing and keeping them in their hearts. For He who sees all that is done in secret will reward us for our abstinence. Let us fulfill the fast without sad faces, but ceaselessly praying in the depths of our hearts: 'Our Father, who art in heaven, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil!'



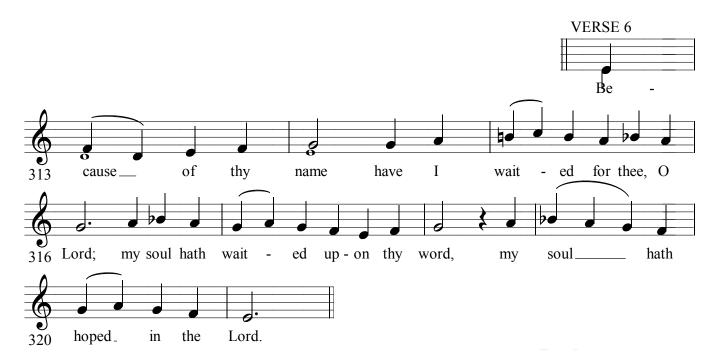
With boundless love in your souls, O holy martyrs, you did not forsake Christ. Enduring the various wounds of suffering, ye laid low the torturers' impudence. Preserving unbending and unshakeable faith, ye were translated into heaven. Since ye received boldness before Him, entreat Him to grant peace to the world, and for our souls great mercy.



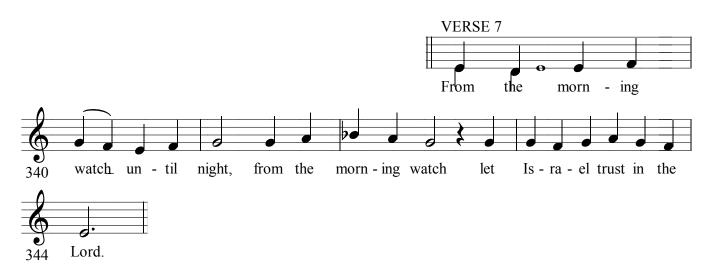
Let us clean our souls with the water of the fast. Let us draw near to the precious and pure cross of the Lord, venerating it in faith and drawing Divine enlightenment, even now obtaining eternal salvation, peace and great mercy.



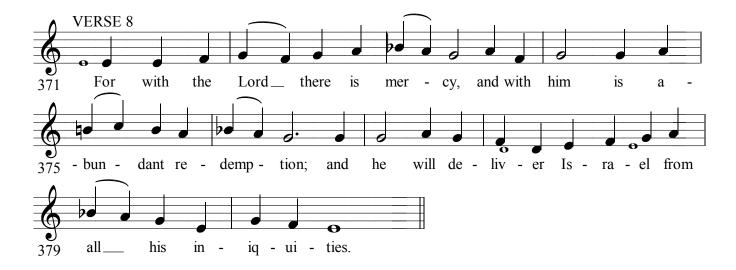
O Cross, boast of Apostles, surrounded by principalities, powers and archangels, save those who bow down before thee from all harm, and enable us to fulfill well the Divine course of abstinence, to attain to the saving day, by which we are saved.



Today, as we bow before the Cross of the Lord, let us cry: 'Rejoice, O tree of life, the tormentor of hell! Rejoice, O joy of the world, the destroyer of corruption! Rejoice, O power which drives out demons. Rejoice, O confirmation of the faithful, invincible weapon. Preserve and sanctify those who kiss thee.'



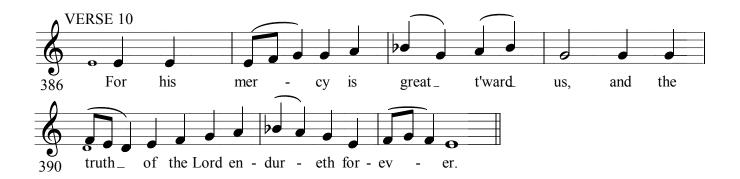
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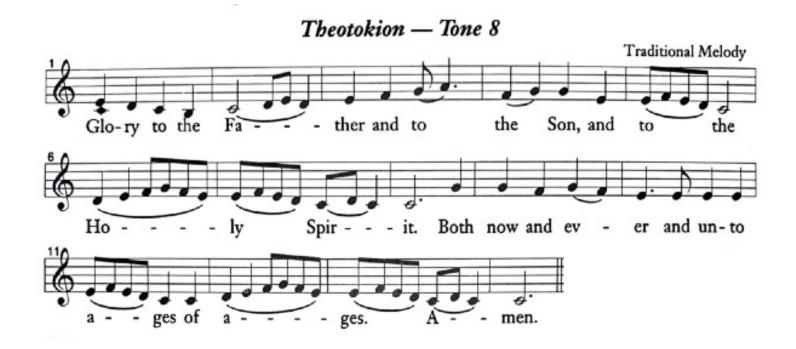
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Today the unapproachable by nature approaches me, and frees me from passions by enduring the Passion. The Light of the blind is spat upon by sinful men, and gives His back to scourging for the sake of the captives. When the pure Virgin Mother beheld Him on the Cross, she cried out in pain: 'Woe to me! What is this Thou hast done, O my Child? Thou, whose beauty was fairer than that of any man, appears lifeless, with no form of comeliness. Woe to me, O my Light! I cannot bear to look upon 'Thee sleeping! My being is wounded, for a sword has pierced my heart. But I praise 'Thy Passion, and I bow before 'Thy compassion. O long-suffering Lord, glory to 'Thee!'

5TH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

PSALM 140

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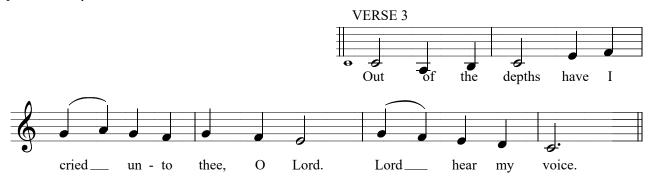




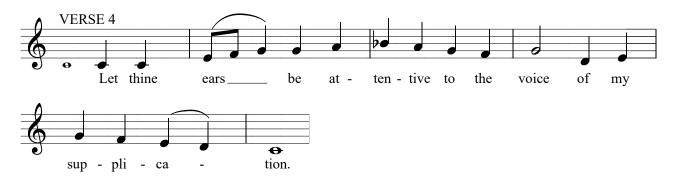
More than all men have I willfully sinned, and so I am forsaken and left helpless. As the adversary of my soul, I have the carnal thoughts that darken me. O light of those in darkness, guide of all that go astray, before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.



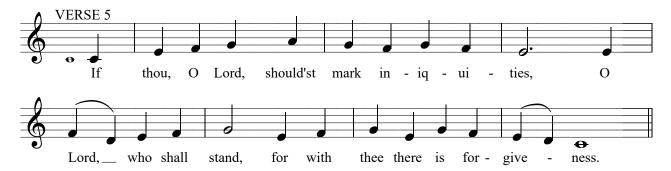
My soul shall live and praise Thee, saith the prophet. Seek me, Thy lost sheep, and number me in Thy flock. Grant me time for repentance, that with cries of sorrow I may call upon Thee. Before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.



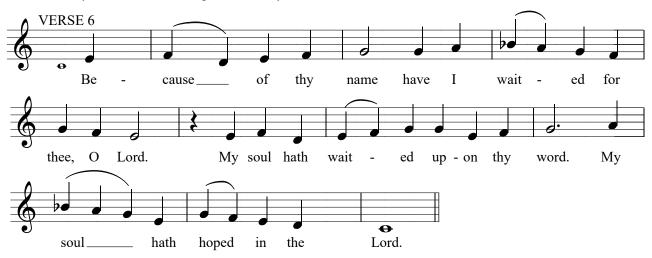
I have sinned, O Christ my God, I have sinned, rejecting Thy commandments. Be merciful unto me, O benefactor: that, escaping from the darkness, I may see with my inner eyes, and cry unto Thee in fear. Before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.



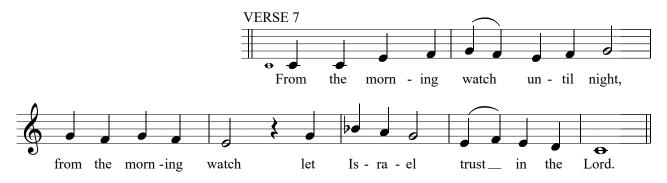
Wild beasts encompass me; O snatch me from them, Master; for it is Thy will that all men should be saved and come to knowledge of the truth. As creator, save them all, and with them all save me. Before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.



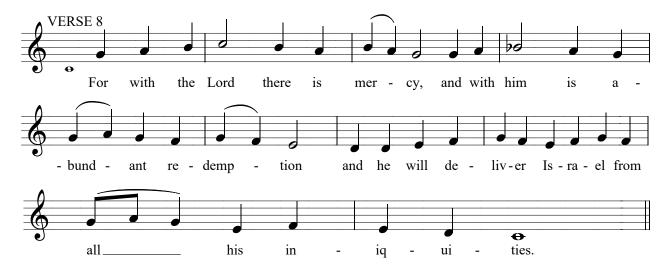
O my Benefactor, my Deliverer and my Savior, be Thou my healing. Cast me not away. Look upon me as I lie in my transgressions, and raise me up by Thine almighty power; and I will confess my deeds and cry to Thee: before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.



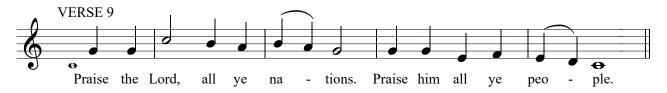
Like the foolish servant, I have hidden the talent that was given to me and buried it in the ground. I have been condemned as useless, and I no longer dare to ask Thee for forgiveness. But in Thy forbearance take pity on me that I too may cry unto Thee: before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.



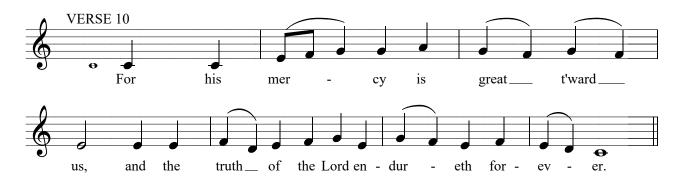
When the woman with an issue of blood touched the hem of Thy garment, Thou hast dried up the source of her sufferings. If I too approach Thee with unwavering faith, I will receive forgiveness of my sins. Accept me as Thou hast accepted her, and heal me from my pain. Before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.



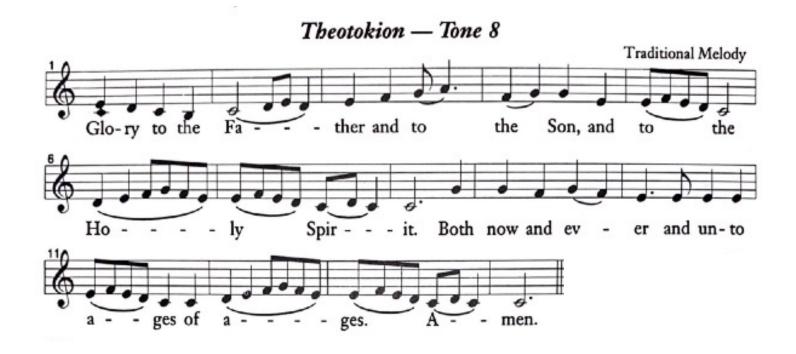
O Lord Who hast created heaven and earth by Thy word, Thou shalt sit upon the throne, and we shall all stand in Thy presence and confess to Thee our sins. Ere the day that comes, accept me in repentance; before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.



Look upon me with a compassionate eye and be merciful unto me, O only Savior. Grant to my poor and wretched soul springs of healing water. Wash me clean from the filth of my actions that I may sing: before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.



The devil hath prepared his weapons and hastens to ensnare my humble soul; and he hath made me, O merciful Lord, a stranger to the light of the knowledge of Thy countenance. But Thou art mighty in strength; O snatch me from his snares. Before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.



O condescension past all speech! O strange and wondrous birth! How does the Virgin carry Thee as a child in her arms, for Thou art her Creator and her God? O Benefactor Who hast consented to take flesh from her: before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord

6TH WEEK OF GREAT LENT



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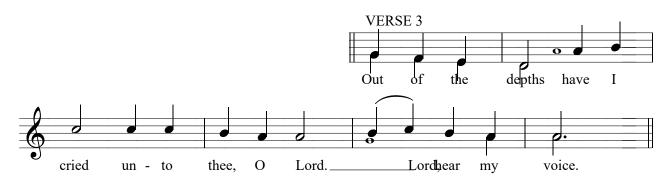




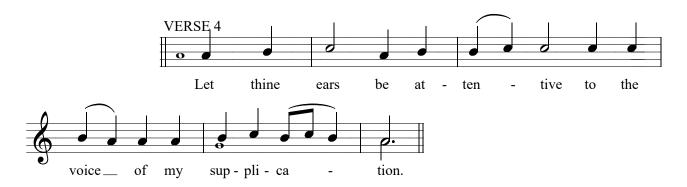
I am rich in passions; I am clothed in vile garments of hypocrisy. Through lack of abstinence, I delight in foul deeds, and show a boundless lack of tender-heartedness. Cast before the gates of repentance, I despise my mind, thirsting for every blessing, but ill from lack of concentration. Make me, O Lord, like Lazarus, who was poor in sin, lest I receive no answer when I pray for the finger dipped in water to relieve my burning tongue. Make me to dwell in the bosom of Abraham, as the lover of mankind.



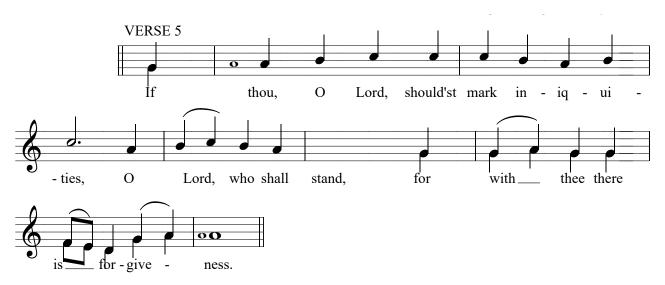
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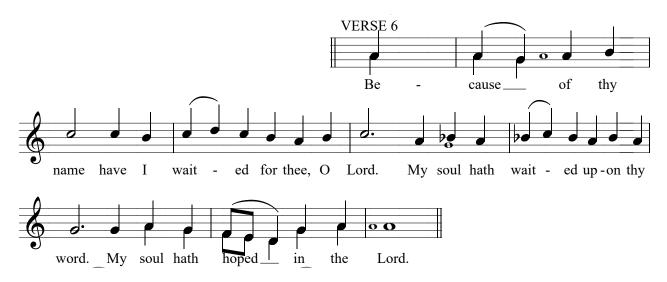
With boundless love in your hands, O holy martyrs, ye did not forsake Christ; enduring the various wounds of sufferings, ye laid low the torturers' impudence. Preserving unbending and unshakeable faith, ye wert translated into heaven. Since ye received boldness before Him, entreat Him to grant peace to the world, and for our souls great mercy.



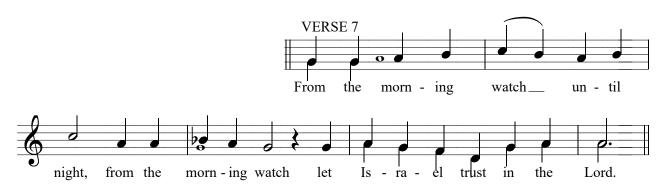
Jesus told those who were with Him when He walked in the flesh by the River Jordan: My friend Lazarus is already dead, given over for burial. But I rejoice for your sake, O friends, for by his death ye shall learn that I know all, for I am God, even though I have appeared as man. Let us go and bring Him to life, so that death may really feel its utter destruction, and the victory I shall win, granting the world great mercy.



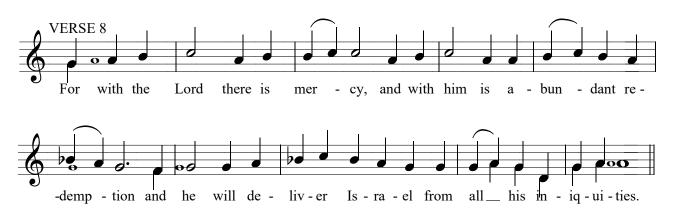
Imitating Mary and Martha, O faithful, let us offer divine works to the Lord as they did, that He might come and raise our minds, which now lie dead in the tomb of carelessness, feeling no fear of God, and deprived of any living action. Behold, O Lord, Who of old didst raise Thy friend Lazarus by Thy coming. Give life to us also, O bountiful One, granting us great mercy.



Lazarus is in the tomb two days, seeing the dead of all ages, beholding strange sights of terror, a great crowd held by the bonds of hell. His relatives grieve bitterly, looking at his tomb. But Christ is coming to bring His friend to life, so that one harmonious song may be sung by all: Blessed art Thou, O Savior, have mercy on us.



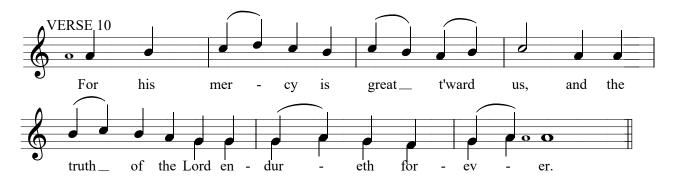
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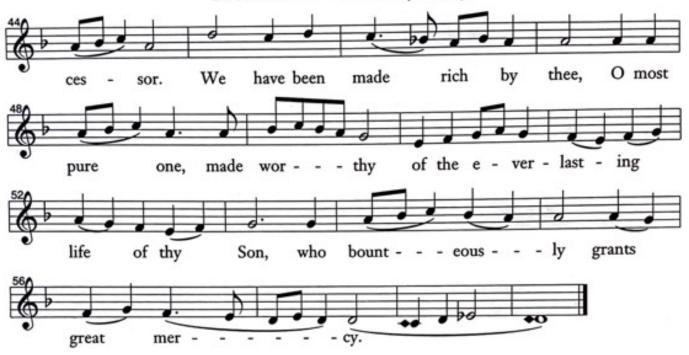
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Theotokia for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th Weeks of Great Lent

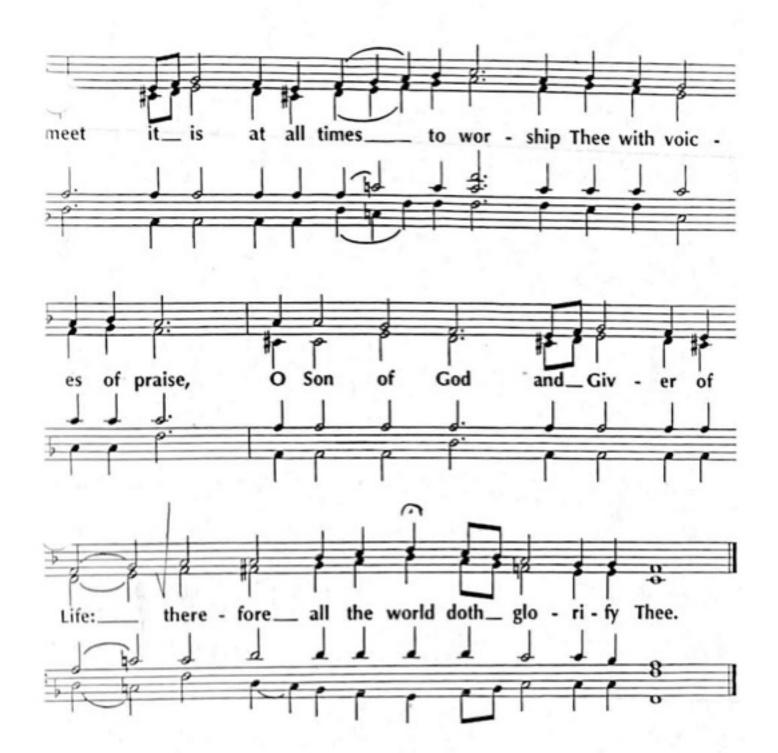


Theotokia for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th Weeks of Great Lent

Theotokion — Tone 5 (cont'd)







1ST WEEK OF LENT THE OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES The First Reading

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Thou, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us from this generation forever. Help us, O

Lord, for there is no longer any that are godly, for the faithful have vanished from

among the sons of men.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Genesis (1:24-2:3).

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in His Own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all His work which He had done in creation.

The Second Reading

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Look upon me; hear me, O Lord my God. How long, O Lord? Wilt Thou forget me

forever? How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me? Command!

• The people kneel. The priest blesses with the censer and candle.

Priest: Wisdom, let us attend! The Light of Christ illumines all!

• The people stand.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Proverbs (2:1-22).

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of His saints.

Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will watch over you; understanding will guard you; delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech, who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil; men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.

You will be saved from the loose woman, from the adventuress with her smooth words, who forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God; for her house sinks down to death, and her paths to the shades; none who go to her come back nor do they regain the paths of life. So you will walk in the way of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will inhabit the land, and men of integrity will remain in it; but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

2ND WEEK OF LENT THE OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES The First Reading

Deacon: The Evening Prokeimenon!

Reader: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous; and glory, all ye that are upright of heart.

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Genesis. (4:16-26)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: So Cain went away from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden. Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael the father of Methushael, and Methushael the father of Lamech. And Lamech took two wives; the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have cattle. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. Zillah bore Tubalcain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, hearken to what I say: I have slain a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. If Cain is avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy-sevenfold." And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another child instead of Abel, for Cain slew him." To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time men began to call upon the name of the Lord.

The Second Reading

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have put our hope in Thee.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. Command!

• The people kneel. The priest blesses with the censer and candle.

Priest: Wisdom; let us attend! The Light of Christ illumines all!

• The people stand.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Proverbs. (5:15-6:3)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely hind, a graceful doe. Let her affection fill you at all times with delight, be infatuated always with her love. Why should you be infatuated, my son, with a loose woman and embrace the bosom of an adventuress? For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord; and he watches all his paths. The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is caught in the toils of his sin. He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is lost. My son, if you have become surety for your

neighbor, have given your pledge for a stranger; if you are snared in the utterance of your lips, caught in the words of your mouth; then do this, my son, and save yourself, for you have come into your neighbor's power: go, hasten, and importune your neighbor.

3RD WEEK OF LENT THE OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES The First Reading

Deacon: The Evening Prokeimenon!

Reader: I have hoped in the mercy of God forever, and unto ages of ages. Why dost thou boast

in evil, O mighty man, and in iniquity all the day long.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Genesis (7:6-9).

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. And

Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark, to escape the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and female,

went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.

The Second Reading

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: When God hath turned back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice and Israel

shall be glad. The fool hath said in his heart: There is no God. Command!

• The people kneel. The priest blesses with the censer and candle.

Priest: Wisdom; let us attend! The Light of Christ illumines all!

• The people stand.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Proverbs. (9:12-18)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it. The

Woman folly is noisy; she is wanton and knows no shame. She sits at the door of her house, she takes a seat on the high places of the town, calling to those who pass by, who are going straight on their way, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" And to him who is without sense she says, "Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the

depths of the grave.

4TH WEEK OF LENT THE OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES The First Reading

Deacon: The Evening Prokeimenon!

Reader: Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel, Who alone doeth wonders. O God, give Thy

judgment to the king, and Thy righteousness to the son of the king.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Genesis. (9:18-10:1)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah; and from these the whole earth was peopled.

Noah was the first tiller of the soil. He planted a vineyard; and he drank of the wine, and became drunk, and lay uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it upon both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, he said, "Cursed be Canaan; a slave of slaves shall he be to his brothers." He also said, "Blessed by the Lord my God be Shem; and let Canaan be his slave. God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem; and let Canaan be his slave." After the flood Noah lived 350 years. All the days of Noah were 950 years; and he died. These are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth; sons were born to them after the flood.

The Second Reading

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: It is good for me to cleave unto my God, to put my hope in the Lord. How good is

God to Israel, to them that are upright of heart! Command!

• All kneel while the priest blesses with censer and candle.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! The Light of Christ illumines all! Wisdom!

All stand.

Reader: The Reading from Proverbs. (12:23-13:9)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: A prudent man conceals his knowledge, but fools proclaim their folly. The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor. Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. A righteous man turns away from evil, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. A slothful man will not catch his prey, but the diligent man will get precious wealth. In the path of righteousness is life, but the way of error leads to death. A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. From the fruit of his mouth a good man eats good, but the desire of the treacherous is for violence. He who guards his mouth

preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. The soul of the sluggard craves, and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied. A righteous man hates falsehood, but a wicked man acts shamefully and disgracefully. Righteousness guards him whose way is upright, but sin overthrows the wicked. One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. The ransom of a man's life is his wealth, but a poor man has no means of redemption. The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

5THWEEK OF LENT THE OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES The First Reading

Deacon: The Evening Prokeimenon!

Reader: The Lord is the God of vengeance; the God of vengeance hath spoken openly. Be

Thou exalted, O Thou who judges the earth; render the proud their due.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Genesis. (17:1-9)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. And I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations."

The Second Reading

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord,

bless His Name. Command!

• All kneel as the priest blesses with the censer and candle.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! The Light of Christ illumines all! Wisdom!

• All stand.

Reader: The Reading from Proverbs. (15:20-16:9)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother. Folly is a joy to him who has no sense, but a man of understanding walks aright. Without counsel plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed. To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is! The wise man's path leads upward to life, so that he may avoid Sheol beneath. The Lord tears down the house of the proud, but maintains the widow's boundaries. The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord; the words of the pure are pleasing to Him. He who is greedy for unjust gain makes trouble for his household, but he who hates bribes will live.

The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the bones. He whose ear heeds wholesome admonition will abide

among the wise. He who ignores instruction despises himself, but he who heeds admonition gains understanding. The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and humility goes before honor. The plans of the mind belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. Everyone who is arrogant is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished. By loyalty and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil. When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice. A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

6TH WEEK OF LENT THE OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES The First Reading

Deacon: The Evening Prokeimenon!

Reader: I will be well-pleasing before the Lord in the land of the living. I am filled with love,

for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Genesis. (43:26-31; 45:1-16)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which they had with them, and bowed down to him to the ground. And he inquired about their welfare, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" They said, "Your servant our father is well, he is still alive." And they bowed their heads and made obeisance. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!" Then Joseph made haste, for his heart yearned for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there. Then he washed his face and came out; and controlling himself he said, "Let food be served." Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him; and he cried, "Make every one go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, I pray you." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Make haste and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry; you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have; and there I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come; lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Make haste and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well.

The Second Reading

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people. I believed,

wherefore I spake; I was humbled exceedingly. Command!

• All kneel, while the priest blesses with candle and incense.

Priest: Wisdom; let us attend! The Light of Christ illumines all!

• All arise.

Reader: The Reading from Proverbs. (21:23-22:4)

Deacon: Let us attend!

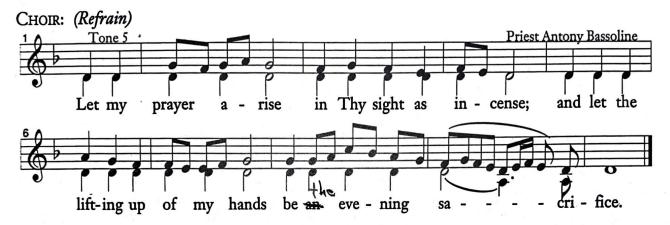
Reader: He who keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble. "Scoffer" is the name of the proud, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride. The desire of the sluggard kills him for his hands refuse to labor. All day long the wicked covets, but the righteous gives and does not hold back. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; how much more when he brings it with evil intent. A false witness will perish, but the word of a man who hears will endure. A wicked man puts on a bold face, but an upright man considers his ways. No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel, can avail against the Lord. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord. A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all. A prudent man sees danger and hides himself; but the simple go on, and suffer for it. The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.

Let My Prayer Arise

For non-Byzantine arrangement priest says, "Wisdom", then the choir sings "Let My Prayer Arise with verses and refrains as shown on pages 103, 104 and 105.

For Byzantine practice, follow the order given on this page.

PRIEST: Let my prayer arise in thy sight as incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.



PRIEST: Lord, I have cried unto thee, hear me; attend to the voice of my supplication when I cry unto thee.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a protecting door about my lips.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Incline not my heart to evil words; to make excuse in sins.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

Priest: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Let my prayer arise in thy sight as incense;

CHOIR: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Turn to the "Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian" on page 106.

Let My Prayer Arise – Refrain No. 2





PRIEST: Lord, I have cried unto thee, hear me; attend to the voice of my supplication when I cry unto thee.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a protecting door about my lips.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Incline not my heart to evil

words; to make excuse in sins.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

Priest: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Let my prayer arise in thy sight as incense;

CHOIR: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

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PRIEST: Lord, I have cried unto thee, hear me; attend to the voice of my supplication when I cry unto thee.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a protecting door about my lips.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Incline not my heart to evil

words; to make excuse in sins.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

PRIEST: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

Priest: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

CHOIR: Let my prayer arise ...

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CHOIR: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Turn to the "Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian" on page 106.

THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

ALL: O Lord and Master of my life: Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (Prostration)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant. (Prostration)

Yea, O Lord and King: Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother; for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen. (Prostration)

If a Gospel reading is appointed, it takes place here.

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

DEACON: Let us say with our whole soul, and with our whole mind, let us say.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: O Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, we pray Thee: hearken and have mercy.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken

and have mercy.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (Repeat after each

petition.)

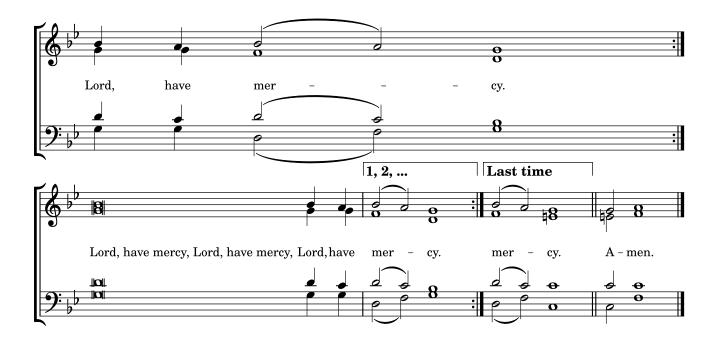
DEACON: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

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Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and allvenerable temple, those who serve and those who sing, and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord our God, receive this fervent supplication of Thy servants, and have mercy

on us according to the multitude of Thy mercy, and send down Thy compassions upon us and upon all Thy people, who await Thy great and rich mercy. For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.



LITANY FOR THE CATECHUMENS

DEACON: Pray to the Lord, ye catechumens.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (Repeat after each petition)

DEACON: Let us the faithful, pray for the catechumens, that the Lord will have mercy on

them.

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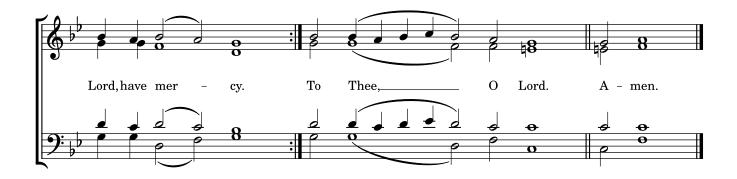
Bow your heads to the Lord, ye catechumens.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: O God, our God, the Creator and Maker of all things, who willest that all men

should be saved and should come unto the knowledge of the truth: Look down upon Thy servants the catechumens, and deliver them from the ancient delusion and from the wiles of the adversary. And call them unto life eternal, illuminating their souls and bodies and numbering them with Thy rational flock, which is called by Thy Holy Name. That with us they may glorify Thine all-honorable and majestic Name: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now

and ever and unto ages of ages.



In the fourth, fifth and sixth weeks of Great Lent, we offer the following litany for those who will be received into the Church at Pascha.

LITANY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR ILLUMINATION

DEACON: Pray unto the Lord, ye who are preparing for Illumination.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (After each petition, as above.)

DEACON: Ye faithful, pray unto the Lord for these brethren who are preparing for Holy

Illumination and for their salvation.

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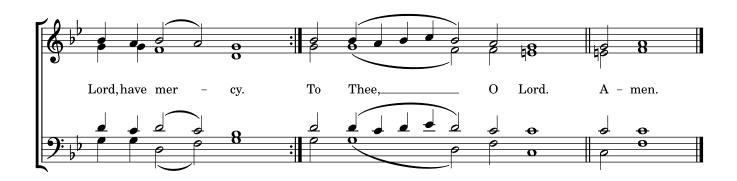
Bow your heads to the Lord, ye who are preparing for Illumination.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: Show the light of Thy countenance, O God, upon those who are preparing for

Holy Illumination, and who desire to put away the defilement of sin. Enlighten their understanding. Establish them in the Faith. Strengthen them in hope. Perfect them in love. Make them honorable members of Thy Christ, who gave Himself for our souls. For Thou art our Illumination, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever

and unto ages of ages.



FIIRST LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL

DEACON: As many as are of the faithful: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

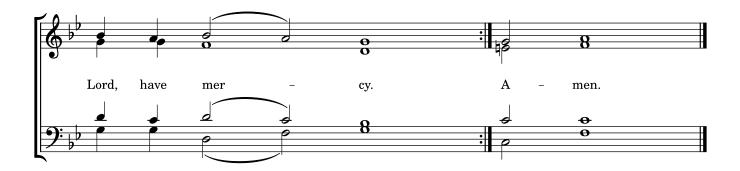
DEACON: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Wisdom!

PRIEST: O God, great and worthy to be praised, who through the life-giving death of

Thy Christ hast translated us from corruption to incorruption: Deliver all our senses from death-dealing, carnal desires, setting over them as a good ruler the understanding that is in us. Let our eye have no part in any evil sight. Let our hearing be inaccessible to all idle words; and let our tongue be purged from unseemly speech. Purify our lips which praise Thee, O Lord. Make our hands to abstain from evil deeds and to work only such things as are acceptable unto Thee, establishing all our members and our minds by Thy grace. For unto Thee are due all glory, honor and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.



SECOND LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL

DEACON: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

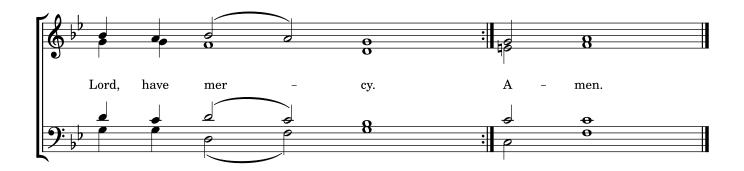
CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Wisdom!

PRIEST: O holy Master, exceedingly good: We beseech Thee, who art rich in mercy, that

Thou wilt be gracious to us sinners and make us worthy to receive Thine Only-Begotten Son and our God, the King of glory. For behold, His immaculate Body and His life-giving Blood, entering at this present hour, are about to be set forth upon this mystical table, invisibly escorted by a multitude of heavenly hosts. Grant us to partake of them without condemnation, that, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened thereby, we may become sons of the light and of the day. Through the gift of Thy Christ, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and

unto ages of ages.



The Entrance of the Presanctified Gifts

The choir chants the following hymn as the priest and deacon prepare for the entrance with the presanctified gifts:



The Entrance with the Holy Gifts

While the choir is singing the above hymn, the priest says:

PRIEST: Now the powers of heaven with us invisibly do minister. For lo! the King of glory now enters. Behold, the mystical sacrifice is ushered in all accomplished.

If the deacon is present, he finishes the hymn; otherwise, the priest finishes it:

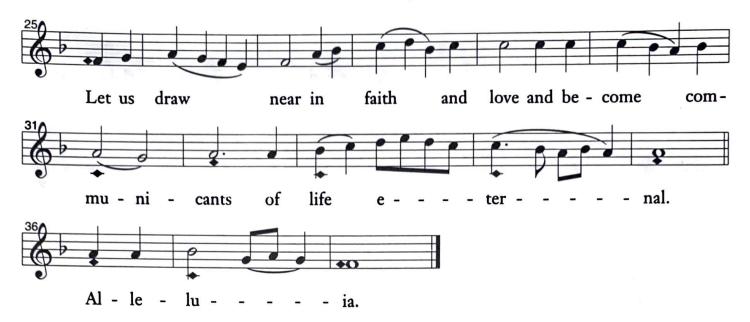
PRIEST: Let us with faith and love draw near, that we may become partakers of life everlasting. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The above hymn is recited by the priest and deacon thrice.

When the choir has concluded, the priest preceded by the deacon makes the entrance. During this time the people kneel, and from the solea the priest says in a low voice:

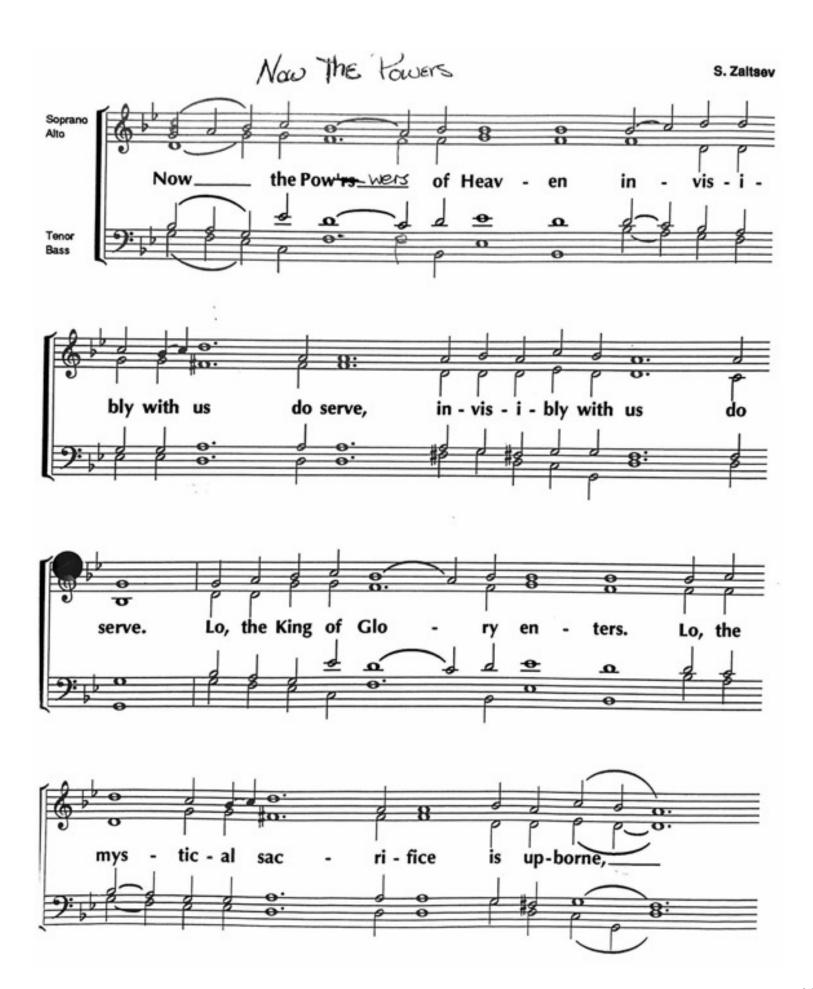
PRIEST: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

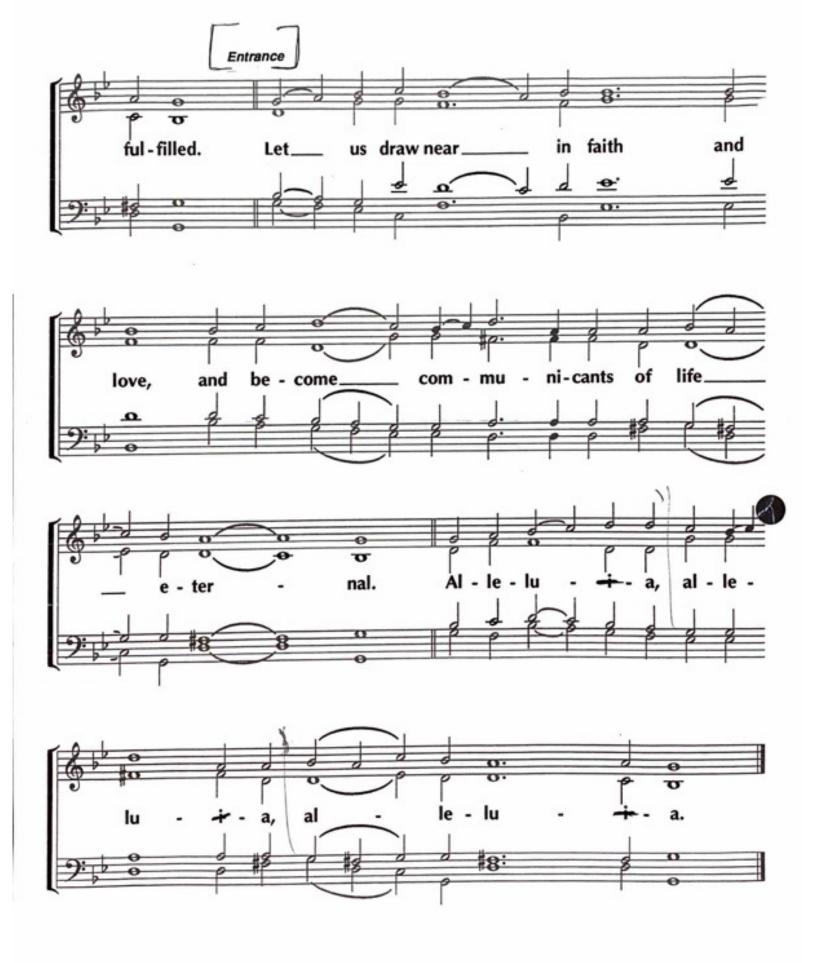
Now the Powers of Heaven



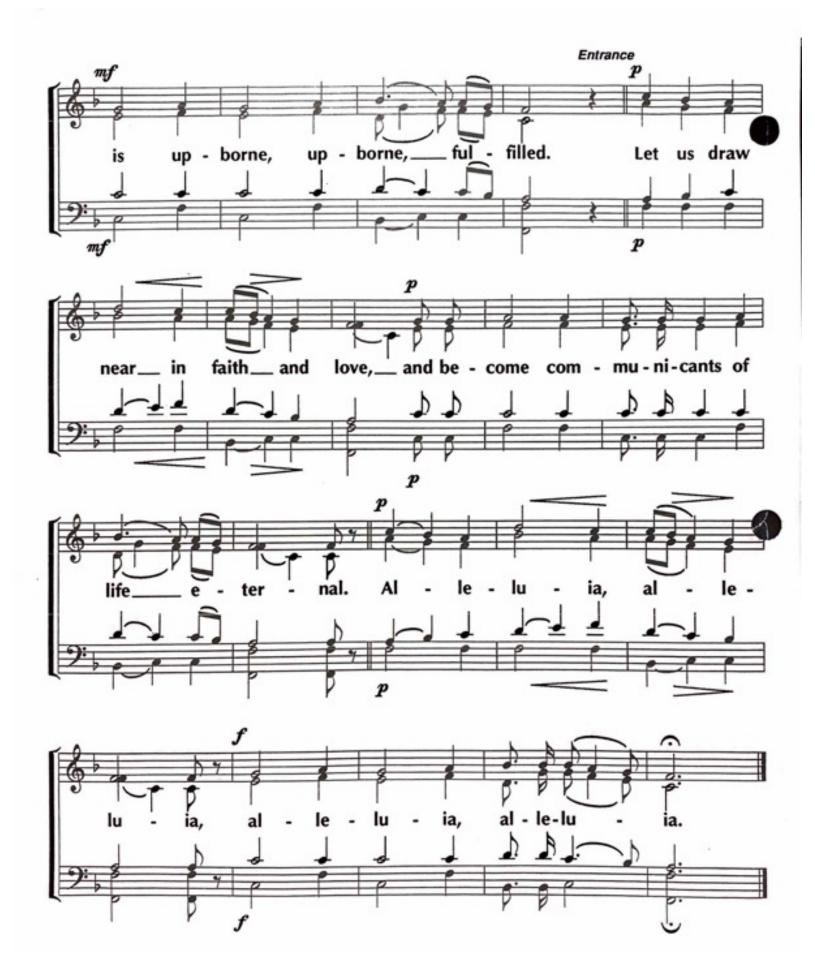












THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

ALL: O Lord and Master of my life: Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King: Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother; for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

LITANY BEFORE THE LORD'S PRAYER

DEACON: Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (Repeat after each petition.)

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CHOIR: Grant this, O Lord. (Repeat after each petition..)

DEACON: An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask

of the Lord.

. . .

Asking for the unity of the Faith, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: O God of ineffable and unseen mysteries...

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And vouchsafe, O Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we may dare to call upon Thee, the heavenly God, as Father, and to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father...

PRIEST: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory of the Father and of

the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.



THE PEACE

PRIEST: Peace be to all.

CHOIR: And to your spirit.

DEACON: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: O God, who alone art good and compassionate, who dwellest in the heights

and regardest the humble: Look with the eyes of Thy tenderness upon all Thy people, and preserve them. And make us all worthy to partake without condemnation of these Thy life-giving mysteries; for unto Thee have we bowed our heads in the hope of Thy rich mercy. Through the grace and compassion and love toward man of Thine Only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit: now and

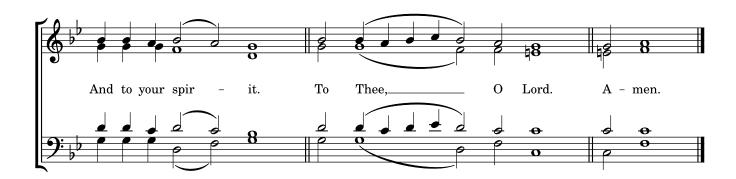
ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST: Hear us, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, from Thy holy dwelling-place on high.

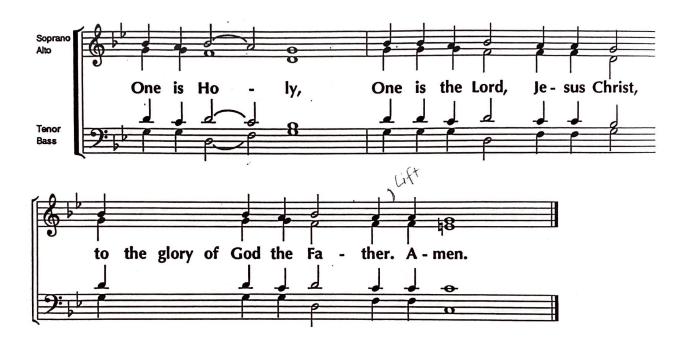
From the throne of the glory of Thy kingdom, come to sanctify us, O Thou who sittest on high with the Father, and art here invisibly present with us. And vouchsafe by Thy mighty hand to impart unto us Thine immaculate Body and

precious Blood, and through us unto all the people.



THE PREPARATION OF THE CHALICE

PRIEST: O God, be gracious unto me, a sinner, and have mercy upon me. (3x) Let us attend! The pre-sanctified Holy Things are for the holy.



PRIEST: Divided and distributed... The warmth of faith, full of the Holy Spirit.

THE PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

ALL:

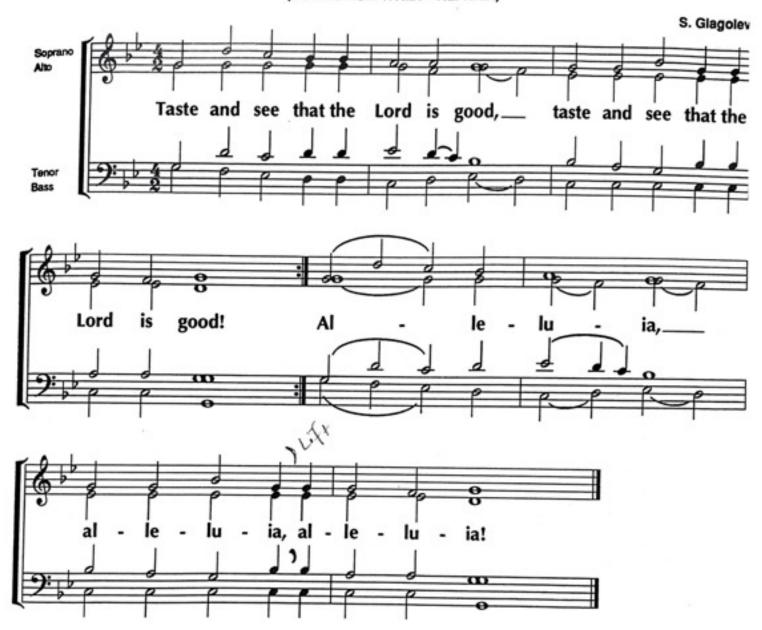
I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly Thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly Thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray Thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thine immaculate Mysteries, unto forgiveness of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of Thy Mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of Thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

Taste and See

(COMMUNION HYMN - REFRAIN)



Reader's Verses (Ps. 33)

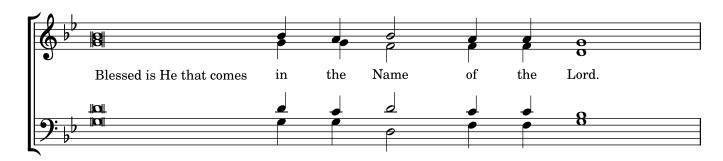
I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord. Let the afflicted hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to Him and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy is the man who takes refuge in Him.

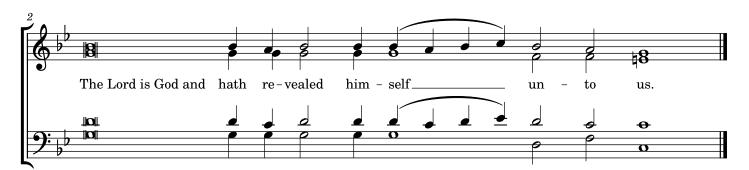
O fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who fear the Lord lack no good thing.

The Communion of the Faithful

Deacon: With fear of God, and faith and love, draw near.





O Taste and See

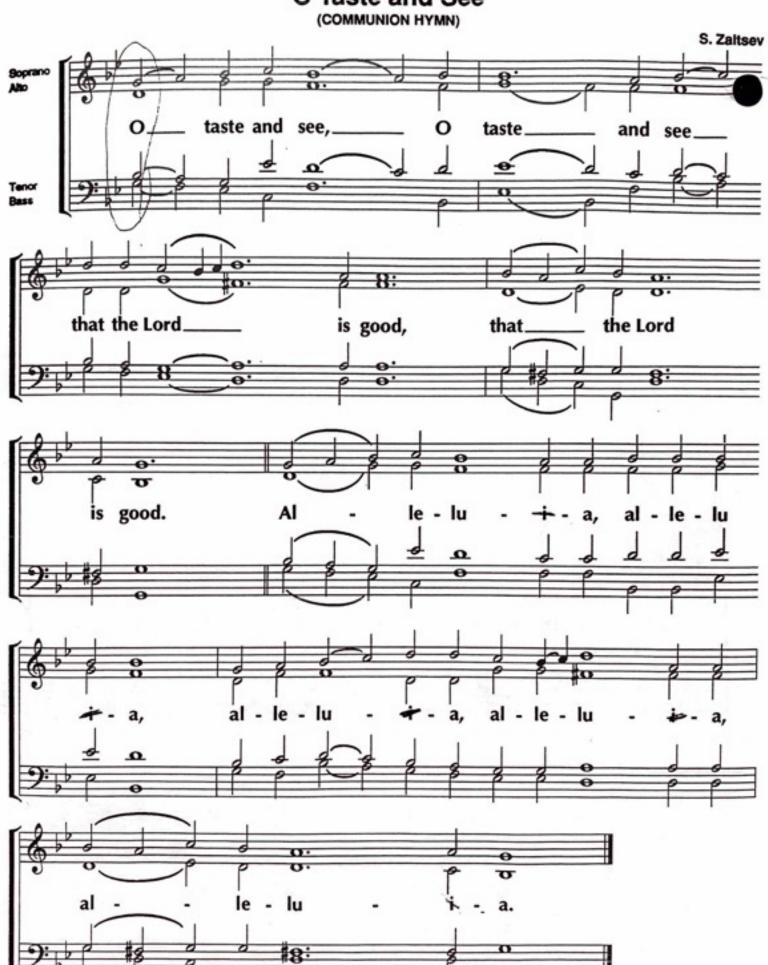
"O Taste and See ..." is repeated as often as necessary along with the verses. Two alternate versions can be found on pages 148 and 149.



Verses (from Psalm 33:1-10)

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad.
- 3. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.
- 4. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations.
- 5. Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations.
- The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them.
- O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him.
- 9. O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him.
- Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing.

O Taste and See



O Taste and See

(COMMUNION HYMN)





"Be thou exalted ... Always"



THE LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

DEACON: Stand upright! Having partaken of the divine, holy, immaculate, immortal,

heavenly, life-giving and awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give

thanks unto the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Asking that the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us

commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

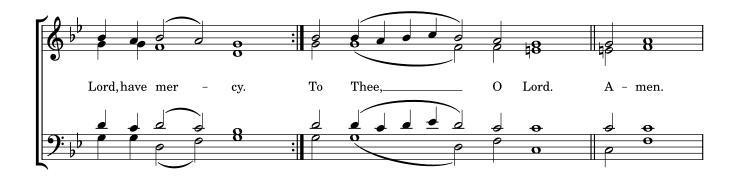
CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: We give thanks unto Thee, O God, the Savior of all, for all the good things

which Thou hast granted unto us and for the communion of the Holy Body and Blood of Thy Christ. And we beseech Thee, O Master, who loveth mankind, to keep us under the shelter of Thy wings. And grant that, even unto out last breath, we may worthily partake of Thy Holy Things unto the illumination of soul and body and unto the inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven. For Thou art our sanctification, and unto Thee we ascribe glory to the Father and to the

Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.



THE PRAYER BEHIND THE AMBON

The priest faces the people and then the icon of Christ.

PRIEST: Let us go forth in peace.

CHOIR: In the name of the Lord.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Almighty Master, who hast made all creation and by Thine inexpressible

providence and great goodness hast brought us to these all-revered days, for the purification of soul and body, for the controlling of passions and for hope of resurrection, who during the forty days didst give into the hands of Thy servant Moses the tablets of the Law in characters divinely traced by Thee: Enable us also, O good One, to fight the good fight, to complete the course of the fast, to preserve inviolate the faith, to crush underfoot the heads of invisible serpents, to be accounted victors over sin; and, uncondemned, to attain unto and worship the Holy Resurrection. For blessed and glorified is Thine all-honorable and majestic name: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and

ever and unto ages of ages.

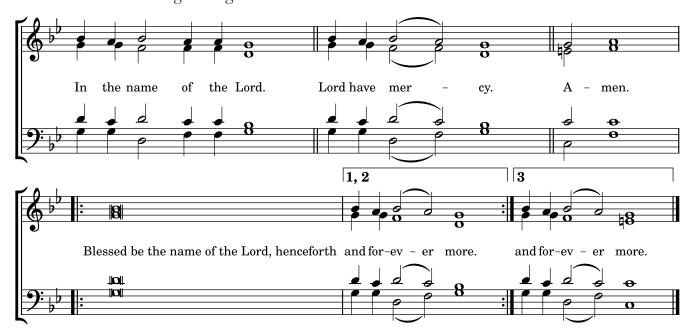
CHOIR: Amen.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore! (3x)

PRIEST: (Quietly, at the Prothesis table.) O Christ our God, who hast brought us to these all-revered days and hast made us communicants of Thy dread mysteries: Unite

us to Thy rational flock, and make us heirs of Thy Kingdom, now and ever and

unto ages of ages. Amen.



THE DISMISSAL

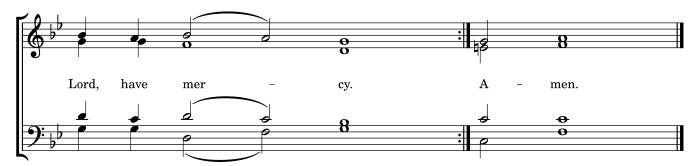
DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: The blessing of the Lord and His mercy come upon you through His grace and

love towards mankind, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.



PRIEST: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee!

