<u>The Vigil Divine Liturgy</u>
The Theophany of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

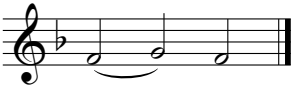
GREAT VESPERS

<u>The faithful STAND</u> when the preparatory rites are completed and the clergy quietly say the prayers before commencing the Divine Liturgy. The holy doors remain closed until the Little Entrance.

Deacon: Reverend Father, give the blessing.

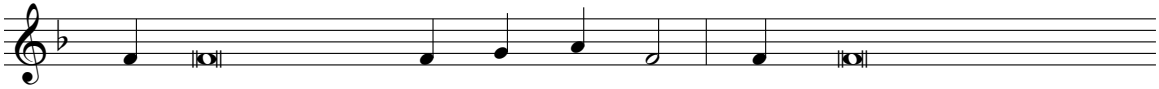
Celebrant: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:

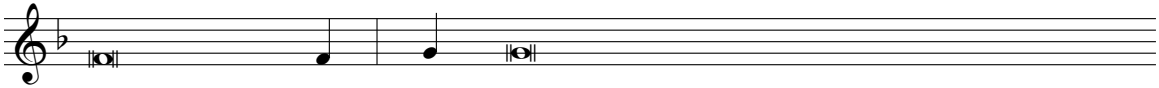


A - men.

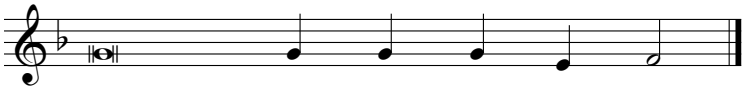
Each time with a reverence:



Come, let us worship our King and God. Come, let us worship Christ,

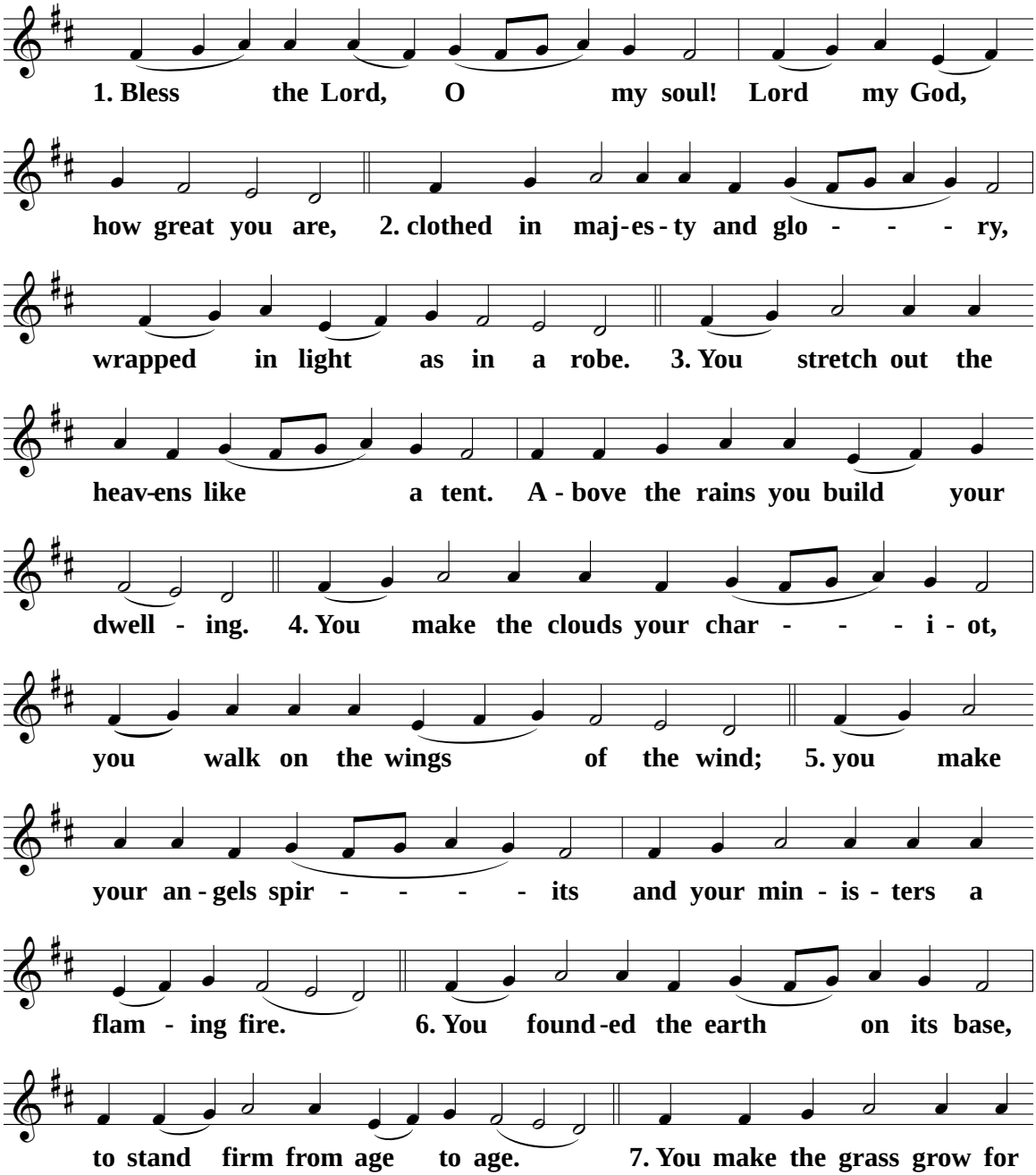


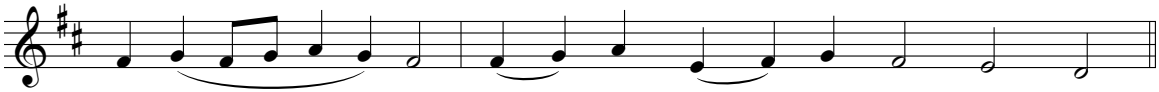
our King and God. Come, let us worship and bow before the only Lord

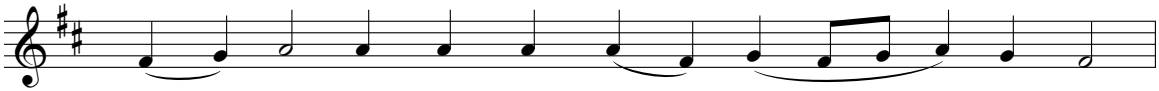


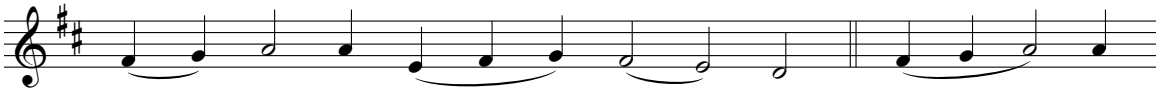
Jesus Christ our King and our God.

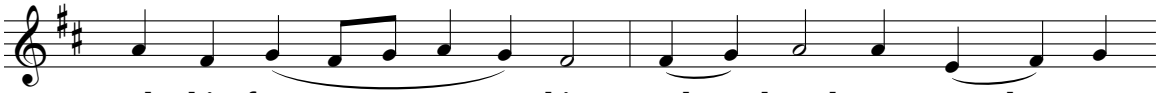
Psalm 103:

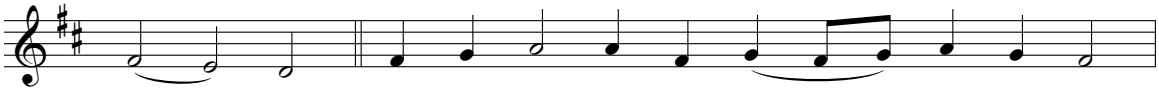

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Lord my God,
how great you are, 2. clothed in maj-es-ty and glo - - - ry,
wrapped in light as in a robe. 3. You stretch out the
heav-ens like a tent. A-bove the rains you build your
dwell - ing. 4. You make the clouds your char - - - i-ot,
you walk on the wings of the wind; 5. you make
your an-gels spir - - - - its and your min-is-ters a
flam - ing fire. 6. You found-ed the earth on its base,
to stand firm from age to age. 7. You make the grass grow for

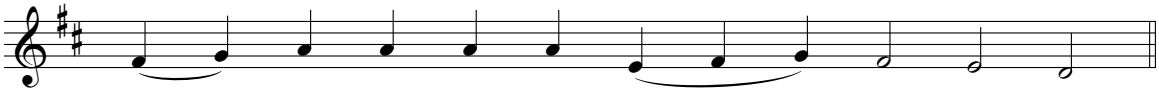

the cat - - - tle and the plants to serve man's needs,

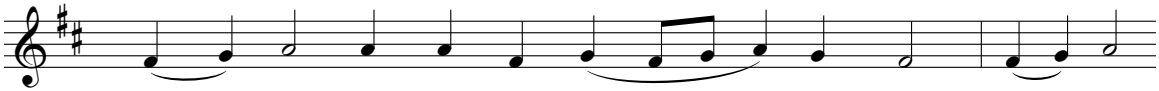

8. that he may bring forth bread from the earth

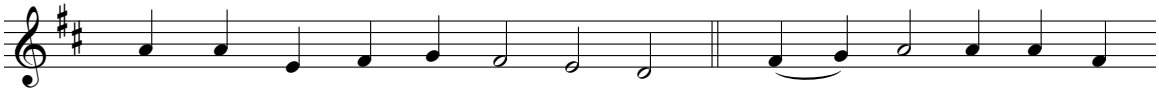

and wine to cheer man's heart; 9. oil, to

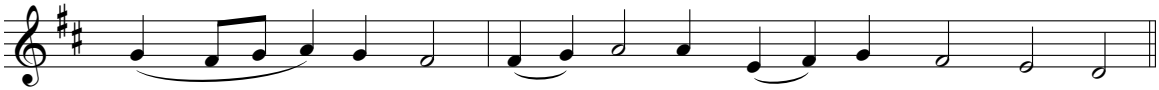

make his face shine and bread to strength - en

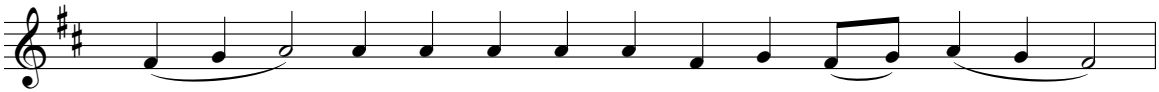

man's heart. 10. I will sing to the Lord all my life,


make mu - sic to my God while I live.

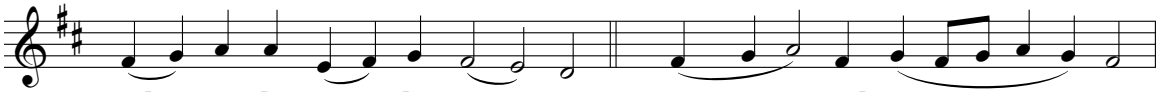

11. You made the moon to mark the months; the sun


knows the time for its set - ting. 12. How man - y are your

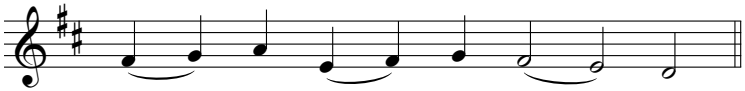

works, O Lord! In wis-dom you have made them all.



13. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

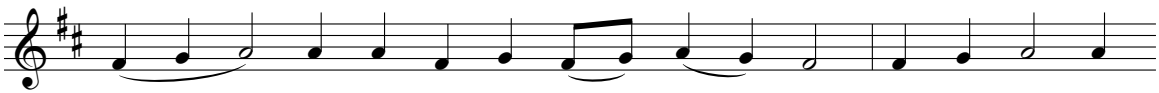


and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, 14. now and ev - - - er

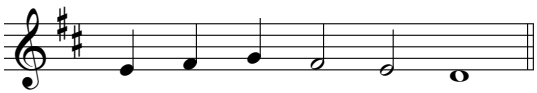


and for - ev - er. A - men.

Then three times, with a bow each time:



Al - - - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Glo - ry to you, O God!

The faithful may SIT as the Litany of Peace begins:

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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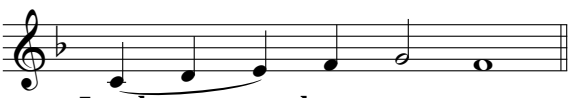
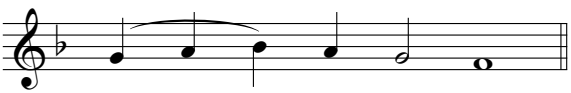


Lord, have mer - cy.

For peace from on high and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: (2)



Lord, have mer - cy.

For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy Churches of God,
and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God,
let us pray to the Lord. (2)

For our holy father *(Name)*, pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

For our most reverend metropolitan *(Name)*, for our bishop *(Name)*
whom God loves, for the venerable presbyterate, the diaconate in Christ,
and all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

For our government and for all in the service of our country,
let us pray to the Lord. (1)

For this city *[or: For this holy monastery]*, for every city, community, and for the
faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,
and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

For those who travel by sea, air, and land, for the sick, the suffering,
the captive and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

Special petitions may be inserted here.

That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need,
let us pray to the Lord. (1)

Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace. (2)

Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady,
the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves
and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

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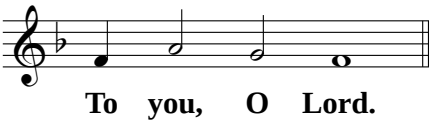

The celebrant prays aloud:

Celebrant: Evening, morning, and at noon we praise you, we bless you, we thank you, and we pray to you, Master of All and loving Lord. Let our prayer rise like incense before you and do not let our hearts be turned to evil words or thoughts, but deliver us from all that might ensnare our souls. For to you Lord, O Lord, our eyes are turned and in you we hope; let us not be put to shame, O our God.

For to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, honor, and worship now and ever and forever.

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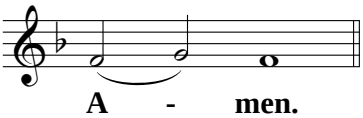
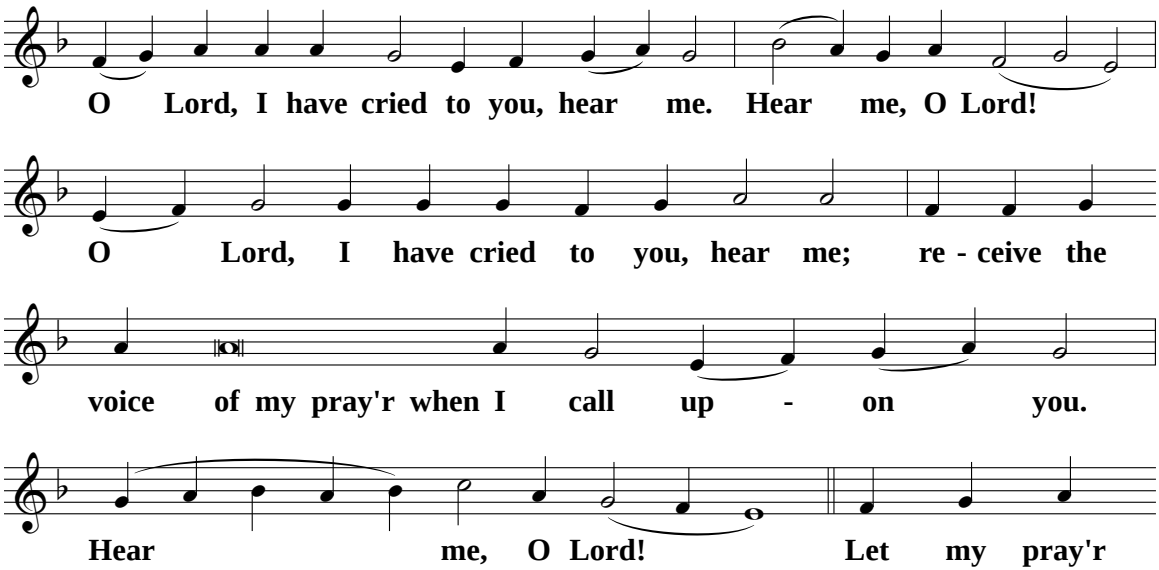
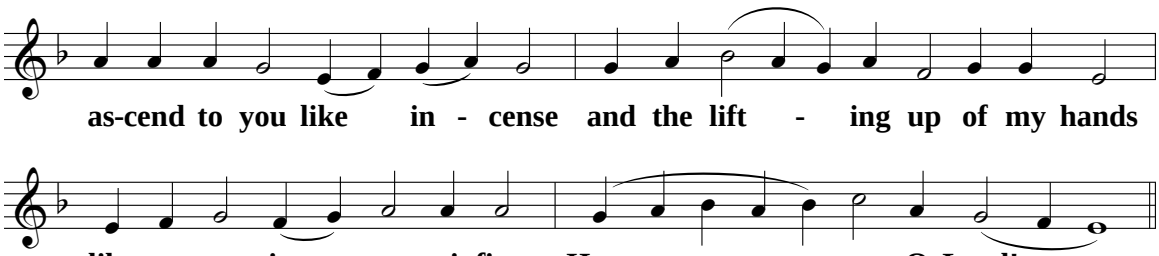


THE LAMP-LIGHTING PSALMS

The faithful STAND for the great incensation of the church. They may SIT when the great incensation is complete. The opening verses of Psalm 140 with refrain are sung according to the tone of the first sticheron:

Psalm 140: - *Tone 2*





O Lord, set a guard before my mouth
and set a seal on the door of ***my*** lips.

Let not my heart be inclined to evil,
nor make excuses for sins I ***com***mit.

Let me never share in sinners' feasting.
If a just man strikes or reproves me it ***is*** kindness

but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.
Let my prayer be ever against ***their*** malice.

The princes were thrown down by the side of the rock;
then they understood that my words ***were*** kind.

As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of ***the*** grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned;
in you I take refuge; spare ***my*** soul!

From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe;
keep me from the snares of those who ***do*** evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set
while I pursue my way ***un***harmed.

Psalm 141 With all my voice I cry to the Lord,
with all my voice I entreat ***the*** Lord.

I pour out my trouble before him;
I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints ***with***in me.

But you, O Lord, know my path.
On the way where I shall walk they have hidden a snare to ***en***trap me.

Look on my right and see:
there is no one who takes ***my*** part.

I have no means of escape,
not one who cares for ***my*** soul.

I cry to you, O Lord.
I have said: "You are my refuge, all I have in the land of ***the*** living."

Listen, then, to my cry
for I am in the depths of ***dis***tress.

Rescue me from those who pursue me
for they are stronger ***than*** I.

Bring my soul out of this prison
and then I shall praise ***your*** name.

Around me the just will assemble
because of your goodness ***to*** me.

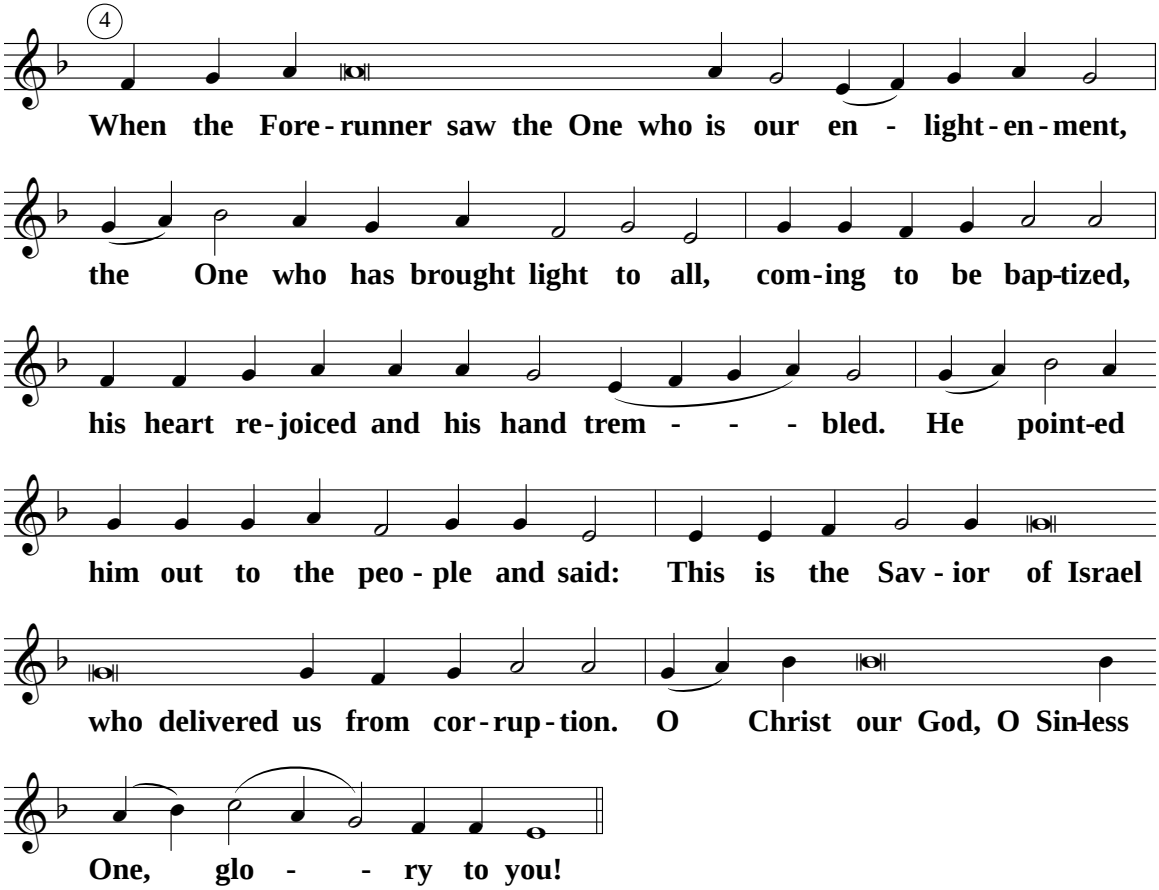
Psalm 129: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear ***my*** voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of ***my*** pleading.

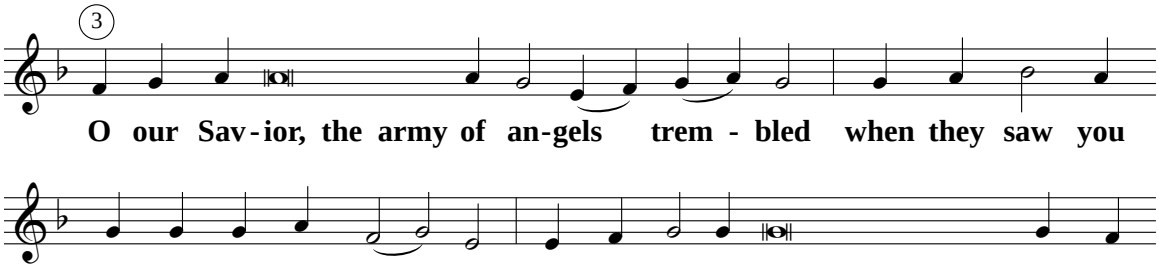
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we ***re***vere you.

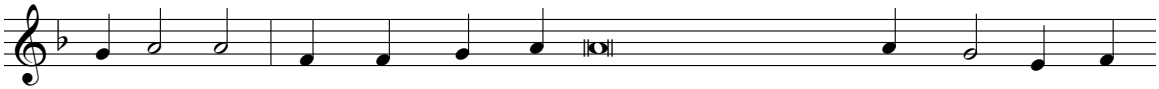
My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman ***for*** daybreak.

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

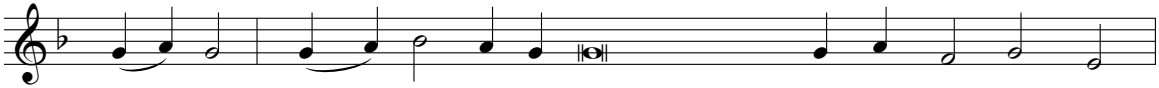


Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

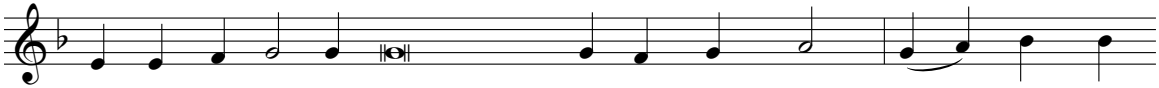




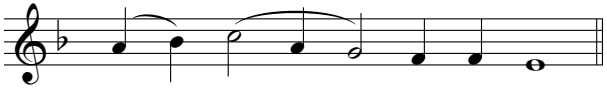
de-scen-ding, and when they hear the voice of the Fa-ther speak-ing from



heav - en: "This One up-on whom the Fore-run-ner lays his hands

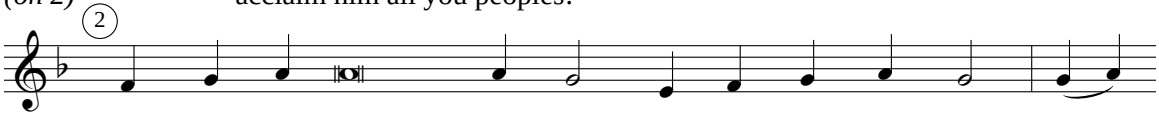


is my be-lov-ed Son in whom I am well-pleased. O Christ our

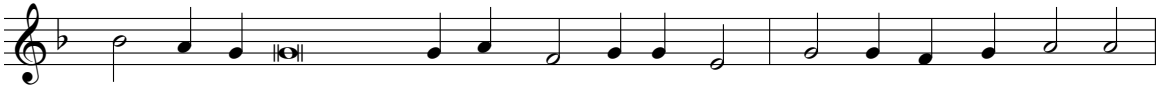


God, glo - - ry to you!

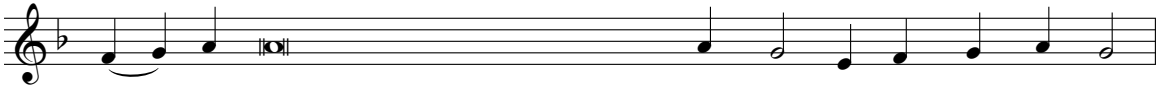
Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



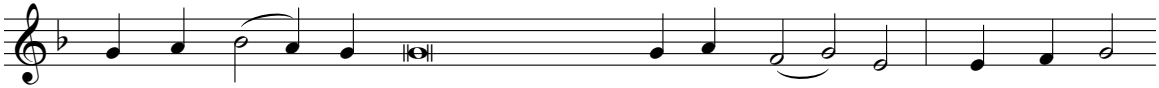
When the Jor - dan River re-ceived you, O Foun-tain-head, the



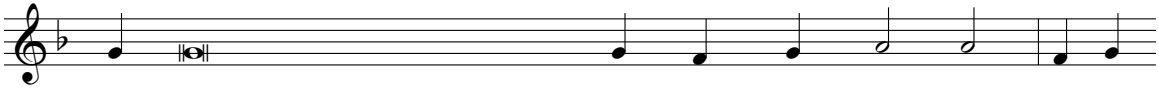
Com-fort-er descended in the form of a dove. Now be-hold the mar-vel:



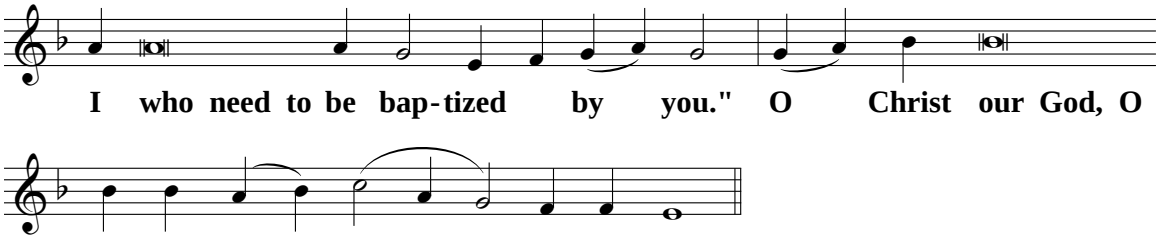
the One who bowed the heavens bows his head to the Fore-run-ner,



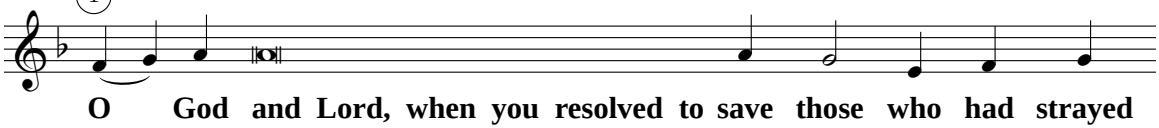
and the one made of clay cries out to his Mak - er: "Why do you

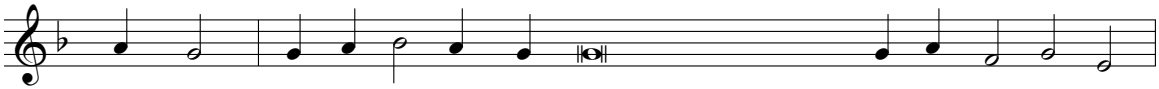


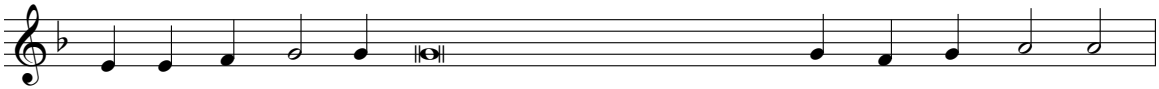
com - mand me to perform what is be - yond my pow - er? It is

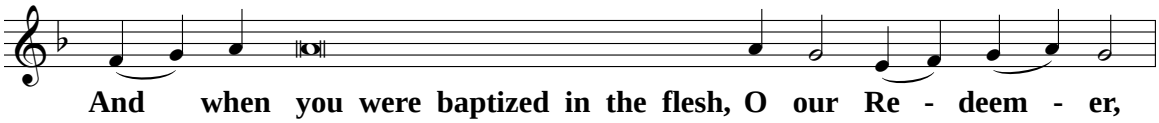


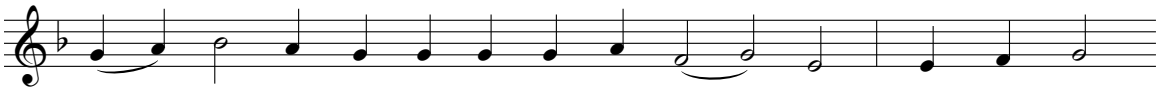
Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

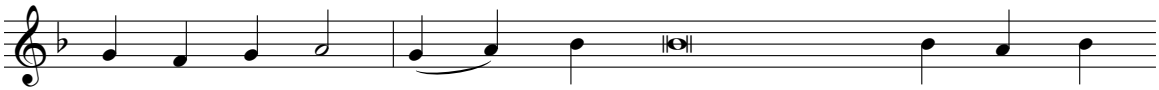


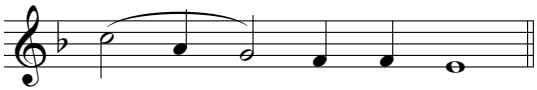










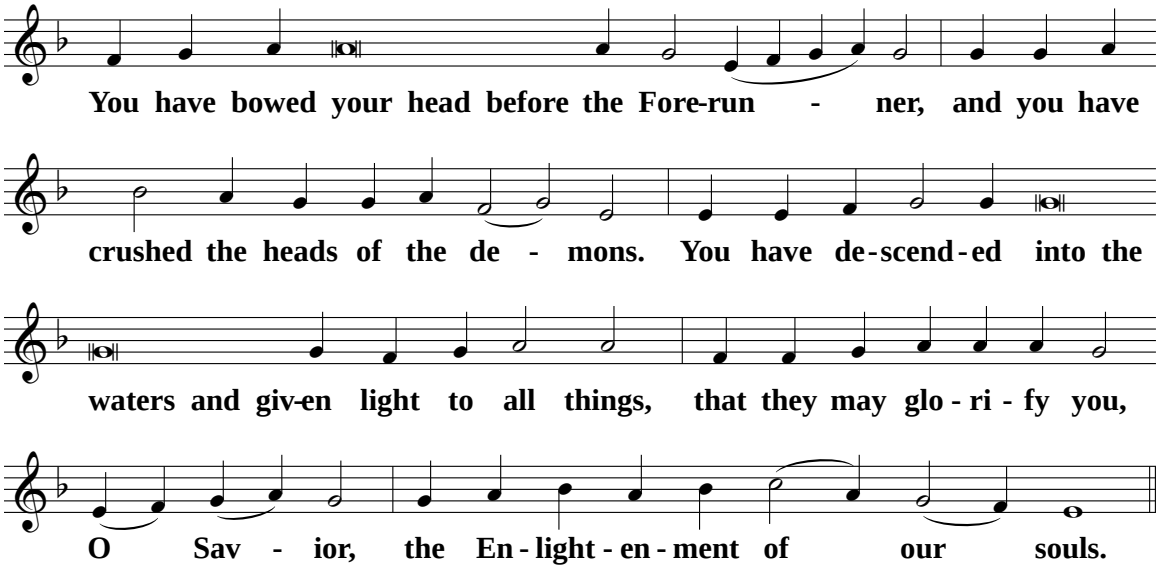


<u>The faithful STAND</u> *when the holy doors are opened and the cantor sings:*

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

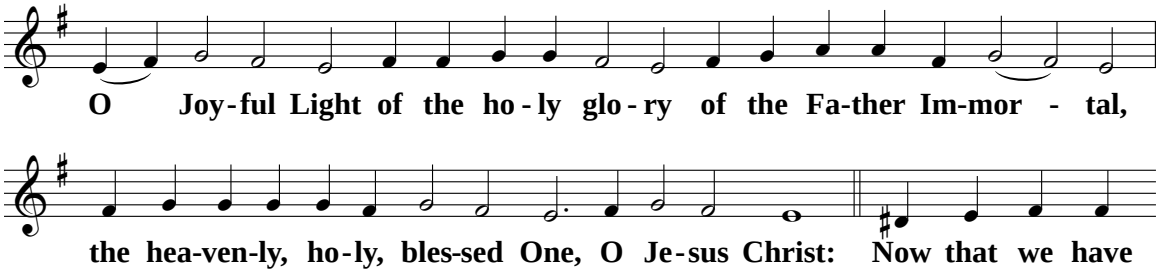
The Doxastikon is sung while the Little Entrance with the holy gospel book and censer is made through the northern door and the holy doors.

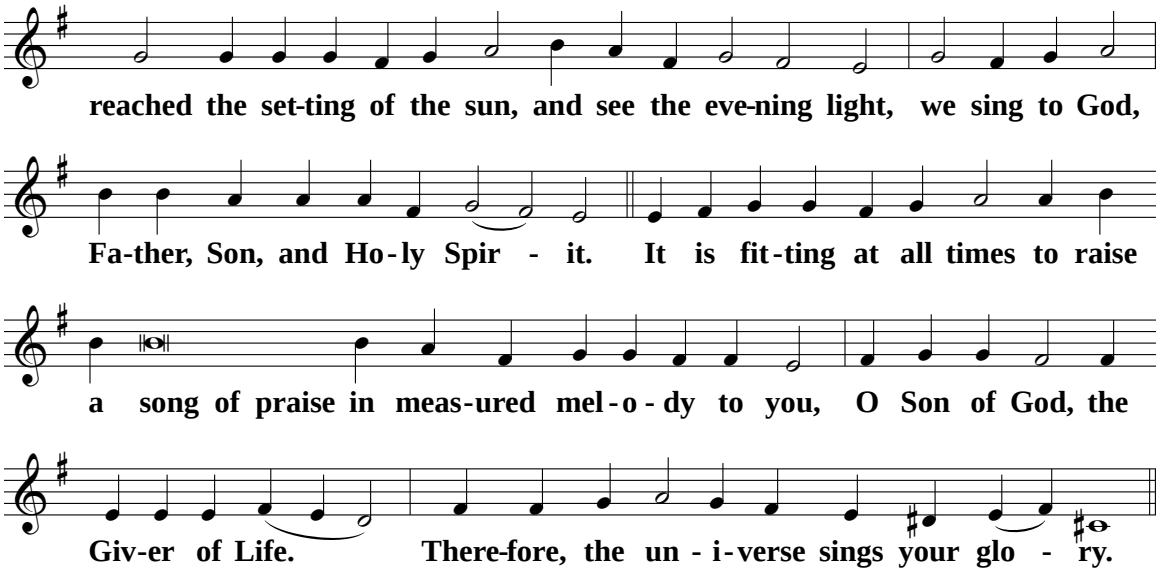
Doxastikon - *Tone 2*



Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The clergy and servers enter the sanctuary as "***O Joyful Light"** *is sung. The sanctuary and the faithful are incensed.*





THE EVENING PROKEIMENON

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace ✣ be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful sing the PROKEIMENON. The deacon chants the verse.

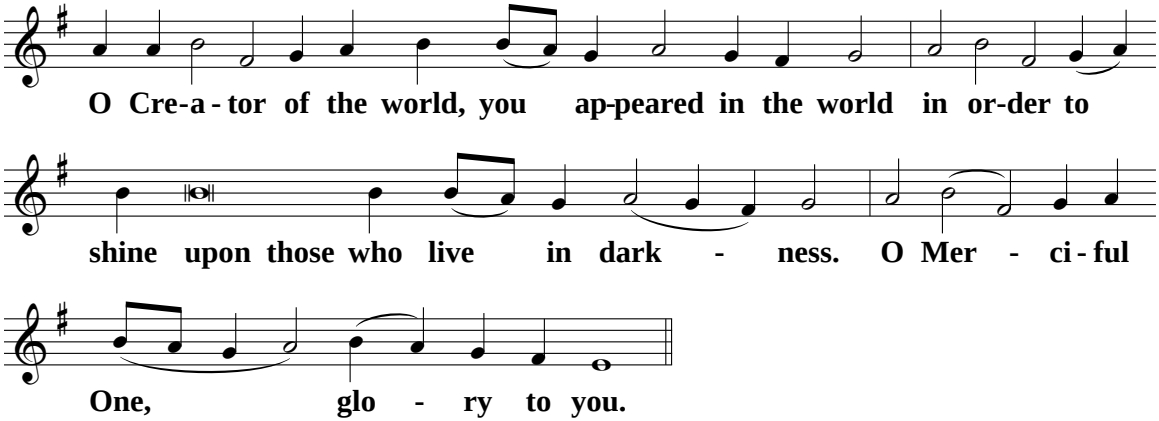
Please turn to the Appendix (p.37) and use the Prokeimenon appropriate for the day of the week.

Reading 1 *(For the sake of brevity, only one reading may be taken. The preferred reading is marked with an asterisk.)*

Genesis 1:1-13
Exodus 14: 15-18, 21-23, 27-29
***Exodus 15: 22 through 16: 1**

First Responsorial Troparion

All: *Tone 5*



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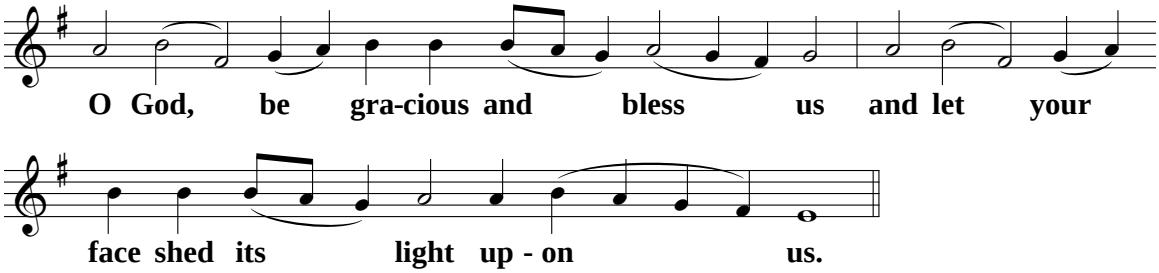

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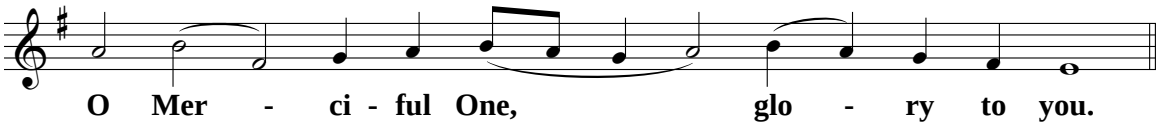

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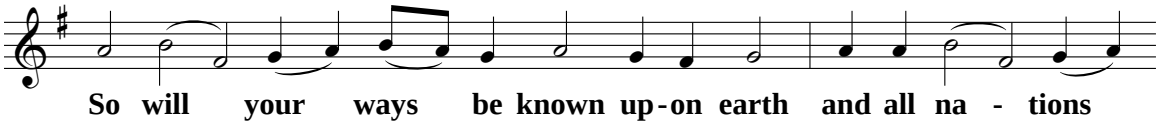
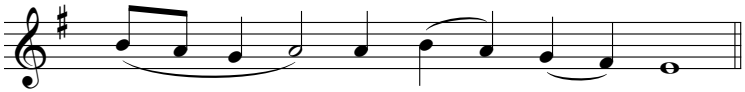
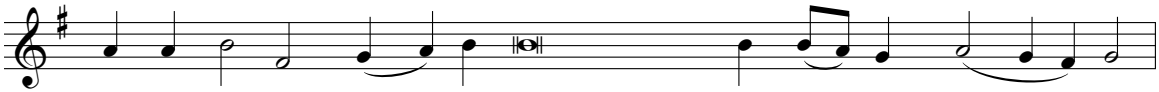




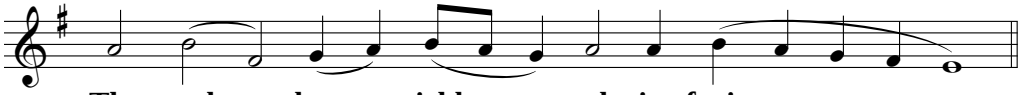
learn your sav - ing help.

All: *Repeat : "O Merciful One..."*

Cantor:



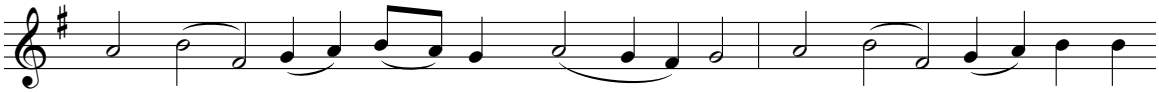
Let the peo-ples praise you, O God, let all the peo - ples praise you.



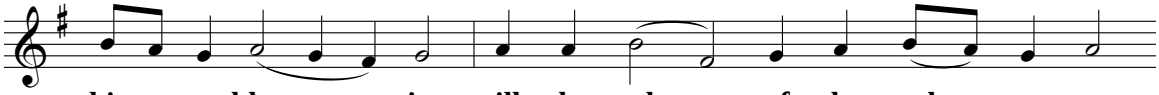
The earth has yield - ed its fruit.

All: *Repeat : "O Merciful One..."*

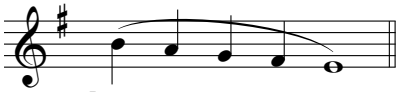
Cantor:



For God, our God, has blessed us. May God still give us



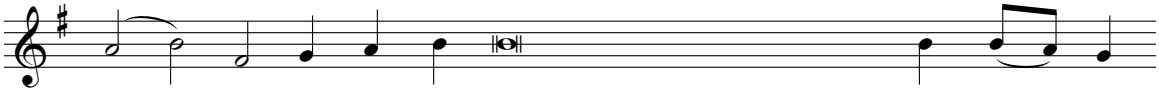
his bles - sing till the ends of the earth re - vere



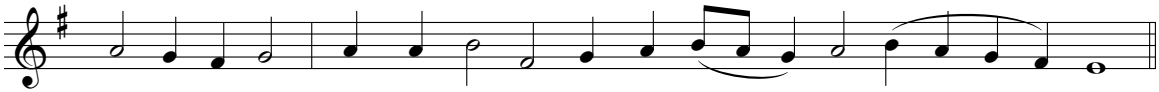
him.

All: *Repeat : "O Merciful One..."*

Cantor:



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly



Spir - it; now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

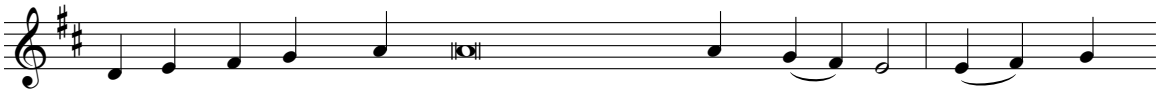
All: *Repeat: "O Creator of the world..." (p.14)*

Reading 2 *For the sake of brevity, only one reading may be taken.)*

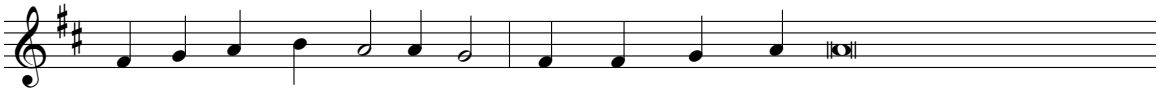
Joshua 3:7-8, 15-17
II Kings 2: 6-14
***II Kings 5: 9-14**

Second Responsorial Troparion

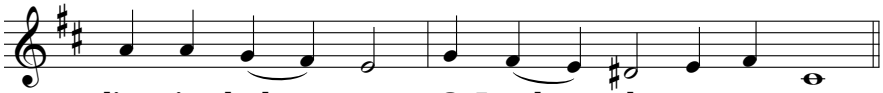
All: *Tone 6*



O our Sav-ior, through the greatness of your mer - cy, you cleansed

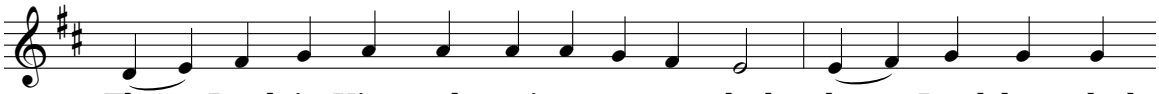


the sin-ners and pub-lic-ans, and now your light shines upon those who

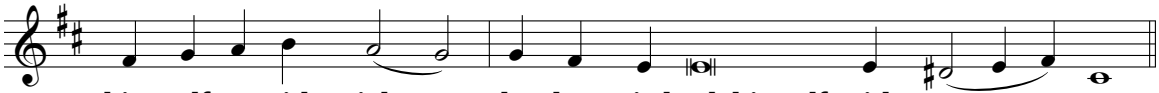


live in dark - ness. O Lord, glo - ry to you.

Cantor:

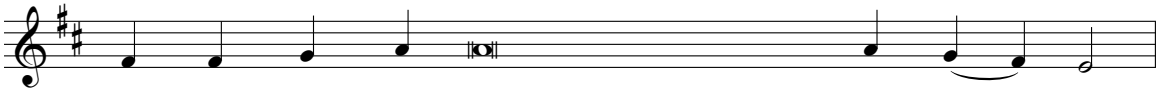


The Lord is King, wth maj - es - ty en-robed; the Lord has robed



him-self with might, he has gird - ed himself with pow - er.

All:



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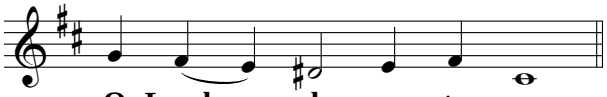
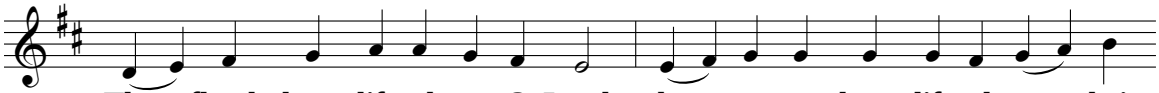
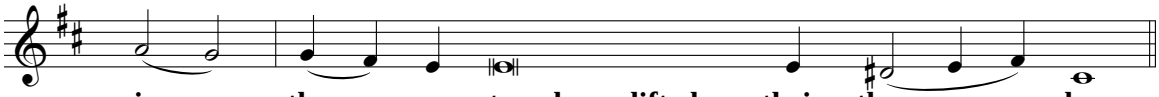


O Lord, glo - ry to you.

Cantor:



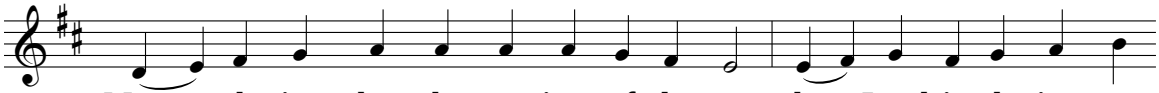
The floods have lift-ed up, O Lord; the wa-ters have lift-ed up their



voice; the wa - ters have lifted up their thun - der.

All: *Repeat "and now your light shines…"*

Cantor:



More glo-rious than the surg-ings of the sea, the Lord is glo-rious on

high. Tru - ly your decrees are to be trust - ed.

All: *Repeat "and now your light shines…"*

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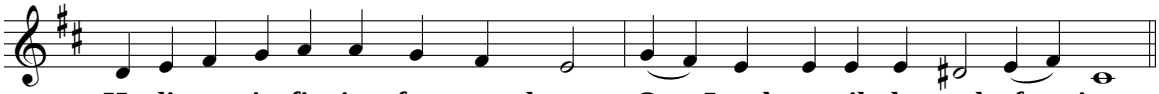
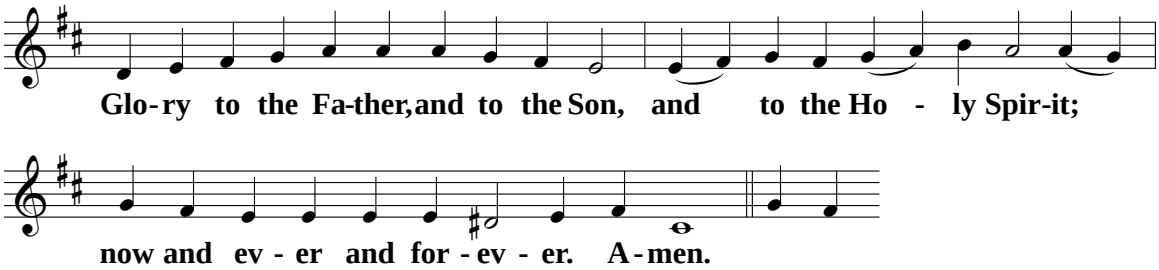


Ho - li-ness is fit-ting for your house, O Lord, un-til the end of time.

All: *Repeat "and now your light shines…"*

Cantor:



All: *Repeat "O our Savior…" (p.16)*

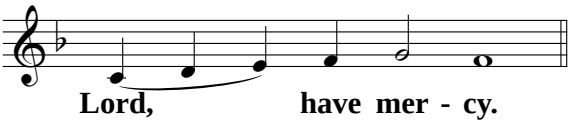
Reading 3 *For the sake of brevity, only one reading may be taken.)*

Isaiah 1: 16-20
Genesis 32: 1-10
Exodus 2: 5-10
Judges 6: 36-40
I Kings 18: 30-39
II Kings 2: 19-22
***Isaiah 49: 8-15** *(This reading should always be taken.)*

The Liturgy of St. Basil begins here, with the Small Litany followed by the Trisagion.

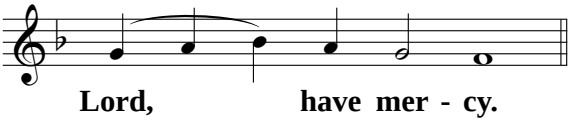
Deacon: Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord

Response:



Deacon: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.

Response:



Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

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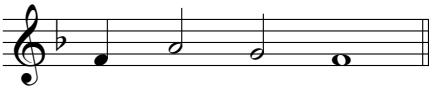

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: For you are holy, our God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever

Deacon: And forever.

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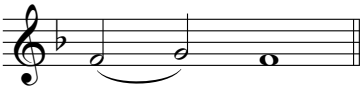
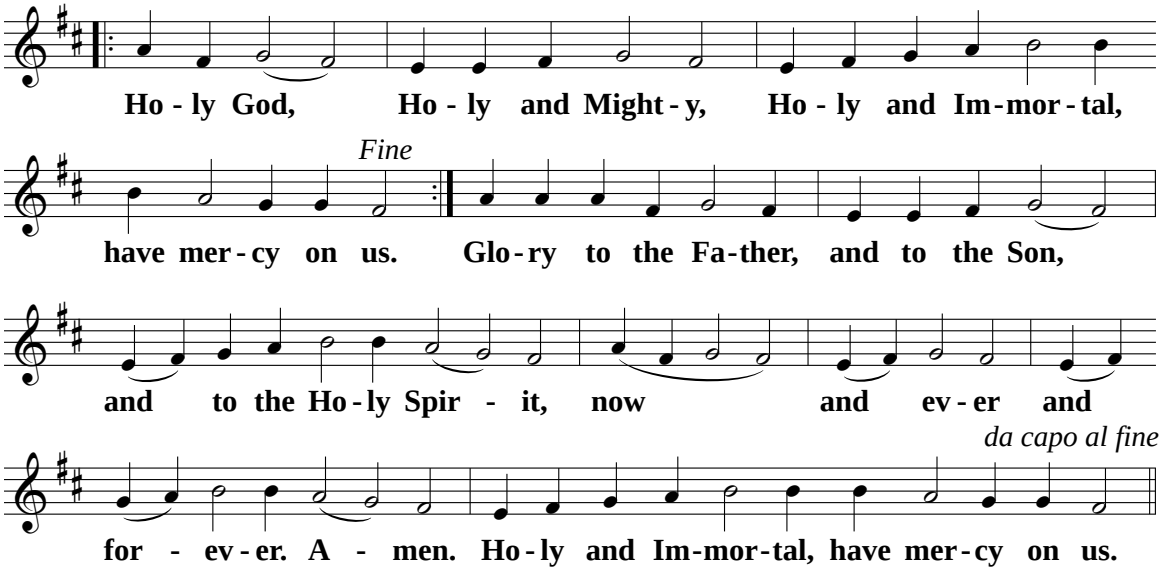


A - men.

<u>The faithful STAND</u> *for the Thrice-holy Hymn.*

3 times



LITURGY OF THE WORD

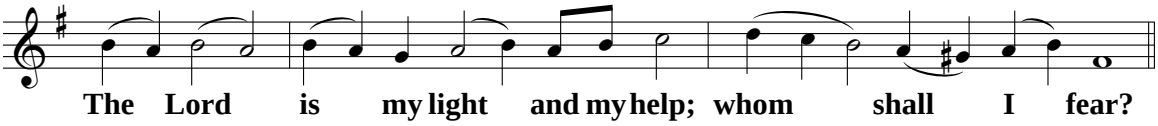
Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace ✣ be to all.

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful sing the PROKEIMENON. The lector chants the verse.

Tone 3

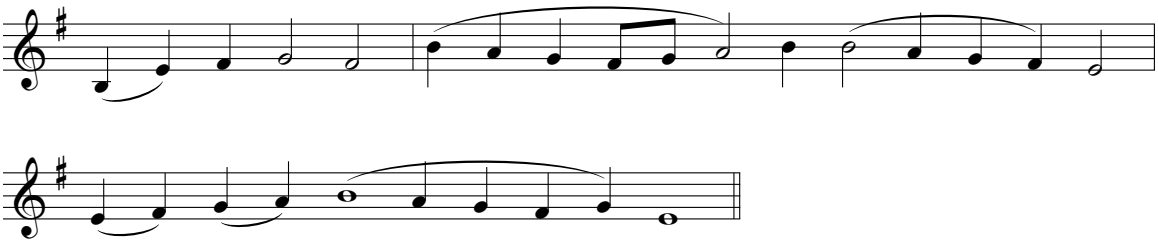


Verse: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

Epistle: I Corinthians 9: 19-27

Alleluia (Psalm 90: 1, 2)

Tone 6

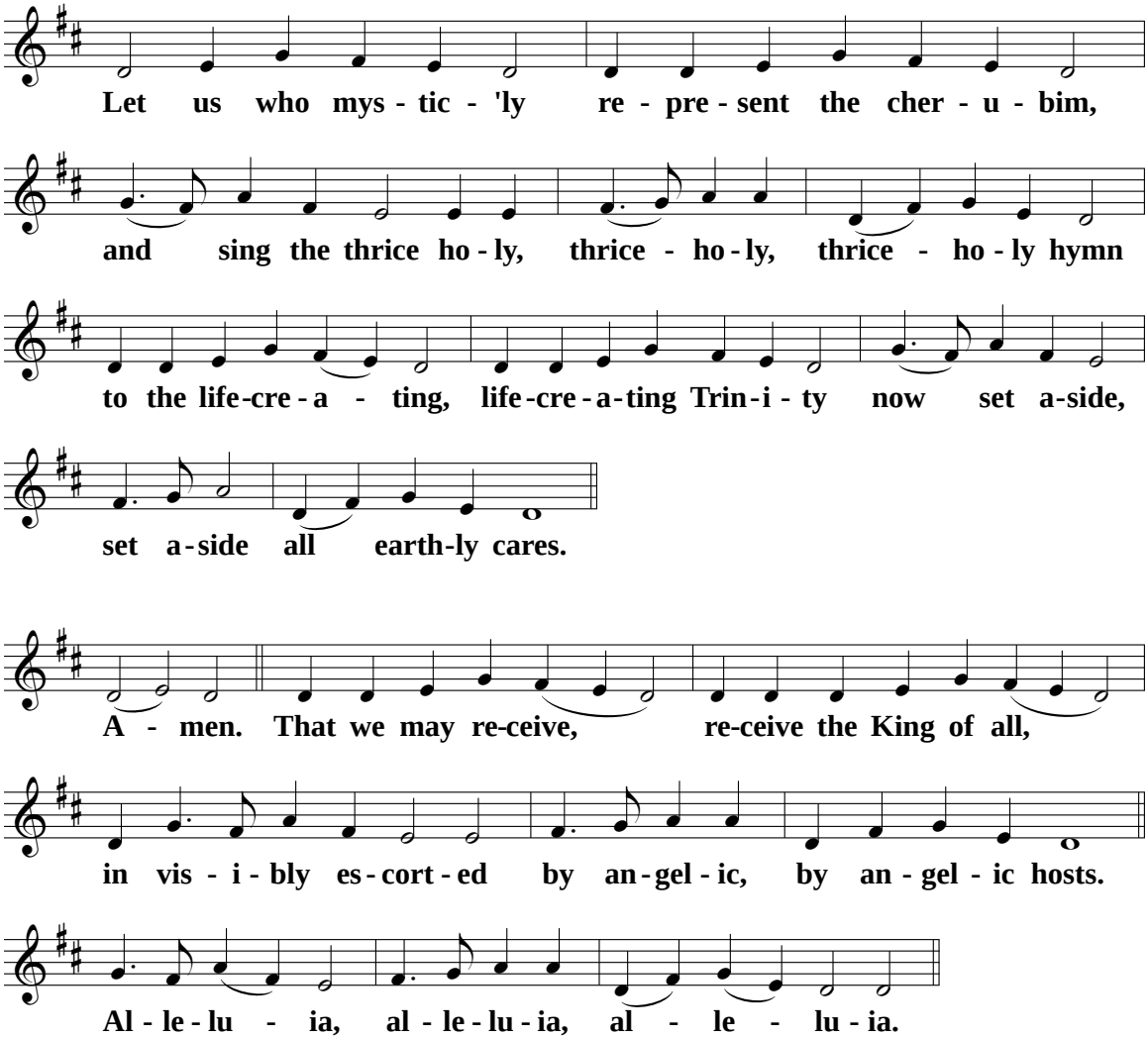


Verse: The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Verse: He says to the Lord: You are my Protector, my Refuge, and my God in whom I trust.

The Liturgy of St. Basil continues

Cherubic Hymn *(Melody: Divnaja novina)*



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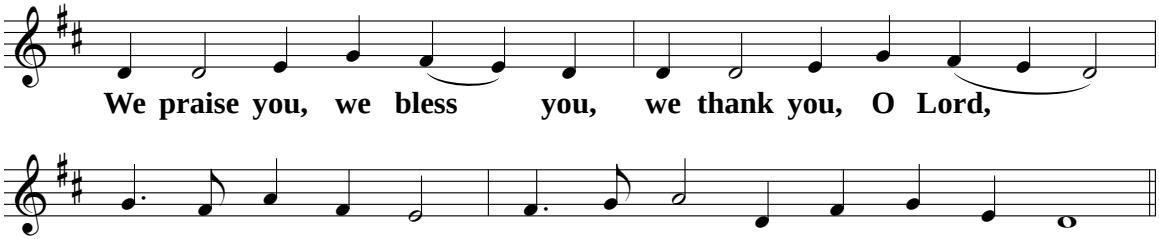

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

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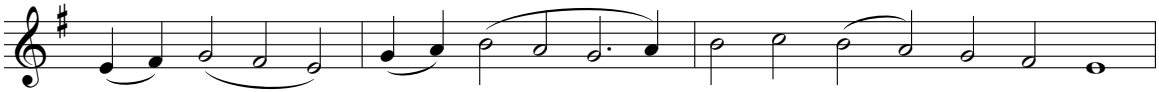
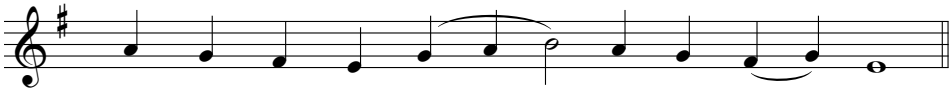


Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,



Christ the King, bap-tized in the Jor - dan.

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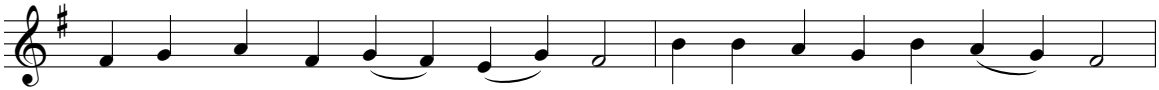

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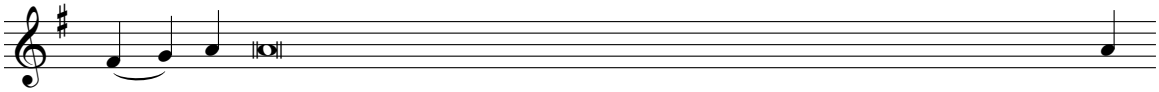
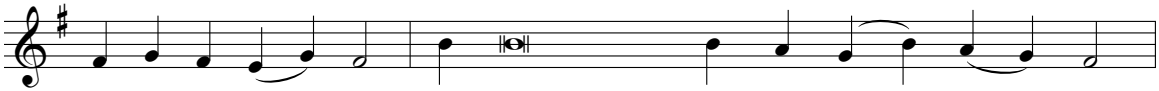
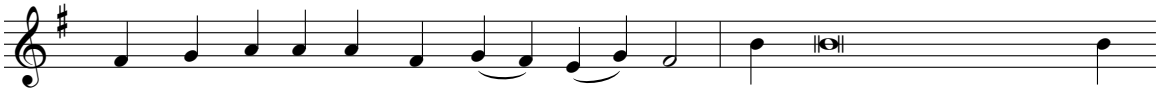


and e - ven a supernatural mind is overwhelmed when it glorifies you,



O The - o - to - kos. But in your good-ness ac - cept our faith,



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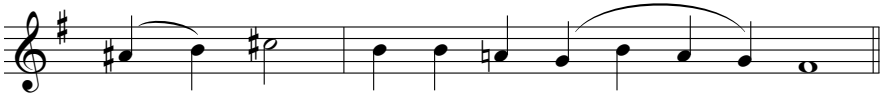

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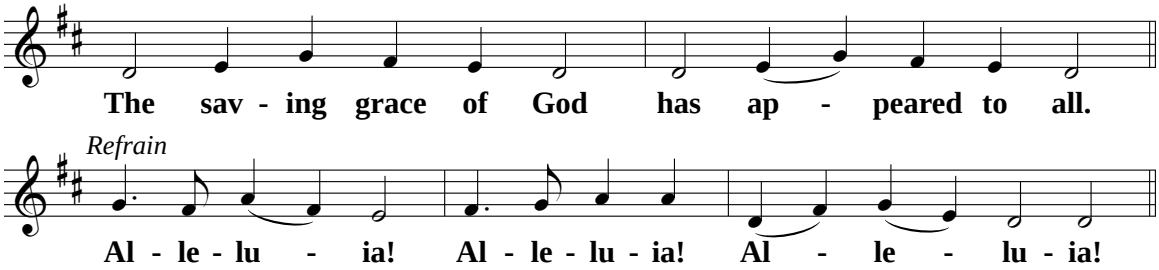
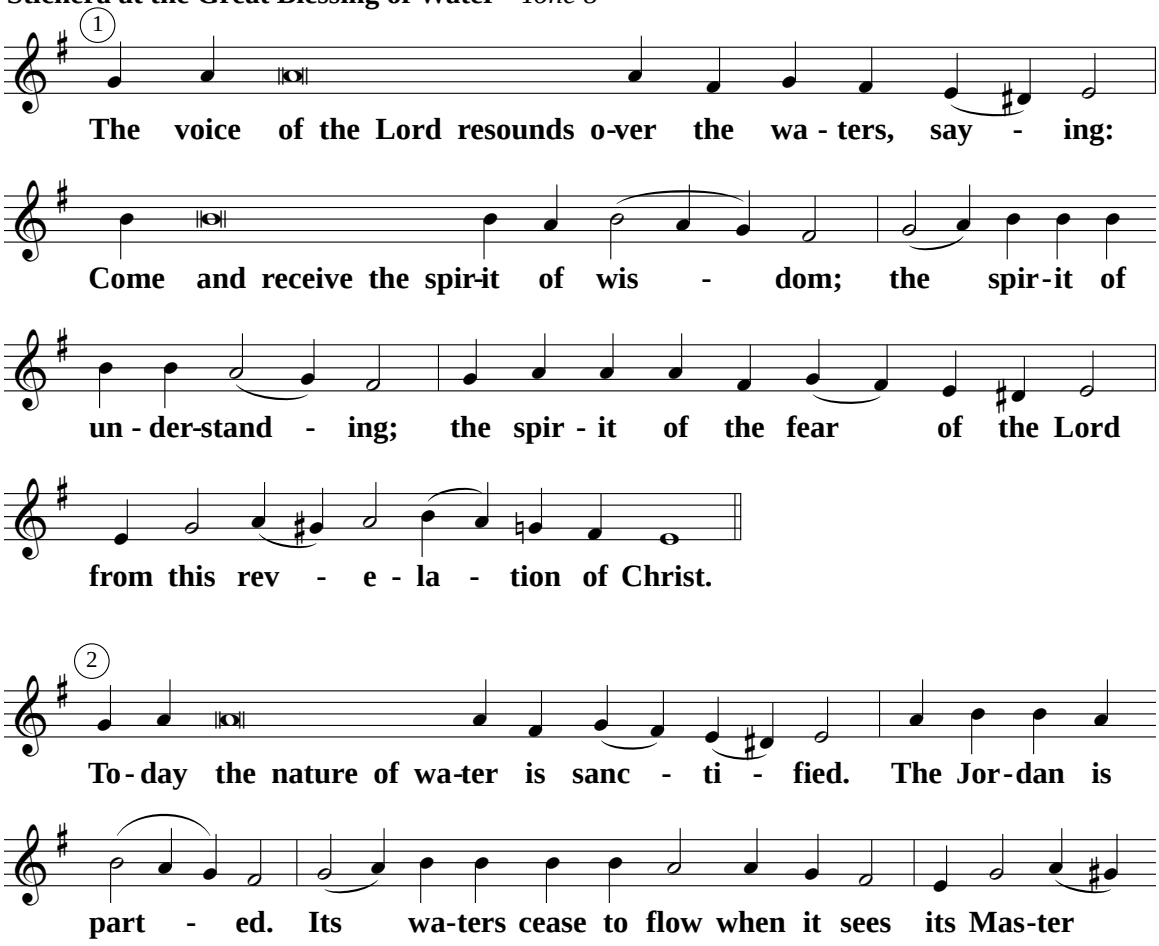
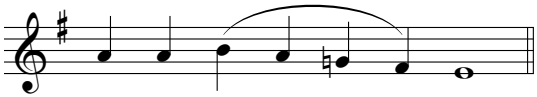
Communion Hymn (Titus 2: 11):



The Great Blessing of Water follows the Ambon Prayer.

Stichera at the Great Blessing of Water - *Tone 8*





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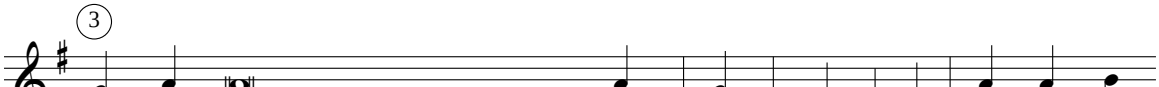

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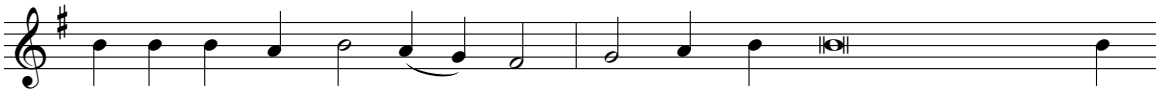

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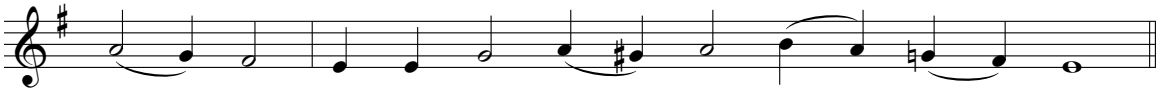
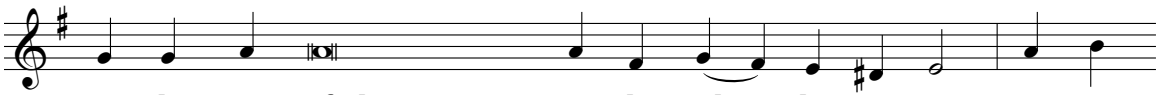


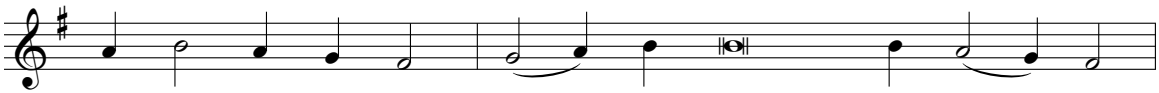
serv - ant by the hands of the Fore - run - ner.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever and forever. Amen.

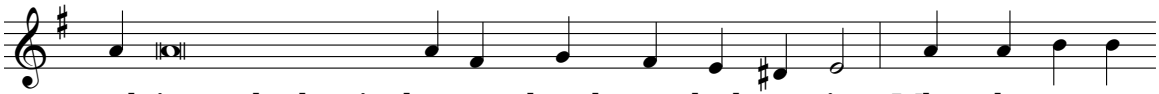
Doxastikon - *Tone 8*



To the voice of the one crying in the wil - der - ness: Pre - pare



the way of the Lord, you came, O Lord, as a serv - ant,



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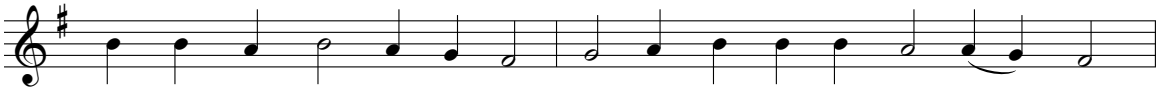
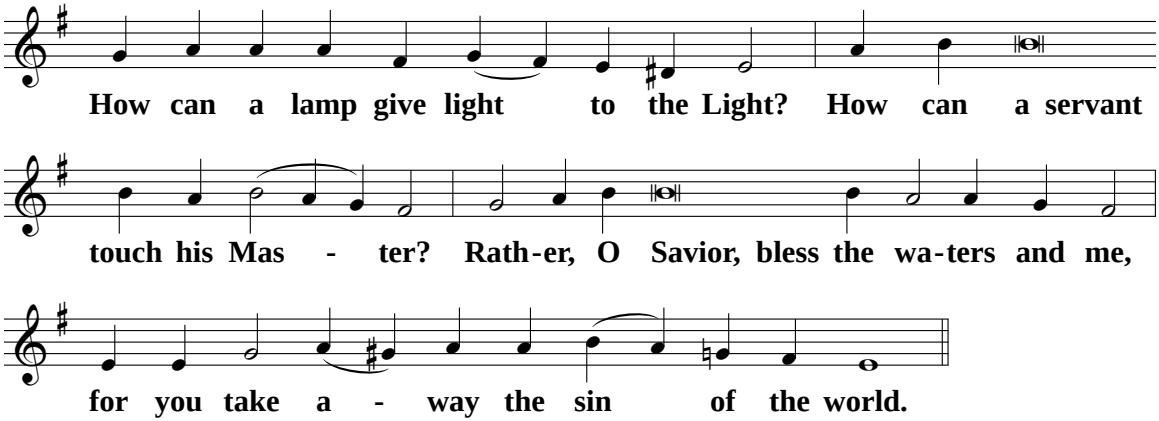


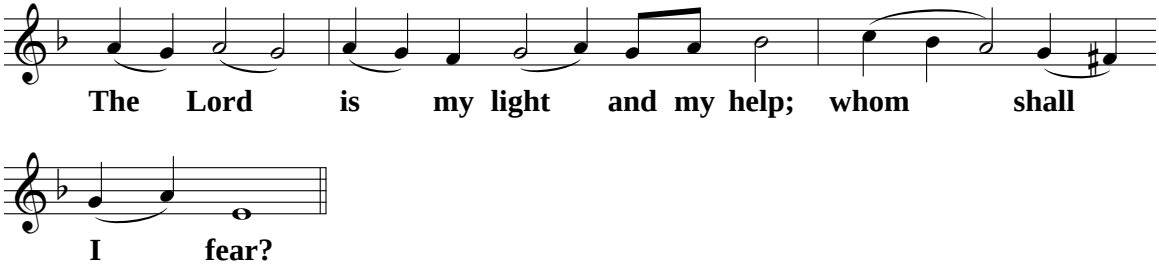
saw you, they trem - bled in fear like the Fore - run - ner, who ex - claimed:



Liturgy of the Word

Readings: **Isaiah 35: 1-10**
Isaiah 55: 1-13
Isaiah 12: 3-6

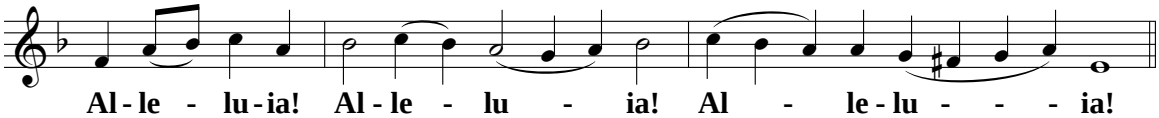
Prokeimenon - *Tone 3*



Verse: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

Epistle: **I Corinthians 10: 1 - 4**

Alleluia - *Tone 4*



Verse: The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord is on the immensity of the waters.

Verse: The God of glory thunders;
the Lord is on the immensity of the waters.

Gospel: **Mark 1: 9 - 11**

Litany for the Blessing

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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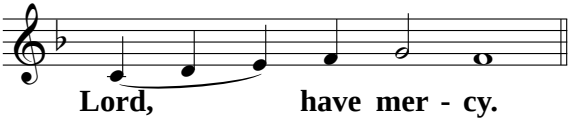

For peace from on high and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

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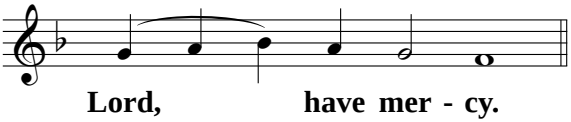

For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy Churches of God,
and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God,
let us pray to the Lord. (2)

For our holy father *(Name)*, pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

For our most reverend metropolitan *(Name)*, for our bishop *(Name)*
whom God loves, for the venerable presbyterate, the diaconate in Christ,
and all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

For our government and for all in the service of our country,
let us pray to the Lord. (1)

For this city *[or: For this holy monastery]*, for every city, community, and for the
faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,
and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

For those who travel by sea, air, and land, for the sick, the suffering,
the captive and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

That these waters may be sanctified by the power, action, and descent of the
Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

That the purifying action of the transcendent Trinity may descend upon these waters,
let us pray to the Lord. (2)

That these waters may be given the grace of redemption, the blessing of the river
Jordan by the power, action, and descent of the Holy Spirit,
let us pray to the Lord. (1)

That Satan may be swiftly crushed beneath our feet, and for the dissolution of
every plot conceived against us, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

That the Lord God may prevent our ensnarement by the devil, and make us worthy
to receive his promises, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

That by the descent of the Holy Spirit we may be enlightened with the light of
understanding and piety, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

That the Lord God may send down the blessing of the river Jordan and sanctify
these waters, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

That this water may be a sanctifying gift, a deliverance from sins, for the healing
of soul and body, and a help in every necessity, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

That this water may be a spring for eternal life, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

That it may avert every snare of our enemies, visible and invisible,
let us pray to the Lord. (2)

For those who draw and take of it for the sanctification of their homes,
let us pray to the Lord. (1)

That it be for the purification of soul and body for all who draw of it with faith
and partake of it, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

That through the sharing of these waters we may be worthy to be filled with
sanctification by the invisible presence of the Holy Spirit,
let us pray to the Lord. (1)

That the Lord God may hear the supplications of us sinners and have mercy on us,
let us pray to the Lord. (2)

That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need,
let us pray to the Lord. (1)

Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace. (2)

Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady,
the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves
and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

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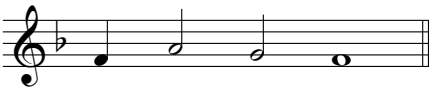

To you, O Lord.

The priest makes the sign of the cross three times over the water with three lighted candles, three times thrusting them into the water and saying each time:

Celebrant: Great are you, O Lord, and wonderful are your works;
no word suffices to give praise to your wonders.

By your will you brought forth all things from nothingness into being; by your might you control creation, and by your providence you govern the world. You created all things from four elements, and crowned the cycle of the year with four seasons. The spiritual powers tremble before you. The sun praises you, the moon glorifies you, the stars serve you. Light obeys you, the depths tremble before you, and the springs adore you. You spread out the heavens like a tent. You established the earth upon the waters. You fringed the seas with beaches of sand. You poured forth air for breathing. The angelic powers serve you; the ranks of archangels worship you; the many-eyed cherubim and the six-winged seraphim stand before you or hover over you, yet they dare not gaze at your unapproachable glory. Although you are God, boundless, indescribable, and without beginning, you came upon earth, and taking the likeness of a servant, became like one of us. Because of the depth of your compassion, O Master, you could not bear to see mankind under the tyranny of the Devil, and so you cameto save us. We profess your goodness; we proclaim your mercy, and we do not conceal your graciousness. You freed all human offspring by sanctifying the virginal womb through your birth. All creation praises your appearance, for you, our God, came upon earth by sending down your Holy Spirit from heaven, and you crushed the head of every dragon nesting in it.

Three times the priest breathes over the water in the form of a cross, each time saying:

O Loving King, come now and through the descent of the Holy Spirit sanctify this water.

Grant it the grace of redemption and the blessing of the Jordan. Make it a fount of incorruptibility, a gift of sanctification, a redemption of sins, a healing potion for illness, and a destroyer of demons. Make it immune to hostile powers, and fill it with angelic power so that all who drink and receive of it may be purified in soul and body, cured of ills, sanctified in their homes, and given every befitting grace.

For you are our God, who through water and the Spirit rejuvenated our nature grown old by sin. You are our God, who drowned sin in the waters at the time of Noah. You are our God, who, on the sea and at the hands of Moses, delivered the Hebrews from the bondage of Pharaoh. You are our God, who split the rock in the wilderness, so that the waters gushed out,

and the valleys overflowed, and the people were satisfied. You are our God, who, with fire and water, and at the hands of Elijah, delivered Israel from the errors of Baal.

The priest makes the sign of the cross in the water three times with his hand, each time saying:

Wherefore, O Master, sanctify this water by your Holy Spirit.

Grant sanctification, blessing, cleansing, and health to all who touch it, are blessed with it, or who partake of it. O Lord, save your servants, our civil authorities. Keep them in peace within your protective shadow, granting them all salutary requests and eternal life. May your all-holy name be glorified by the elements, by men, by angels, by all that is visible or invisible, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

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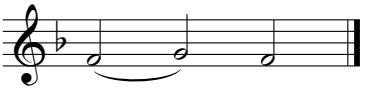

Celebrant: ✣ Peace be to all!

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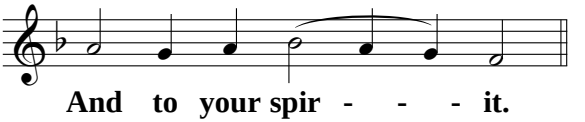

Deacon: Bow your heads to the Lord!

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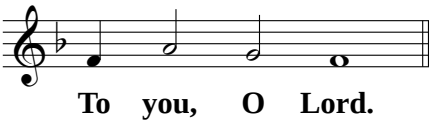

Celebrant: Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear us. You sanctified the water when you consented to be baptized in the Jordan; now bless us who through the bowing of our heads signify our servitude. Grant that we be filled with your sanctification by the partaking of this water, and let it be for the healing of our souls and bodies, O Lord.

Celebrant: For you are our sanctification, and to you do we give glory, thanksgiving, and worship, and to your eternal Father and your all-holy, gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever.

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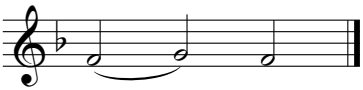
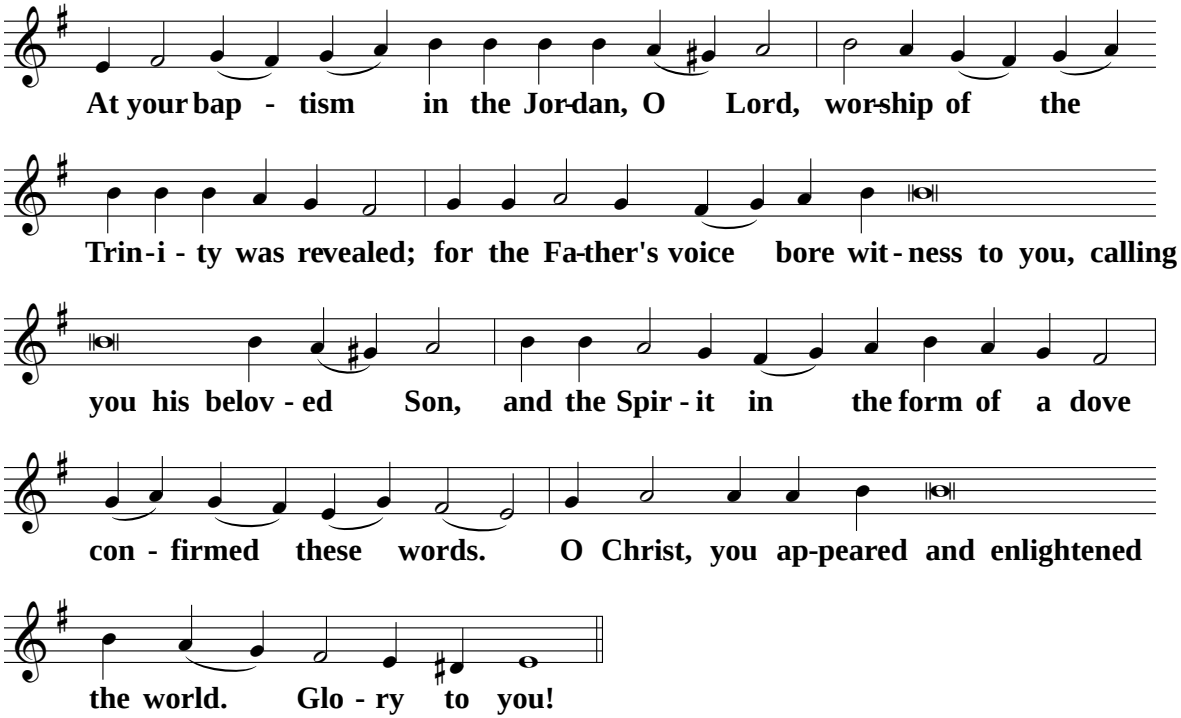


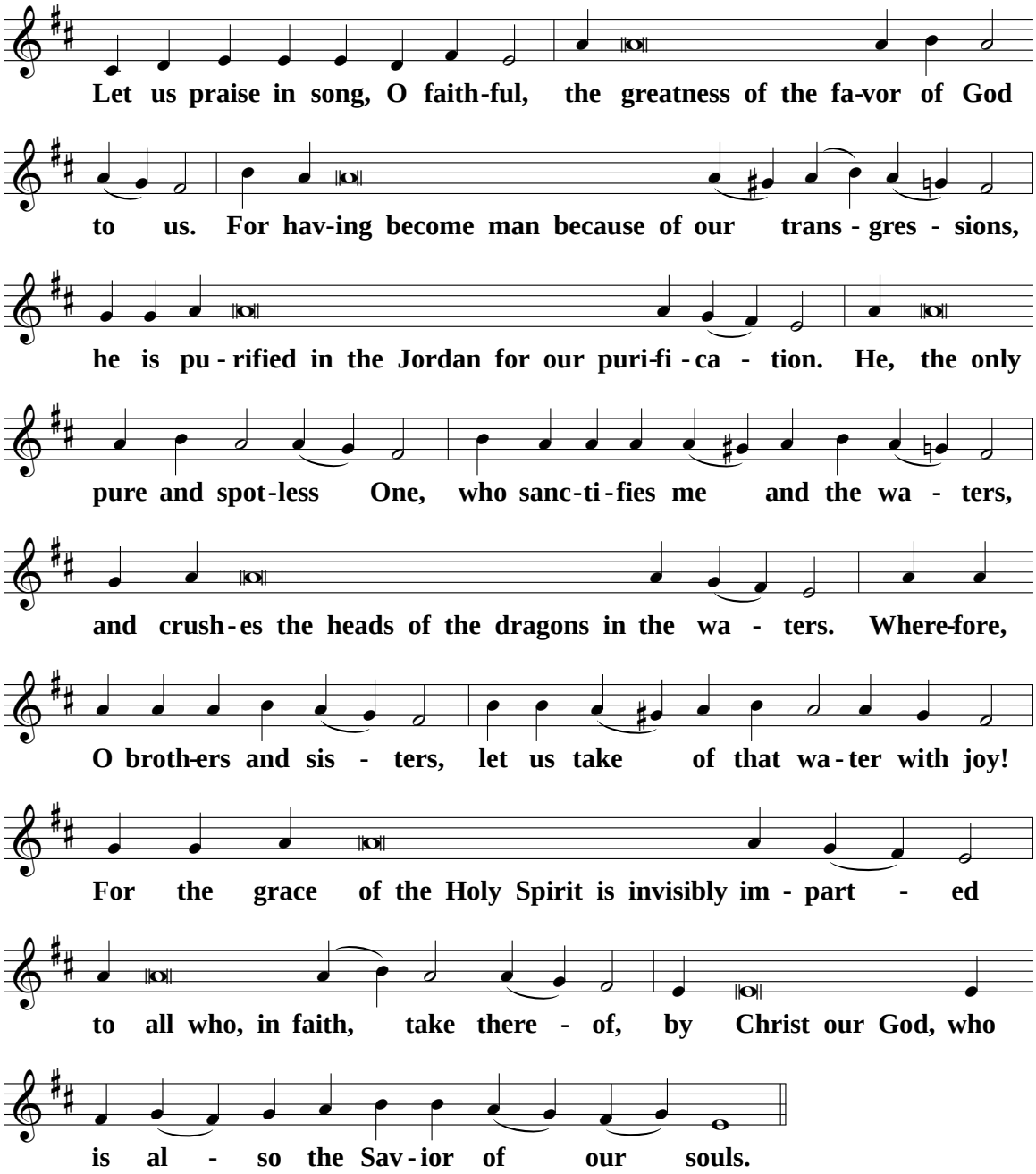
Holding the handcross in both hands, the priest makes the sign of the cross directly in the water, meanwhile singing the following Troparion in Tone 1:



The priest, twice more, makes the sign of the cross in the water while the people sing the Troparion. The priest takes some of the blessed water, and, facing the west (the people), he holds a handcross in his left hand and a cluster of basil in his right hand (or some sprinkling instrument).

First the clergy, according to rank, then the faithful come forward to kiss the cross and receive a blessing from the priest with the basil dipped into a container holding the newly blessed water.

During the sprinkling of the people with Jordan water, the following is sung in Tone 6:



Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

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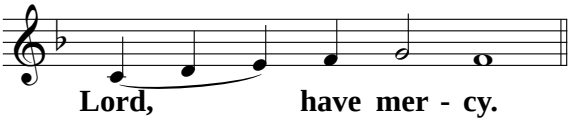

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ our God, you blessed the five loaves in the wilderness and fed the five thousand. Likewise bless these loaves, wheat, wine, and oil, and multiply them in this city and through your whole world. Sanctify your faithful who will partake of them, for you yourself bless and sanctify all things, O Christ our God, and we give glory to you with your eternal Father and your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.

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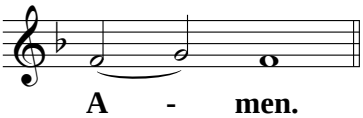
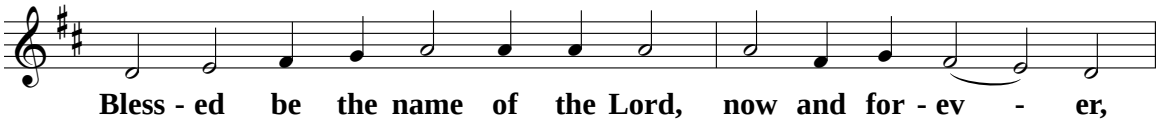


Priest, then All:



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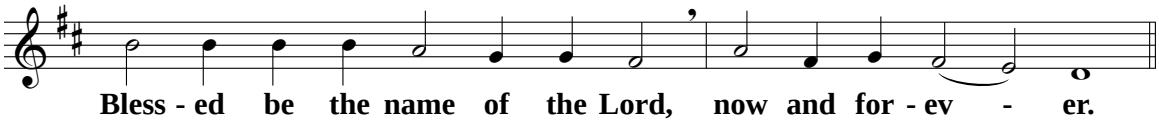

Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times,*
his praise always on ***my*** lips;

in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. *
The humble shall hear and ***be*** glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. *
Together let us praise ***his*** name.

sought the Lord and he answered me; *
from all my terrors he set ***me*** free.

Look towards him and be radiant; *
let your faces not be ***a***bashed.

This poor man called, the Lord heard him *
and rescued him from all his ***dis***tress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped, *
around those who revere him, ***to*** rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. *
He is happy who seeks refuge ***in*** him.

Revere the Lord, you his saints. *
They lack nothing, those who ***re***vere him.

Strong lions suffer want and go hungry *
but those who seek the Lord lack ***no*** blessing.

Celebrant: The blessing of the Lord be upon you through his grace and loving-kindness, always, now and ever and forever.

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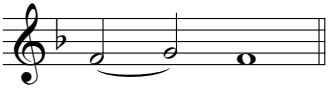

A - men.

Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom!

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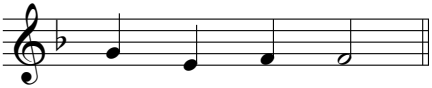

Give the bles - sing.

Celebrant: Blessed is Christ our God, the One-Who-Is, always, now and ever and forever.

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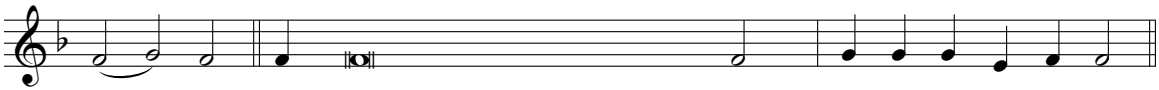

A - men. O God, strengthen the true faith, for-ev-er and ev-er.

Celebrant: O most holy Theotokos, save us!

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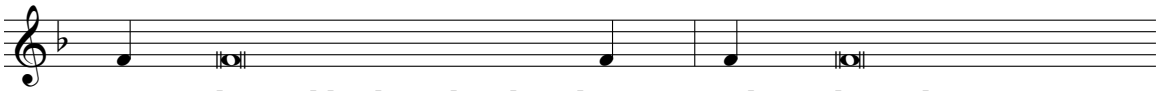
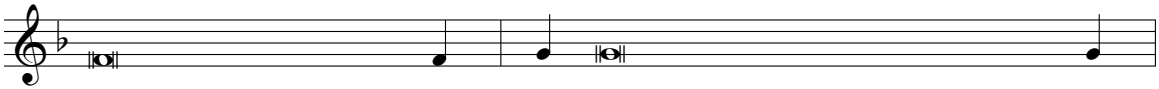
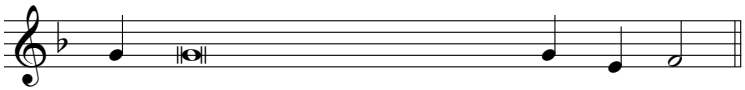


More honorable than the cheru-bim, and beyond compare more



glorious than the sera-phim, who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word,



you, truly the Theotokos, we mag-ni-fy.

Celebrant: Glory to you, O Christ our God, our hope; glory to you!

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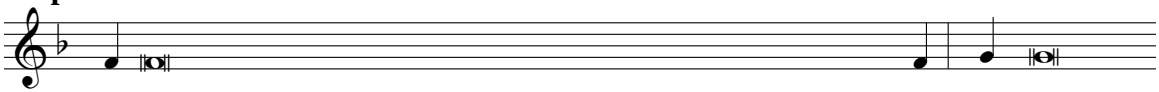
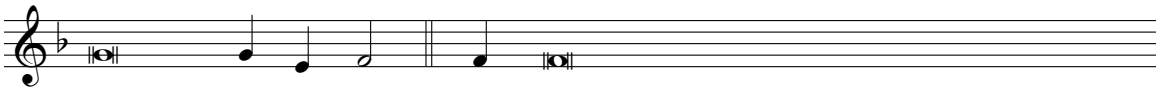


Glo-ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever



and for ev-er. A-men. Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have

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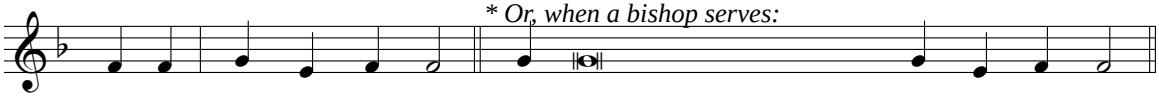

mer-cy. Give the bless-ing. Most reverend [arch]bishop, give the bles-sing.

Celebrant: May Christ our true God, who for our salvation deigned to be baptized by John in the Jordan, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother; and of our holy Father Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia; and through the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all.

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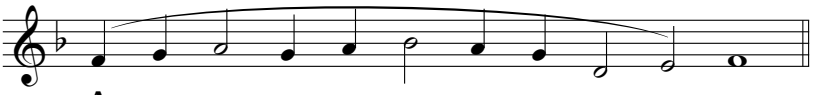

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Weekday Prokeimena

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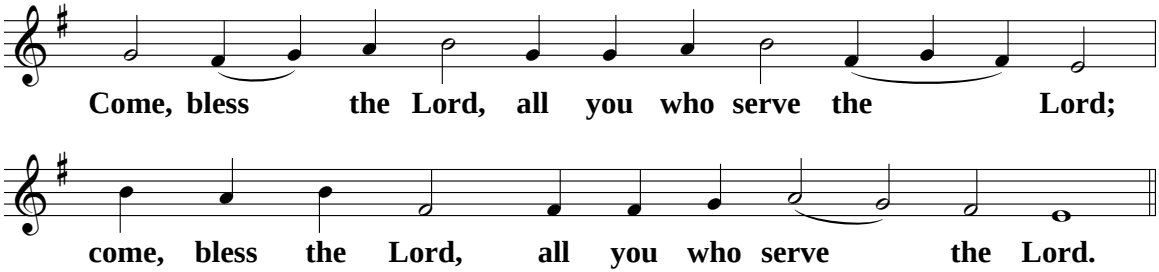
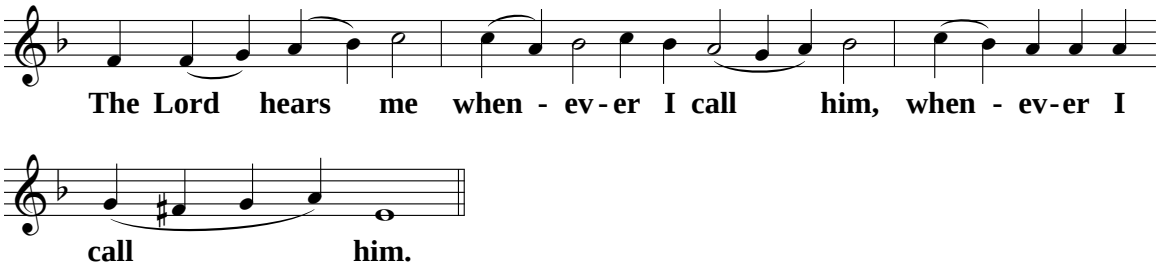
Sunday, Tone 8 *Psalm 133:1; 2*



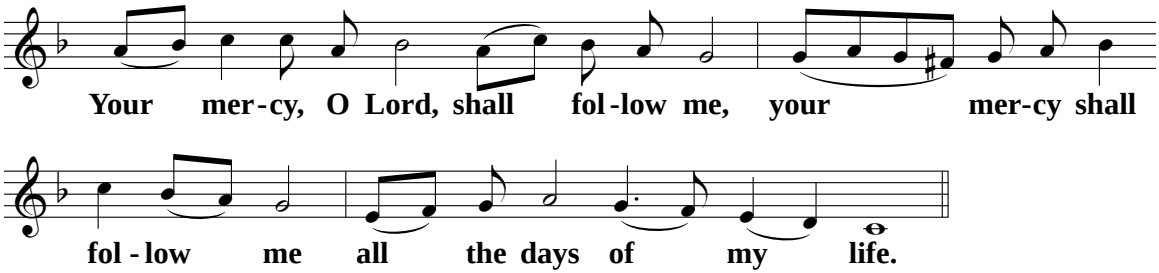
Deacon: Who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Monday, Tone 4 *Psalm 4:3;1*



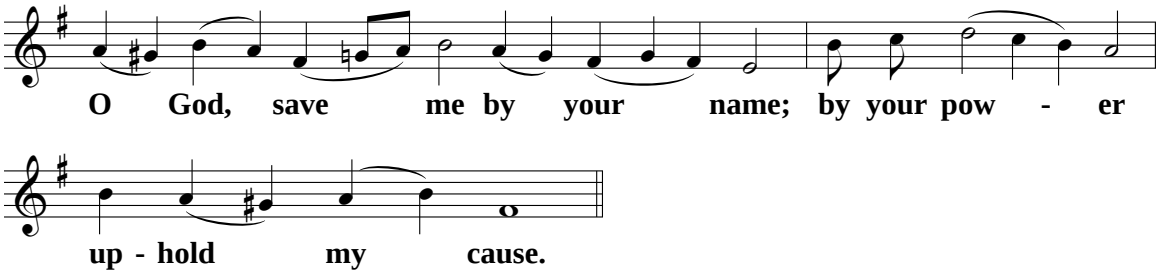
Deacon: When I call, answer me, O God of justice.

Tuesday, Tone 1 *Psalm 22:6; 1*



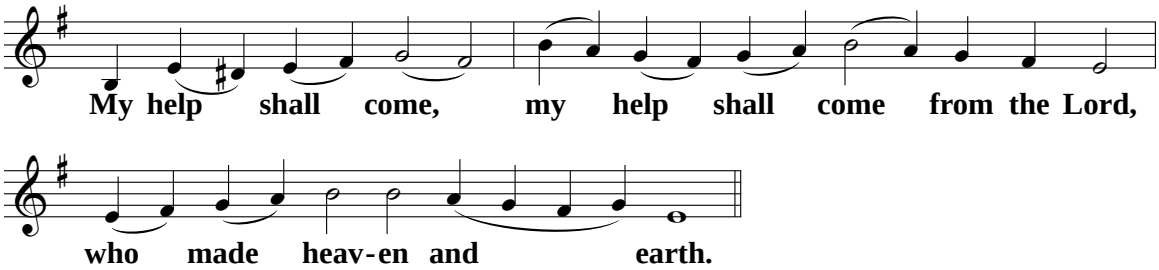
Deacon: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want;
fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Wednesday, Tone 5 *Psalm 53: 1; 2*



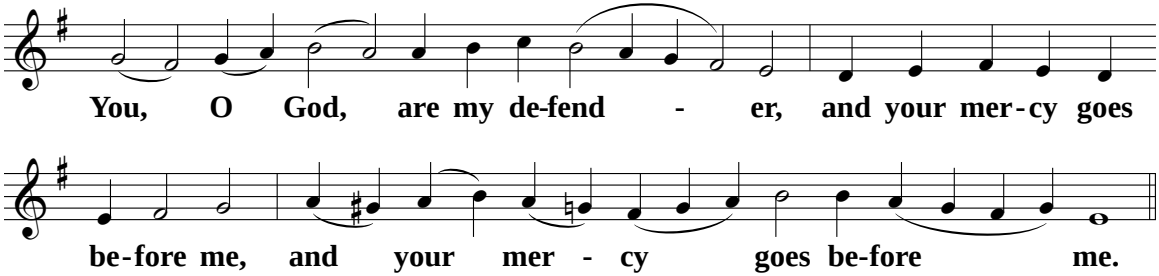
Deacon: O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth.

Thursday, Tone 6 *Psalm 120: 2; 1*



Deacon: I lift up my eyes to the mountains, from where shall come my help.

Friday, Tone 7 *Psalm 58: 9-10; 1*



Deacon: Rescue me, O God, from my foes; protect me from those who attack me.