

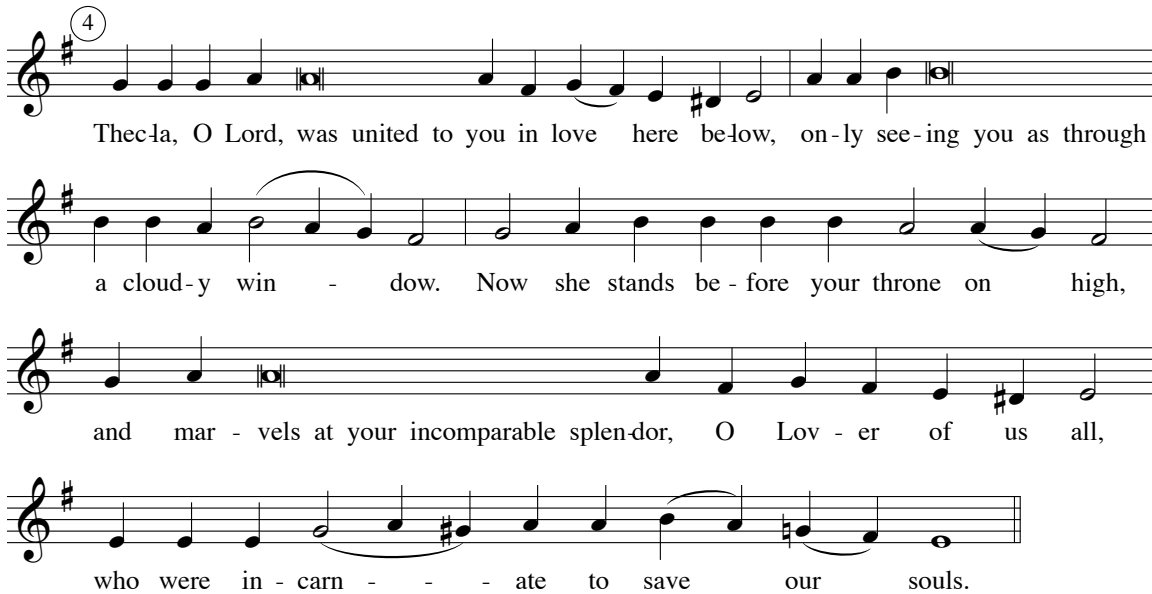
Vesper Propers, September 14, 2006

The holy martyr, first among women, and equal to the apostles, Thecla, who was converted to the faith by the preaching of the Apostle Paul, when he came to Iconium with Barnabas. Thecla became a follower of the apostle Paul, and went with him to Antioch. She settled in a solitary place near Seleucia, and was martyred by local physicians who were jealous over her gifts of healing. (51)

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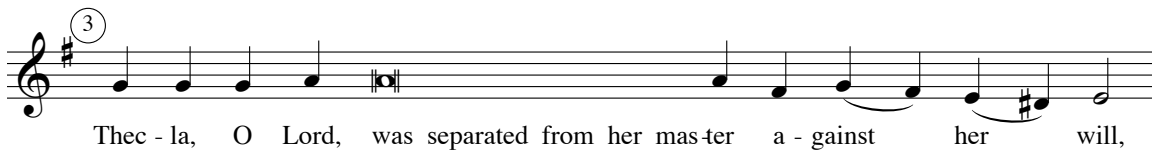
Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 7, stichera 10-5, beginning on page 92.

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

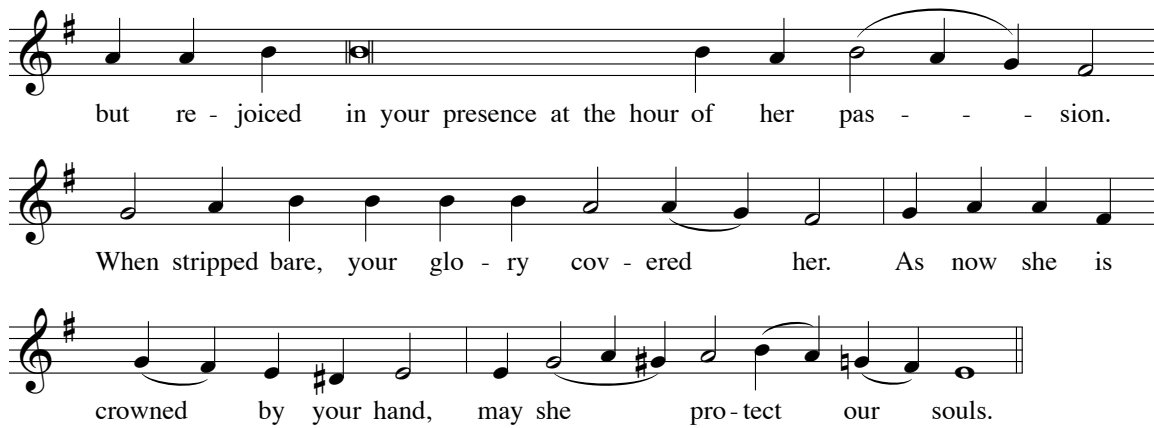


Thec-la, O Lord, was united to you in love here be-low, on-ly see-ing you as through
a cloud-y win - dow. Now she stands be - fore your throne on high,
and mar - vels at your incomparable splen-dor, O Lov - er of us all,
who were in - carn - - - ate to save our souls.

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

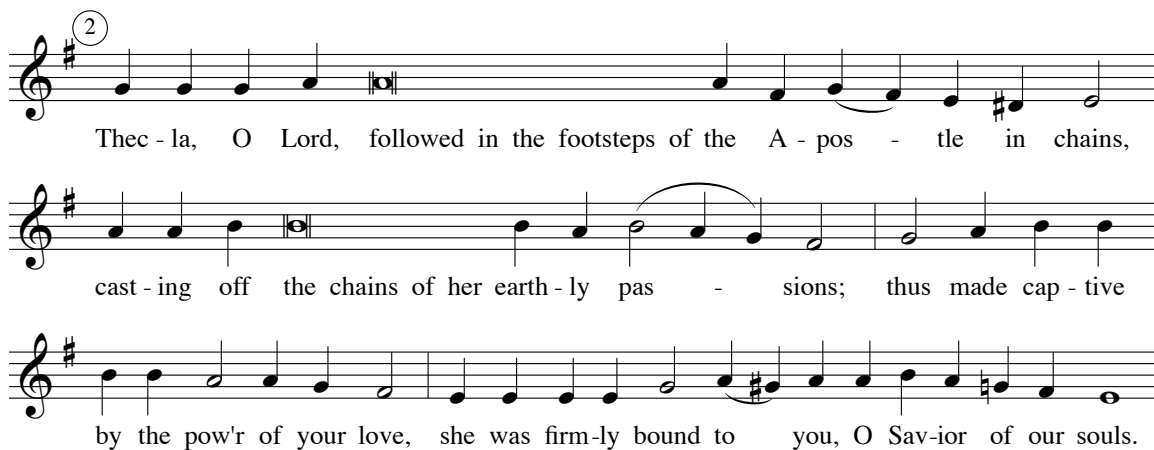


Thec - la, O Lord, was separated from her mas-ter a - gainst her will,



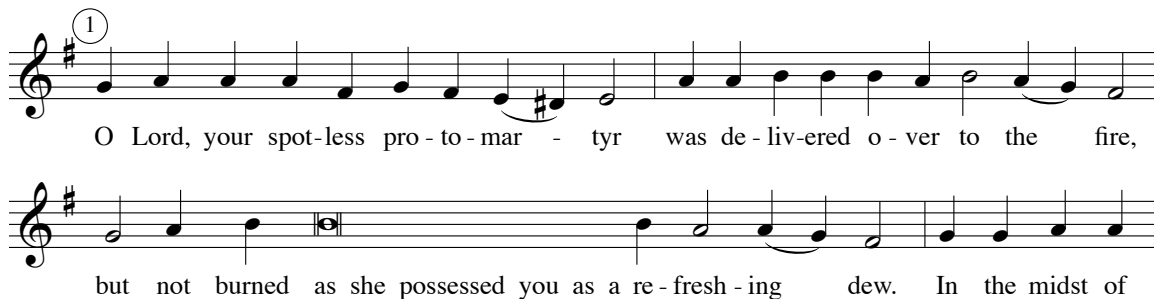
but re - joiced in your presence at the hour of her pas - - - sion.
 When stripped bare, your glo - ry cov - ered her. As now she is
 crowned by your hand, may she pro - tect our souls.

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



²
 Thec - la, O Lord, followed in the footsteps of the A - pos - tle in chains,
 cast - ing off the chains of her earth - ly pas - sions; thus made cap - tive
 by the pow'r of your love, she was firm - ly bound to you, O Sav - ior of our souls.

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



¹
 O Lord, your spot - less pro - to - mar - tyr was de - liv - ered o - ver to the fire,
 but not burned as she possessed you as a re - fresh - ing dew. In the midst of

wild beasts, she re-mained safe pro-TECT-ed as she was by your hand,
O Sav - ior of our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6

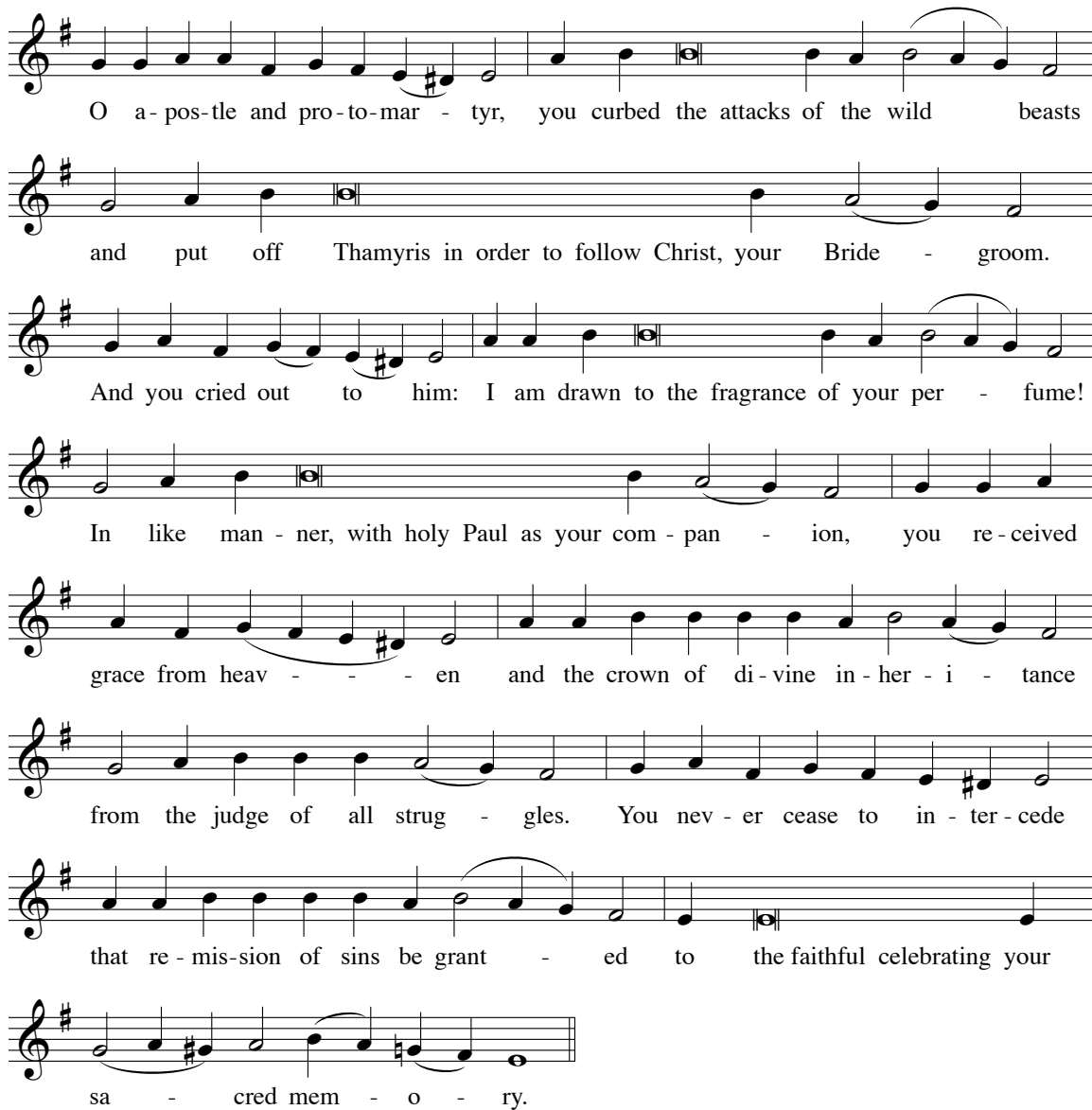
As an ath-lete in your strug-gles you overcame the enemy, O bless-ed Thec - la;
in mar-tyr-dom, you de - stroyed his schemes. You fled far from Tha-my - ris
in order to be espoused to Christ, your true Love. You were the com-pan-ion of
Paul and im-itated Ste-phen in his trial. As the first woman to bear wit-ness to Christ,
you have bold - ness be - fore him; save our souls from all dan - ger,
as in faith we fes-tive - ly cel - e - brate your sa - cred mem - o - ry.

Cantor: (Tone 7) Now and ever...

Aposticha, Tone 7, page 99

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 8



O a-pos-tle and pro-to-mar - tyr, you curbed the attacks of the wild beasts
and put off Thamyris in order to follow Christ, your Bride - groom.
And you cried out to him: I am drawn to the fragrance of your per - fume!
In like man - ner, with holy Paul as your com - pan - ion, you re - ceived
grace from heav - - - en and the crown of di - vine in - her - i - tance
from the judge of all strug - gles. You nev - er cease to in - ter - cede
that re - mis-sion of sins be grant - ed to the faithful celebrating your
sa - cred mem - o - ry.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 8, page 110