The Divine Liturgy
of the Presanctified Gifts

celebrated on
Wednesday, February 28, 2007

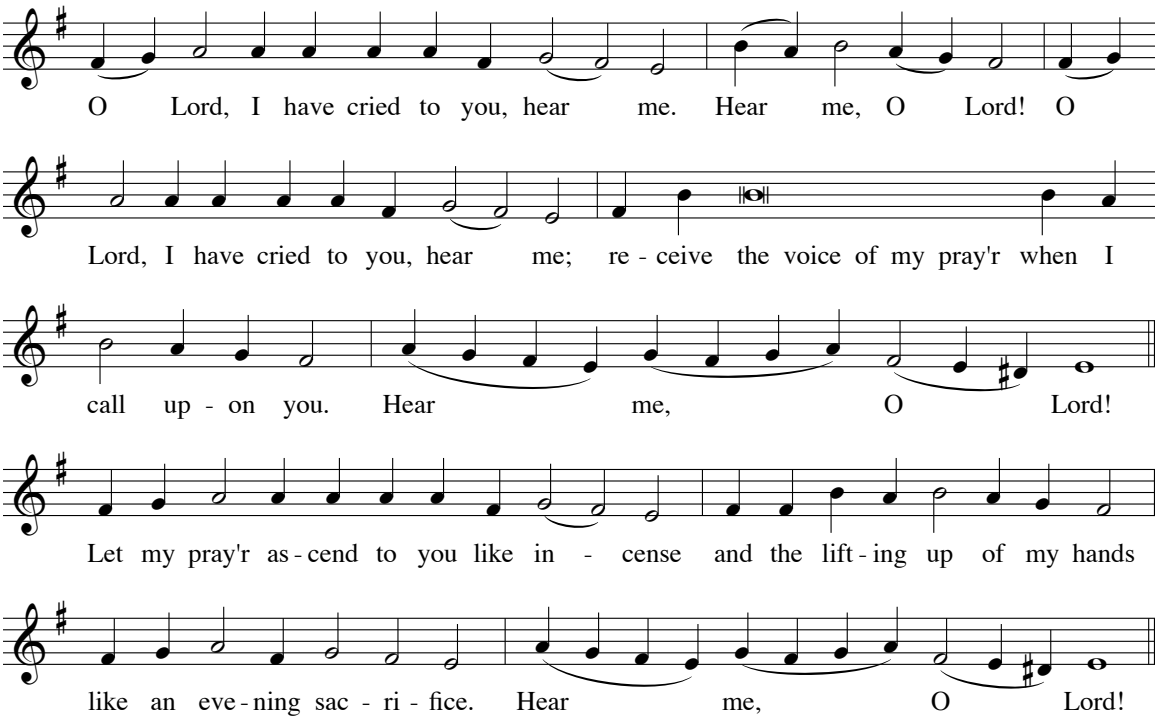
The reading from Genesis tells the story of the children of Adam and Eve---Cain, who killed his brother Abel, and Seth, their third child.

The reading from Proverbs counsels us about marital fidelity and to great caution in our financial dealings with each other.

The venerable martyr Eudoxia. Having lived a profligate younger life, she was converted and baptized by bishop Theodotus. She was arrested and beheaded for the faith under the emperor Trajan. (2nd century)

The Lamplighting Psalms

Psalm 140 **Tone 1**



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.

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*** distress.

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.

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

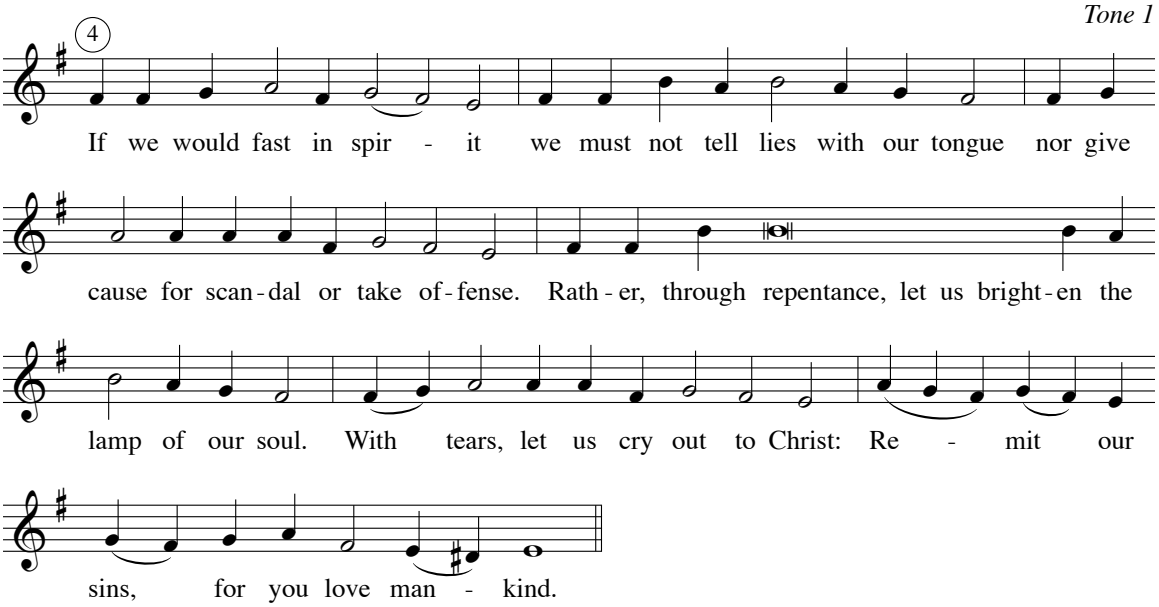
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of ***my*** pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would stand?
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.

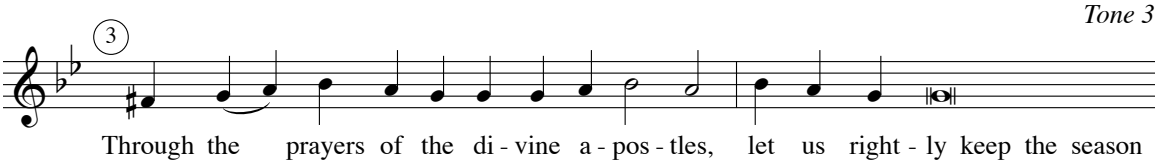
Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

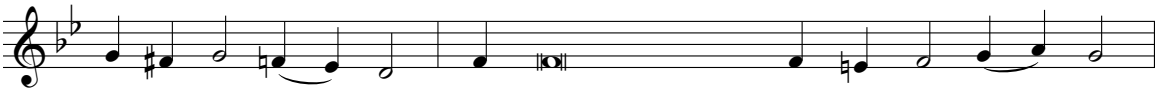
Tone 1



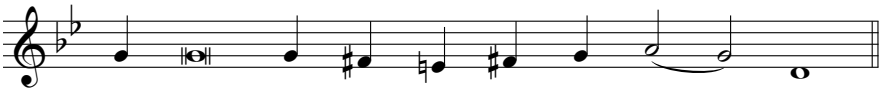
Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Tone 3





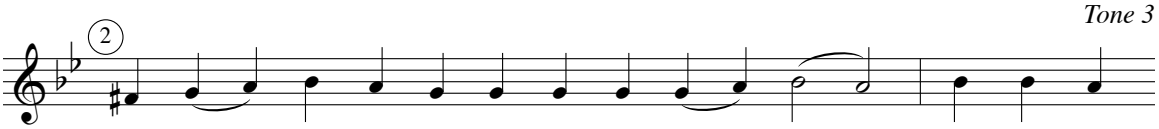
of the fast, O Lord. Grant us compunction that we may all be saved



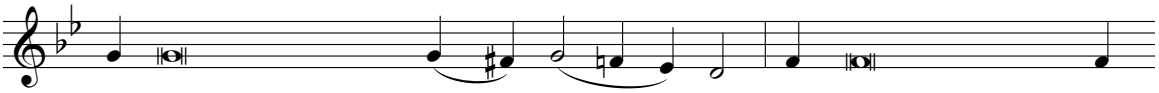
and glorify your good - ness and com - pas - sion.

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

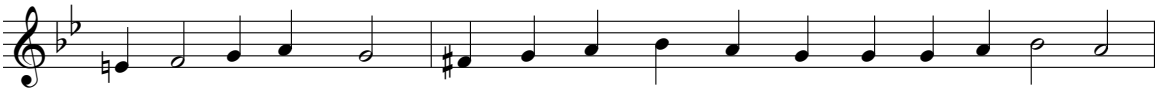
Tone 3



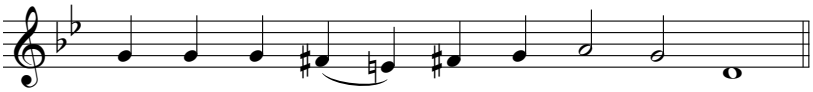
Great and fear - some is your com - ing, O Lord when you will



sit in judgment and dis - pense jus - tice. Do not judge me, for I am



al - read - y con - demned; but spare me through the prayers of your a - pos - tles



who have been pleas - ing to you, O God.

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

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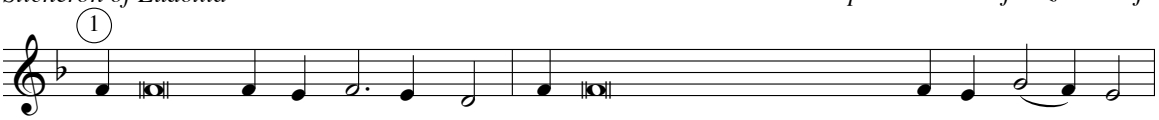

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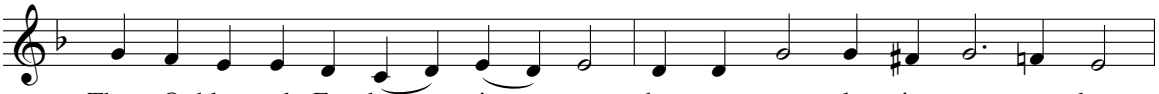

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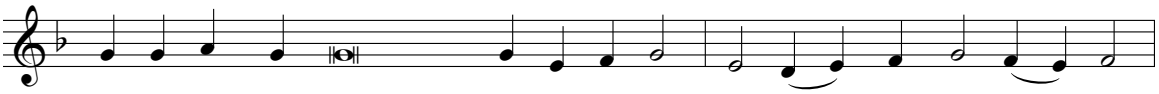
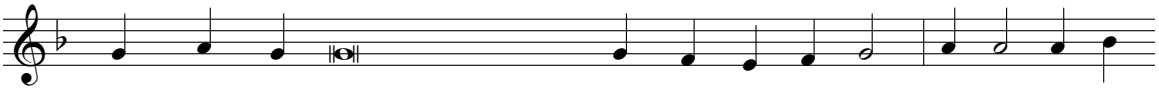
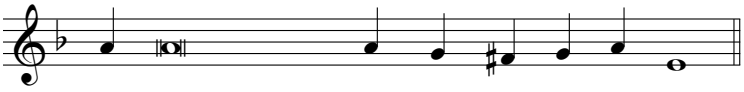


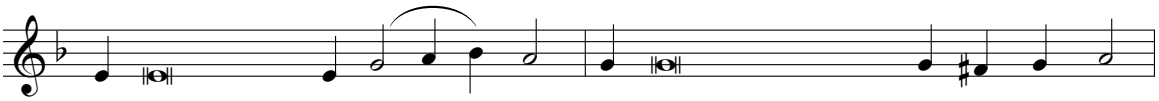


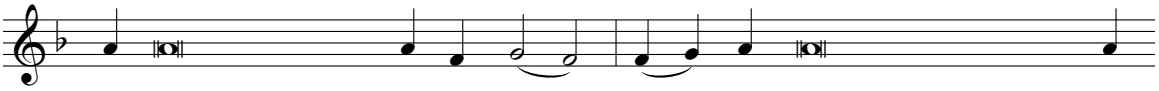


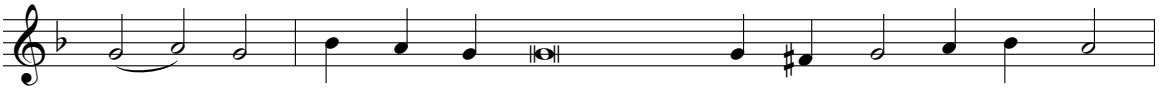
Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

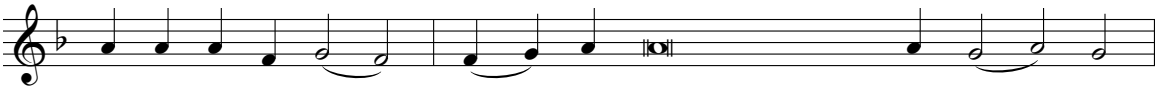
Theotokion

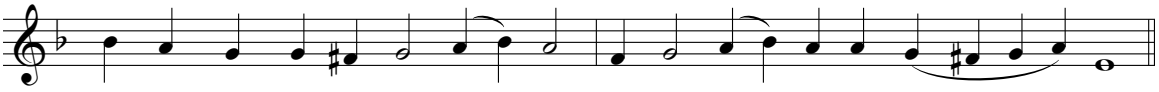
Tone 4





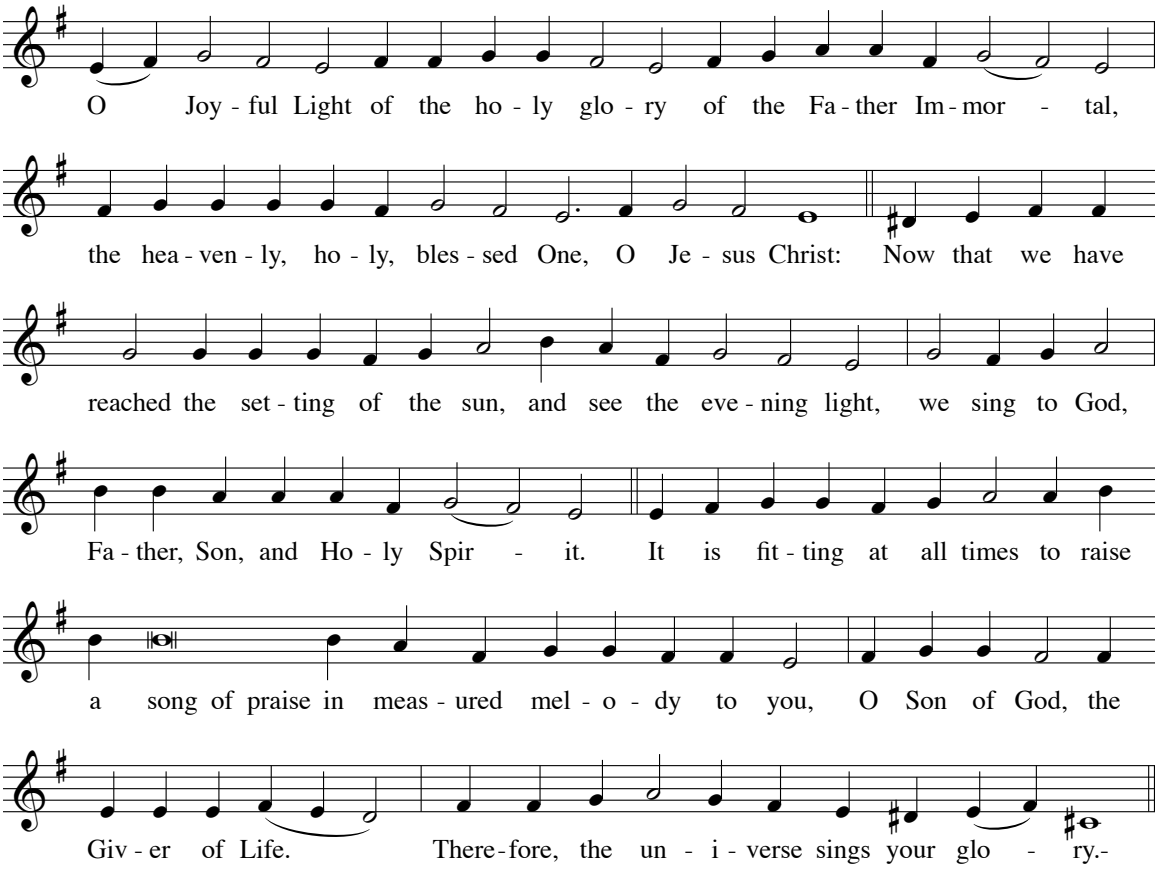






The Hymn of the Evening

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!



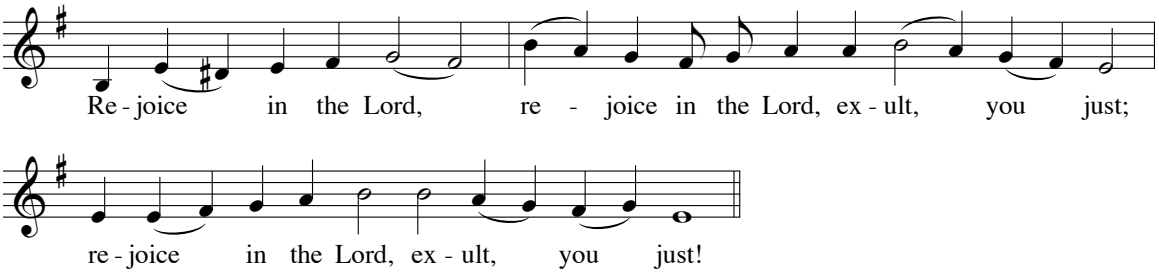
Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace ✣ be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The verses of the Prokeimena are sung by the Deacon.

Prokeimenon 1 - *Tone 6* (Psalm 31: 11, 1a)



Verse: Happy are they whose offenses are forgiven.

All repeat the Prokeimenon.

Deacon: Wisdom!

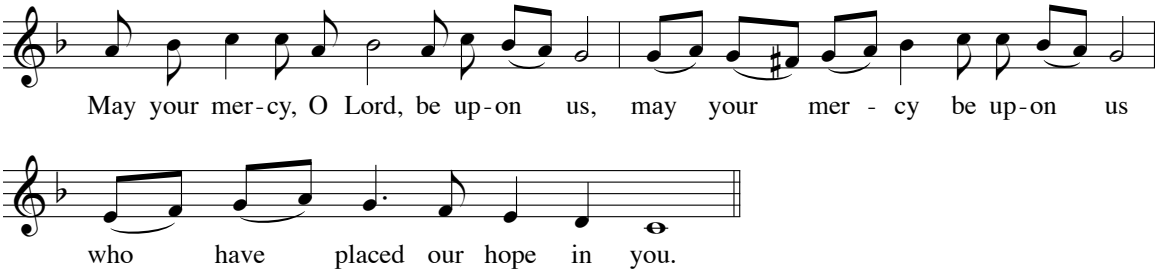
Lector: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Lector: [Genesis 4: 16 - 26]

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon 2 - *Tone 1* (Psalm 32: 22, 1a)



Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones.

All repeat the Prokeimenon.

The faithful <u>kneel</u>.

The Blessing With Light

Deacon: Give the command!

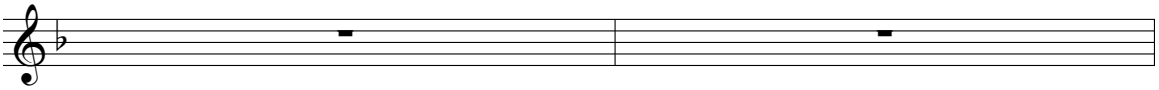
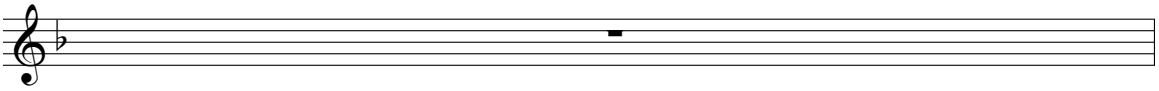
Celebrant: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The light of Christ shines upon everyone.

The faithful give no response to these words. All make three prostrations in silence.
The faithful are seated. The lector, without introduction, begins:

Lector: A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Lector: [Proverbs 5: 15 - 6: 3]

Celebrant: Peace ✣ be to you, reader.