The Divine Liturgy
of the Presanctified Gifts

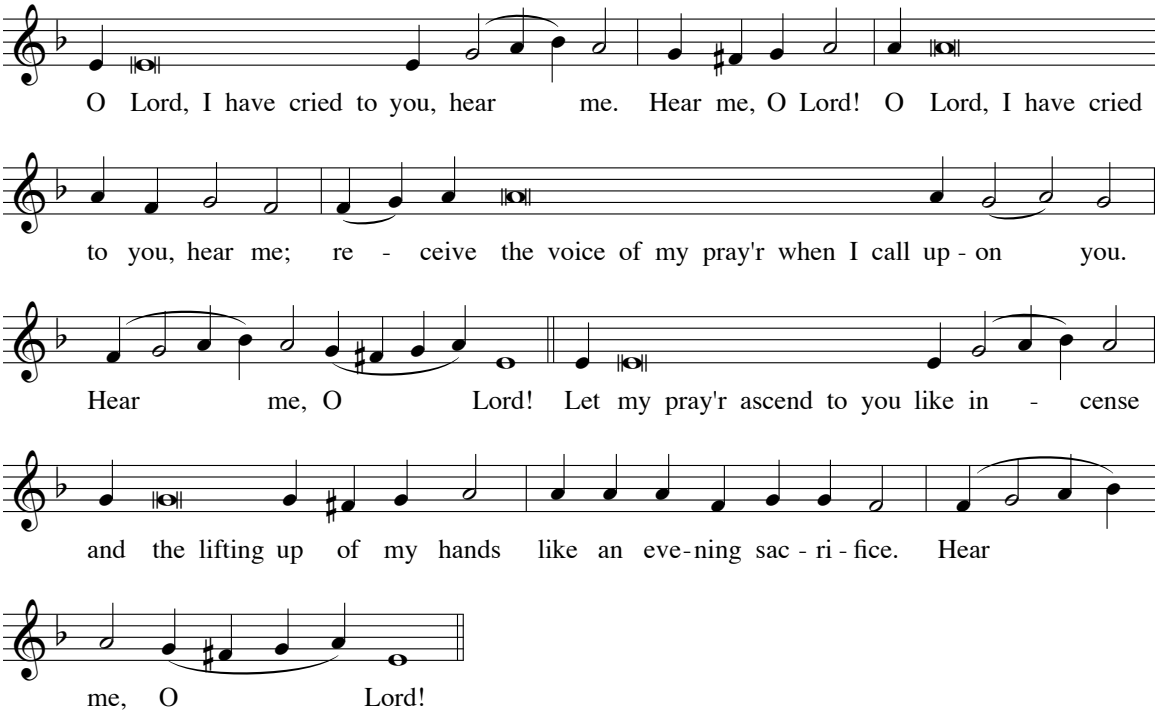
celebrated on Wednesday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast
March 14, 2007

The reading from Genesis tells of the drunkenness of Noah and how his three sons react to their father's behavior.

The reading from Proverbs, still using the "compare/contrast" style we heard last Friday, demonstrates how good and evil are received by the wise and by the foolish.

The Lamplighting Psalms

Psalm 140 *Tone 4*



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!

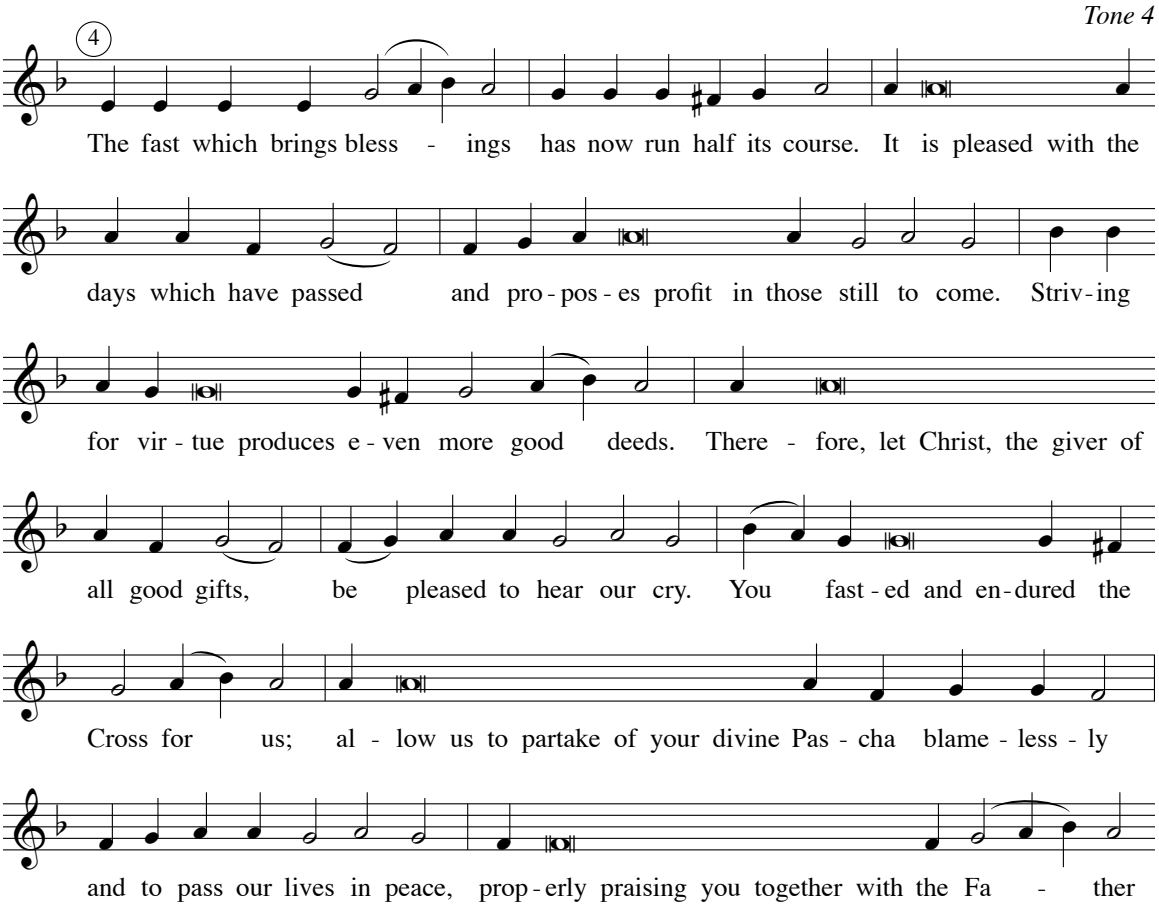
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of ***my*** pleading.

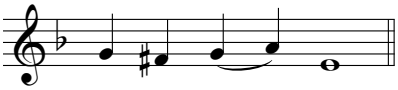
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would stand?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we ***re***vere you.

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 4

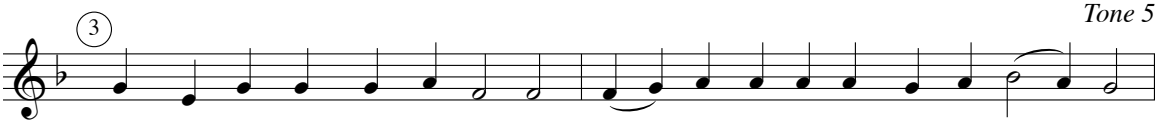




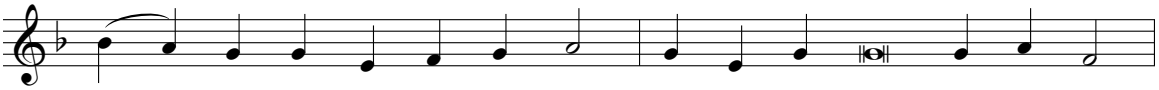
and the Spir - it.

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

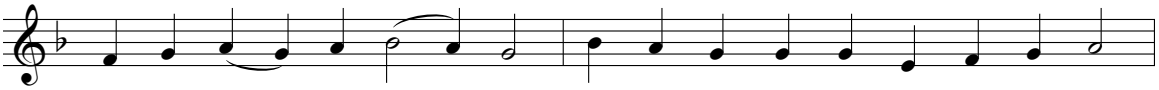
Tone 5



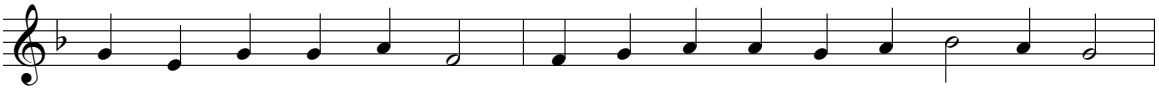
Those who do good deeds in se - cret not boast-ing a - bout them in pub - lic



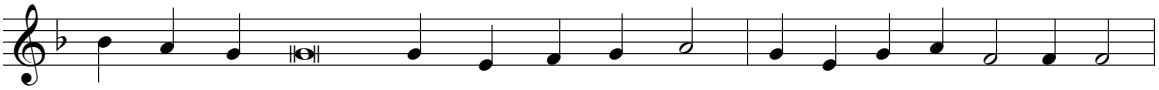
but bear - ing them in their hearts, will re - ceive a spirit ual re - ward.



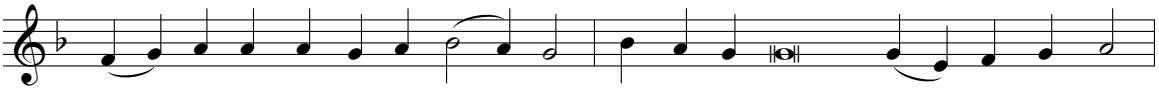
God who sees all se - crets will re - ward them for their self - con - trol.



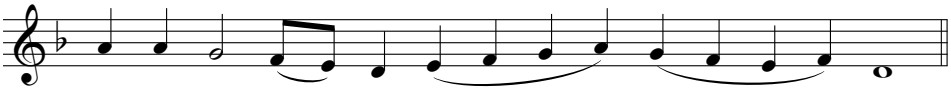
Let us com - plete the fast with - out put - ting on a gloom - y face.



Let us pray in the in ner room of our soul, cry - ing out in - ces - sant - ly:



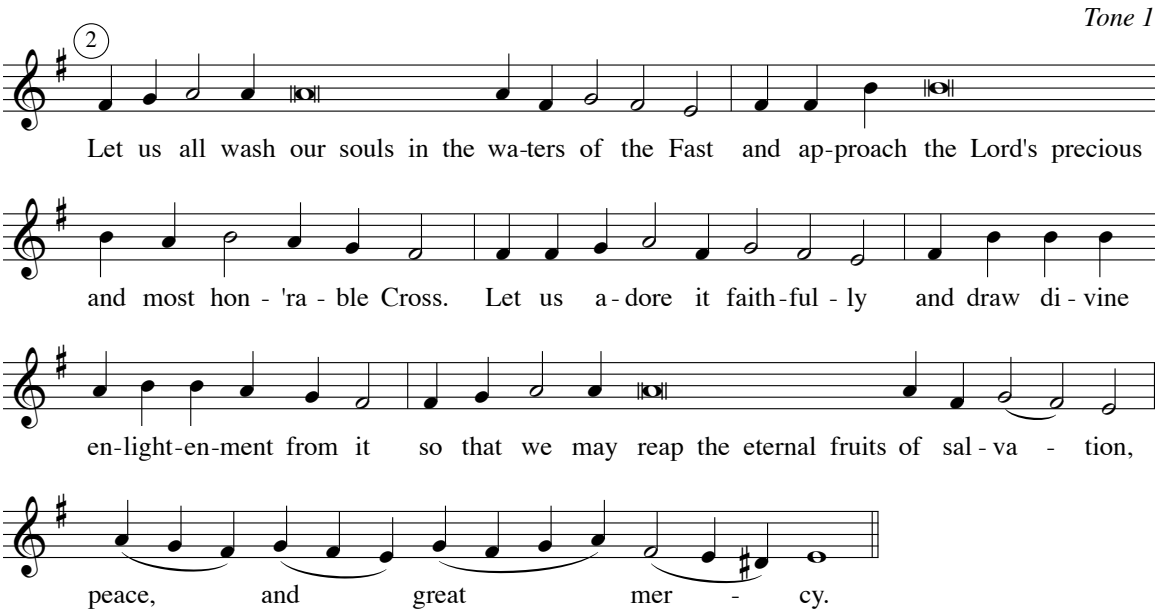
Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, lead us not into temp ta - tion, we pray;



but de - liv - er us from e - - - vil.

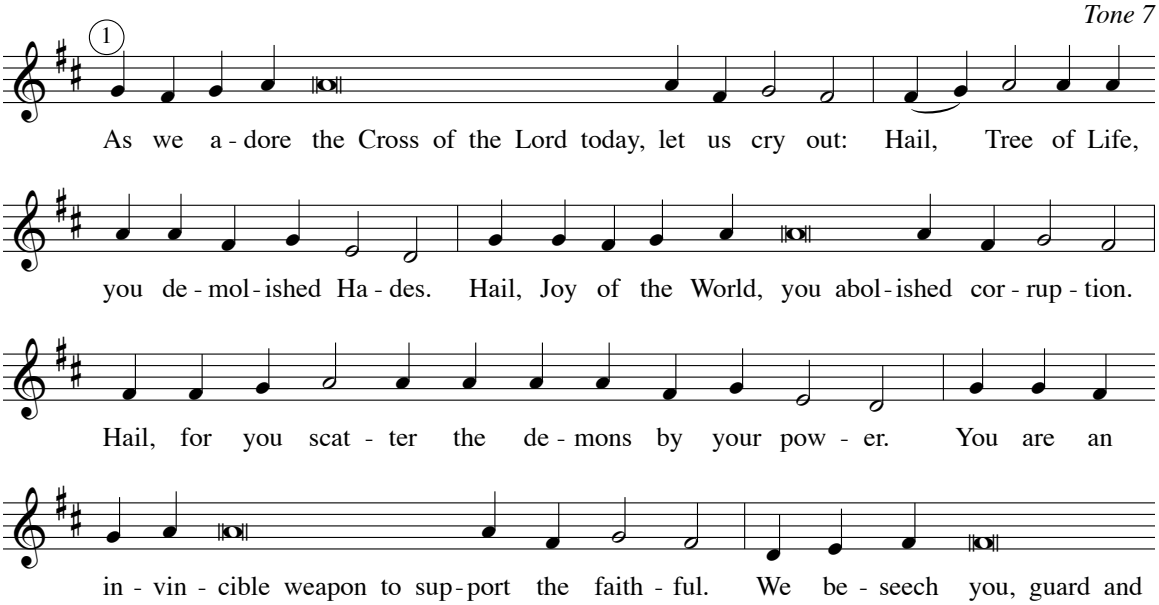
Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations,
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

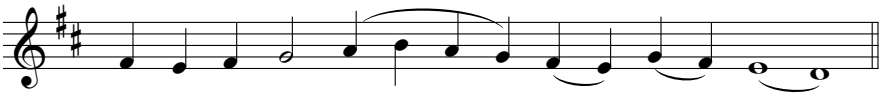
Tone 1



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

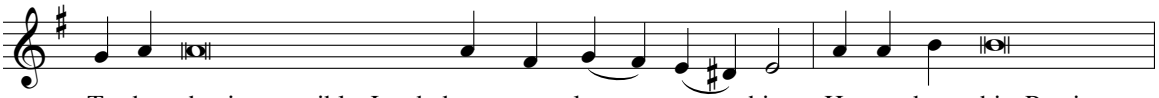
Tone 7

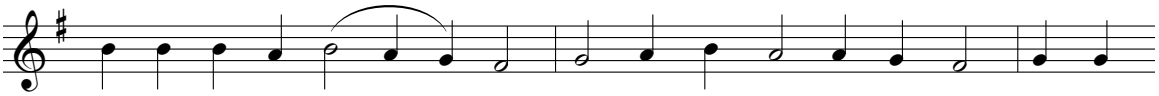


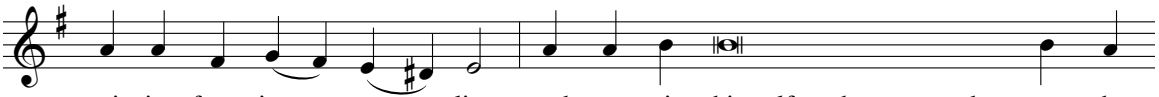


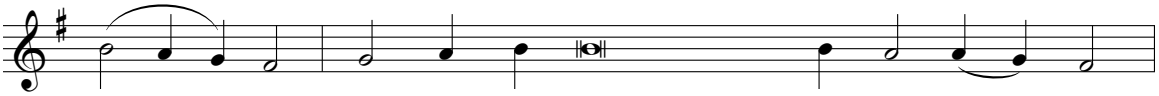
Cantor: Glory…now and ever…

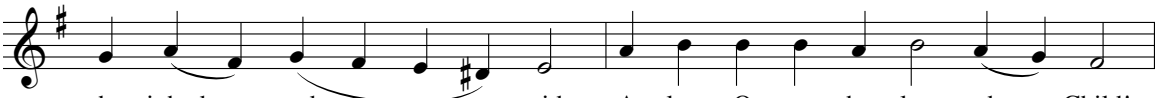
Theotokion - *Tone 8*

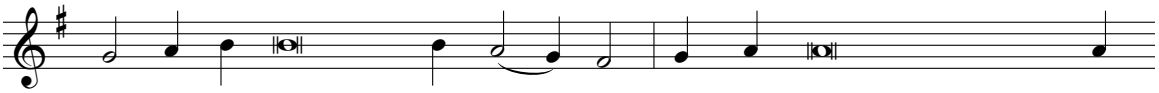


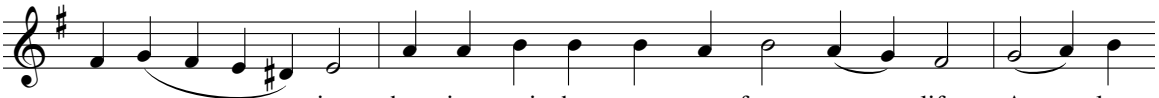


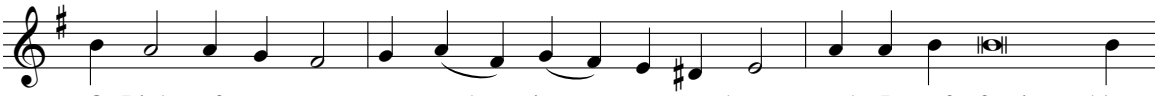


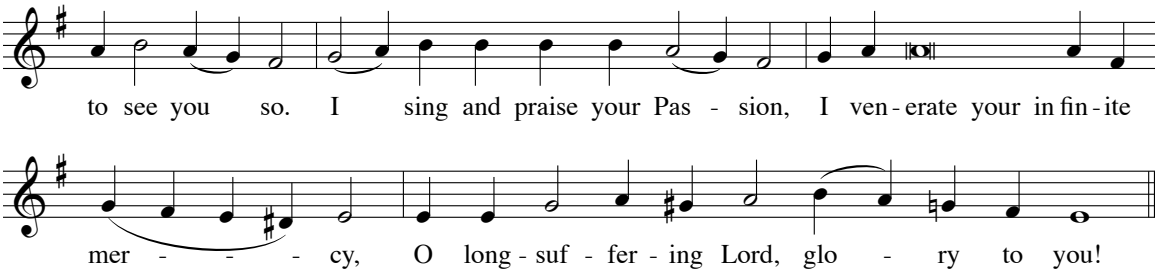






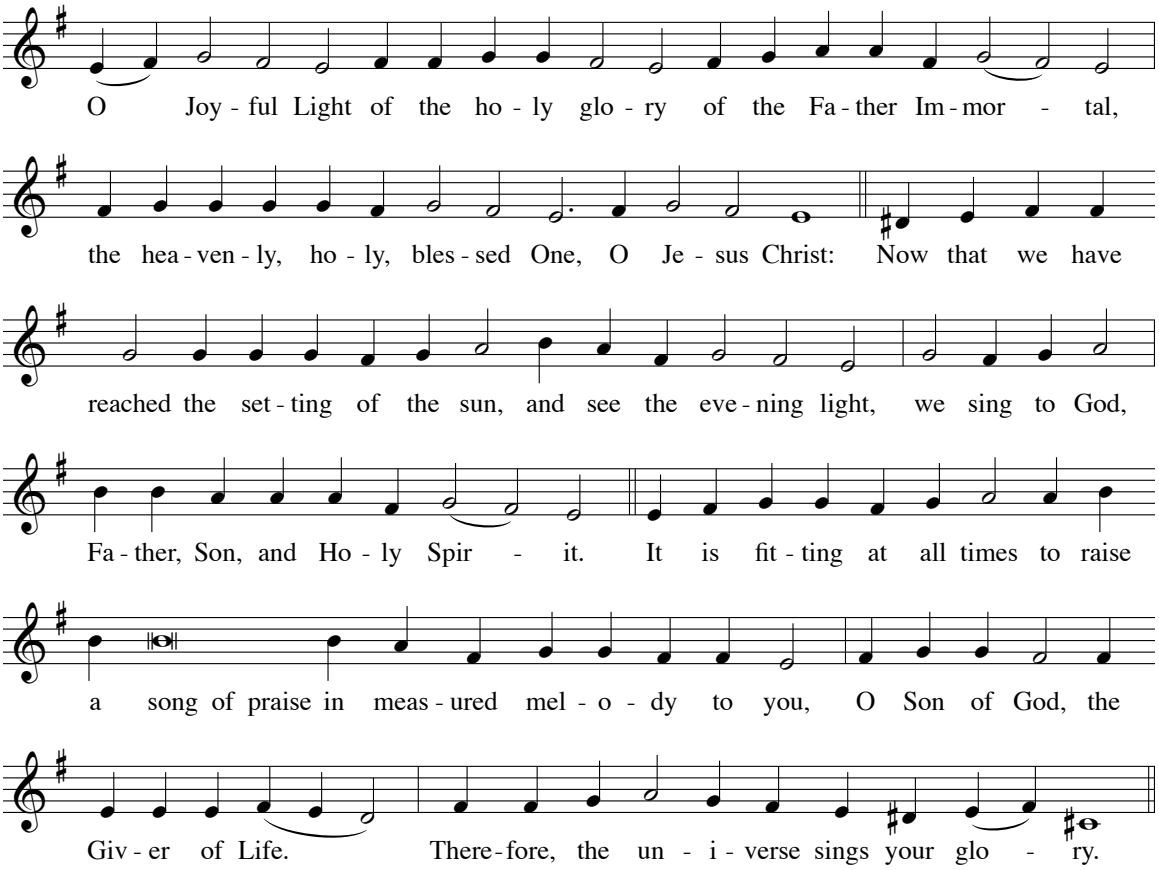






The Hymn of the Evening

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

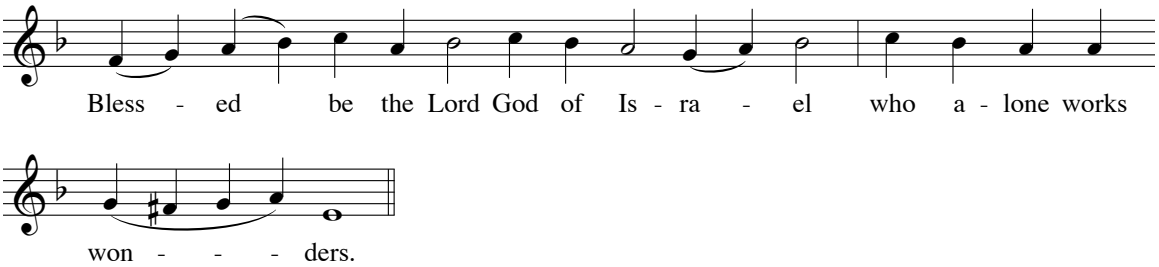


Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace ✣ be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon 1 - *Tone 4* (Psalm 71: 18, 1)



Verse: O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice. *All repeat Prokeimenon*

Deacon: Wisdom!

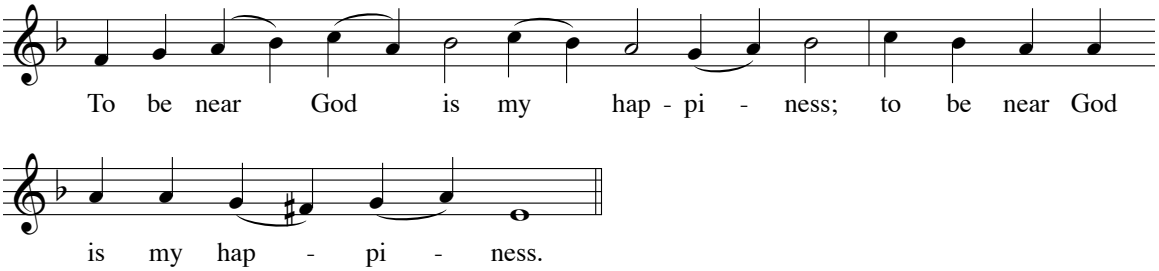
Lector: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Lector: [Genesis 9:18 - 10:1]

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon 2 - *Tone 4* (Psalm 72:28, 1)



Verse: How good God is to Israel, to those who are pure of heart.

The faithful kneel.

The Blessing With Light

Deacon: Give the command!

Celebrant: Wisdom! Be attentive!

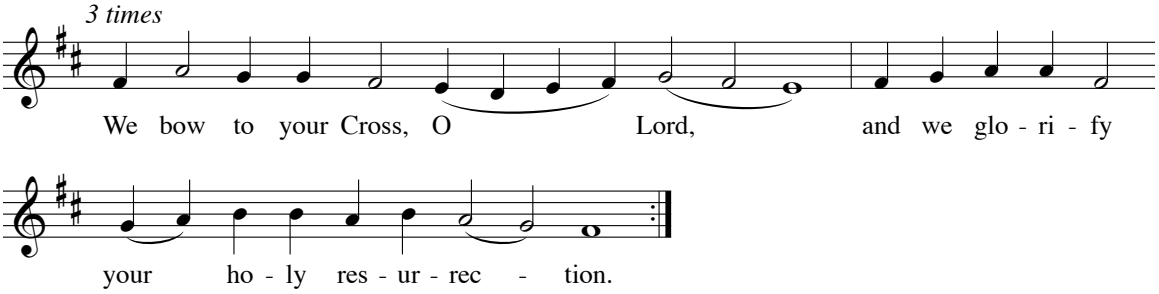
The light of Christ shines upon everyone.

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 12:23 - 13:9]

Celebrant: Peace ✣ be to you, reader.

At the Veneration: *(after the service)*