

**The Divine Liturgy  
of the Presanctified Gifts**

celebrated on Friday of the Third Week of the Great Fast  
February 22, 2008

*The reading from Genesis retells the story of the Great Flood.*

*The reading from Proverbs uses the device of literary "compare and contrast" to show us the stark difference between good and evil.*

## The Lamplighting Psalms

Psalm 140

Tone 7

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O Lord,  
I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I call up-on  
you. Hear me, O Lord! Let my  
pray'r ascend to you like in-cense and the lift-ing up of my hands like an  
eve-ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

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 *commit*.

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 *within* me.

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

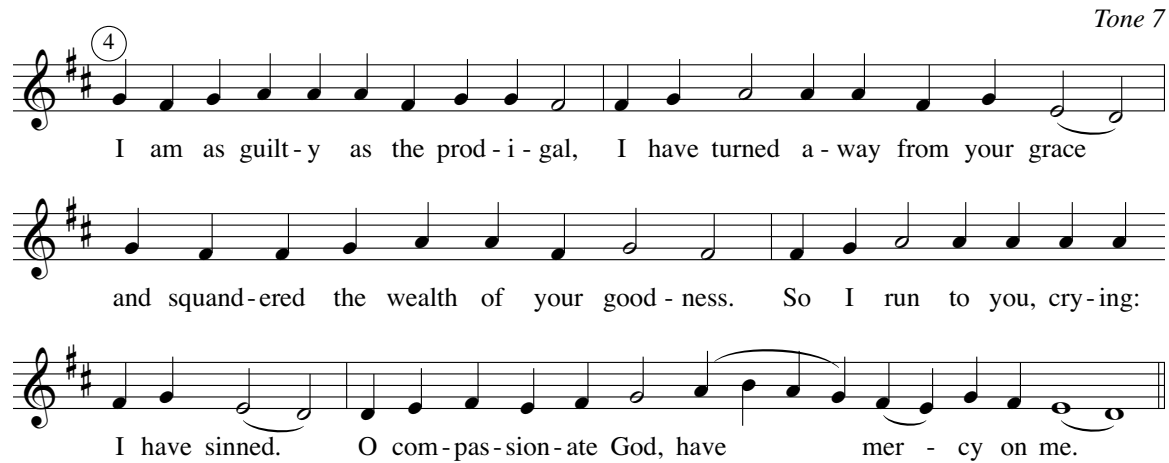
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of *my* pleading.

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

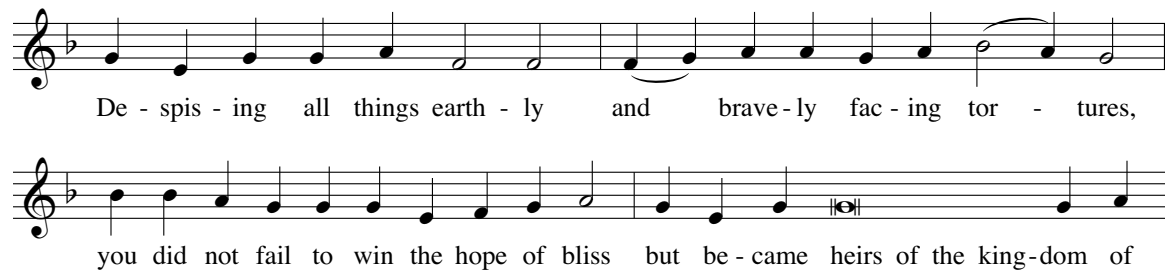
Tone 7



I am as guilt-y as the prod-i-gal, I have turned a-way from your grace  
and squand-ered the wealth of your good-ness. So I run to you, cry-ing:  
I have sinned. O com-pas-sion-ate God, have mer-cy on me.

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Martyrikon 1 - Tone 5 samohlasen**



De-spis-ing all things earth-ly and brave-ly fac-ing tor-tures,  
you did not fail to win the hope of bliss but be-came heirs of the king-dom of

*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 10: 31 - 11: 12]

**Celebrant:** Peace ❖ be to you, reader.

Giv - er of Life. There-fore, the u - ni - verse sings your glo - ry.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Celebrant:** Peace ☩ be to all!

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

**Prokeimenon 1 - Tone 4** (Psalm 59: 13; 3)

Give us help a - gainst the foe, for the help of man is vain.

*Verse:* O God, you have rejected us and broken us.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A reading from the Book of Genesis.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Lector:** [Genesis 8: 4 - 21]

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

**Prokeimenon 2 - Tone 6** (Psalm 60: 2; 3a)

O God, hear my cry! Lis - - - ten to my pray'r!

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*Verse:* From the end of the earth I call to you.

heav-en. O all-praise-wor-thy mar - tyrs, since you can speak freely before God

who loves us all, ask for peace in the world and great mer-cy for our souls.

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

**Martyrikon 2**

For your sake, O Lord, your ho - ly mar - tyrs, armed with the shield of faith,

and strength-ened with the sign of the Cross, brave-ly sub-mitted them-selves

to tor-ture and con-quired the Devil's ar-ro-gance and er - ror. Through their

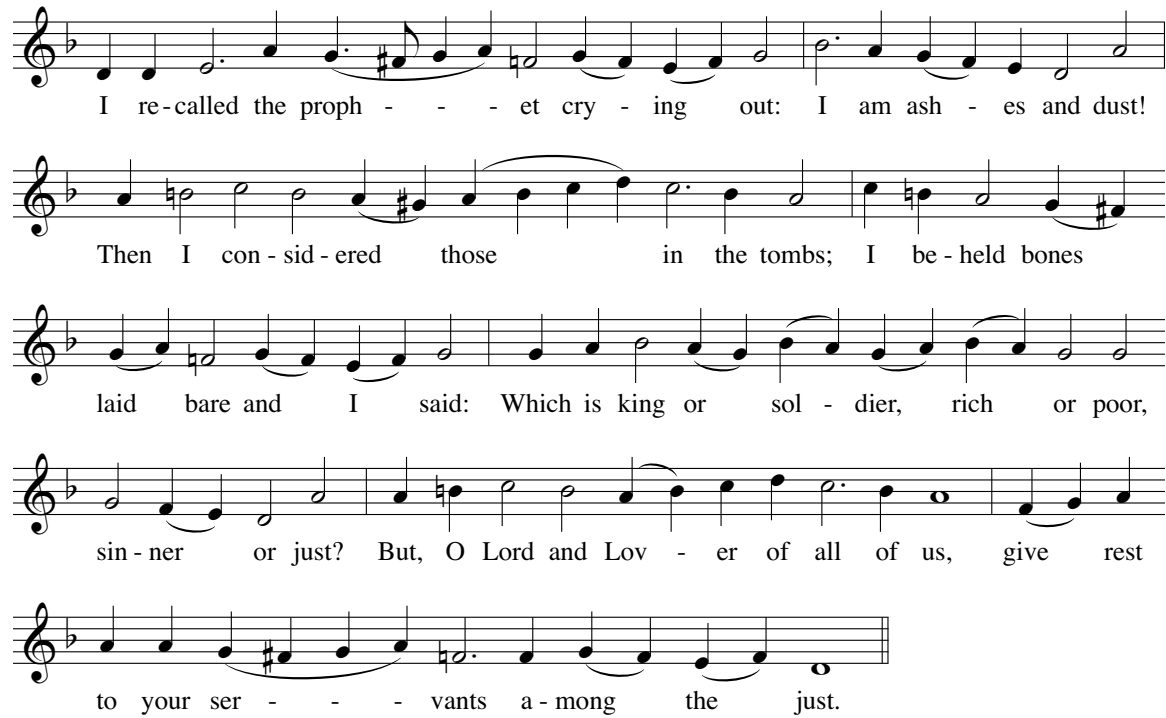
prayers, O all-pow-er-ful God, send down peace on the world and great

mer - cy to our souls.

*Cantor (on 1)*

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

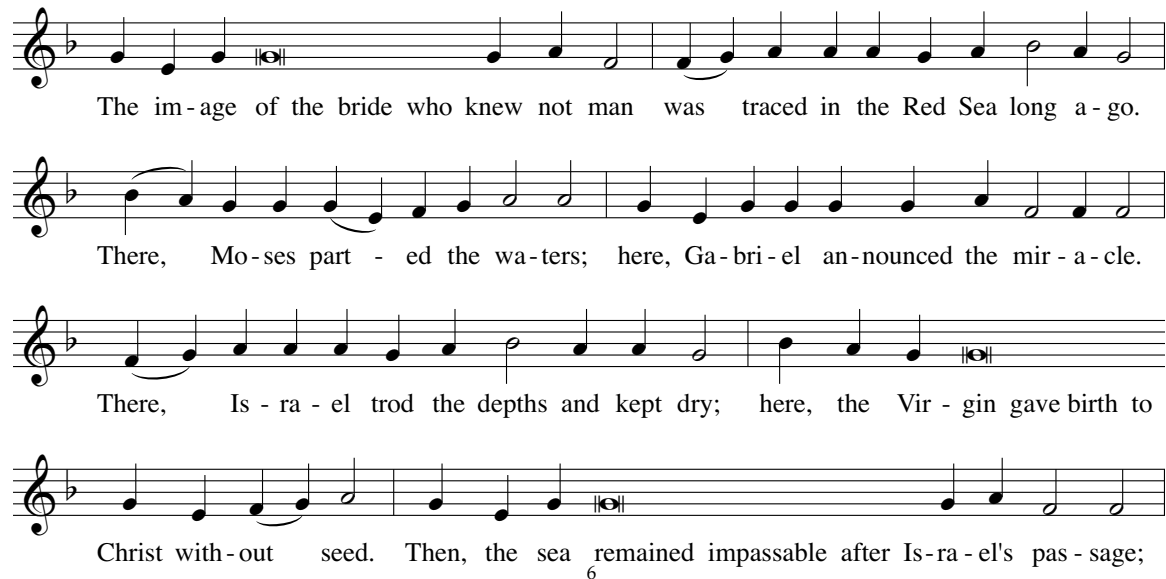
**Nekrosimon - Tone 5 Bolhar**



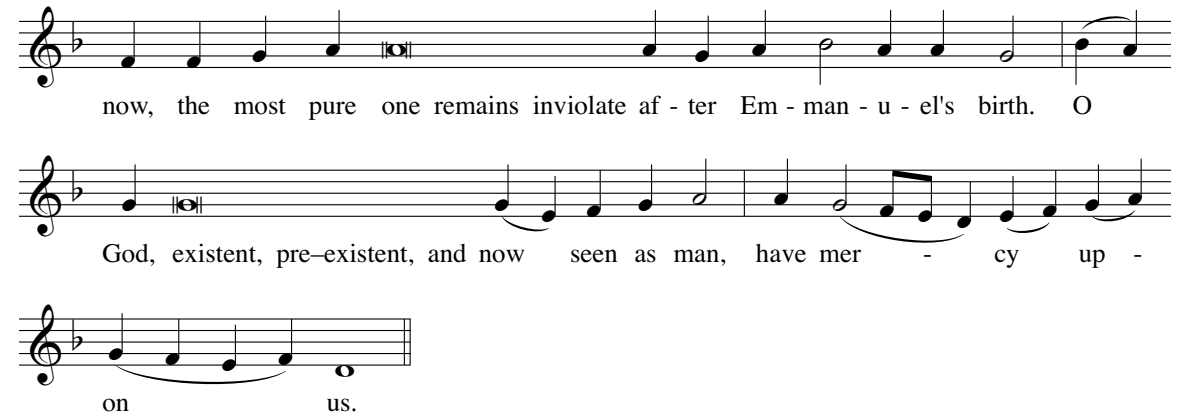
I re-called the proph - - - et cry - ing out: I am ash - es and dust!  
 Then I con - sid - ered those in the tombs; I be - held bones  
 laid bare and I said: Which is king or sol - dier, rich or poor,  
 sin - ner or just? But, O Lord and Lov - er of all of us, give rest  
 to your ser - - - vants a - mong the just.

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Glory ...now and ever...

**Dogmatikon - Tone 5 samohlasen**



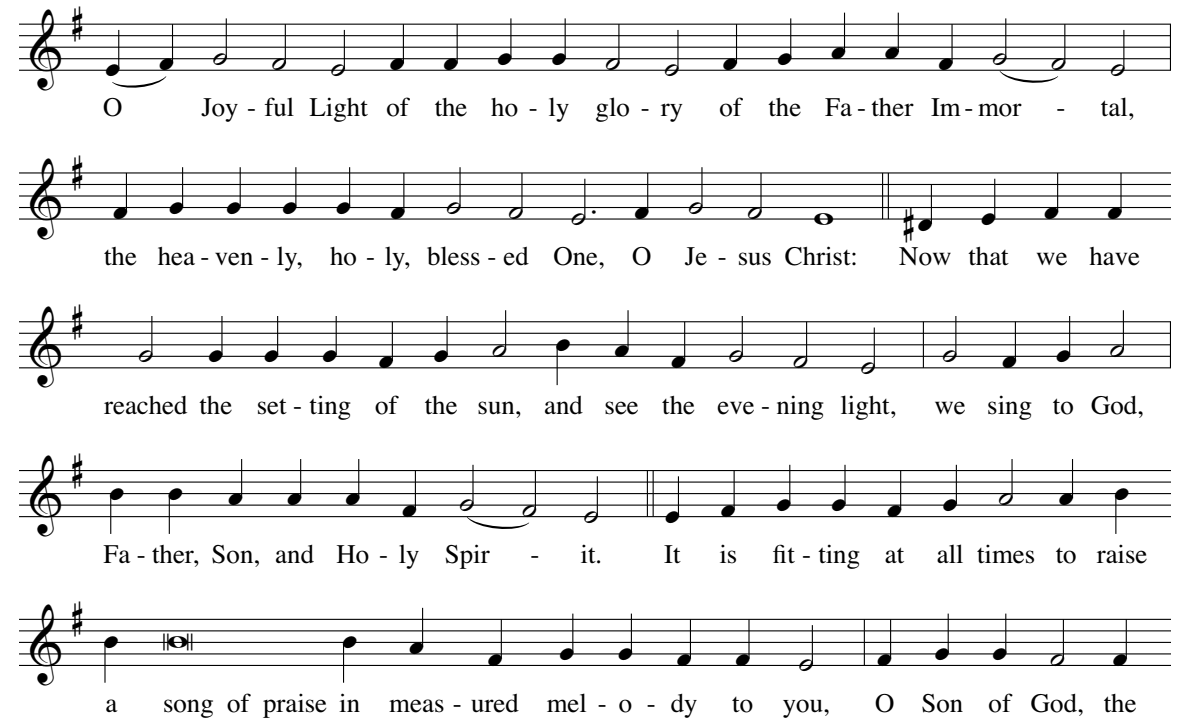
The im - age of the bride who knew not man was traced in the Red Sea long a - go.  
 There, Mo - ses part - ed the wa - ters; here, Ga - bri - el an - nounced the mir - a - cle.  
 There, Is - ra - el trod the depths and kept dry; here, the Vir - gin gave birth to  
 Christ with - out seed. Then, the sea remained impassable after Is - ra - el's pas - sage;



now, the most pure one remains inviolate af - ter Em - man - u - el's birth. O  
 God, existent, pre - existent, and now seen as man, have mer - cy up -  
 on us.

**The Hymn of the Evening**

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!



O Joy - ful Light of the ho - ly glo - ry of the Fa - ther Im - mor - tal,  
 the hea - ven - ly, ho - ly, bless - ed One, O Je - sus Christ: Now that we have  
 reached the set - ting of the sun, and see the eve - ning light, we sing to God,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. It is fit - ting at all times to raise  
 a song of praise in meas - ured mel - o - dy to you, O Son of God, the