

**Vesper Propers, November 16, 2008**  
**Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

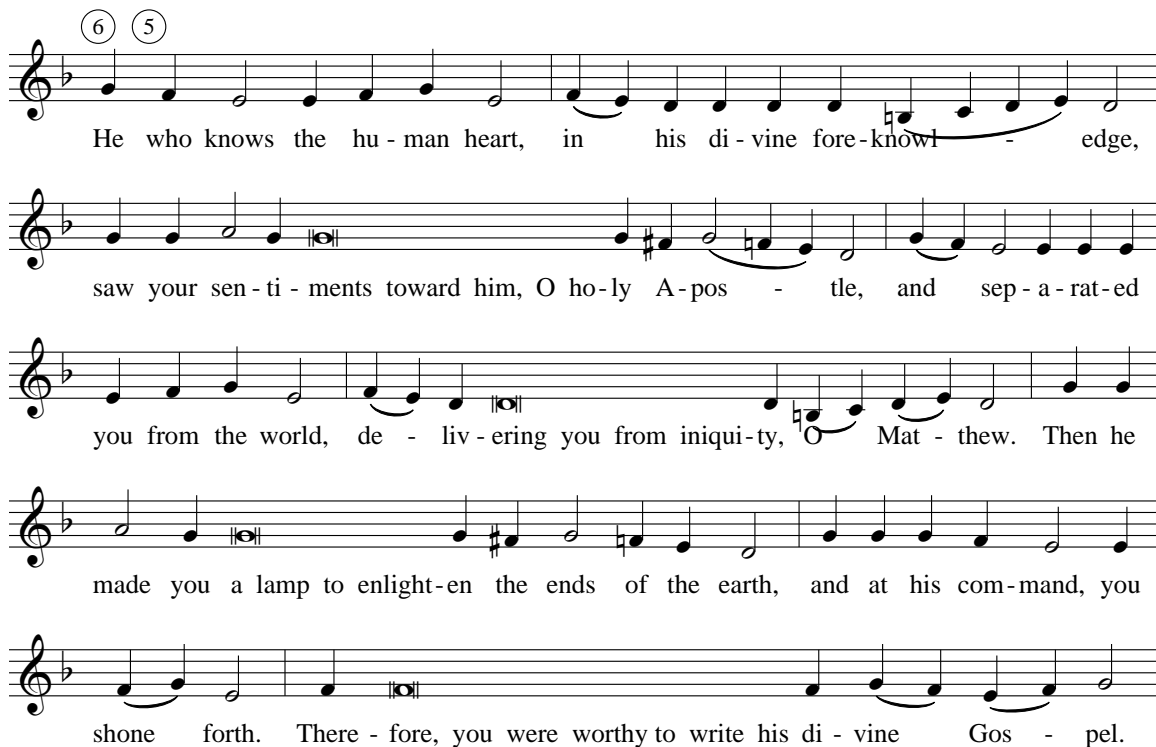
**The holy apostle and evangelist Mathew** who, named Levi, was called by Jesus to follow him and leave his job of publican or tax collector. Chosen among the Apostles, he wrote a Gospel in which Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham, is particularly proclaimed to fulfill the Old Testament.

*Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006***

*Tone of the Week: Tone 2 (begins on page 36), stichera 10 - 7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the Apostle** - Tone 4 podoben: Zvanny svyše byw



He who knows the hu - man heart, in his di - vine fore-knowl - edge,  
saw your sen - ti - ments toward him, O ho - ly A - pos - tle, and sep - a - rat - ed  
you from the world, de - liv - ering you from iniqui - ty, O Mat - thew. Then he  
made you a lamp to enlight - en the ends of the earth, and at his com - mand, you  
shone forth. There - fore, you were worthy to write his di - vine Gos - pel.



Pray to him to save and en - light - en our souls.

**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.

(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

(Repeat "He who knows the human heart..")

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak

(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.



The Word who had no be - gin - ning called you from the ranks of pub - li - cans



to be his dis - ci - ple, O Mat - thew, and urged you to fol - low him



in or - der to share in the king - dom he prom - ised. Then, O bless - ed one,



you left all things, re - noun - cing trouble and con - fu - sion, and you



fol - lowed him with a sure step. Now, O eye - wit - ness of our God,



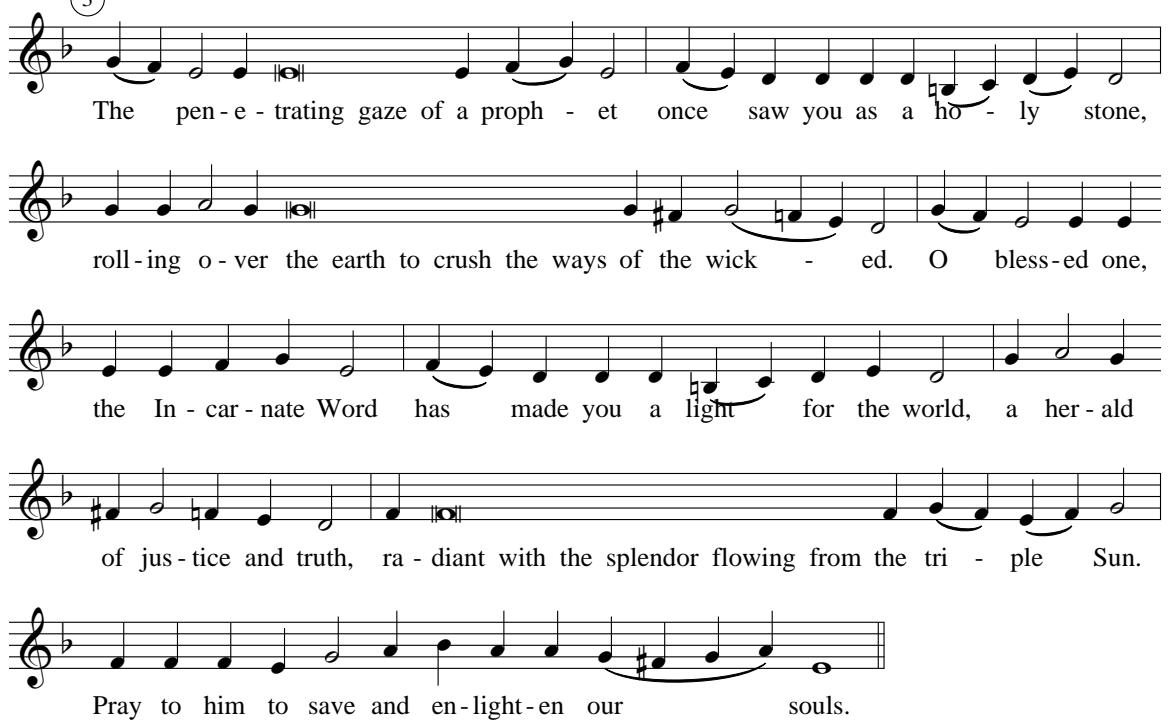
you are filled with the ineffa - ble vi - sion of God. Pray to him to save



and en - light - en 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.

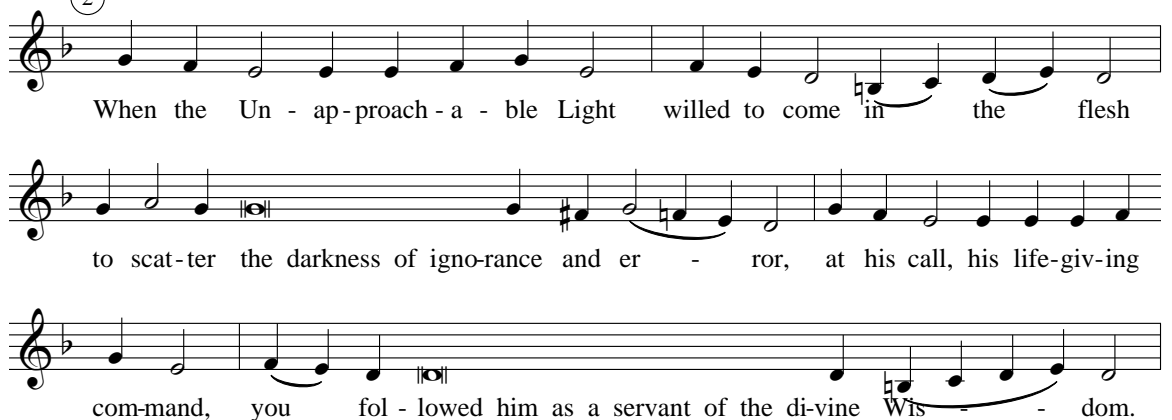
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The pen - e - trating gaze of a proph - et once saw you as a ho - ly stone,  
roll - ing o - ver the earth to crush the ways of the wick - ed. O bless - ed one,  
the In - car - nate Word has made you a light for the world, a her - ald  
of jus - tice and truth, ra - diant with the splendor flowing from the tri - ple Sun.  
Pray to him to save and en - light - en our souls.

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

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When the Un - ap - proach - a - ble Light willed to come in the flesh  
to scat - ter the darkness of igno - rance and er - ror, at his call, his life - giv - ing  
com - mand, you fol - lowed him as a servant of the di - vine Wis - dom.



You kept the law of God and were an in - ef - fa - ble light, a dwel-ling -



place of Christ for the Church, O Mat - thew. Pray to him to save and en-light-en



our souls.

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



With your words of fire, you consumed all er - ror, O A-pos-tle worthy of praise,



all-wise Mat - thew, who re-ceived the vis - it of the Par - a - clete



when he il - lu - mined your whole be - ing. Thus you filled with wonder the



spir - its of those who heard you speak when you announced to the peo - ple



the mag - ni - fi - cence of the Al - might - y One. Your mes - sage, in - spired



by God, has gone out through all the world. Pray to him to save



and en-light-en our souls.

**Cantor:**

**Doxastikon of the Apostle - Tone 4 samohlasen**



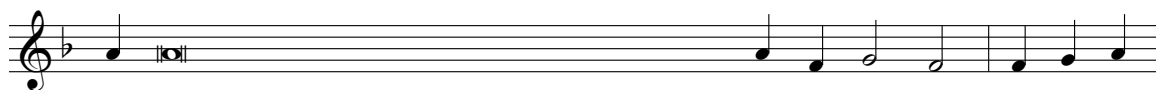
Christ called you to the school of heav - en, and by divine inspiration, you



followed him with your whole heart, in - stantly leaving all earthly oc - cu - pa-tions.



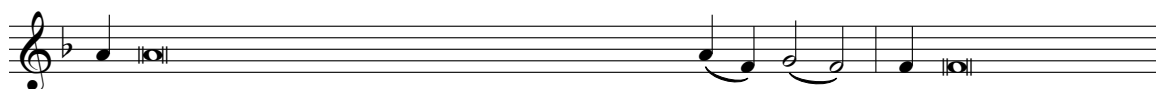
Tak-ing by obedience the dis-po-si - tions in keep-ing with the King-dom on high,



you renounced all the vainglory and greed of a publi-can, O Mat-thew, and be-came



an evangelist, a light for dark-ened hearts. You lead err-ing sheep to sal-va - tion



as an always fervent intercessor for the world be-fore God, and a saving protector



of the faith - ful who glo - ri - fy you.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 2, page 42)*

## Readings:

I Peter 1: 2-6

I Peter 2: 21 - 3: 9

I Peter 4: 1-11

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, page 43), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the Apostle - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Soar-ing like an ea-gle on high, you have wondrous-ly as-cend - ed from the  
depths of infamy to the heights of the vir - tues, O il - lustrious Apos-tle  
Mat - thew. You have followed in the foot-steps of Christ, who cov-ered the heavens  
with his praise, and the earth with his knowl - edge. In all things you showed  
yourself to be his im-i - ta - tor, an - nouncing the Gospel of peace, life, and  
sal - va - tion to the faith - ful open to his di - vine pre - cepts. Guide us  
a - long the way that we may be acceptable to the Cre - a - tor and



call you bless - - - ed.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6), page 90.*

### Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2), page 47.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory....

#### Troparion of the Apostle - Tone 3



You rose from the tax - col-lect-or's booth and you followed Christ in all



ear - nest - ness. He made you a bles - sing for all, a cho - sen



a - postle and evange-list for the world. There-fore, we hon - or your



sa - cred mem - o - ry and we ask you to beg God to for-give our sins.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Festal Theotokion in the same Tone (Tone 3), page 57*