

Vesper Propers, December 28, 2008

The Sunday after Christmas:

**The Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed,
David the King, and James the Brother of God**

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 8, stichera 10-8, beginning on page 102.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

Stichera of the Nativity of Our Lord - Tone 2 samohlasen

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Come, let us re-joyce in the Lord; let us pro-claim the pres-ent mys-te-ry
by which the partition has been broken and the flam-ing sword with-held. Now the
Cher - ubim shall let us all come to the Tree of Life. As for me, I
am returning to the bliss of Par - a - dise from which I had been banished by
dis - o - be - dience. Be - hold! The Im - age of the Father and his unchangeable
e - ter - ni - ty has tak - en the form of a serv - ant.



With - out suf - fer - ing he has come forth to us from an all - pure Vir - gin, and



yet he has re - mained un - changed. He is true God as he was be - fore,



and he has tak - en on himself what he had not been, be - com - ing man out of



his love for all. There - fore, let us raise our voices in hymns sing - ing:



O God, born of the Vir - gin, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor: 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.



Be - cause the Lord Je - sus was born of the ho - ly Vir - gin, all cre - a - tion is



en - light - ened. Be - hold! The shep - herds keep watch and the ma - gi are a - dor - ing;



the an - gels are sing - ing hymns of praise and Her - od is trem - bling;



for the Sav - ior of our souls has re - vealed him - self in the flesh.

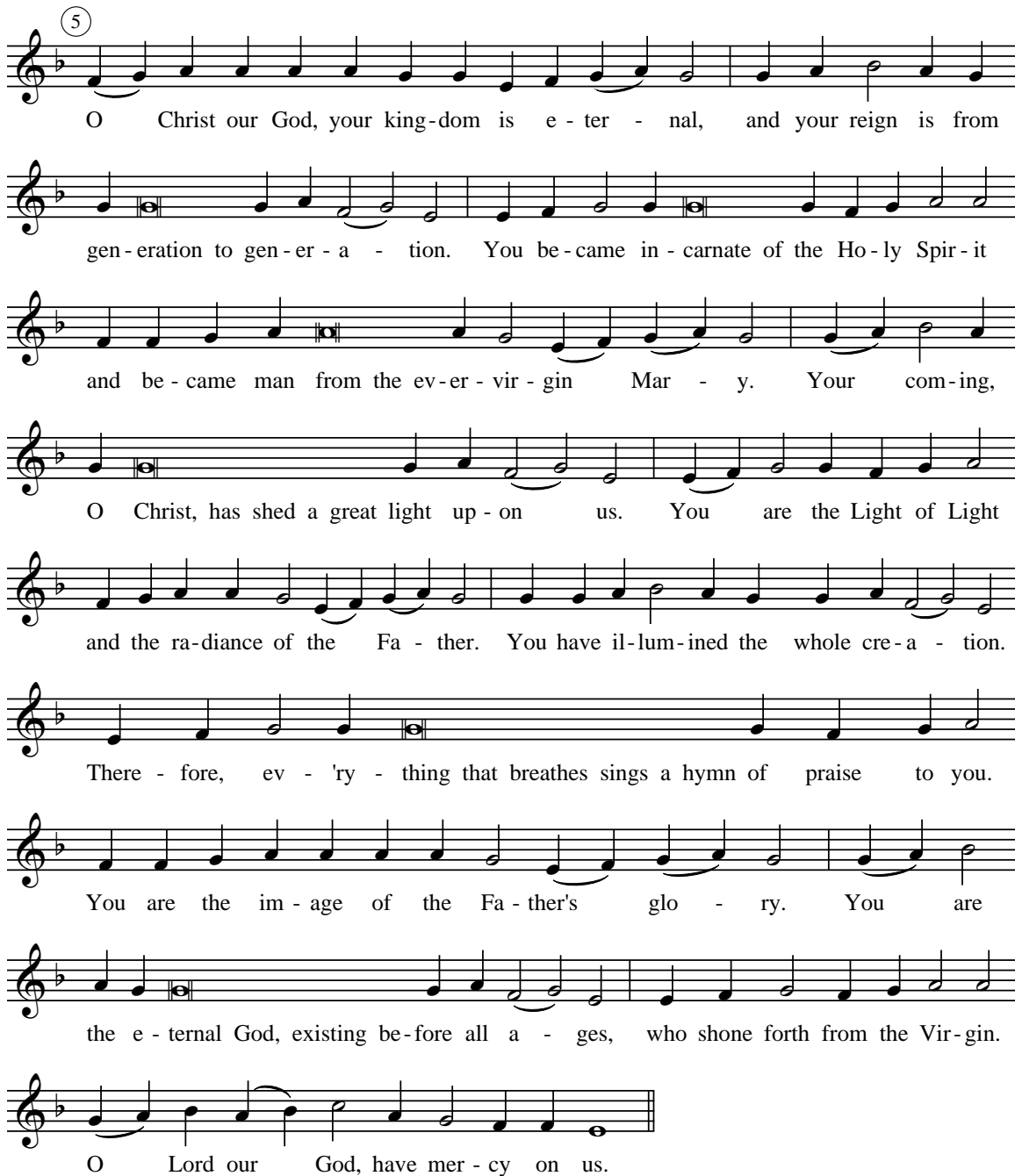
Cantor:

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.

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O Christ our God, your king-dom is e - ter - nal, and your reign is from
gen - eration to gen - er - a - tion. You be - came in - carnate of the Ho - ly Spir - it
and be - came man from the ev - er - vir - gin Mar - y. Your com - ing,
O Christ, has shed a great light up - on us. You are the Light of Light
and the ra - dian - ce of the Fa - ther. You have il - lum - ined the whole cre - a - tion.
There - fore, ev - 'ry - thing that breathes sings a hymn of praise to you.
You are the im - age of the Fa - ther's glo - ry. You are
the e - ternal God, exist - ing be - fore all a - ges, who shone forth from the Vir - gin.
O Lord our God, have mer - cy on us.

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

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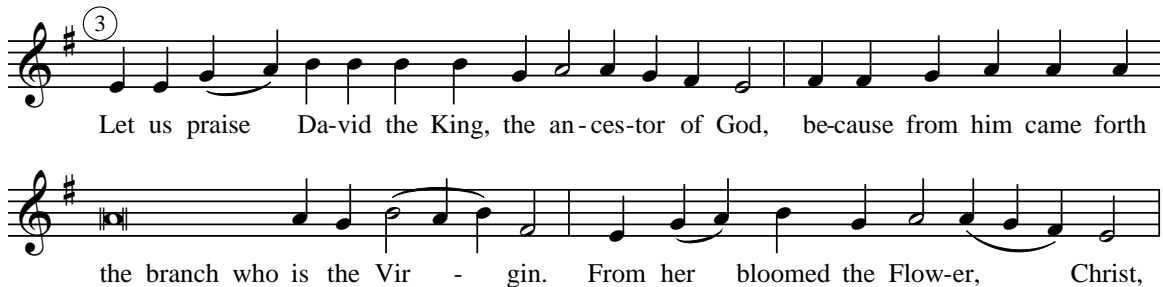


O Christ, what shall we of-fer you for your com-ing on earth in our human-
i - ty for our sake? Ev-'ry crea-ture that has its being from you gives thanks to you:
the an - gels offer hymns of praise, the heav-ens give a star; the Ma - gi
pre - sent their gifts and the shep-herds, their won - der; the earth pro-vides
a cave and the des - ert a man - ger. As for us, we offer a Vir - gin
Moth - er. O God who are from all eter-ni - ty, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of David, Joseph and James - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov

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Let us praise Da-vid the King, the an-ces-tor of God, be-cause from him came forth
the branch who is the Vir - gin. From her bloomed the Flow-er, Christ,

who sum - moned Adam and Eve from cor - rup - tion. He is
com - pas - sion - ate to all.

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

In his ad - vanced years, Jo-seph clear-ly saw the pro-phe-cies ful-filled.
It was tru - ly a strange be-troth - al; and he re - ceived a revelation from the
an-gels who cried out: Glo-ry to God who sent down peace up - on
the world.

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

Let all of us praise the relative of the Lord, the a - pos - tle James, who brave-ly
suf - fered martyrdom as a bish - op. By his prayers, O Christ our God,

who was wrapped in swad-dling clothes in the cave, save all those
 who ex - tol you.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

We are com-mem-orating the noble Da-vid and James, the king and prophet, the
 apostle and first bish - op. be-cause by their teaching we have been de-liv - ered
 from er - ror. Let us sing the prais-es of Christ who came forth from the
 Vir - gin, and be-came in - car - nate to save our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon of the Resurrection tone (Tone 2, page 107).

- Readings:**
1. Genesis 25:21-34
 2. Sirach 7: 1-28
 3. Zechariah 8:3-11

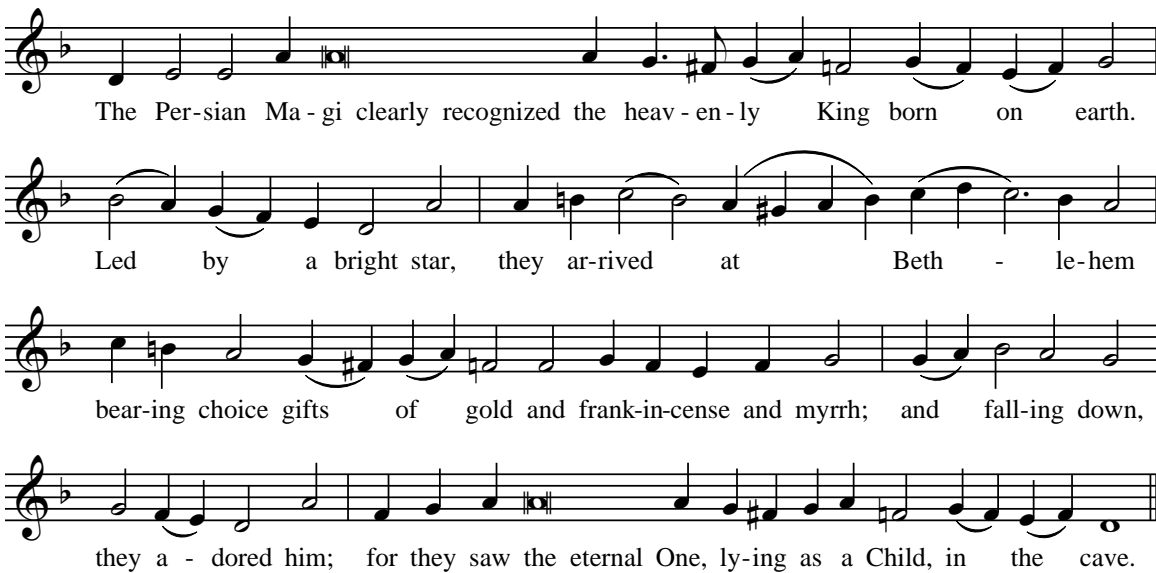
Litija

Tone 1 Bolhar

May heav-en and earth re-joyce pro-phet-ic-ly this day. May an-gels
and peo-ple spir-it-u-ally cel-e-brate, for God ap-peared in the flesh
to those grop-ing in the dark-ness and rest-ing in a shad-ow.
Hav-ing been born of a Vir-gin, a cave and a man-ger re-ceived him.
Shep-herds re-late a mir-a-cle; the Ma-gi from the East bring gifts
to Beth-le-hem, while we, with un-wor-thy lips, ren-der him an-gel-ic praise:
Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace on earth,
for the hope of na-tions has ar-rived.
Hav-ing come, he has saved us from hos-tile bond-age.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Glory...

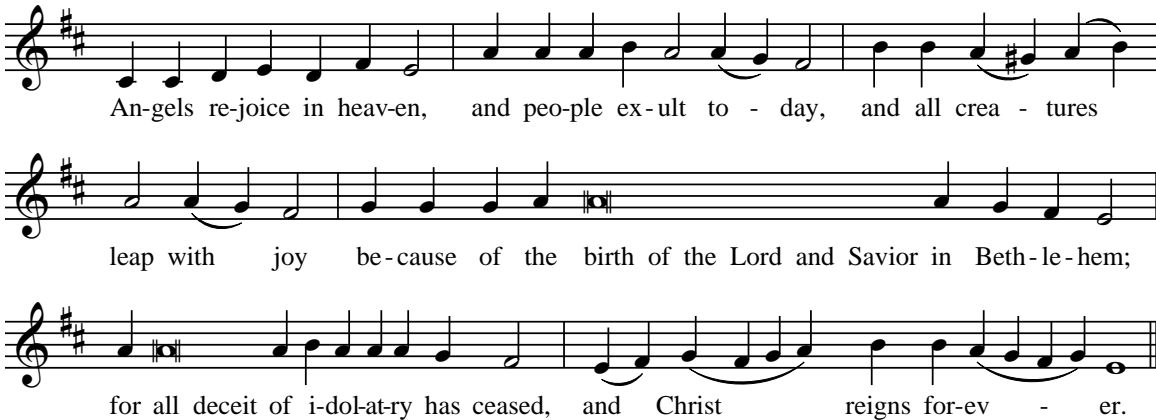
Doxastikon - Tone 5 Bolhar



The Per-sian Ma-gi clearly recognized the heav-en-ly King born on earth.
Led by a bright star, they ar-rived at Beth-le-hem
bear-ing choice gifts of gold and frank-in-cense and myrrh; and fall-ing down,
they a-dored him; for they saw the eternal One, ly-ing as a Child, in the cave.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Tone 6 samohlasen



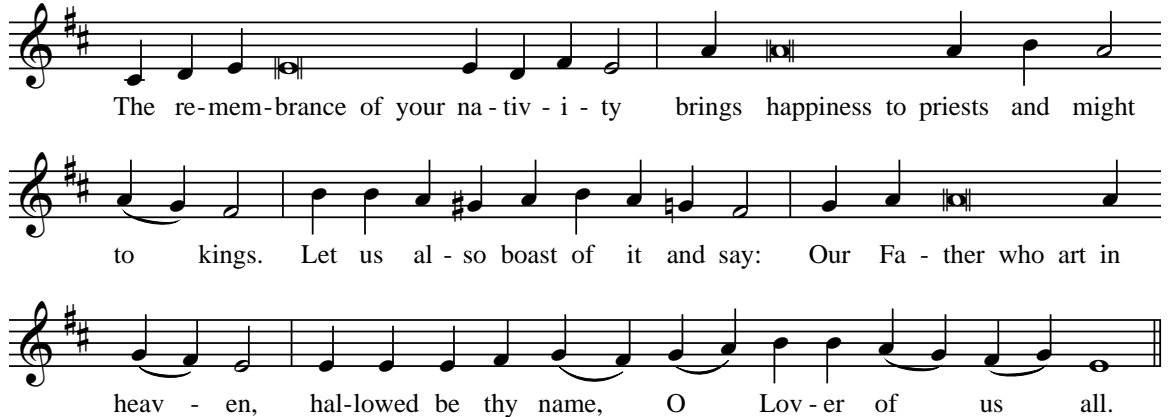
An-gels re-joice in heav-en, and peo-ple ex-ult to-day, and all crea-tures
leap with joy be-cause of the birth of the Lord and Savior in Beth-le-hem;
for all deceit of i-dol-at-ry has ceased, and Christ reigns for-ev-er.

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 108), concluding with:

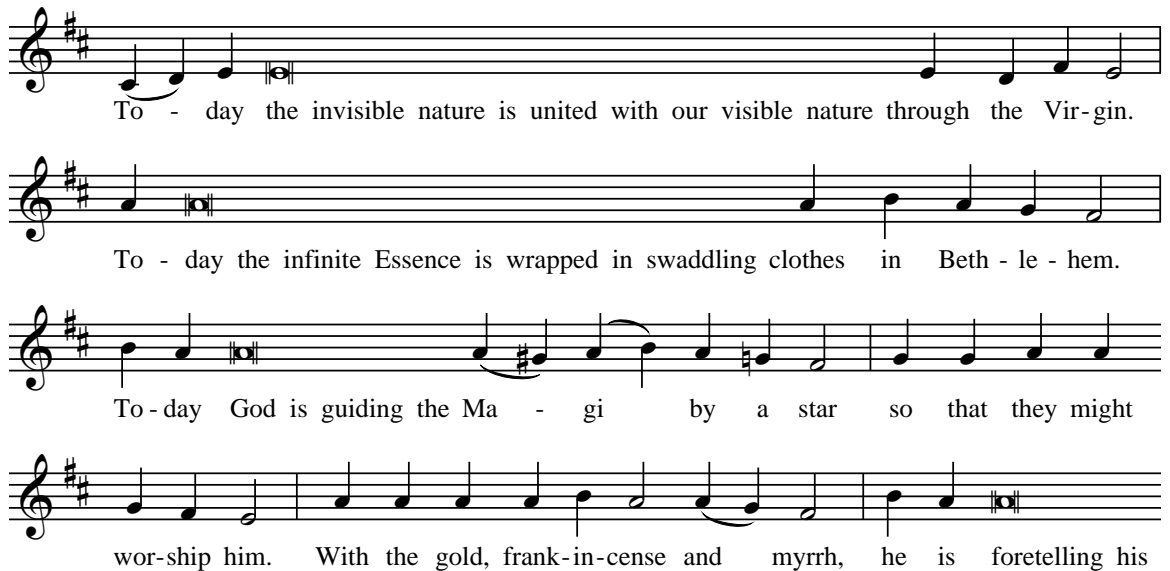
Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen



The re-mem-brance of your na-tiv-i-ty brings happiness to priests and might
to kings. Let us al-so boast of it and say: Our Fa-ther who art in
heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name, O Lov-er of us all.

Cantor: Now and ever...



To-day the invisible nature is united with our visible nature through the Vir-gin.
To-day the infinite Essence is wrapped in swaddling clothes in Beth-le-hem.
To-day God is guiding the Ma-gi by a star so that they might
wor-ship him. With the gold, frank-in-cense and myrrh, he is foretelling his



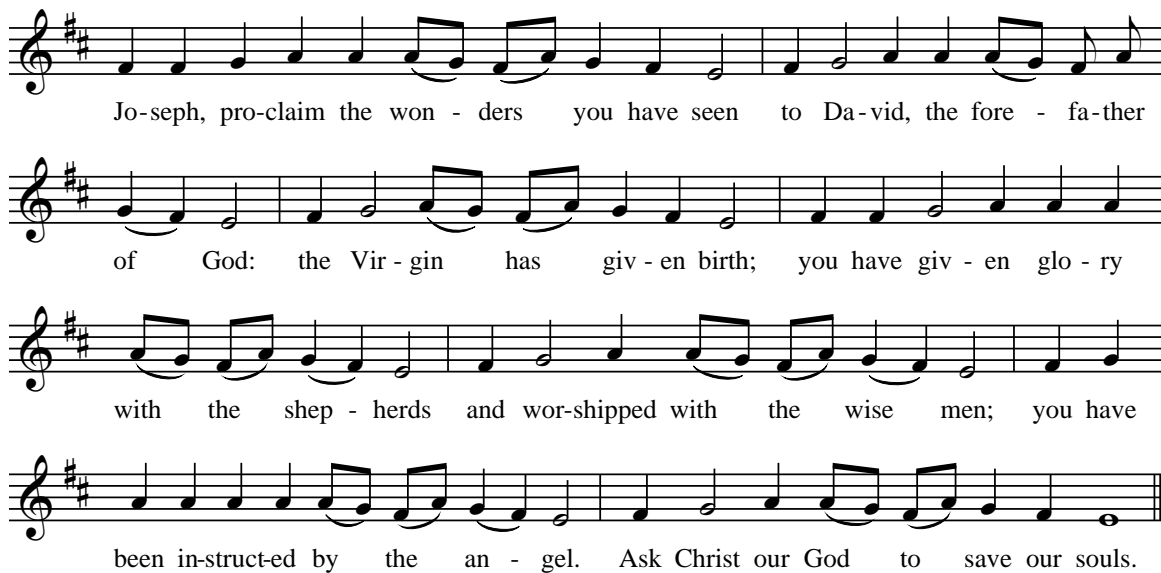
three - day bur - i - al. Let us cry out to him: Hav - ing become incarnate
of the Vir - gin, save our souls, O Christ God.

Troparia

If there is Blessing of Bread, the Troparion "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos..." (page 119) is sung twice, then:

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory... now and ever...

Troparion of the Sunday after the Nativity - Tone 2



Jo-seph, pro-claim the won - ders you have seen to Da-vid, the fore - fa-ther
of God: the Vir - gin has giv - en birth; you have giv - en glo - ry
with the shep - herds and wor-shipped with the wise men; you have
been in-struct-ed by the an - gel. Ask Christ our God to save our souls.

If there is no Blessing of Bread, the Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 8 (page 111) is sung twice, then:

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

"Joseph, proclaim the wonders..." (above)

Cantor: (Tone 4) Now and ever...

Troparion of the Nativity - Tone 4

Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed up - on the world the light of
knowl - edge; for through it, those who wor-shipped the stars have learned from
a star to worship you, the Sun of Jus - tice, and to know you, the Dawn
from on High. Glo - ry to you, O Lord!