

Propers for the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday in the First Week of the Great Fast
February 27, 2009

The reading from Genesis relates the story of the temptation and fall from grace of our first parents, Adam and Eve.

The reading from Proverbs talks of the relationship that we must have with our neighbors. In all things, we are encouraged, "for the Lord will be your confidence and keep your foot from the snare."

Commemoration of the Miracle of St. Theodore

The Lamplighting Psalms

Psalm 140

Tone 5

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 excuse for the 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.

Prokeimenon 2 - Tone 6 (Psalm 20: 14, 2)

O Lord, a-rise in your strength; we shall sing and praise your pow'r, we shall sing and praise your pow'r.

Verse: O Lord, your strength gives joy to the King.

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.

Lector: A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.

Lector: [Proverbs 3:19-34]

Celebrant: Peace ☩ be to you, reader.

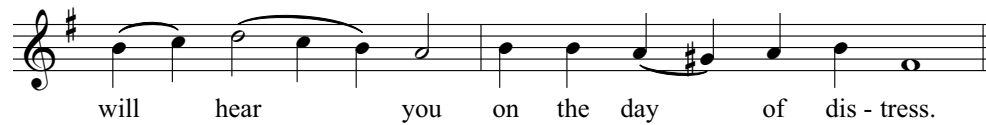
The service continues with the solemn evening psalm ("Let my prayer ascend").

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace ☩ be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon 1 - Tone 5 (Psalm 19: 2a, b)



Verse: The name of Jacob's God will protect you.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Lector: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.

Lector: [Genesis 2:20 - 3:20]

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful STAND.

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 **unharm**ed.

Psalm 141

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 **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.

Psalm 129 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.

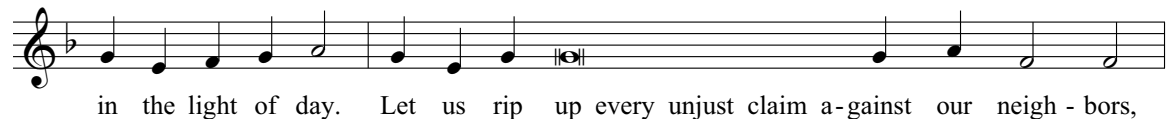
My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman *for* daybreak.

Cantor:  *Tone 5*

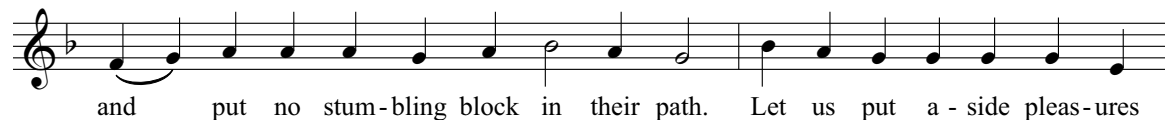
Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

All: 

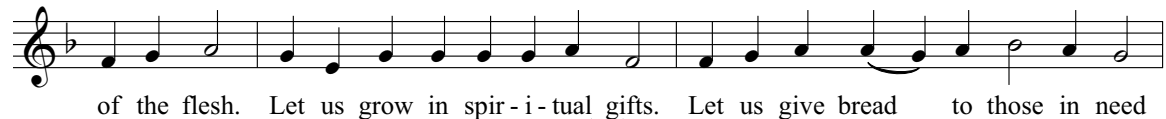
Come, you faith-ful, let us do God's works in light; let us walk uprightly



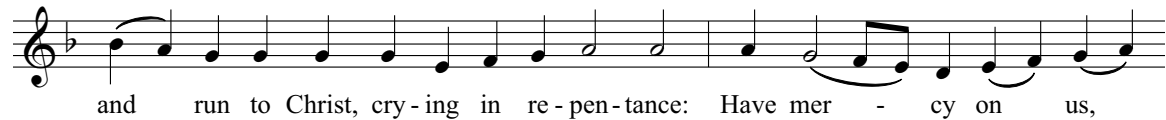
in the light of day. Let us rip up every unjust claim a-against our neigh - bors,



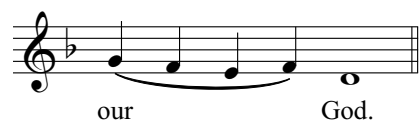
and put no stum-bling block in their path. Let us put a - side pleas-ures



of the flesh. Let us grow in spir - i - tual gifts. Let us give bread to those in need



and run to Christ, cry - ing in re - pen - tance: Have mer - cy on us,



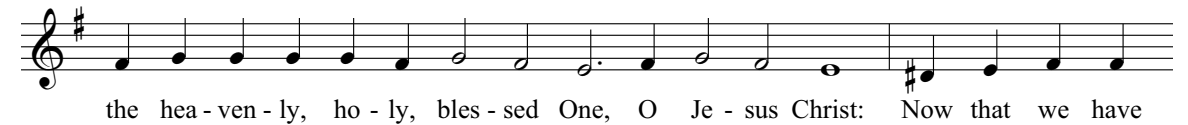
our God.

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The clergy and servers enter the sanctuary as "O Joyful Light" is sung.
The sanctuary and the faithful are incensed.*



O Joy - ful Light of the ho - ly glo - ry of the Fa - ther Im - mor - tal,



the hea - ven - ly, ho - ly, bles - sed One, O Je - sus Christ: Now that we have



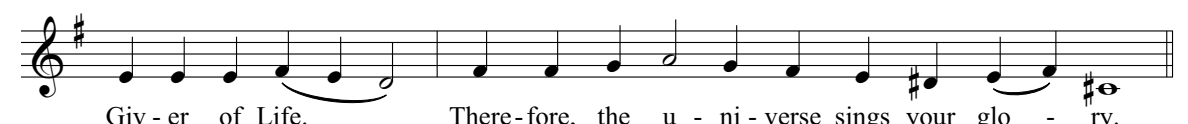
reached the set - ting of the sun, and see the eve - ning light, we sing to God,




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




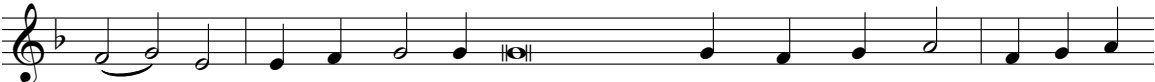
Giv - er of Life. There - fore, the u - ni - verse sings your glo - ry.

Cantor:  Praise the Lord, all you na - tions; ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

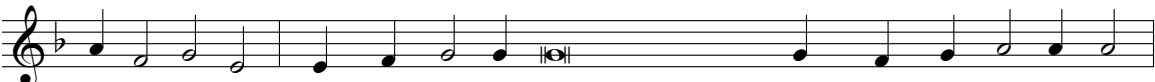
All:  Your name shows you to be God's ex - cel - lent gift, O Mar - tyr

 The - o - dore. Af - ter your death, just as in your life, you grant the requests of


 those who run to you. Once the son of a widow was carried off by pa - gan

 sol - diers, and she came to you, drenching your shrine with tears; and in your

 sym - path - y for her, mount - ed on a white horse, you brought back her child

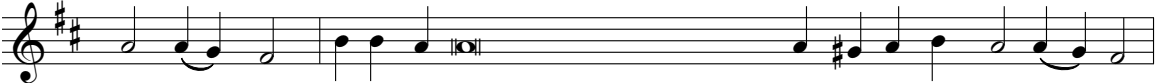
 in - vis - i - bly. From that day to this, you have not ceased work - ing mir - a - cles.


 Pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

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


Tone 6


All:  Us - ing Ju - lian the apostate ty-rant as his tool, the Enemy de - vised a


 wick - ed scheme to de - file the people with foods made foul by pa - gan sac - ri - fice

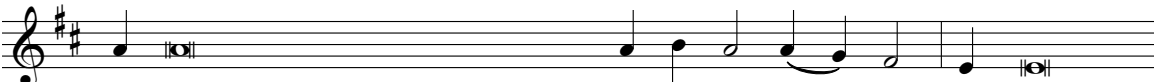
 while they were purifying themselves in a pi - ous fast. But you un - did his scheme by

 your own wis - er plan, ap - pear - ing in a dream to Arch - bish - op

 Eu - dox - i - us; and re - veal - ing the depths of the e - vil de - signs,

 you ex - posed the foul plot. There - fore, we offer you a thanksgiving sacri - fice as

 our pro - tec - tor and make a yearly commemora - tion of your deeds,

 ask - ing you to save us from the schemes of the E - vil One by interceding

 be - fore God, O Great - Mar - tyr The - o - dore.