

Propers for the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
Wednesday in the Second Week of the Great Fast  
March 4, 2009

*The reading from Genesis tells the story of the children of Adam and Eve---Cain, who killed his brother Abel, and Seth, their third child.*

*The reading from Proverbs counsels us about marital fidelity and to great caution in our financial dealings with each other.*

## The Lamplighting Psalms

### Psalm 140

Tone 1

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 as - cend 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.

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.

**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 *ent*rap 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!

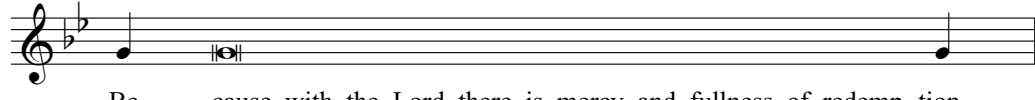

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of *my* pleading.

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 1*  
Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

All:  <sup>④</sup>  
If we would fast in spir - it we must not tell lies with our tongue nor give  
  
cause for scan-dal or take of-fense. Rath - er, through repentance, let us bright-en the  
  
lamp of our soul. With tears, let us cry out to Christ: Re - mit our  
  
sins, for you love us all.

Cantor:  *Tone 3*  
Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,  
  
Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

**Prokeimenon 2 - Tone 1** (Psalm 32: 22, 1a)



May your mer - cy, O Lord, be up - on us, may your mer - cy  
  
be up - on us who have placed our hope in you.

*Verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones.

**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 5:15 - 6:3]

**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 6** (Psalm 31: 11, 1a)



Re-joyce in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord, ex - ult, you just;



re - joice in the Lord, ex - ult, you just!

*Verse:* Happy are they whose offenses are forgiven.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A Reading from the Book of Genesis

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

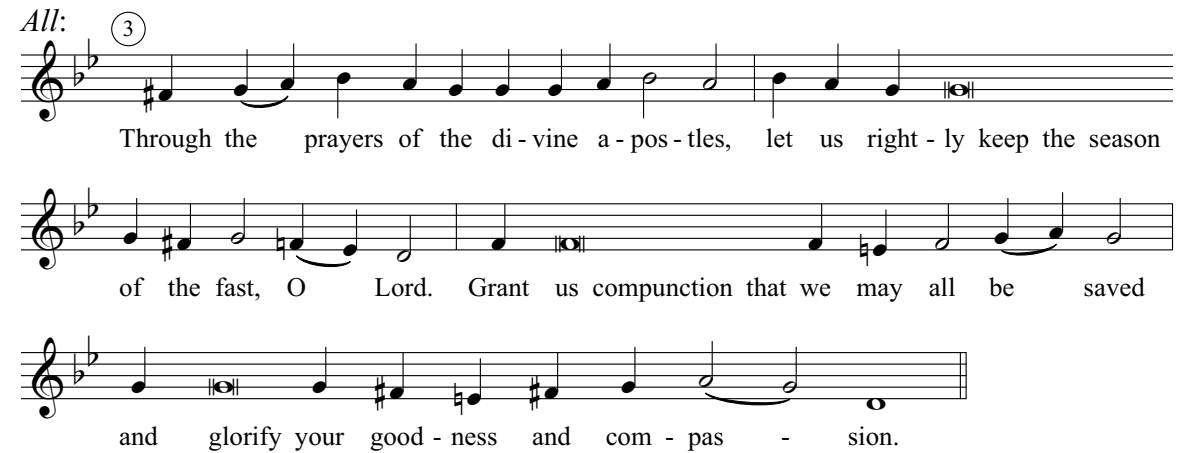
*The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.*

**Lector:** [Genesis 4:16-26]

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The faithful STAND.*

*All:* ③



Through the prayers of the di - vine a - pos - tles, let us right - ly keep the season  
of the fast, O Lord. Grant us compunction that we may all be saved  
and glorify your good - ness and com - pas - sion.

*Cantor:*



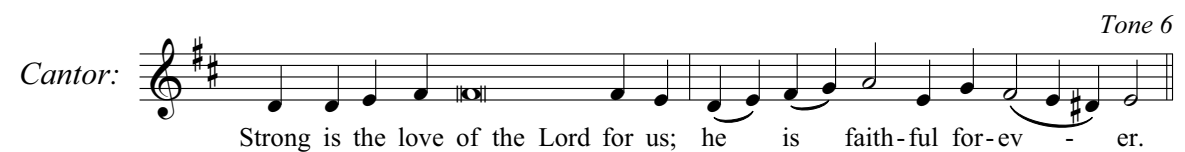
Praise the Lord, all you na - tions ac - claim him all you peo - ples!

*All:* ②



Great and fear - some is your com - ing, O Lord when you will  
sit in judgment and dis - pense jus - tice. Do not judge me, for I am  
al - read - y con - demned; but spare me through the prayers of your a - pos - tles  
who have been pleas - ing to you, O God.

*Cantor:* *Tone 6*



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

All:

①

O a-pos-tles of Christ, bea-cons of the world, rich treasuries of the knowledge of  
our all-wise God, de-liv-er from temp-ta-tions us who praise you.  
Through your ho-ly prayers lead us through the sea-son of the fast and guide  
us to live free from all e-vil and to please our God as we anticipate the  
pas-sion of Christ, of-fer-ing him our praise with con-fi-dence.

*The faithful STAND.*

Cantor: Tone 1

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,  
now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

All:

Tossed a-bout on the storm-y seas of sin, I has-ten to the peaceful ha-ven of  
your prayer, O most pure The-o-to-kos; I cry out to you: Save me!

Ex-tend your pow-er-ful right hand to your serv-ant, O all-spot-less one.

**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.