

Vesper Propers, February 4, 2024  
SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE  
Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge  
Post-festive Day of the Meeting

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 48), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

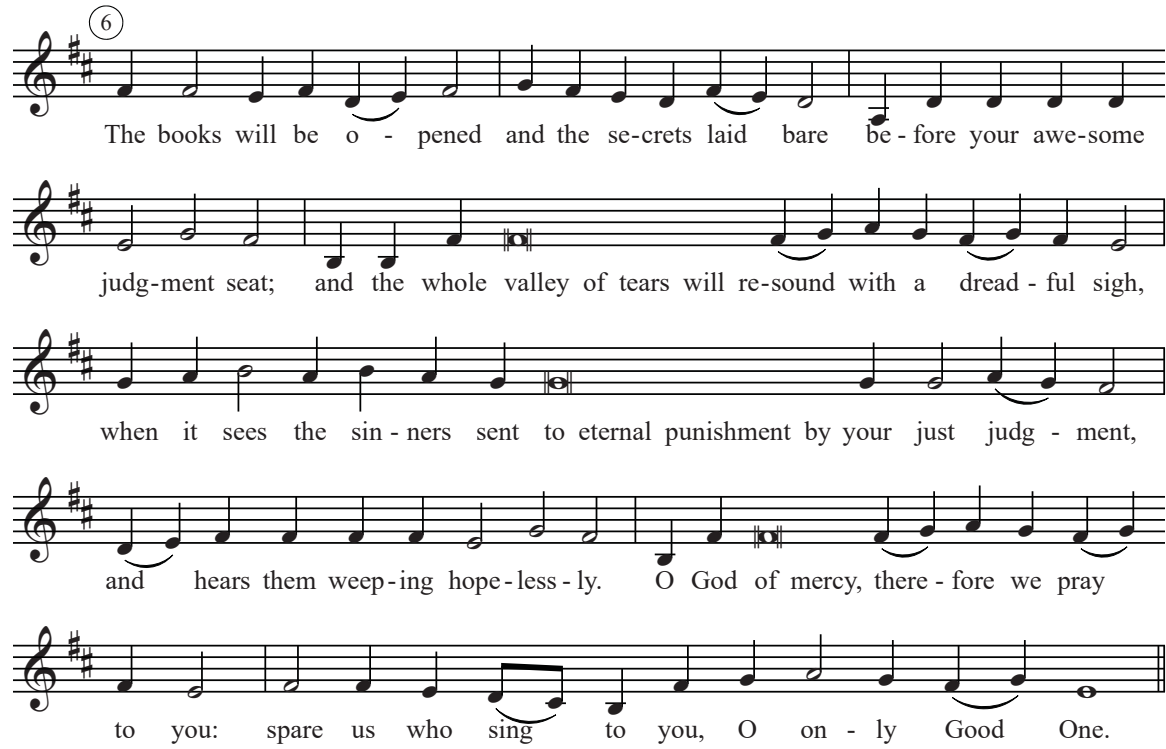
**Stichera of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 podobn: Vsju otloživše**

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When you shall come to ren - der just judg-ment, O right - eous Judge,  
you shall sit up-on your glo-rious throne. A riv - er of fire shall flow be-fore your  
judg - ment seat; the pow'rs of heav-en will be there with you. Filled with fear,  
all humanity will be judged accord-ing to their deeds. At this hour, O Christ,  
spare us, be - cause of your great love, grant that the faith - ful who  
pray to you be giv'n a place with your cho - sen ones.

**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.

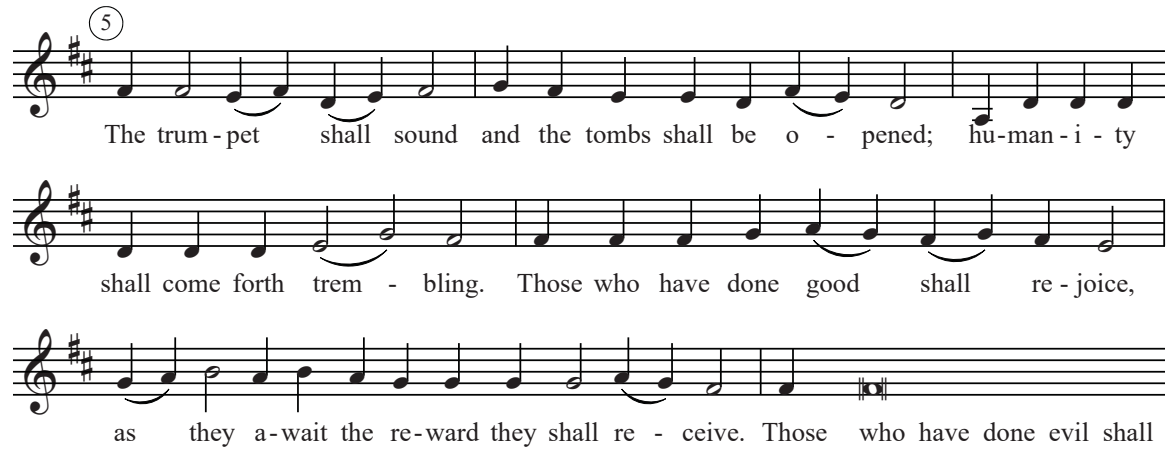
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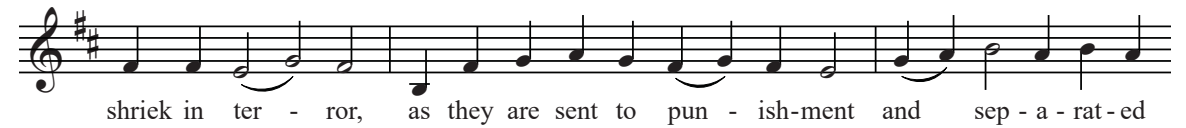
The books will be o - pened and the se-crets laid bare be - fore your awe-some  
judg-ment seat; and the whole valley of tears will re-sound with a dread - ful sigh,  
when it sees the sin - ners sent to eternal punishment by your just judg - ment,  
and hears them weep-ing hope-less - ly. O God of mercy, there - fore we pray  
to you: spare us who sing to you, O on - ly Good One.

**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.

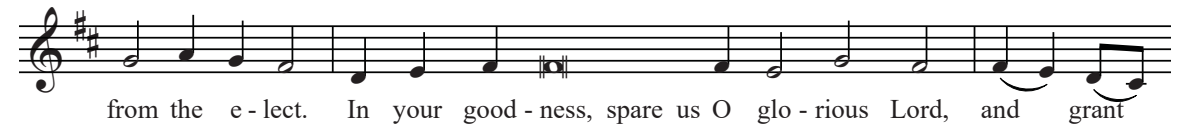
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The trum-pet shall sound and the tombs shall be o - pened; hu-man-i - ty  
shall come forth trem - bling. Those who have done good shall re - joice,  
as they a-wait the re-ward they shall re - ceive. Those who have done evil shall



shriek in ter - ror, as they are sent to pun - ish-ment and sep - a - rat - ed

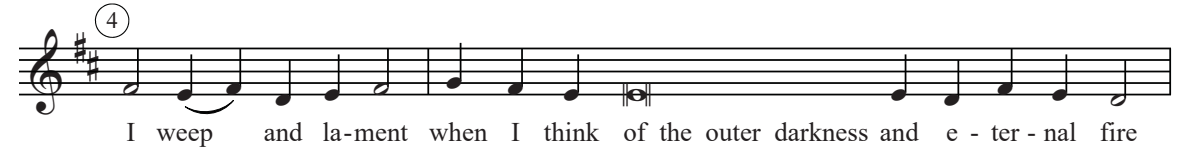


from the e - lect. In your good - ness, spare us O glo - rious Lord, and grant

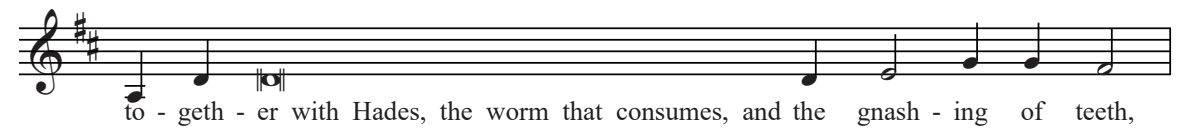


that we may enjoy a place with those who love you.

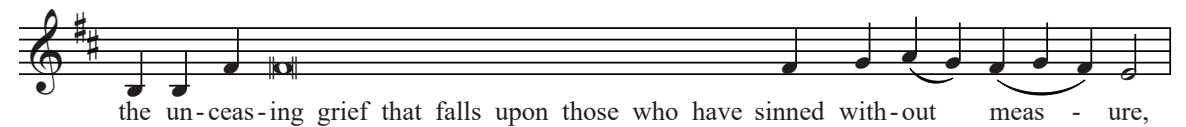
**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.



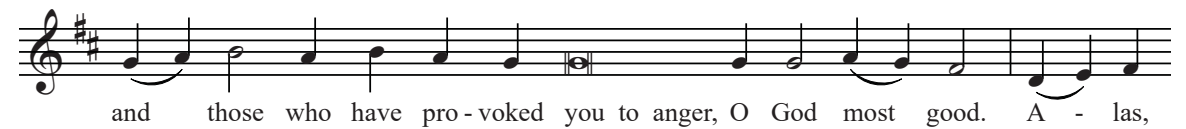
I weep and la-ment when I think of the outer darkness and e - ter - nal fire



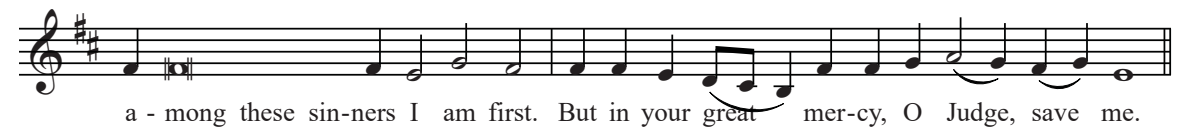
to - geth - er with Hades, the worm that consumes, and the gnash - ing of teeth,



the un-ceas-ing grief that falls upon those who have sinned with-out meas - ure,



and those who have pro - voked you to anger, O God most good. A - las,

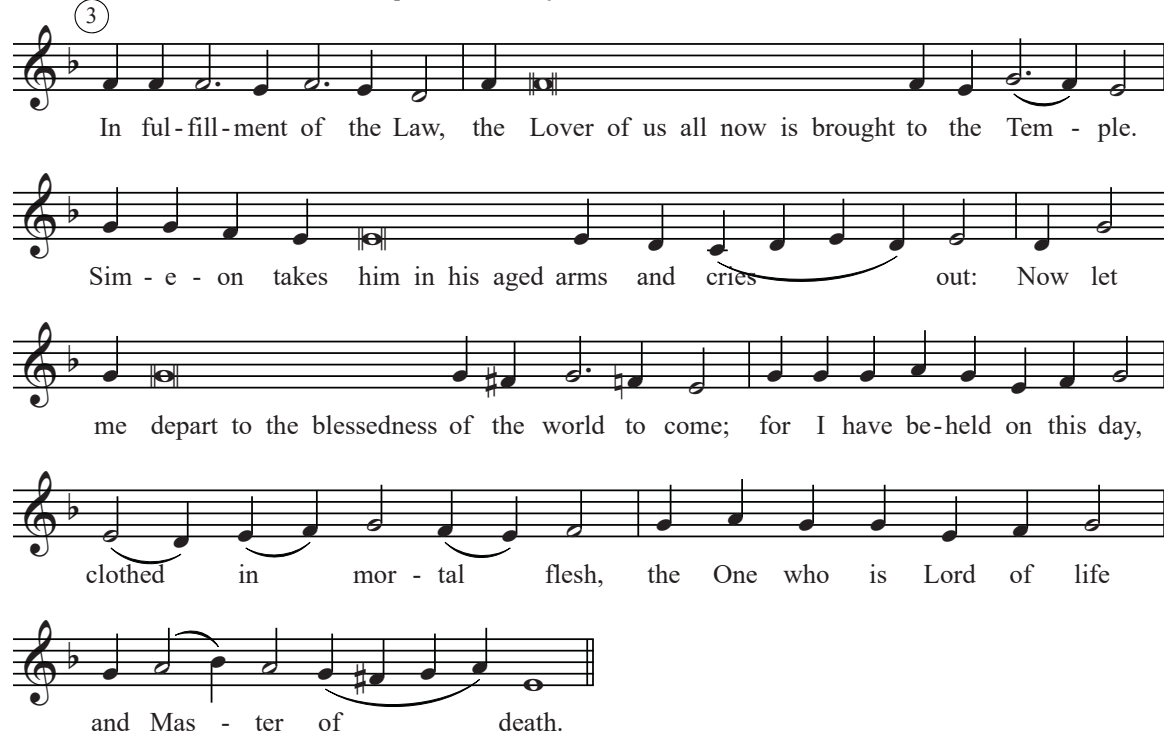


a - mong these sin-ners I am first. But in your great mer-cy, O Judge, save me.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the Post-feast - Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenie**

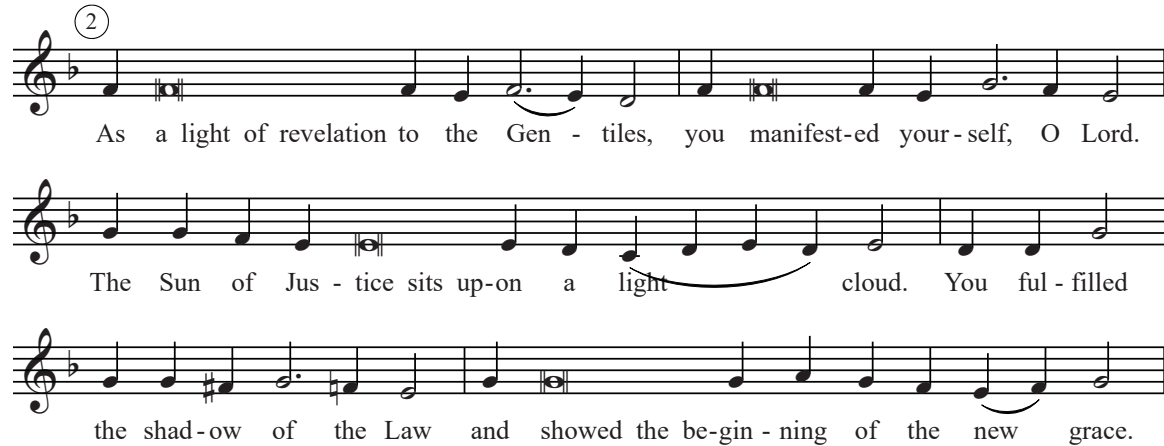
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In ful-fill-ment of the Law, the Lover of us all now is brought to the Tem - ple.  
 Sim - e - on takes him in his aged arms and cries out: Now let  
 me depart to the blessedness of the world to come; for I have be-held on this day,  
 clothed in mor - tal flesh, the One who is Lord of life  
 and Mas - ter of death.

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

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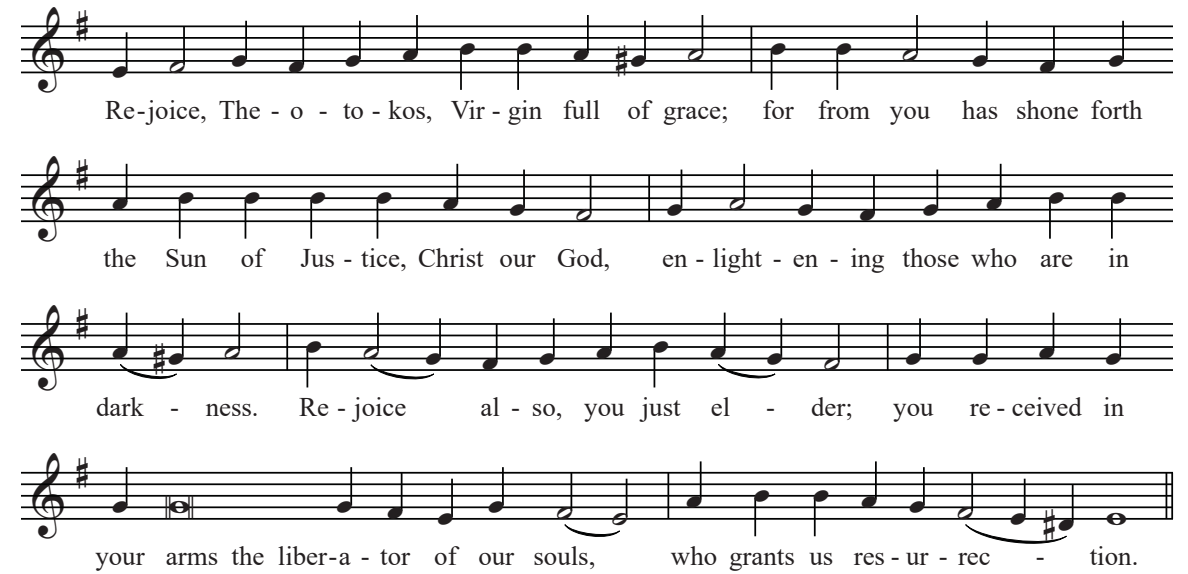
As a light of revelation to the Gen - tiles, you manifest-ed your-self, O Lord.  
 The Sun of Jus - tice sits up-on a light cloud. You ful - filled  
 the shad-ow of the Law and showed the be-gin - ning of the new grace.

**Troparia**

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 57), then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory... now and ever...

**Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1**



Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth  
 the Sun of Jus - tice, Christ our God, en - light - en - ing those who are in  
 dark - ness. Re - joi ce al - so, you just el - der; you re - ceived in  
 your arms the liber-a - tor of our souls, who grants us res - ur - rec - tion.

your mer - cy. O Good Shep-herd, in your good - ness, do not  
de - prive me of a place at your right hand.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Now and ever...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the Post-feast - Tone 2 samohlasen**

To-day, Sim-con takes in his arms the Lord of Glo - ry the One whom Mo-ses  
for - merly saw in the dark - ness when he re - ceived the tables of the Law on Mount  
Si - nai. This is He who speaks through the pro - phets; He is the Cre - a - tor  
of the Law. This is He whom Da-vid an-nounced; He is awe - some to all, yet He has  
great and a - bun - dant mer - cy.

*The service continues on page 19.*

There-fore, be - hold - ing you, Sim - e - on cried out: Re - lease me from  
cor - rup - tion, for I have seen you to - day.

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

When you became in-car - nate as you willed, you did not separate yourself from  
the bosom of the Fa - ther. You up - hold the whole world with your hand,  
yet you were held in the arms of the ev - er - Vir - gin, and you were  
hand - ed over to the arms of Simeon, the ser - vant of God. There-fore, he cried out  
with joy: Now you may dis-miss your ser - vant in peace, O Lord,  
for I have seen you.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

**Doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen**

When the thrones are set up and the books are o - pened, and God will sit in  
 judg - ment, what fear shall I fear in that mo - ment! When the an - gels  
 shall tremble at his side and a riv - er of fire rise up, what shall we sin - ners  
 then do? When shall we hear the blessed of his Father called to the kingdom of  
 heav - en and the sin - ners to e - ter - nal pun - ish - ment, who will be a - ble  
 to endure his dreadful con - dem - na - tion? But you, O Savior, hasten to convert  
 me be - fore the end, and, O King of the ag - es, have mer - cy on me.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).*

**Aposticha**

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with:*

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen**

A - las, O my dark - ened soul, how long will you per - sist in sin? How  
 long will you lie in la - zi - ness? Why do you not think of the dread - ful hour  
 of death? Do you not fear the Savior's awe - some judg - ment seat?  
 How will you de - fend your - self? How will you be vin - di - cat - ed?  
 Your works are there to convict you, and your actions witness a - gainst you.  
 More - o - ver, time is grow - ing short, O my soul; has - ten and cry out  
 in faith: I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned; but I know your love and