

Divine Liturgy, July 20
THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH

Elijah the Tishbite, a prophet of the Lord in the days of Ahab, the king of Israel, defended the rights of the one God against the unfaithful people with such a strength of spirit that he prefigured not only John the Baptist but even Christ himself. Written prophecies do not remain, but his memory is faithfully kept, especially on Mount Carmel.

Hymn

Melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage



1. Let all Christ's Church as - sem - bled here and gath - ered in his name,
2. The proph - et heard the voice of God, not in the quake or fire,
3. By grace, he raised the wid - ow's son; re - buked the roy - al wrongs;
4. For all the gra - ces you have giv'n through what he did for you,



Keep sol - emn, joy - ful fes - ti - val and sing E - li - jah's fame.
But in the cool - ness of the breeze, God spoke his heart's de - sire.
His deeds and words for a - ges since have been the theme of songs!
Your Church on earth gives end - less praise, and hon - ors, as is due,

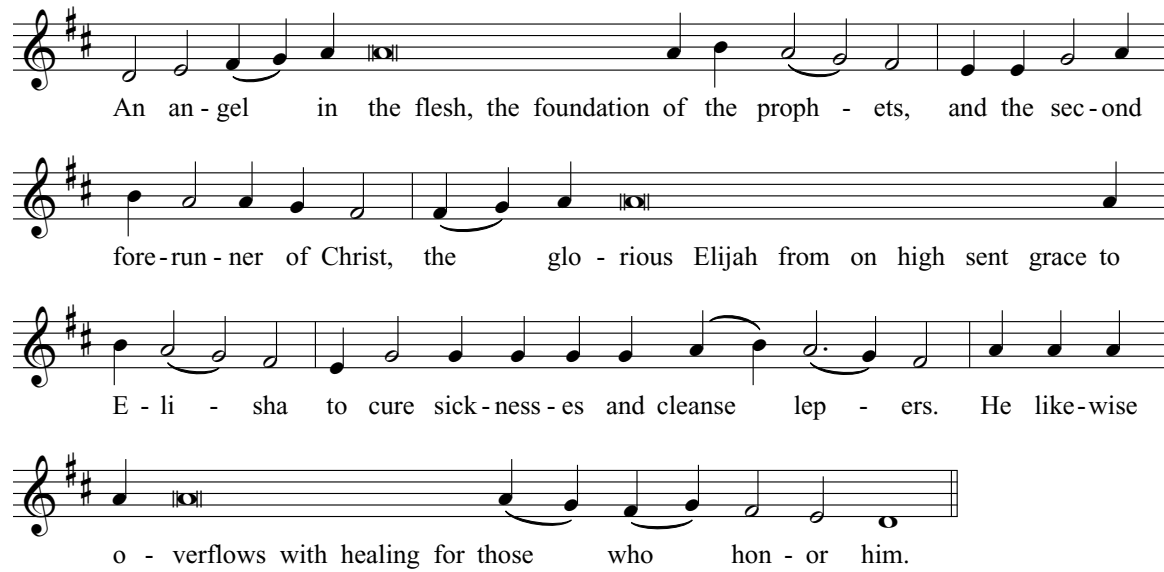


Of all the proph - ets who fore - told God's hid - den plan of grace,
Once fed by ra - ven in the wilds, he served the Lord in might;
When earth - ly tasks for him were done, You called him from this life;
E - li - jah, proph - et of your Name! We praise you ev - er - more,



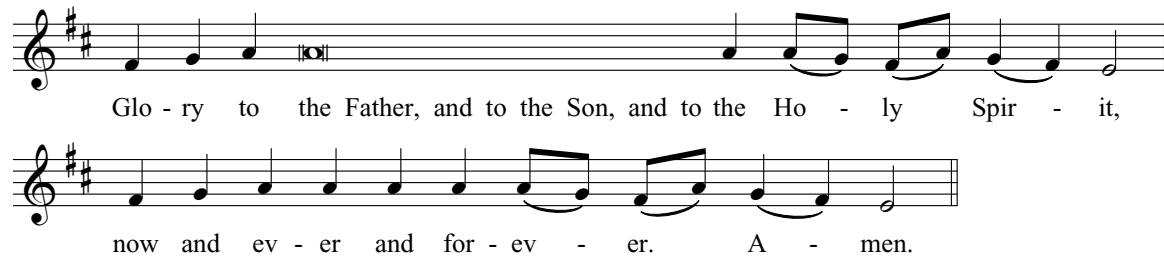
He is the chief, and un - to him we give the fore - most place.
Pre - vent - ing rain from fall - ing down; called fire from heav - en's height!
A fier - y char - iot came for him, re - leas - ing him from strife.
O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, the God whom we a - dore.

Troparion - Tone 4:



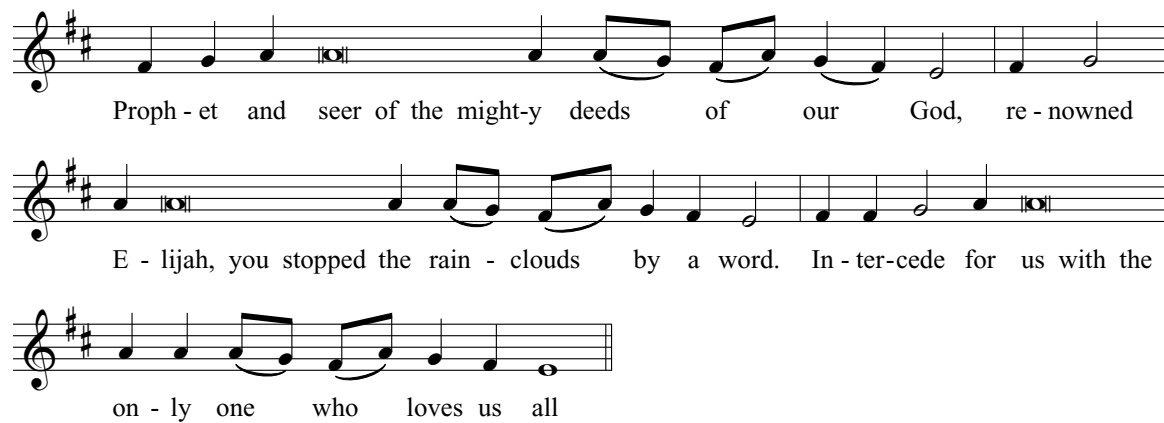
An an - gel in the flesh, the foundation of the proph - ets, and the sec - ond
 fore - run - ner of Christ, the glo - rious Elijah from on high sent grace to
 E - li - sha to cure sick - ness - es and cleanse lep - ers. He like - wise
 o - verflows with healing for those who hon - or him.

Cantor



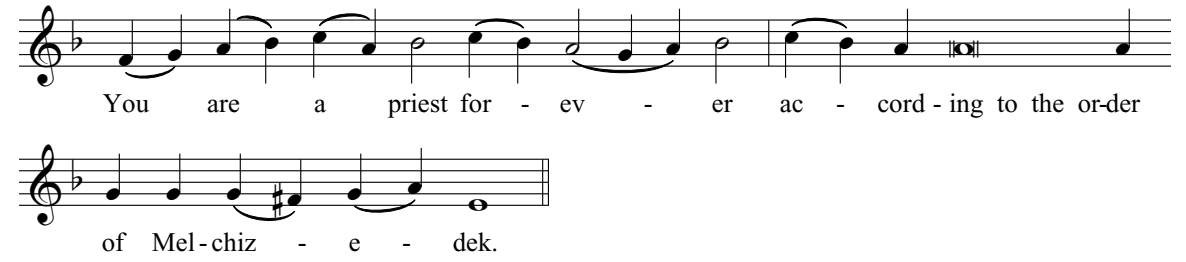
Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion - Tone 2:



Proph - et and seer of the might - y deeds of our God, re - nowned
 E - lijah, you stopped the rain - clouds by a word. In - ter - cede for us with the
 on - ly one who loves us all

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 109:4,1):



You are a priest for - ev - er ac - cord - ing to the order
 of Mel - chiz - e - dek.

Verse: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 98:6):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
 Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

Verse: They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):



The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - ver;
 e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear, he will not fear.
Refrain
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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