

the pride and glo - ry of as - cet - ics. Plant - ed in the house of God,  
 he has flour - ished like the just, as a ce - dar in the de - sert.  
 He has caused the flock of the spir - it - ual sheep of Christ to grow in  
 jus - tice and ho - li - ness.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

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*Troparion in the Tone of the Week*

**Troparion of our Venerable Father John Climacus - Tone 4**

O ven - 'ra - ble John, we have found your god - ly deeds to be a divine ladder  
 lead - ing us to heav - en for you were a model of vir - tue.  
 There - fore, beg Christ our God to save our souls.

*Glory...now and ever...*

*Festal Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 68*  
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## Vesper Propers Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast Our Venerable Father John Climacus

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*Beginning Prayers, p. 1*  
*Psalm 103, p. 2 (chant) or p. 6 (melodic)*  
*Litany of Peace, p. 8*  
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*Lamplighting Psalms and stichera 10-5 in the Tone of the Week*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
 (on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

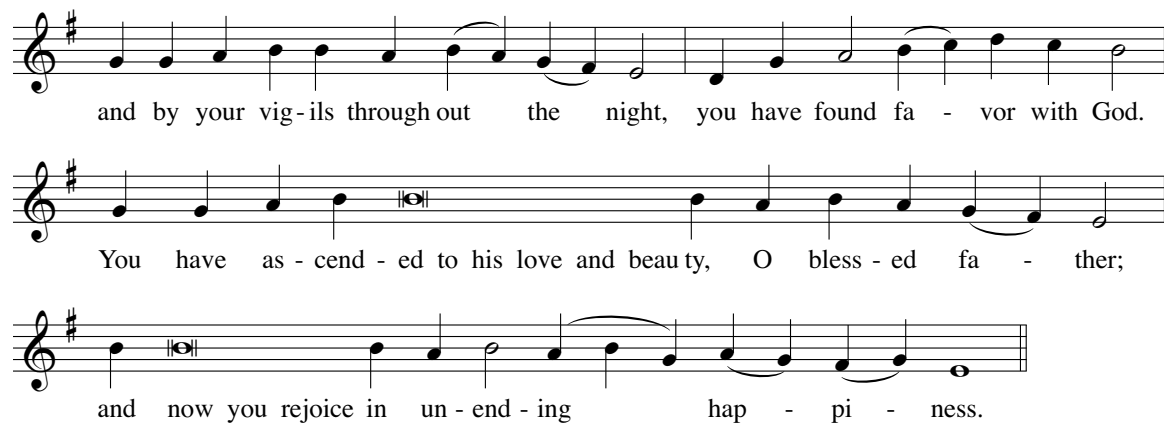
*Tone 8 podoben: O preslavnoho čudese*

O ven - er - a - ble and ho - ly fa - ther John, with full voice, you have unceasingly  
 sung the prais - es of God; you have me - ditated upon his in - spired words,  
 to make them wise - ly bear much fruit. Hav ing be come rich in heav en - ly grace,  
 you have de - served un - end - ing hap - pi - ness.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
 (on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *Repeat "O venerable and holy father..."*

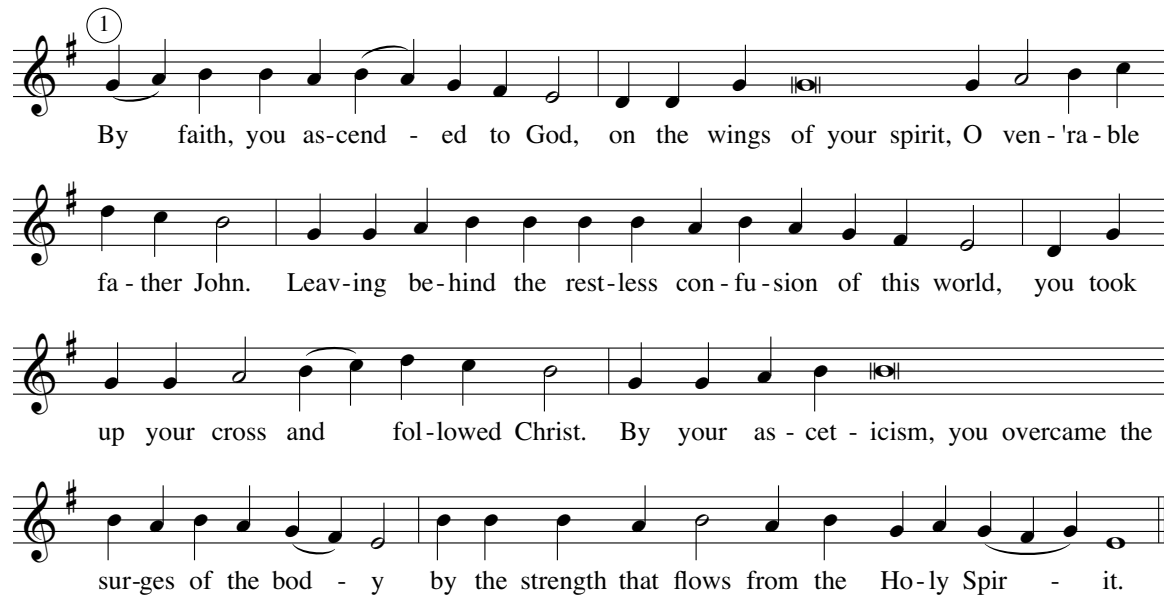
**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
 (on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

By the streams of your tears, O glo - rious fa - ther John, your soul has been pu - ri - fied:



and by your vig-ils through out the night, you have found fa - vor with God.  
 You have as - cend - ed to his love and beauty, O bless - ed fa - ther;  
 and now you rejoice in un - end - ing hap - pi - ness.

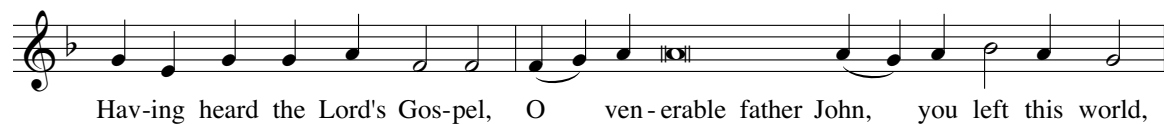
**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
*(on 1)* he is faithful forever.



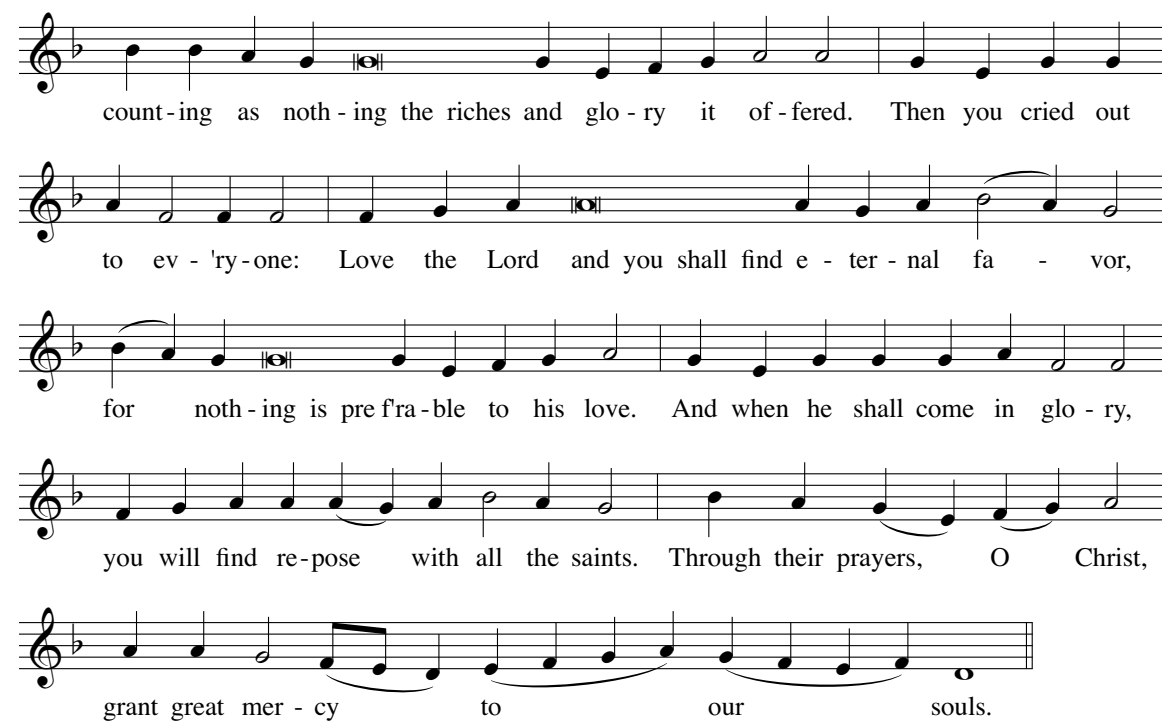
By faith, you as-cend - ed to God, on the wings of your spirit, O ven -'ra - ble  
 fa - ther John. Leav-ing be-hind the rest-less con - fu - sion of this world, you took  
 up your cross and fol - lowed Christ. By your as - cet - icism, you overcame the  
 sur - ges of the bod - y by the strength that flows from the Ho - ly Spir - it.

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 5 samohlasen**



Hav-ing heard the Lord's Gos-pel, O ven - erable father John, you left this world,



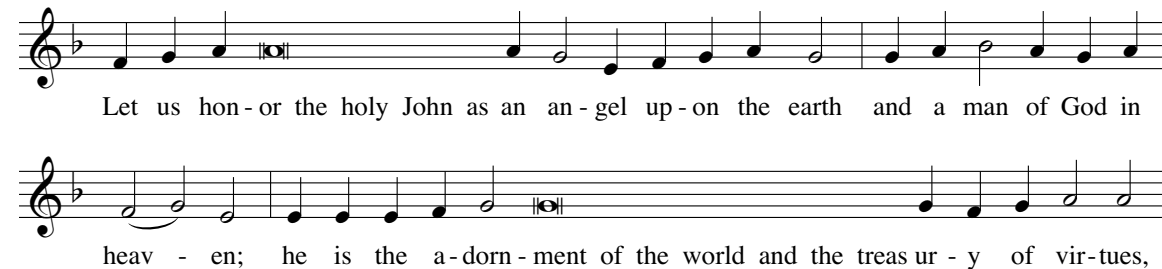
count-ing as noth - ing the riches and glo - ry it of - fered. Then you cried out  
 to ev - 'ry-one: Love the Lord and you shall find e - ter - nal fa - vor,  
 for noth - ing is pre fra - ble to his love. And when he shall come in glo - ry,  
 you will find re - pose with all the saints. Through their prayers, O Christ,  
 grant great mer - cy to our souls.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week*  
*Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*  
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*Apostichera in the Tone of the Week*

**Cantor:** *(Tone 2)* Glory...

**Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 2 samohlasen**



Let us hon - or the holy John as an an - gel up - on the earth and a man of God in  
 heav - en; he is the a - dorn - ment of the world and the treas ur - y of vir - tues,