

con - firmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, you ap peared and enlightened the

world. Glo - ry to you!

The service concludes with the Dismissal, p. 21.

Vesper Propers, January 7
Synaxis of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist, John

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005
Lamplighting Psalms Tone 2, p 36

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.

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.

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.

Tone 2 samohlasen

When the Fore - runner saw the One who is our en - light - en - ment,

the One who has brought light to all, com - ing to be bap - tized,

his heart re - joiced and his hand trem - - - bled. He point - ed

him out to the peo - ple and said: This is the Sav - ior of Israel

who delivered us from cor - rup - tion. O Christ our God, O Sin less

One, glo - - ry to you!

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.

O our Sav - ior, the army of an - gels trem - bled when they saw you

bap-tized by your serv - ant, and the Ho - ly Spir - it bearing wit - ness and

de - scen - ding, and when they hear the voice of the Fa - ther speak - ing from

heav - en: "This One up - on whom the Fore run - ner lays his hands

is my be - lov - ed Son in whom I am well - pleased. O Christ our

God, glo - - - ry to you!

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

When the Jor - dan River re - ceived you, O Foun - tain - head, the

Troparia

Troparion of the Synaxis - Tone 2

O proph - et, forerunner, and dwell - er in the des - ert, you heard the di - vine

voice of the Fa - ther, you were deemed wor - thy to bap - tize the Son and Lord,

and you were a witness of the Ho - ly Spir - it. Hav - ing pro claimed the

bap - ti - sm of re - pent - ance, now ask for us the for give - ness of sins,

that through your prayers we may receive the great mer - cy of Christ our God.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Troparion of the Theophany - Tone 1

At your bap - tism in the Jor - dan, O Lord, wor - ship of the

Trin - i - ty was re - vealed; for the Fa - ther's voice bore wit - ness to you, calling

you his be - lov - ed Son, and the Spir - it in the form of a dove

the hearts of those baptized in re - pent - ance that they may re - ceive
e - ter - nal life, O bless - ed Proph - et, in - spired by God.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Let us imitate the wise vir - gins; come, let us go to meet the Master who is
now pres - ent, for he approaches John as a Bride - groom. When the Jor - dan
saw him, it bowed down in fear and stopped; John spoke out, saying: I am unworthy
to touch your im - mor - tal head. The spirit descended in the form of a dove and
sanc - ti - fied the wa - ters, and a voice was heard from on high: This is my Son
who comes into the world to save all. O Lord, glo - ry to you!

Com - fort - er descended in the form of a dove. Now be - hold the mar - vel:
the One who bowed the heavens bows his head to the Fore - run - ner,
and the one made of clay cries out to his Mak - er: "Why do you
com - mand me to perform what is be - yond my pow - er? It is
I who need to be bap - tized by you." O Christ our God, O
Sin - less One, glo - - - ry to you!

Cantor: 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 Synaxis - Tone 1 podobn: Prechvalnii mučenicy

O Christ, the Fore - run - ner saw you com - ing to him and ask - ing for bap - ti - sm
With trem - bling he cried out: Why do you command me to do that which is beyond

my power, O all pow - er - ful Lord? How am I to touch you with my hand,
 since you pre-serve all things with your hand? Ra-ther you should bap-tize me, your
 serv - - - ant.

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

I man - i - fest myself as com-plete - ly hu - man. I who am rich have
 will-ing - ly be-come poor, so that I may enrich with in - cor - rup - tion
 and de - liv-'rance all the poor. Come! Bap - tize the One who is not subject
 to cor - rup - tion and who frees the world from de - cay.

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

The Fore-run-ner said to the Cre - a - tor: For my part I am held back,

In re-sponse, John said: What creature can see the Sun be - ing cleansed,
 or who can see stripped the One who clothes the heav - ens with the clouds;
 who can see the Creator of springs and rivers coming in to the wa - ters?
 O Mas-ter, I mar - vel at your inef fa - ble prov - i - dence.
 Do not bur - den your serv - ant with such awe - some com-mands.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 4 samohlasen

As a lover of the Holy Spirit, O Fore run - ner, and as a swallow sweetly singing of
 di - vine grace, you have made known to all peo - ple the plan of
 sal - va - tion of their King. He glo - riously came forth from the Pure One for the
 re - new - al of all. He takes away their en - cient sad - ness and re - forms

you have raised us up and we are glo - ri - fied.

Cantor

The sea fled at the sight; the Jor-dan turned back on its course.

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Come to me; for on this day, I fulfill the mystery of sal - va - tion,

said the Sav - ior of the universe to the Fore - run - ner. Serve with fear

and do not be ter - ri-fied, because I am renewing Adam who was crushed by sin.

Though I am un-de-filed by na - ture, I am baptized in the waters of the Jor - dan.

Cantor

Why is it, O sea, that you fled, that you turned back, Jor-dan, on

your course?

and I do not know where to flee. O gen - erous One, you are the riv er

of de-light. How is it, therefore, that the streams of the river receive you

as you en-ter them? To all those who venerate your holy man-i - fes - ta - tion,

you pour out sal - va - tion, O Word!

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6

O Lu - minary in the flesh and Forerunner of the Sav - ior, O off spring of the

bar-ren one, O friend, by leap-ing in the womb you a-dored the One who

is born of the Vir - gin; and you baptized him in the waters of the Jor - dan.

O proph - et, we pray to you: Im-plore him that we may es-cape the

fu - ture tor - ments.

Cantor: Now and ever...

God the Word manifested himself in the flesh to the hu - man race.

He stood in the Jordan to be bap - tized, and the Fore - run-ner said to him:

How can I extend my hand and touch the head of him who gov-erns all things?

E - ven though you were an infant born of Mar - y, I know that you are

the e - ter - nal God. You are praised by the Seraphim and yet you walk on earth;

and the servant has not learned how to baptize the Mas - ter. O in - ef - fa - ble

Lord, glo - ry to you!

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p. 12

Great Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 113:11):

But our God is in the heav - ens; he does what ev - er

he wills; he does what ev - er he wills.

Verse: When Israel came forth from Egypt, Jacob's sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord's temple.

Verse: The sea fled at the sight;
the Jordan turned back on its course.

Verse: Why was it, sea, that you fled?
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?

The service continues with the Litany of Fervent Supplication, p. 13

Aposticha

Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenije

① O Mas - ter, when John the Forerunner saw you com ing to him, he was a-mazed.

As a faith - ful servant he cried out with fear: O Sav - ior, with what humility

and lowliness have you clothed your - self? Since you are com - pas - sion - ate,

you have clothed your-self in our flesh; and by the rich-ness of your kind - ness,