

**Vesper Propers, February 9, 2025**  
**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**  
**Leave-taking of the Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna**

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), stichera 10-8.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

**Stichera of the Publican and the Pharisee - Tone 1 samohlasen**

O faith-ful, let us not pray as the Phar-i-see, for those who exalt themselves shall be hum-bled. Let us hum-ble our-selves be-fore God, and with the Pub-li-can let us say: "Lord have mer-cy on me a sin-ner."

**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.  
*All repeat: "O faithful, let us not pray as the Pharisee..."*

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak.

The Phar-i-see, o-ver-come with his pride, and the Pub-lican, bent down in re-pent-ance, came be-fore you, the on-ly Lord; the first trusted in himself

and was deprived of your bless - ings; the oth - er spoke but a few words and  
 received your blessings in a - bun - dance. Be - hold my tears and strengthen me, O  
 Christ our God, for you are in - deed the Lov - er of us all.

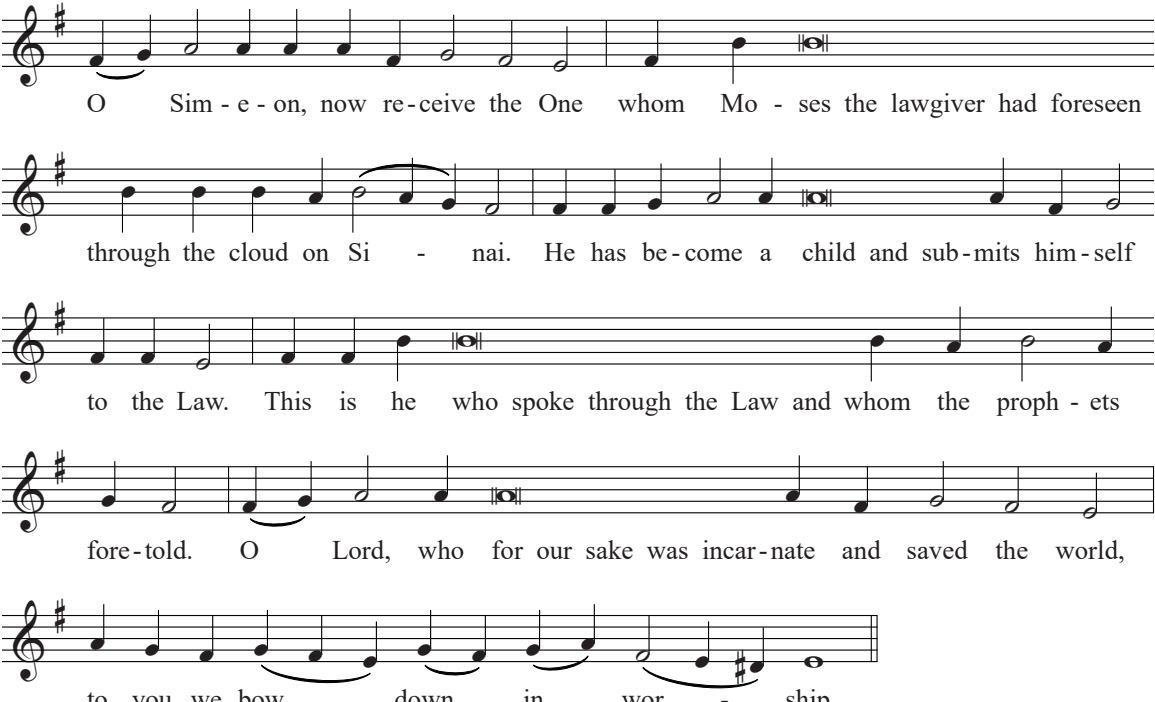
**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
 (on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

**Stichera of the Meeting - Tone 1 samohlasen**

O Sim - e - on. tell us whom you are joyfully carrying in-to the Tem - ple. To  
 whom are you say - ing: Now you may dis - miss your serv - ant, O Lord,  
 be - cause my eyes have seen my Sav - ior. He is the child born of the  
 Vir - gin. He is the Word and God of God. O Lord, who for our sake was  
 in - car - nate and saved the world, to you we bow down in wor - ship.

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

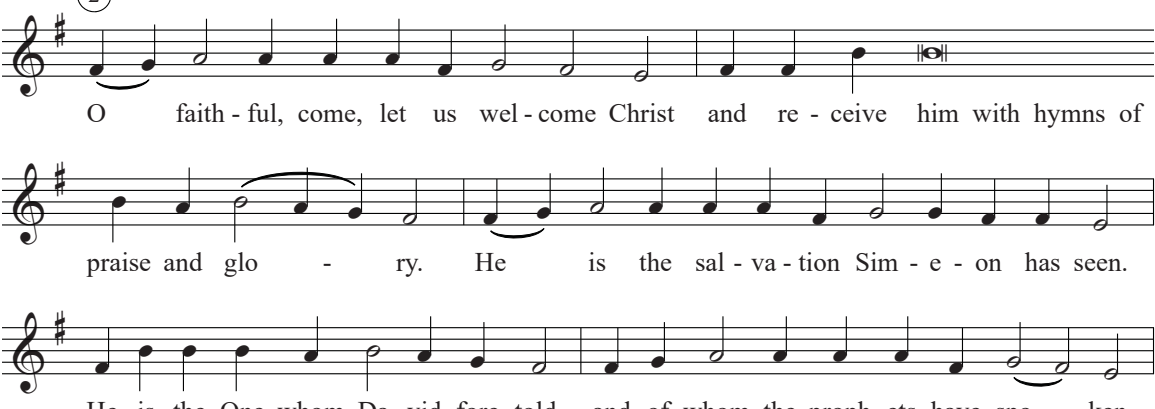
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O Sim - e - on, now re - ceive the One whom Mo - ses the lawgiver had foreseen  
through the cloud on Si - nai. He has be - come a child and sub - mits him - self  
to the Law. This is he who spoke through the Law and whom the proph - ets  
fore - told. O Lord, who for our sake was incar - nate and saved the world,  
to you we bow down in wor - ship.

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

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O faith - ful, come, let us wel - come Christ and re - ceive him with hymns of  
praise and glo - ry. He is the sal - va - tion Sim - e - on has seen.  
He is the One whom Da - vid fore - told, and of whom the proph - ets have spo - ken.

O Lord, who for our sake was incarnate and in - spired the Law, to you we  
bow down in wor - ship.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

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To-day the gates of heav-en swing o-pen, for the Word of the Father who has no  
be-gin - ning has re-ceived be - gin-ning in time with-out any loss to his  
di-vin - i - ty. As a child of forty days he is offered by a vir - gin Moth - er  
in the Tem-ple ac-cord - ing to the Law. The El - der Simeon receives  
him in his arms and cries out: Dis-miss me, O Master, for my eyes have seen your  
sal-va - tion; O Lord, who came in-to the world to save us, glo - ry to you!

me, O Lord, as you have prom - ised; for my eyes have seen you, the  
e - ter - nal Light, the Lord and Savior of all Chris - tian peo - - ple.

### Troparia

*The troparion, "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos" (p. 119) is sung twice, then:*

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

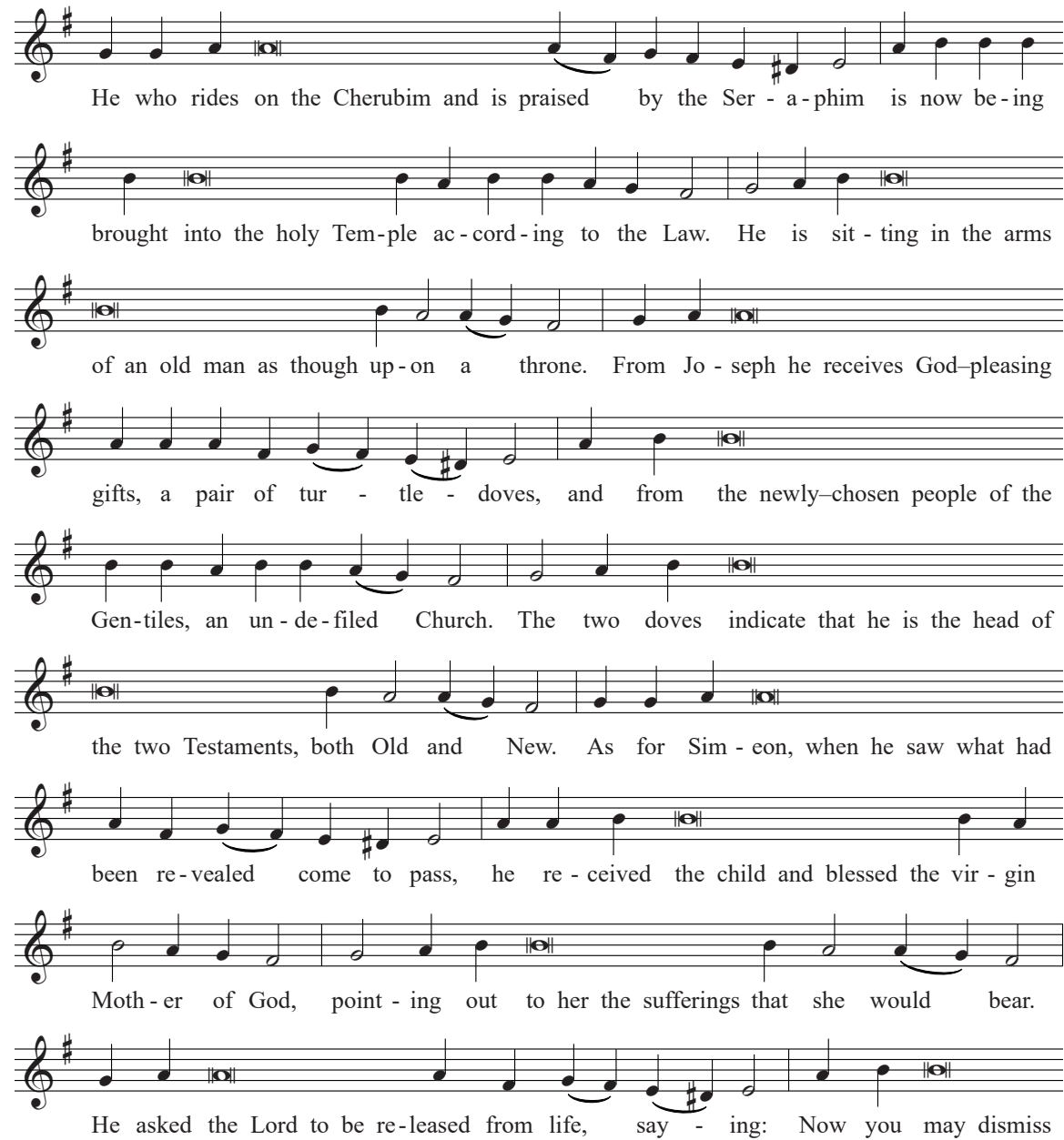
#### Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1

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-joyce 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.

*The service continues with the Blessing of Bread, p. 119*

Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

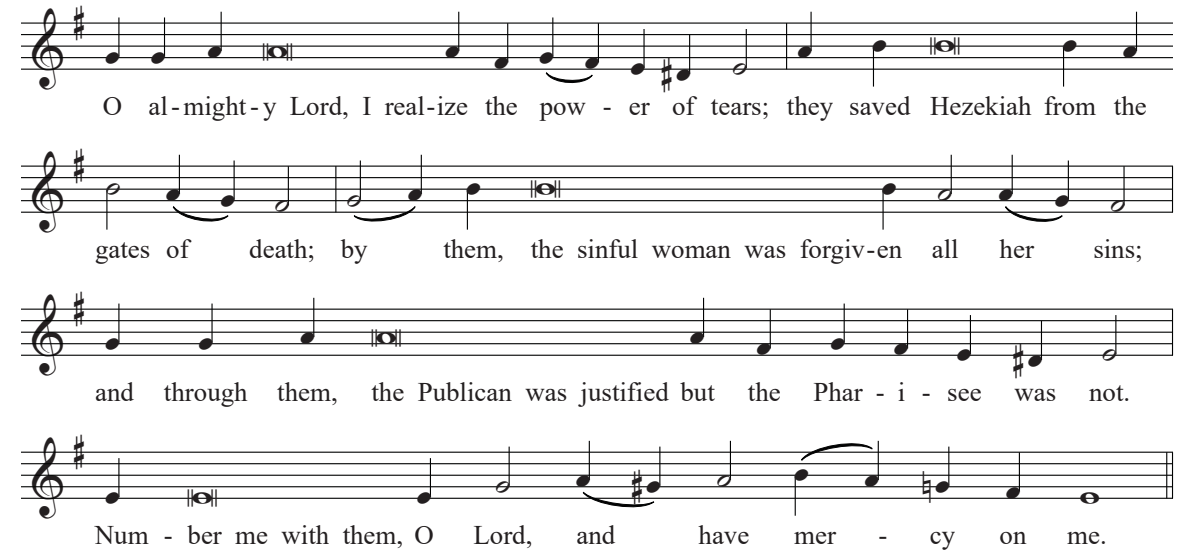
**Aposticha doxastikon of the Meeting - Tone 8 samohlasen**



He who rides on the Cherubim and is praised by the Ser - a - phim is now be - ing brought into the holy Tem - ple ac - cord - ing to the Law. He is sit - ting in the arms of an old man as though up - on a throne. From Jo - seph he receives God - pleasing gifts, a pair of tur - tle - doves, and from the newly - chosen people of the Gen - tiles, an un - de - filed Church. The two doves indicate that he is the head of the two Testaments, both Old and New. As for Sim - eon, when he saw what had been re - vealed come to pass, he re - ceived the child and blessed the vir - gin Moth - er of God, point - ing out to her the sufferings that she would bear. He asked the Lord to be re - leased from life, say - ing: Now you may dismiss

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Publican and the Pharisee - Tone 8 samohlasen**



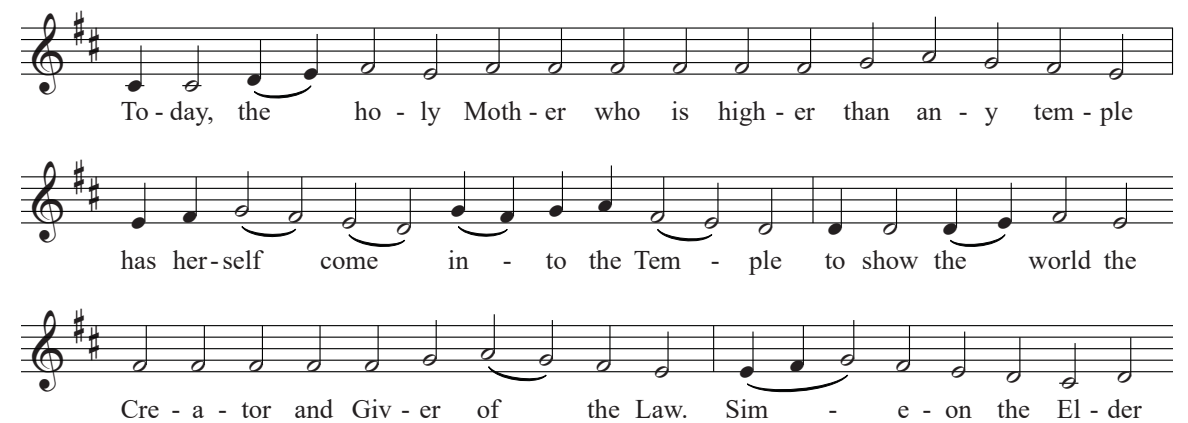
O al - might - y Lord, I real - ize the pow - er of tears; they saved Hezekiah from the gates of death; by them, the sinful woman was forgiv - en all her sins; and through them, the Publican was justified but the Phar - i - see was not. Num - ber me with them, O Lord, and have mer - cy on me.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 76).*

**Litija**

*Tone 4 Bolhar*



To - day, the ho - ly Moth - er who is high - er than an - y tem - ple has her - self come in - to the Tem - ple to show the world the Cre - a - tor and Giv - er of the Law. Sim - e - on the El - der

re- ceives him in his arms; he ven- er- ates him and cries a- loud:  
 Now let your serv- ant de- part in peace, for I have seen  
 you, the Sav- ior of our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory...

**Litija doxastikon of the Publican and the Pharisee - Tone 3 samohlasen**

You know the dif- fer- ence, O my soul, be - tween the Pharisee and the  
 Pub - li - can. De - test the proud words of the first; im - i - tate the  
 hum - ble prayer of the second and say: For - give me, O Lord, for I am a  
 sin - ner. O God have mer - cy up - on me.

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Now and ever...

**Litija doxastikon of the Meeting - Tone 5 Bolhar**

He who is an- cient of days and young in the flesh is be- ing brought

to the Tem- ple by his vir- gin Moth- er. He ful- fills the prom - ise  
 of his own law. Sim - e - on re- ceives him and says: Now you  
 may dis- miss your serv - ant, ac - cord - ing to your word, in peace,  
 for my eyes have seen your sal - va - - - tion, O Lord.

*The service continues with the Litany of the Litija, p 116.*

**Aposticha**

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 77), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the Publican and Pharisee - Tone 5 samohlasen**

Be - cause of my sins, my eyes are weight - ed down, and I can no longer raise  
 them up to see the light of heav - en. But grant that I may re - pent like the  
 Pub - li - can: O Lord, have mer - cy on me.