

Vesper Propers, December 27, 2026
The Sunday after Christmas:
The Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed,
David the King, and James the Brother of God

THE HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR, AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit. First of seven deacons, whom the Apostles chose to be fellow-laborers in the ministry, he was also the first of the disciples of the Lord to pour out his blood at Jerusalem. He provided testimony for Christ Jesus, whom he saw standing in glory at the right hand of the Father. He was covered over by stones while praying for his persecutors.

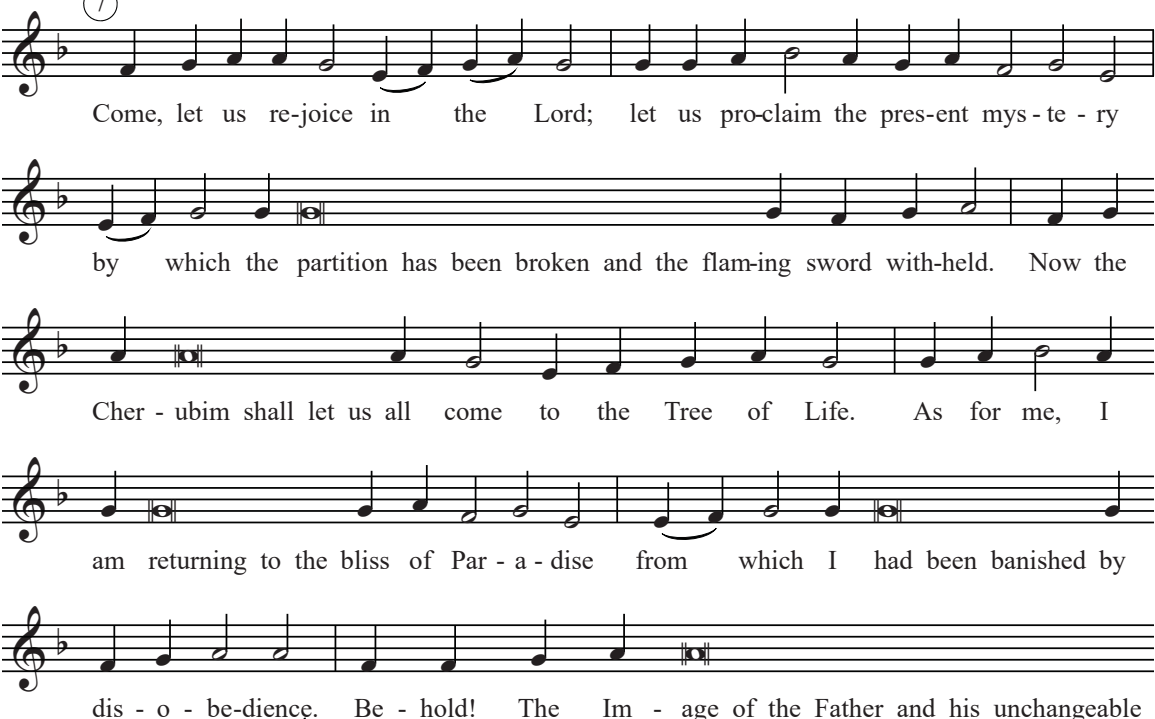
Supplement for *The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006*

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-8.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

Sticheron of the Nativity of Our Lord - Tone 2 samohlasen

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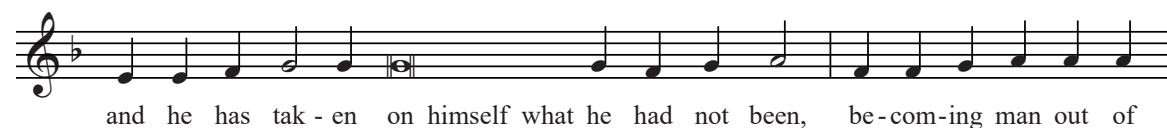
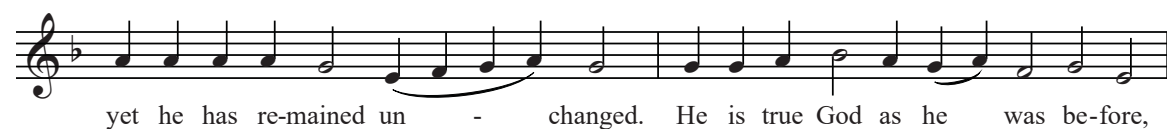
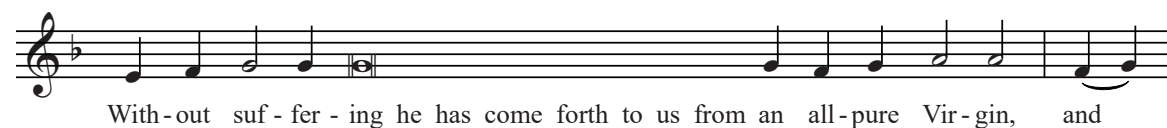
Come, let us re-joyce in the Lord; let us pro-claim the pres-ent mys - te - ry

by which the partition has been broken and the flam-ing sword with-held. Now the

Cher - ubim shall let us all come to the Tree of Life. As for me, I

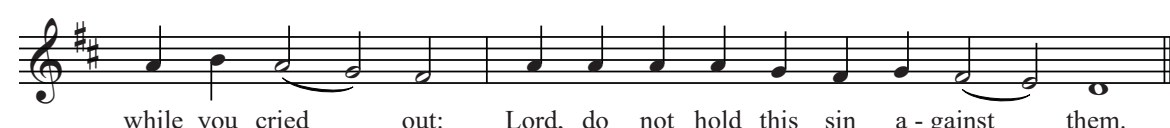
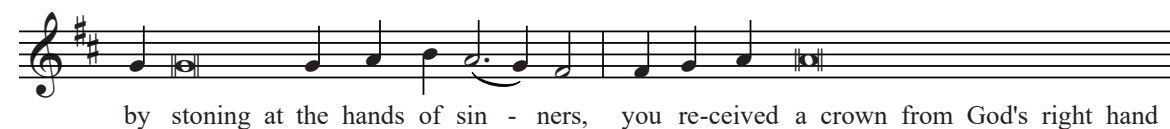
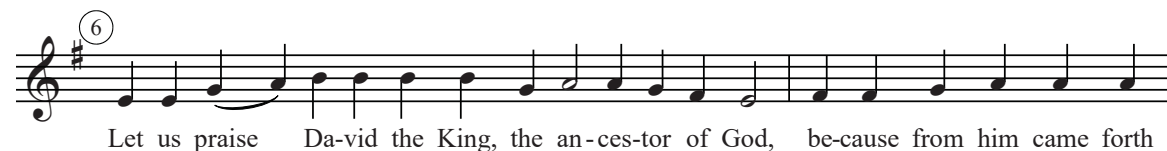
am returning to the bliss of Par - a - dise from which I had been banished by

dis - o - be-dience. Be - hold! The Im - age of the Father and his unchangeable



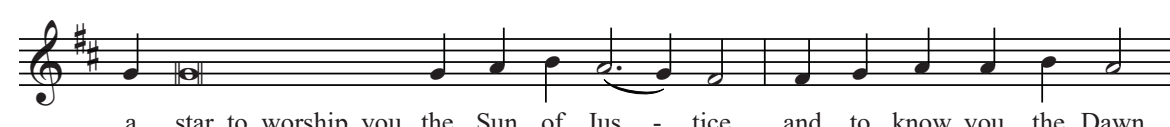
Cantor: (Tone 1) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you.

Stichera of the Relatives of the Lord - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov



Cantor: Glory...

Troparion of the Nativity of the Lord - Tone 4



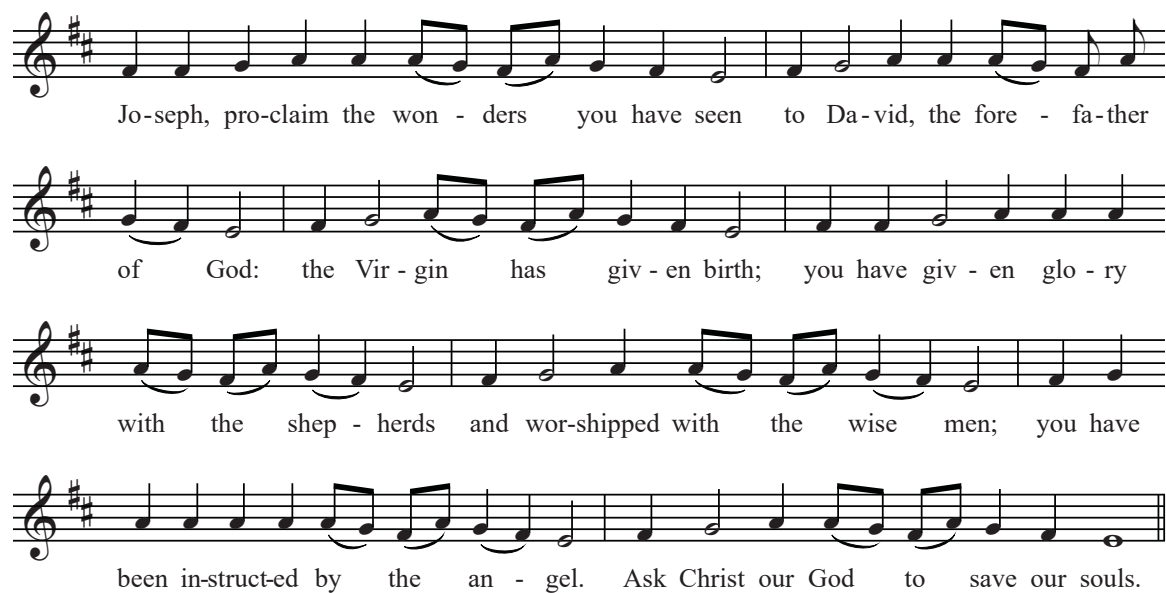
The service continues on p. 21.



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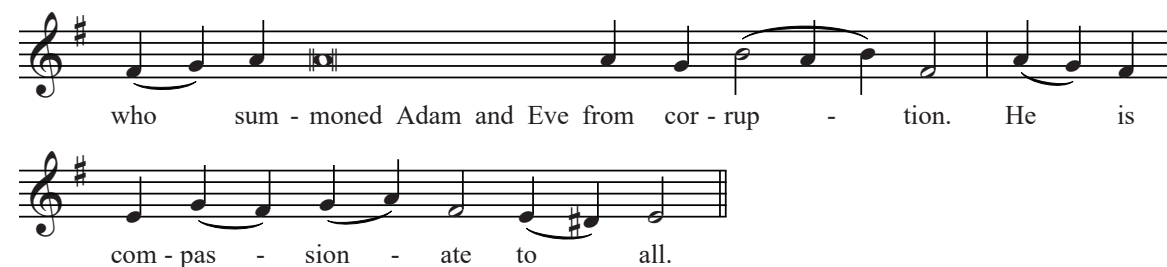
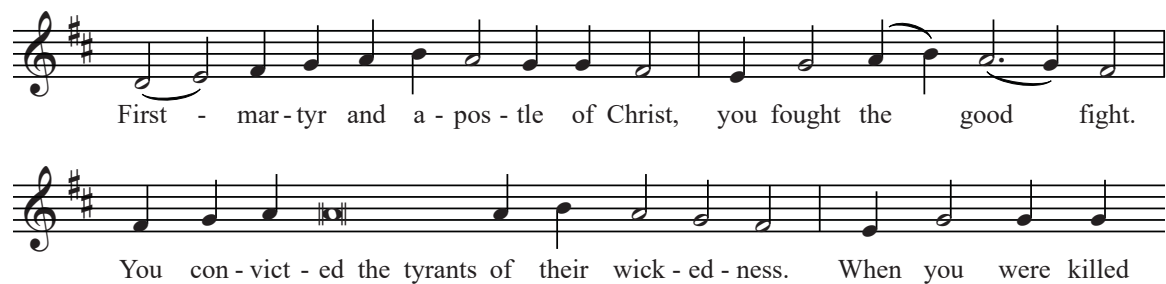
Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 80), then:

Troparion of the Relatives of the Lord - Tone 2

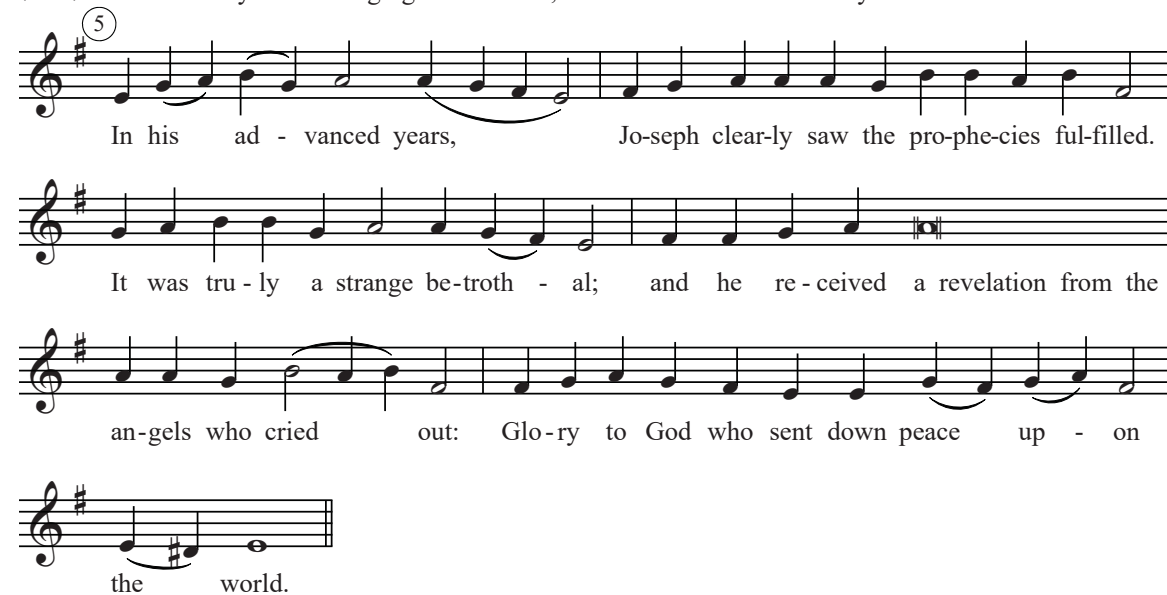


Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

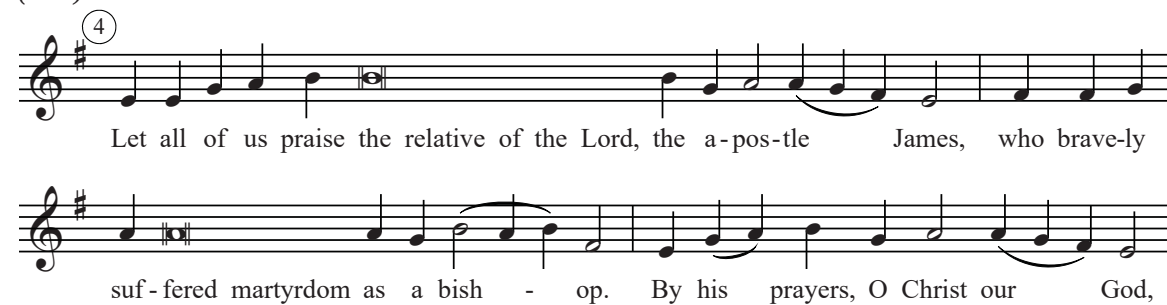
Troparion of the holy first martyr Stephen - Tone 4

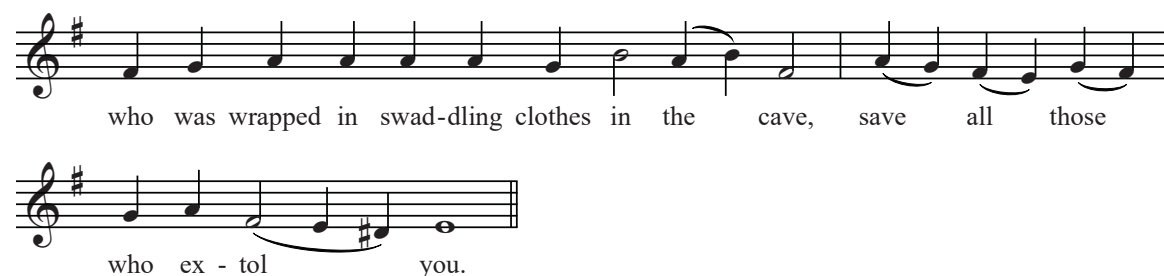


Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord, I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak.



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





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 holy first martyr Stephen - Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a

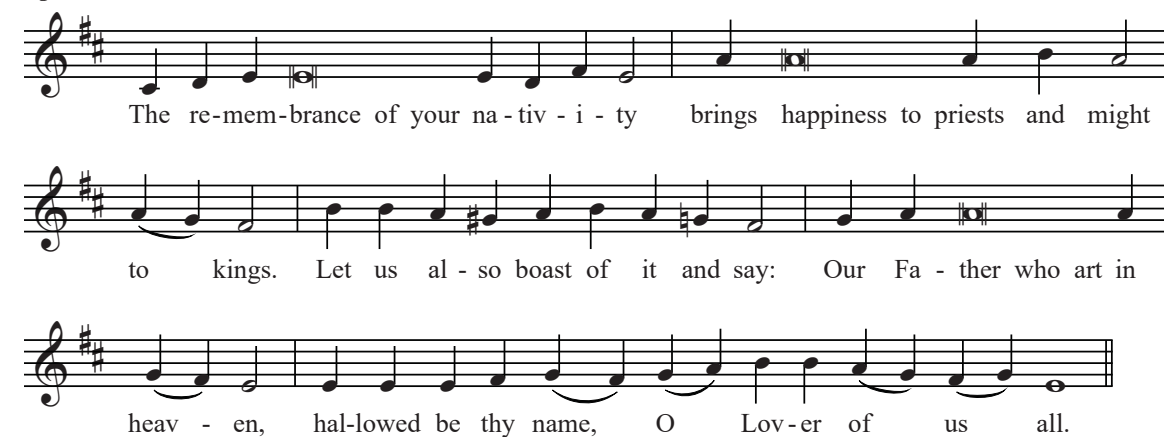


Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 88), concluding with:

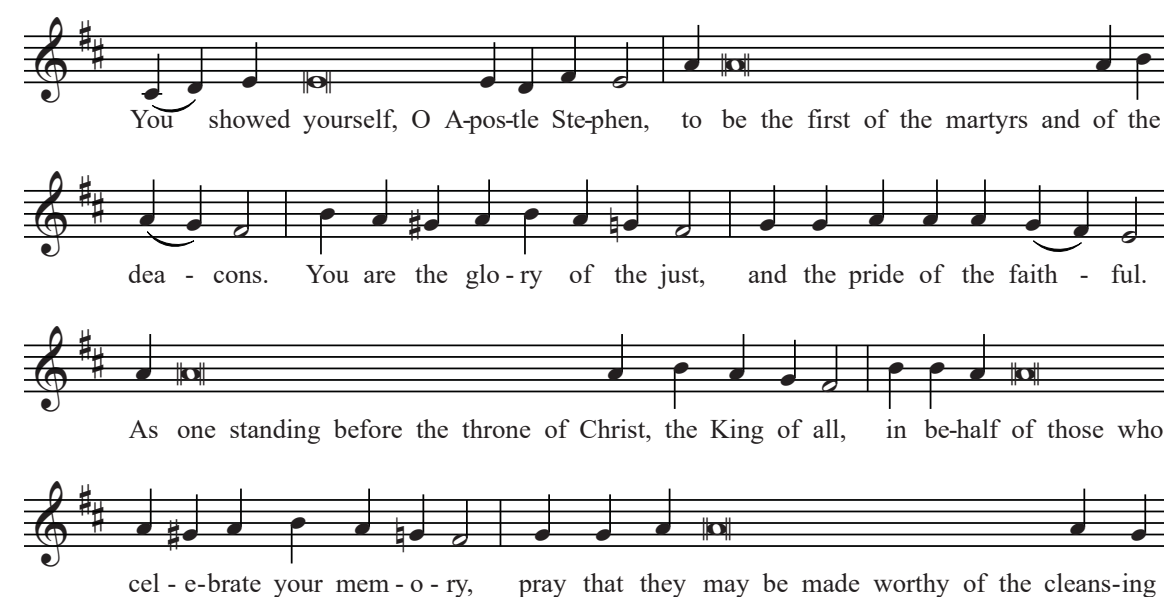
Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Relatives of the Lord - Tone 6 samohlasen



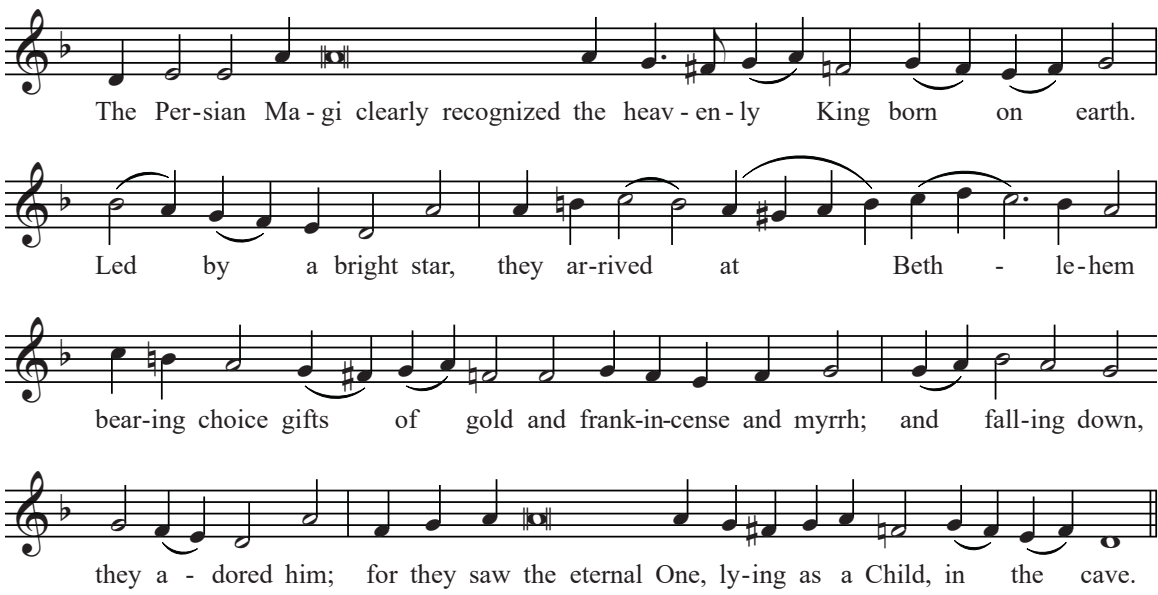
Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy first martyr Stephen - Tone 6 samohlasen



Cantor: (Tone 5) Glory...

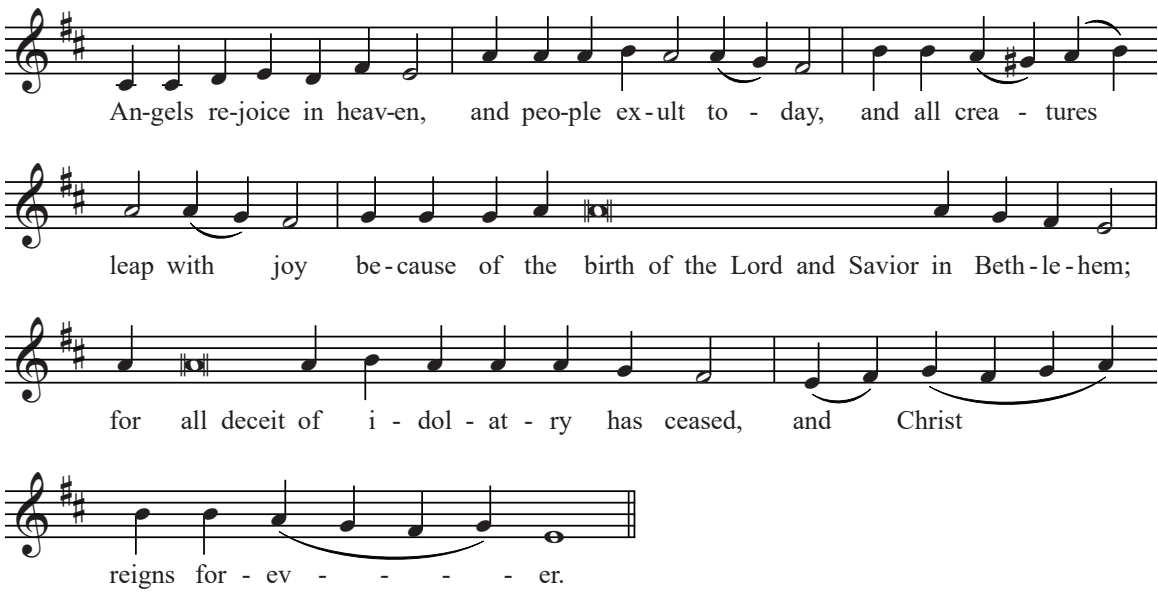
Doxastikon - Tone 5 Bolhar



The Per-sian Ma-gi clearly recognized the heav-en-ly King born on earth.
Led by a bright star, they ar-rived at Beth-le-hem
bear-ing choice gifts of gold and frank-in-cense and myrrh; and fall-ing down,
they a-dored him; for they saw the eternal One, ly-ing as a Child, in the cave.

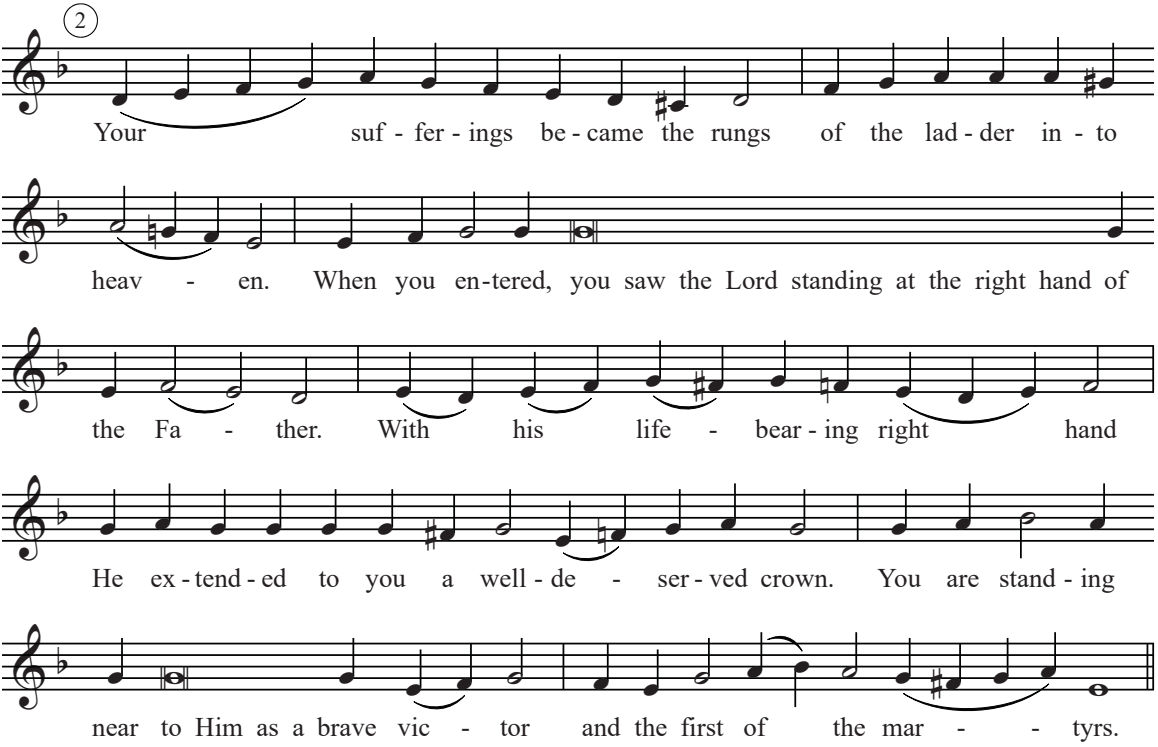
Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Tone 6 samohlasen



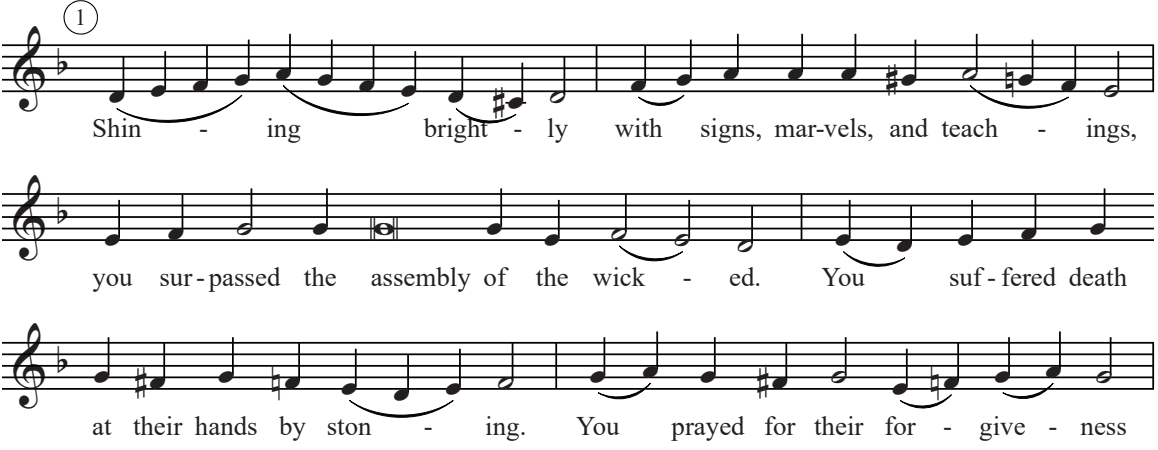
An-gels re-joice in heav-en, and peo-ple ex-ult to-day, and all crea-tures
leap with joy be-cause of the birth of the Lord and Savior in Beth-le-hem;
for all deceit of i-dol-at-ry has ceased, and Christ
reigns for-ev-er.

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



②
Your suf-fer-ings be-came the rungs of the lad-der in-to
heav-en. When you en-tered, you saw the Lord standing at the right hand of
the Fa-ther. With his life-bear-ing right hand
He ex-tend-ed to you a well-de-ser-ved crown. You are stand-ing
near to Him as a brave vic-tor and the first of the mar-tirs.

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



①
Shin-ing bright-ly with signs, mar-vels, and teach-ings,
you sur-passed the assembly of the wick-ed. You suf-fered death
at their hands by ston-ing. You prayed for their for-give-ness

in ac-cord-ance with the example of the Sav - ior. You hand-ed o - ver your spir-it
in - to his hands, O ho - - ly Ste - - - phen.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Relatives of the Lord - Tone 6 samohlasen

We are com-mem-orating the noble Da-vid and James, the king and prophet, the
apostle and first bish - op. be-cause by their teaching we have been de-liv - ered
from er - ror. Let us sing the prais-es of Christ who came forth from the
Vir - gin, and be-came in - car - nate to save our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon of the Resurrection tone in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 87).

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Tone 1 Bolhar

May heav-en and earth re-joyce pro-phet - ic - 'ly this day. May an-gels
and peo - ple spir - it - ually cel - e - brate, for God ap - peared
in the flesh to those grop-ing in the dark-ness and rest-ing in a shad - ow.
Hav-ing been born of a Vir - gin, a cave and a man - ger re-ceived him.
Shep-herds re-late a mir - a - cle; the Ma-gi from the East bring gifts
to Beth-le-hem, while we, with un-wor-thy lips, ren - der him an - gel - ic praise:
Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace on earth, for the hope of
na - tions has ar-rived. Hav - ing come, he has saved us from
hos - tile bond - age.