MATTINS ON HOLY SATURDAY

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

Heavenly King, Paraclete, Spirit of truth, present everywhere, filling all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and dwell in us, cleanse us from every stain, and, O Good One, save our souls.

Holy God, Holy Strong, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Strong, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Strong, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us.

Lord, cleanse us from our sins.

Master, pardon our iniquities.

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Our Father in heaven, may your name be hallowed. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now, and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord, have mercy (*twelve times*).

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship the King, our God.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, the King, our God.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, the King and our God.

Psalm 19:

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob shield you. May he send you his help from the holy place, and support you from Zion. May he remember your every sacrifice, and accept with favour your whole burnt offering. May the Lord give you your heart's desire, and fulfil your every purpose. We shall rejoice in your salvation, and be magnified in the name of the Lord our God. May the Lord fulfil all your petitions. Now I know that the Lord has saved His Anointed. He will hear him from his holy heaven, in mighty acts is the salvation of his right hand. Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will call on the name of the Lord our God. They were fettered and fell, but we have risen and been set upright. Lord, save the king, and hear us on the day we call upon you.

Psalm 20:

The king will rejoice in your power, O Lord, he shall exult exceedingly in your salvation. You gave him his heart's desire; you did not deny him the request of his lips. For you came to meet him with blessings of goodness; you placed a crown of precious stones upon his head. He asked you for life, and you gave him length of days for age on age. Great is his glory because of your salvation; you will place on him glory and majesty. For you will give him blessing for age on age, and make him glad with the joy of your countenance. For the king puts his hope in the Lord; and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be shaken. May your hand light upon all your enemies; and your right hand find out all who hate you. You will make them like a blazing oven at the time of your presence. The Lord will confound them in his wrath and fire will devour them. You will destroy their offspring from the earth; and their seed from among the children of men. Because they intended evils against you, and devised plans, by which they can in no way succeed. For you will put them to flight; among your remnants you will prepare their presence. Be exalted, O Lord, in your power; we will sing and praise your mighty acts.

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Priest: For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now, and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Lord, save your people, and bless your inheritance, granting to faithful Christians victory over their enemies, and protecting your commonwealth by your Cross.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Lifted up on the Cross of your own will, to the new commonwealth called by your name grant your mercies, Christ God; make your faithful people glad by your power, granting them victories over their enemies; may they have your help in battle, a weapon of peace, an invincible trophy.

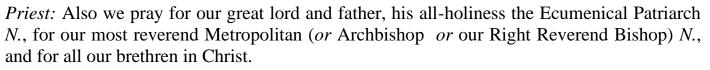
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Dread Champion that cannot be put to shame, do not despise our petitions, O Good One. All-praised Mother of God, establish the commonwealth of the Orthodox, save your people and give them victory from heaven, for you gave birth to God, O only blessed one.

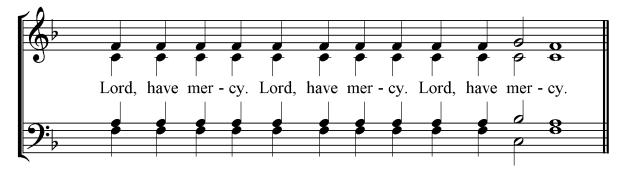
Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

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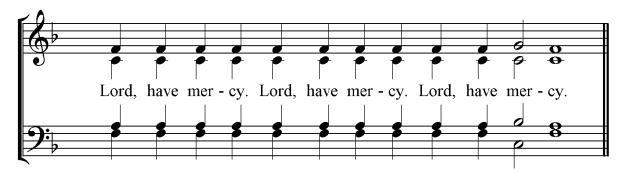


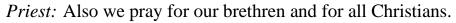
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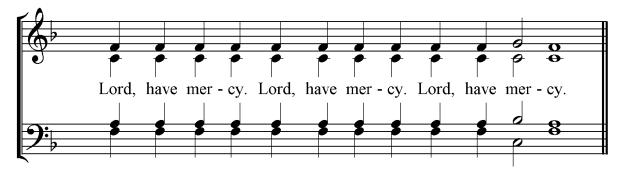
Priest: Also we pray for our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, the Royal Family, her Government and all in authority.

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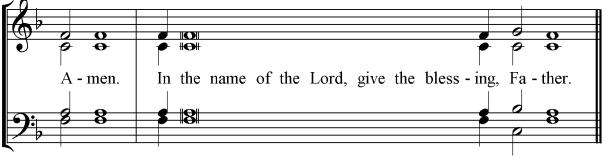


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Exclamation: For you are a merciful God, and you love mankind, and to you we give glory, to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

People:



Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-giving and undivided Trinity, always, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

People:



Priest:

And we begin the Six Psalms, listening with complete silence and compunction. The designated brother with devotion and fear of God says:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill among men. (Three times)

Lord, you will open my lips: and my mouth will proclaim your praise. (Twice)

Psalm 3:

Lord, why have those who afflict me been multiplied? Many rise up against me. Many say to my soul: "There is no salvation for him in his God." But you, Lord, are my helper, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. I cried to the Lord with my voice, and he heard me from his holy mountain. I lay down and slept; I have been roused, because the Lord will protect me. I shall not be afraid of tens of thousands of people who attack me from every side. Arise, Lord; save me, my God: because you have struck all who are vainly my foes, you have smashed the teeth of sinners. Salvation is the Lord's, and your blessing is upon your people.

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Psalm 37:

Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger, nor chasten me in your wrath. For your arrows have been stuck fast in me; and you have laid a heavy hand upon me. There is no healing in my flesh on account of your wrath; nor peace in my bones on account of my sins. Mv iniquities have flooded over my head: like a heavy burden they have weighed heavily upon My wounds stank and festered on account of my foolishness. I was wretched and me. utterly bowed down; I went mourning all the day long. For my loins were filled with mockings, and there is no healing in my flesh. I was maltreated and humiliated exceedingly; I roared out from the groaning of my heart. Lord, all my desire is before you, and my groaning is not hidden from you. My heart was in tumult, my strength failed me, and even the light of my eyes had gone from me. My friends and my neighbours drew near and stood against me, and those nearest me stood far away. Those who sought my life struck at me; and those who sought my hurt spoke vanities, and meditated trickeries all day long. But I, like a deaf man, heard nothing; like one that is dumb, who does not open his mouth. So I have become as one who cannot hear, in whose mouth there are no rebukes. For in you, Lord, I have hoped. You will answer me, O Lord my God. For I said: "Let my foes never exult over me." When my foot slipped they crowed over me. For I am ready for blows and my pain is with me continually. But I will declare my wickedness, and be filled with sorrow at my sin. But my enemies live and prevail over me; and those who hate me unjustly are multiplied. Those who repay evil for good have slandered me, since I pursue goodness. Forsake me not, O Lord my God, go not far from me. Hasten to help me, O Lord of my salvation.

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Psalm 62:

O God, my God: early will I seek you; my soul has thirsted for you, my flesh how often in a desert and trackless and waterless land. So it was when I appeared before you in the holy place, to see your power and your glory. For your mercy is better than life; my lips shall praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; and in your name I will lift up my hands. Let my soul be filled with marrow and fatness; my mouth will praise you with joyful lips. When I remembered you upon my bed, at dawn I meditated upon you, because you have become my helper, and I shall rejoice in the shelter of your wings. My soul has clung to you; and your right hand has upheld me. Those who vainly sought my life shall go to the deepest parts of the earth, they shall be delivered to the power of the sword, they shall be portions for foxes. But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by him will be praised; for the mouths of those who speak iniquities have been stopped.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

(Without bows:)

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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 87:

Lord God of my salvation, I have cried by day; and by night also before you. Let my prayer come into your presence; and turn your ear to my supplication. For my soul was filled with evils; and my life has drawn near to Hell. I was reckoned among those that go down to the Pit; I became as one that has no help, free among the dead, like the slain that sleep in the tomb, whom you remembered no more, and they were cut off from your power. They placed me in the lowest Pit, in darkness and in the shadow of death. Your wrath lay heavy upon me; and you brought all your waves against me. You put my friends far from me, and made me an abomination to them. I was handed over and did not escape. My eyes grew weak because of my misery. I cried to you, Lord, all the day; I stretched out my hands towards you. Will you work wonders for the dead; or will physicians raise them up again to praise you? Will anyone declare your mercy in the tomb; or your truth in the place of destruction? Will your wonders be known in the dark; or your righteousness in the land that has been forgotten? But to you, Lord, I have cried; and in the morning my prayer shall come before you. Why have you rejected my soul, Lord; why do you turn away your face from me? I am poor and in toils since my youth; exalted, I was humbled and brought to

despair. Your fierce anger overwhelmed me, and your terrors appalled me. They surrounded me like water all day long; they closed in upon me from every side. Friend and neighbour you have put far from me; and my companions because of my misery.

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Psalm 102:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of his benefits. Who forgives all your iniquities: who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from corruption; who crowns you with mercy and compassion; who satisfies your desire with good things; your youth will be renewed like an eagle's. The Lord performs deeds of mercy; and judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses; his wishes to the children of Israel. The Lord is compassionate and merciful; slow to anger and full of mercy. He will not always be wrathful; nor will he be enraged for ever. He has not dealt with us according to our iniquities, nor rewarded us according to our sins. For like the height of heaven above the earth, the Lord has made his mercy prevail over those that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he taken our sins from us. As a father takes pity on his children, the Lord has taken pity on those that fear him. For he knows of what we are made; he has remembered that we are but dust. As for man, his days are but as grass; he will flourish like a flower of the field. For when a wind has passed over it, it will be no more, and will know its place no longer. But the mercy of the Lord is for ever and ever upon those that And his justice is upon their children's children; upon those that keep his fear him. covenant, and remember his commandments to do them. The Lord has prepared his throne in heaven; and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, all you his angels, powerful in strength, who perform his word, and listen to the voice of his words. Bless the Lord, all you his Powers, his ministers who do His will. Bless the Lord, all you his works, in every place of His dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul!

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Psalm 142:

Lord, hear my prayer; in your truth give ear to my supplication, and in your righteousness hear me. Do not enter into judgement with your servant, for in your sight no one living can be justified. For the enemy pursued my soul, humbled my life to the ground. Made me dwell in darkness, like those for ever dead. My spirit grew despondent within me and my heart within me was troubled. I remembered days of old, I meditated on all your works: I made the works of your hands my meditation. I stretched out my hands towards you; my soul thirsted for you like a waterless land. Hear me swiftly, O Lord, my spirit has failed. Do not turn your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. Make me hear of your mercy in the morning, for I have hoped in you. Make known to me, O Lord, the way in which I should walk, for to you I have lifted up my soul. Deliver me from my enemies, Lord: I have run to you for shelter. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Your good Spirit will guide me in an upright land. For your name's sake, O

Lord, you will give me life. In your righteousness, you will bring my soul out of trouble, in your mercy slay my enemies, and destroy all those that afflict my soul, for I am your servant.

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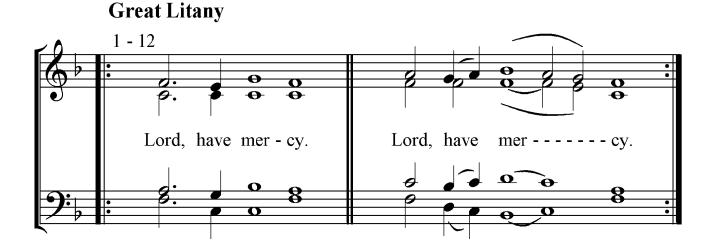
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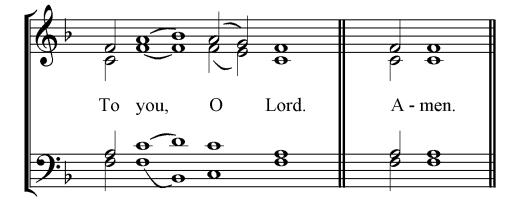
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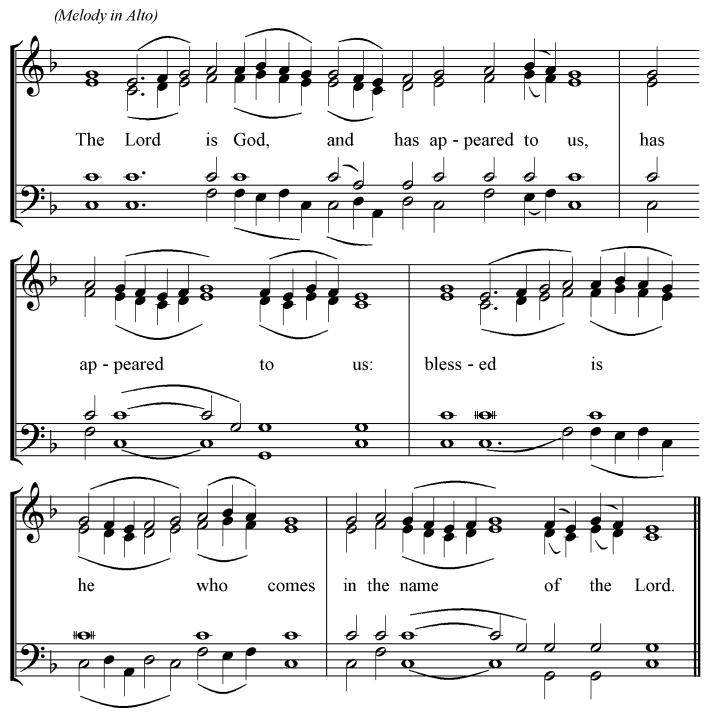
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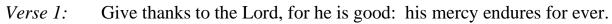
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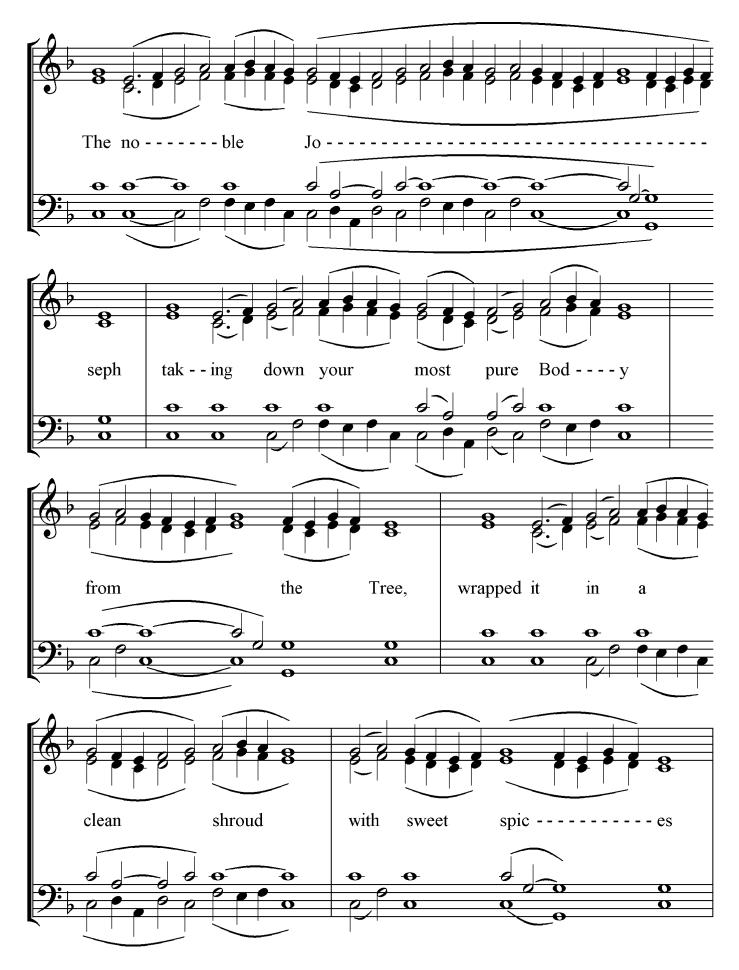


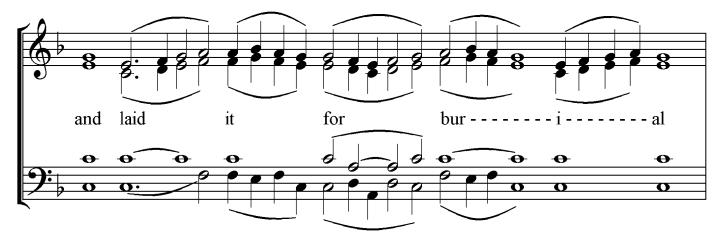
Verse 2: All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.

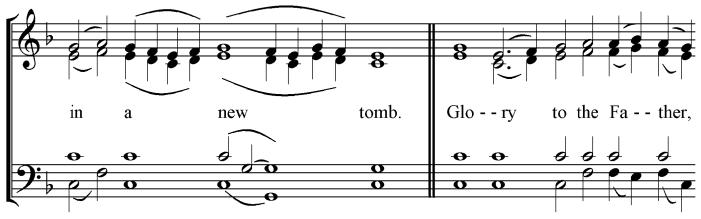
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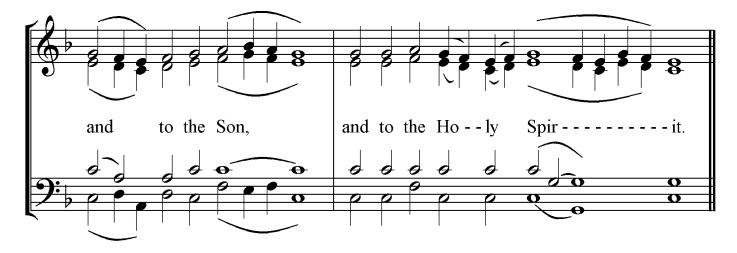
Verse 4: The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

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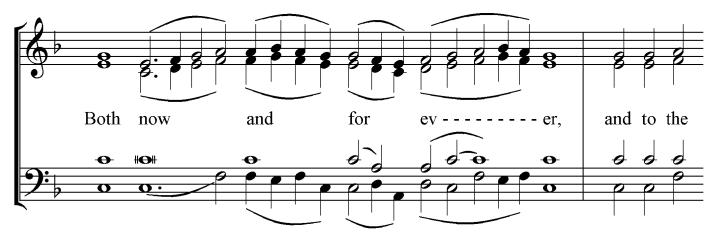


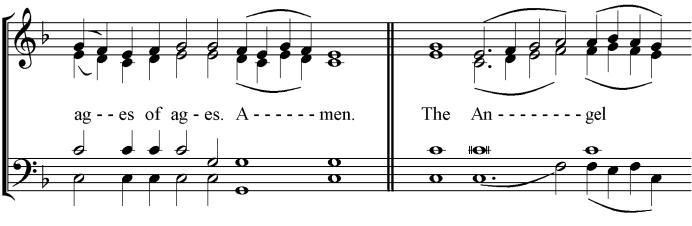


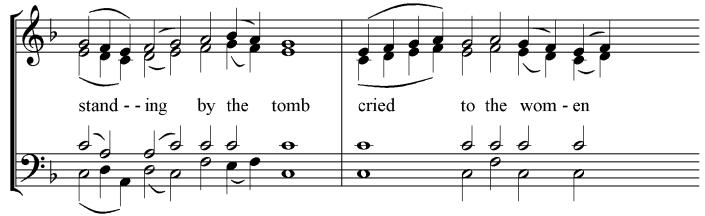


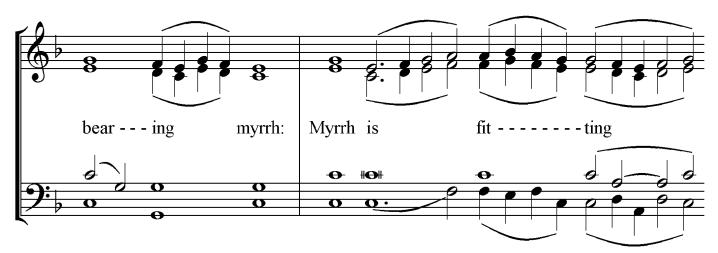


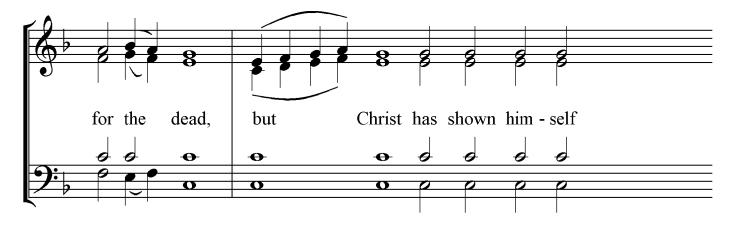


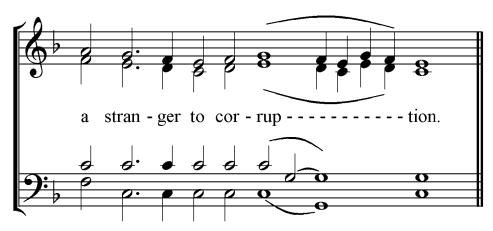












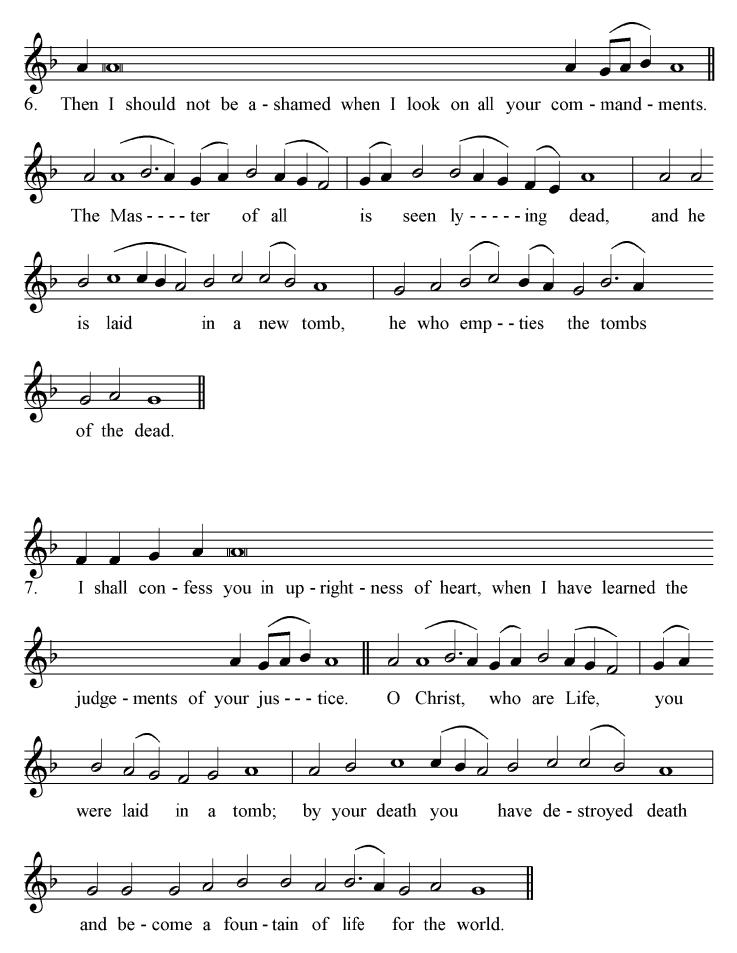
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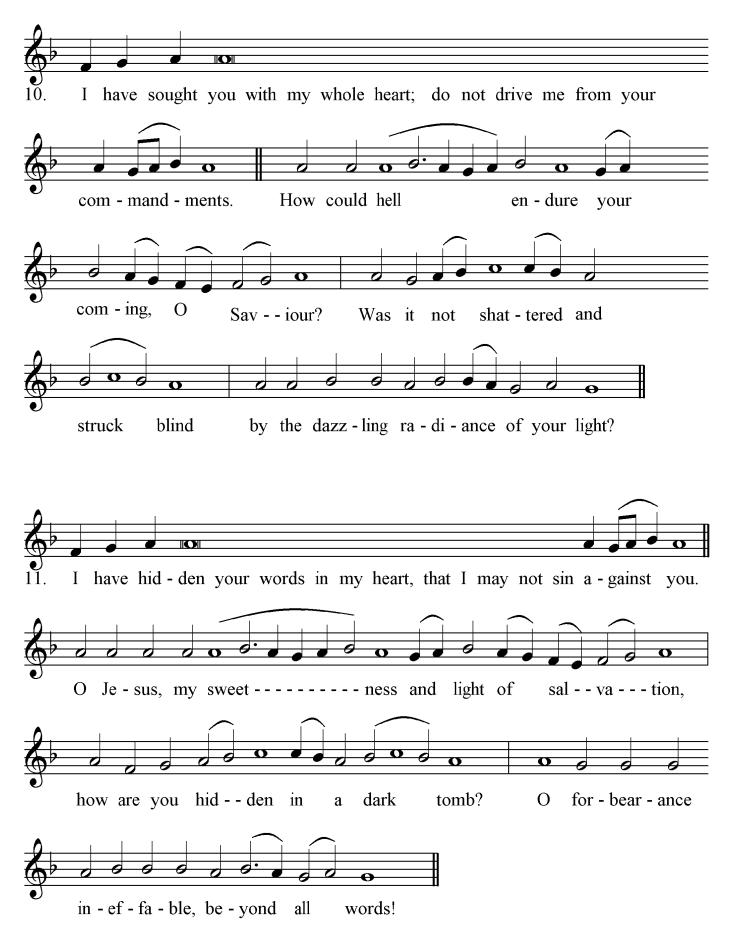




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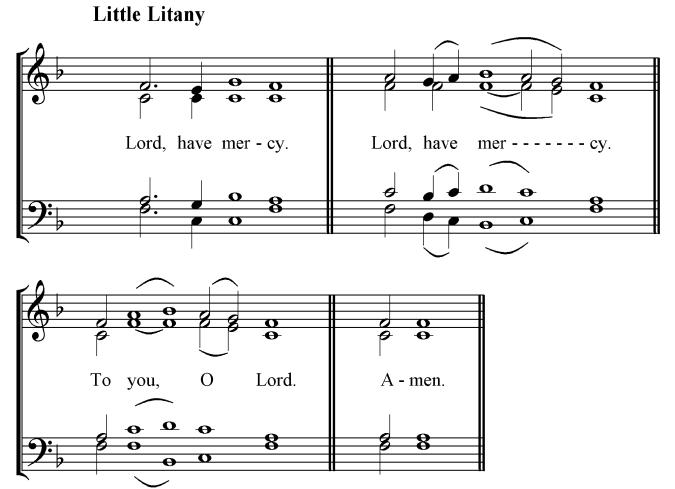


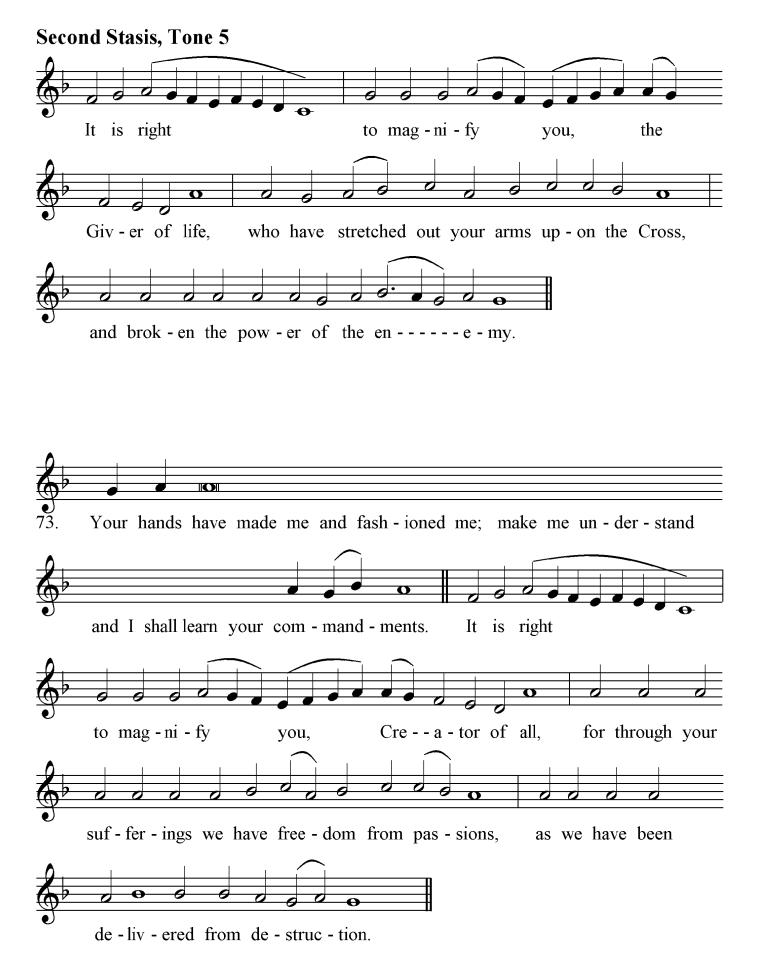


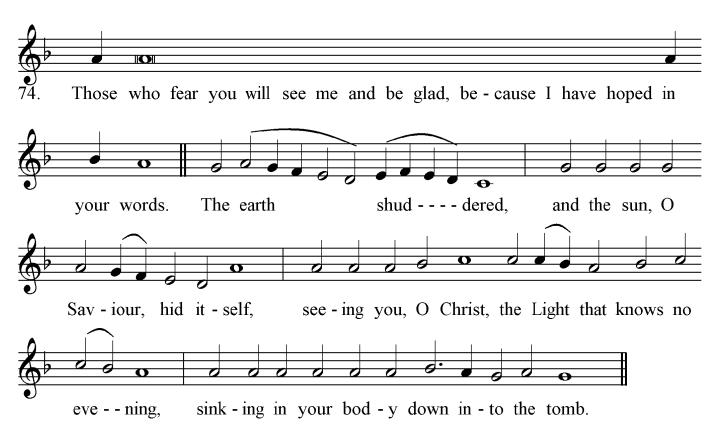


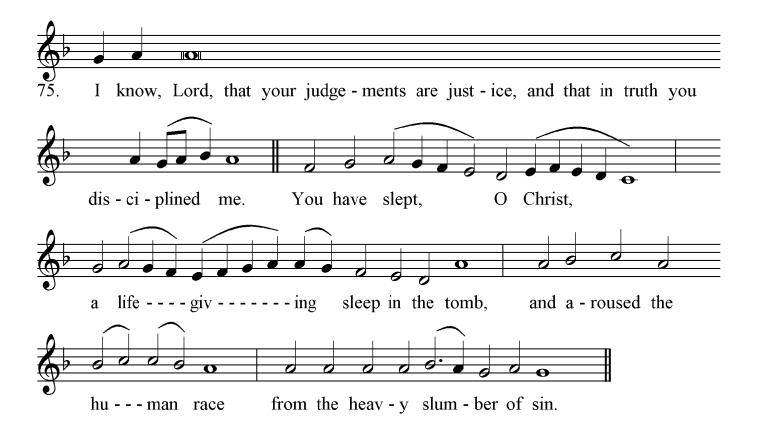


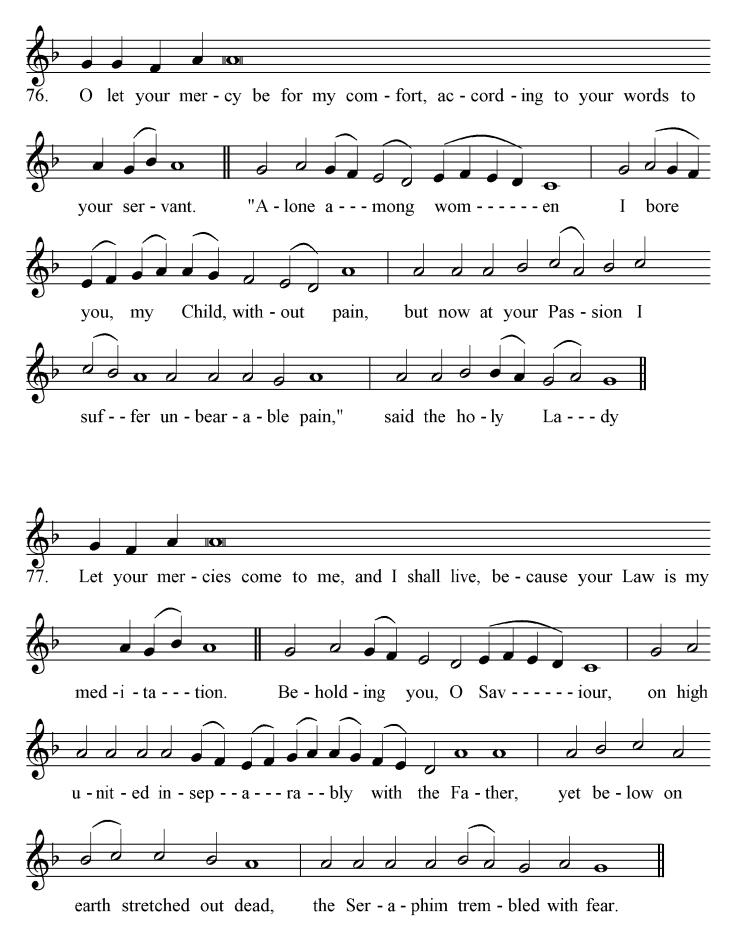




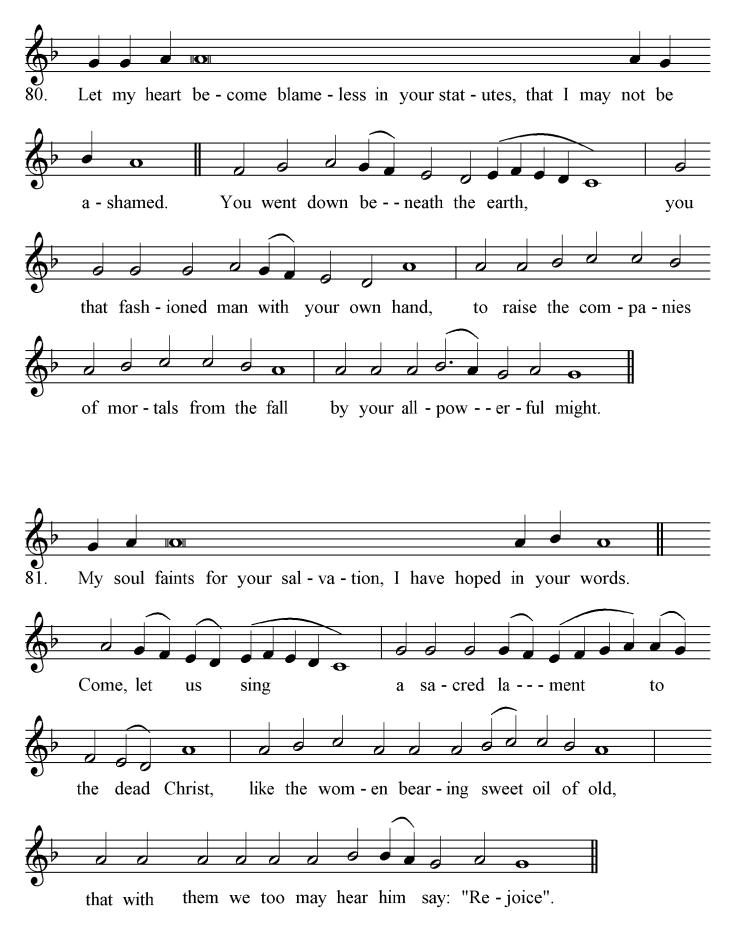


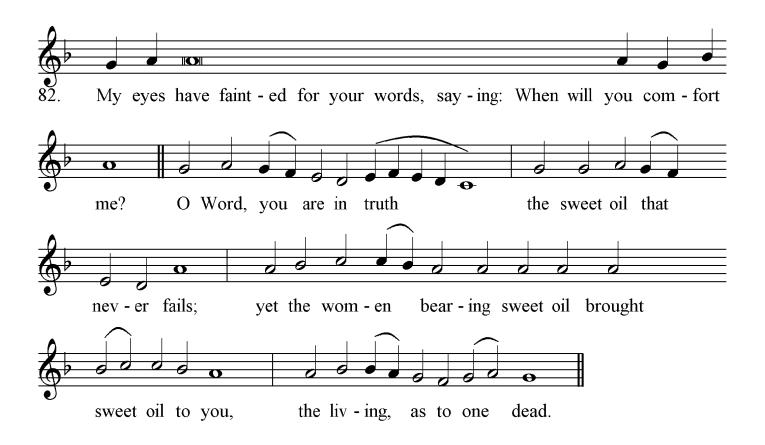


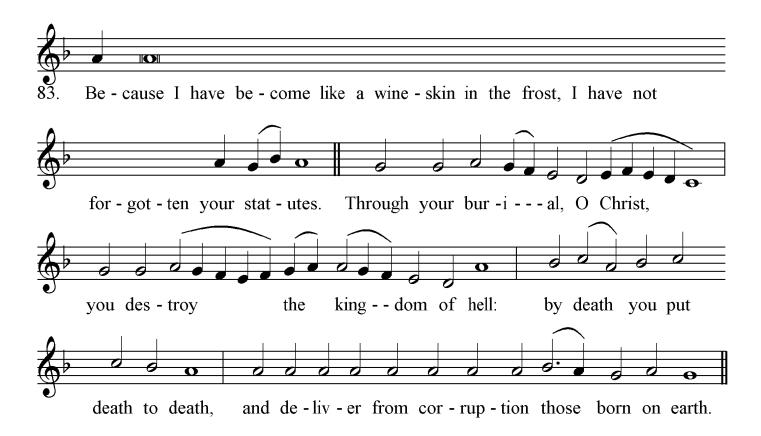






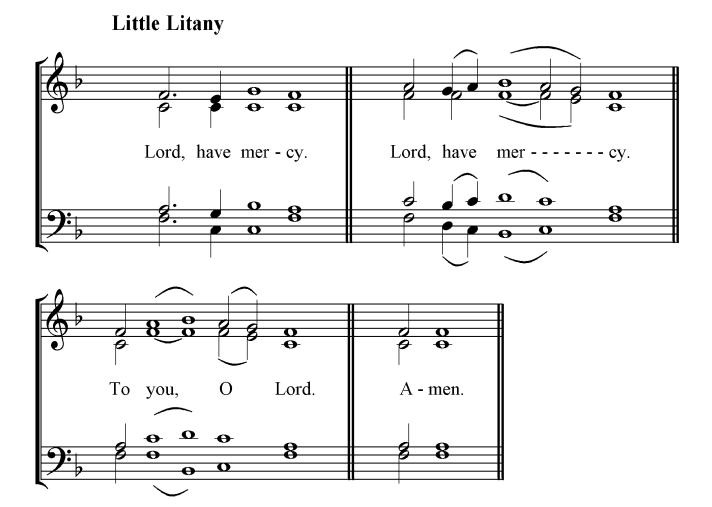


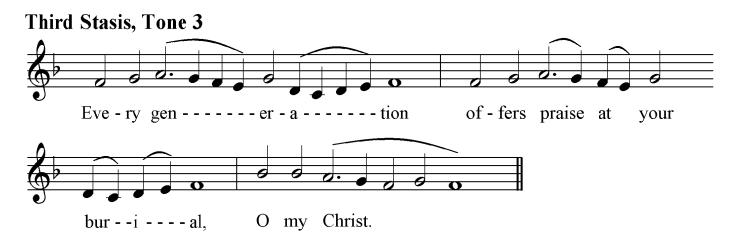


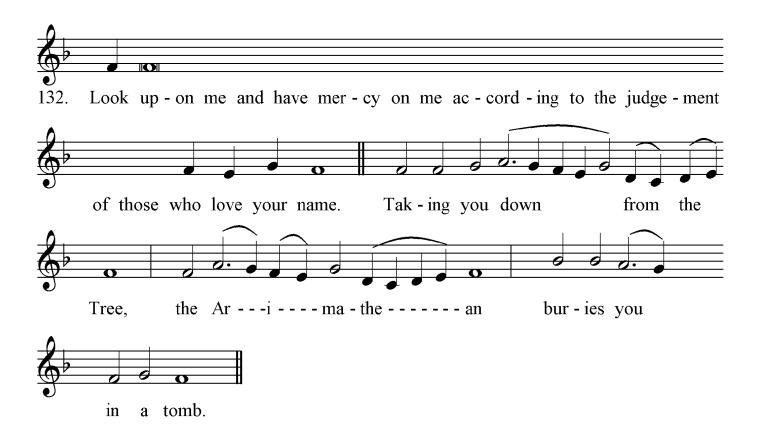














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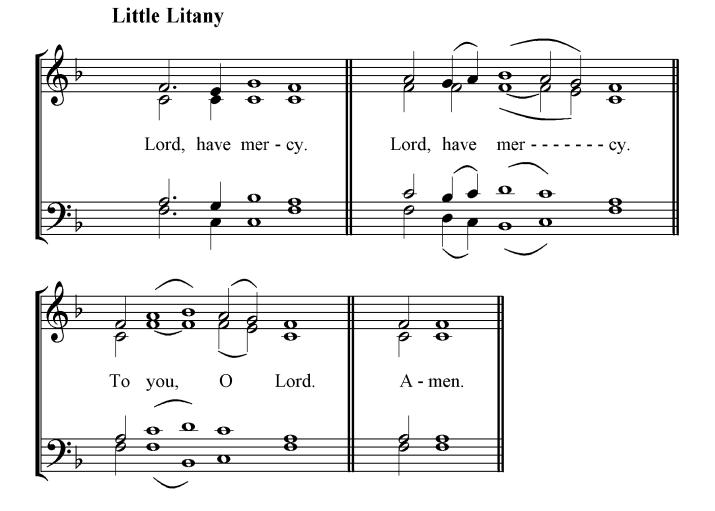








(Three times)



Then we sing the following Sessional Hymn, Tone 1.





The Reader continues:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 50:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your great mercy; according to the fullness of your compassion blot out my offence. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my wickedness, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; that you may be justified in your words, and win when you are judged. For see, in wickedness I was conceived; and in sin my mother bore me. For see, you have loved truth, you have shown me the hidden You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I shall be and secret things of your wisdom. cleansed; you will wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. You will make me hear of joy and gladness; the bones which have been humbled will rejoice. Turn away your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Do not cast me out from your presence; and do not take your Holy Give me back the joy of your salvation; and establish me with your Spirit from me. sovereign Spirit. I will teach transgressors your ways; and sinners will turn to you again. O God, the God of my salvation, deliver me from bloodshed; and my tongue will rejoice at O Lord, you will open my lips, and my mouth will proclaim your your righteousness. praise. For if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it; you will not take pleasure in burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a broken and a humbled heart God Do good to Zion, Lord, in your good pleasure, and let the walls of will not despise. Jerusalem be rebuilt. Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, oblation and whole burnt offerings. Then they will offer calves upon your altar.

Then the Canon, Tone 6





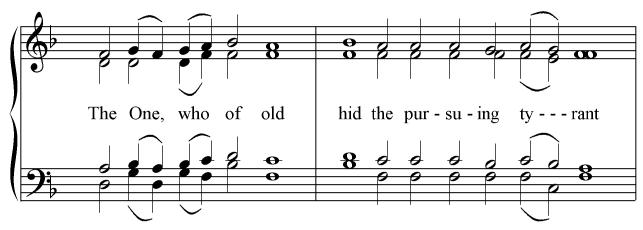
O Lord, my God, I will sing a song for your departure, a funeral hymn for you who by your burial opened up for me the entrances of life, and by your death put Death and Hell to death.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All things above the world and all below the earth quaked with fear at your death, as they saw you, my Saviour, on high on a throne and below in a tomb; for beyond understanding, you, the source of life, appeared as one dead.

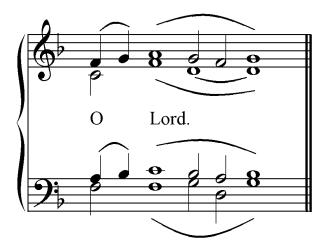
Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

So that you might fill all things with your glory, you went down into the lowest parts of the earth; for my substance which is in Adam was not hidden from you, and by being buried you renewed me, who had been corrupted, O Lover of mankind.









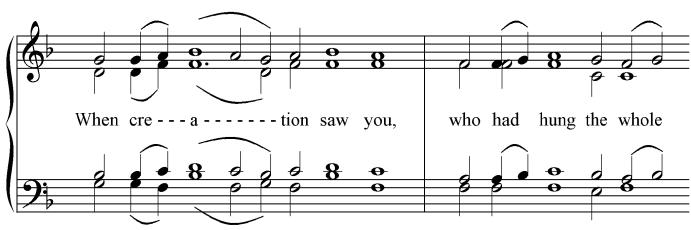
Multiplying visions, you revealed symbols of your burial, while now, as God and man, you have also made clear your secrets, O Master, to those in Hell, who cry, 'None is holy save you, O Lord.'

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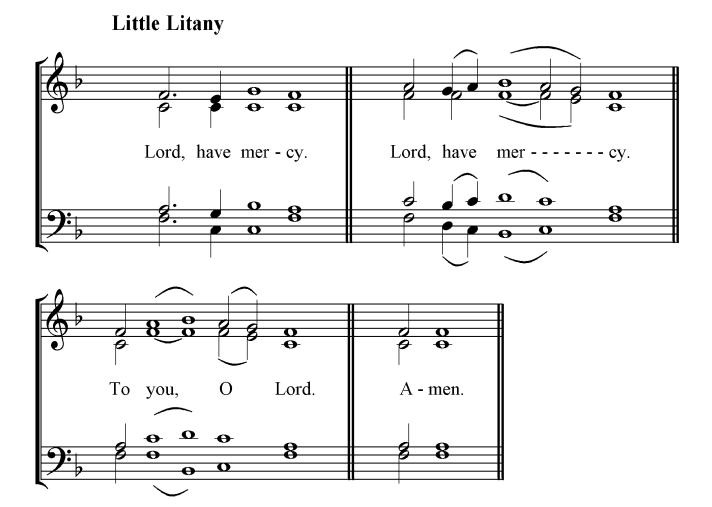
You stretch out your palms and unite things that before were separated, O Saviour, while by being closed in a shroud and in a grave, you loosed those who were fettered, and they cry: 'None is holy save you, O Lord.'

Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

You, whom nothing can contain, were by your own will held fast by grave and seals; and by your energies you made known your power as God to those who sing, 'O Lover of mankind, none is holy save you, O Lord'.

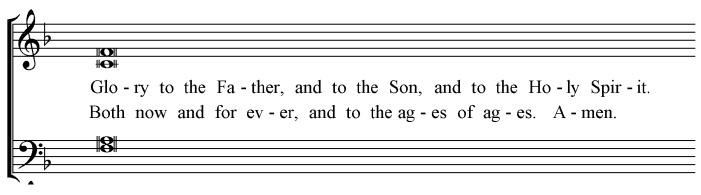






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Repeat the Sessional Hymn.



Today you sanctified the seventh day, which of old you blessed by resting from your works; for you bring all things into being and renew them, keeping the Sabbath rest, O Saviour, and restoring your strength.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

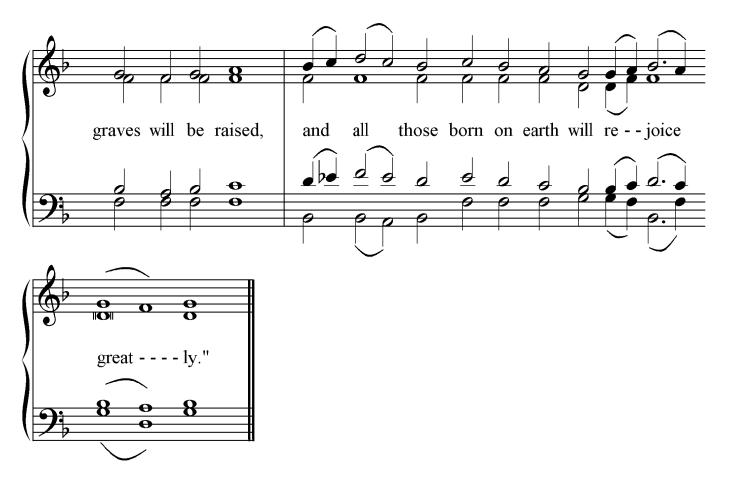
By your greater strength you gained the victory; your soul was taken from your body, tearing asunder the bonds of both Death and Hell, O Word, by your might.

Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

When it met you, O Word, hell was embittered, seeing a mortal made divine, marked by wounds and all powerful, and it shrank back in terror at the sight.







Becoming a creature formed of dust, O Fashioner, you make new those born of earth, and the shroud and the tomb point to the mystery within you, O Word; for the noble counsellor fulfils the counsel of your Father, who in you gloriously makes me new.

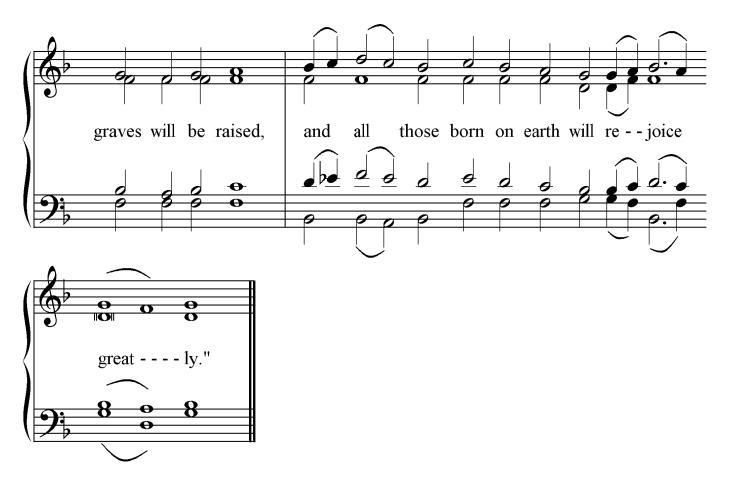
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Through death you transform mortality, through burial corruption; for in a manner befitting God you make incorruptible the nature you took on and make it immortal. For your flesh did not know corruption, O Master, nor was your soul, like a stranger, abandoned in Hell.

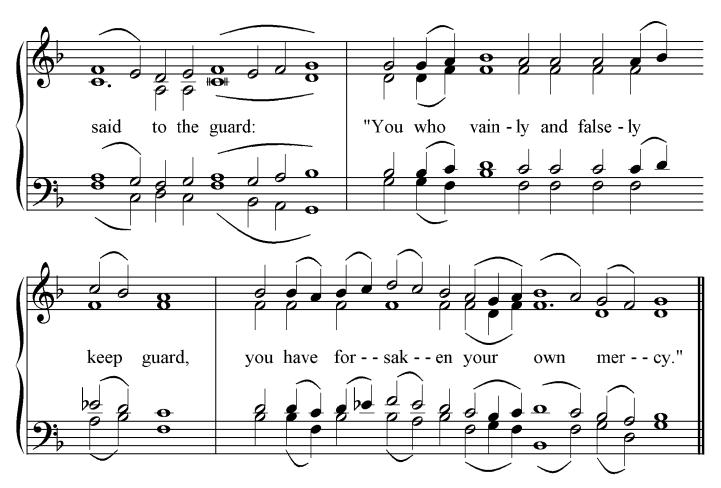
Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Coming forth from a birth without travail and, pierced in your side with a spear, my Fashioner, you wrought the refashioning of Eve by becoming Adam, sleeping above nature a life-producing sleep and raising life from sleep and corruption, as all-powerful.









You were torn, but not torn away, O Word, from the flesh that you had taken. For though your temple was destroyed at the time of your Passion, you were still one person in your Godhead and your flesh; for in both you are one Son, Word of God, God and man.

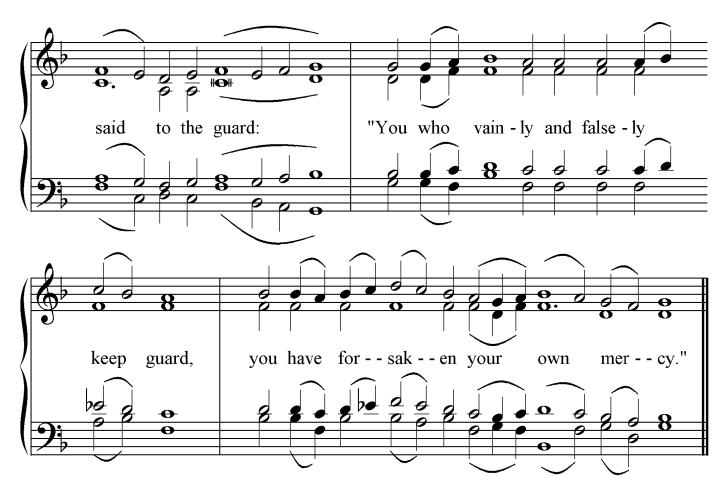
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The fall of Adam brought death to mortals but not to God, for though your earthly substance suffered, yet your Godhead remained impassible. What was corruptible in you, you have transformed to incorruption, and you have revealed a source of incorruptible life from your Resurrection.

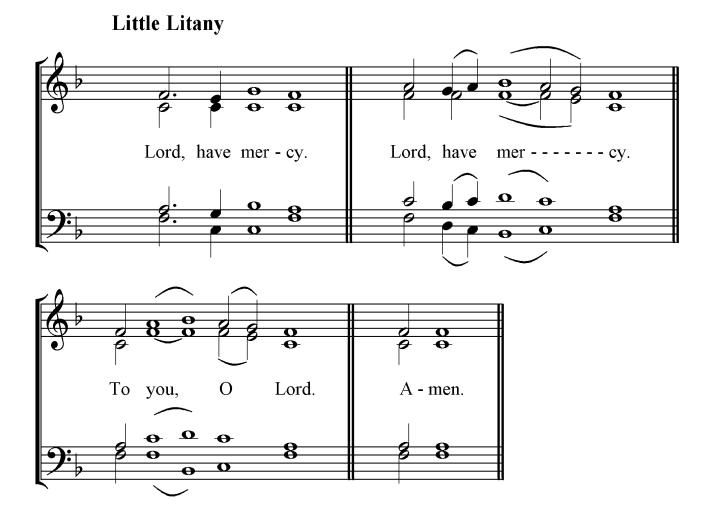
Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Hell reigns over the human race, but not for ever; for when you, O Mighty One, were placed in a tomb, with your hand, the origin of life, you burst asunder the bars of death, and proclaimed a true redemption to those from every age who slept there, O Saviour, who have become the first-born of the dead.



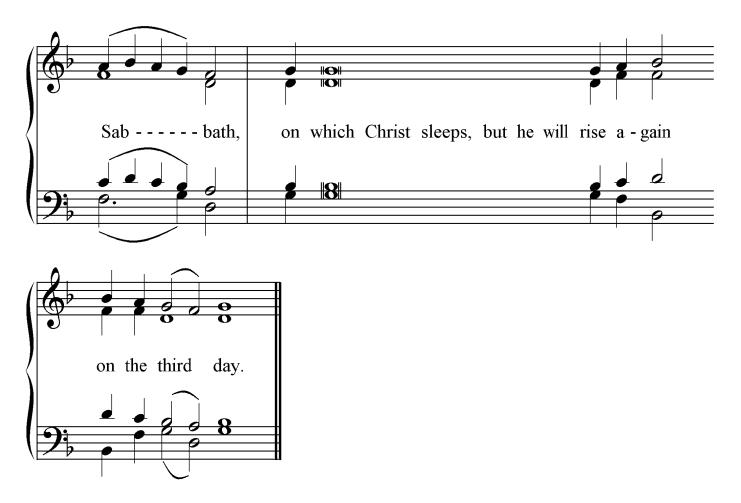


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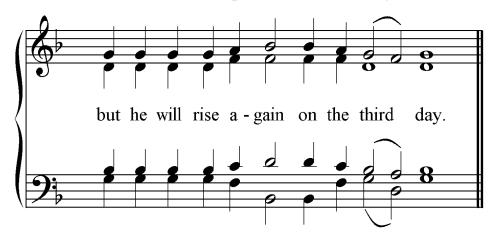
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Ikos:

He who holds all things together was lifted up on the Cross, and all creation lamented seeing him hanging naked on the tree; the sun hid its rays, and the stars threw away their light; the earth quaked with great fear, the sea fled and the rocks were rent; many graves were opened, and bodies of holy men were raised. Hell below is groaning and the Jews are considering how to discredit Christ's resurrection; the women are crying out, 'This is the most blessed Sabbath, on which Christ sleeps, but he will rise again on the third day'.



Synaxarion from the Menaion, then this from the Triodion:

On the holy and great Sabbath we celebrate the burial of our Lord and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ and the Descent into Hell, through which our race, called back from corruption, has passed over to eternal life.

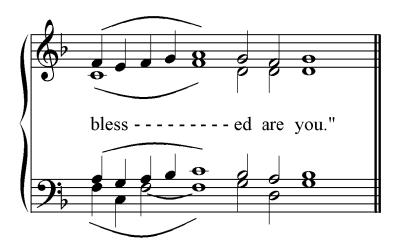
Verses:

In vain, O guard, you keep watch on the tomb,

for no sepulchre can hold life in itself.

By your ineffable condescension, Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.





Reader: Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

Hell has been wounded, having received in its heart the One whose side was pierced by a lance, and consumed by divine fire, it groans aloud at the salvation of us who sing, 'God, our Redeemer, blessed are you!'

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

O happy tomb! For having received within itself the Creator as one asleep, it has been proclaimed a divine treasury of life for the salvation of us who sing, 'God, our Redeemer, blessed are you!'

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

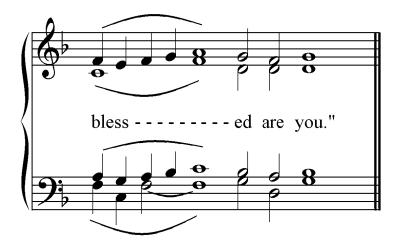
The life of all things submits to be laid in the tomb, according to the law of those who die, and he shows it to be a source of awakening, for the salvation of us who sing, 'God, our Redeemer, blessed are you!'

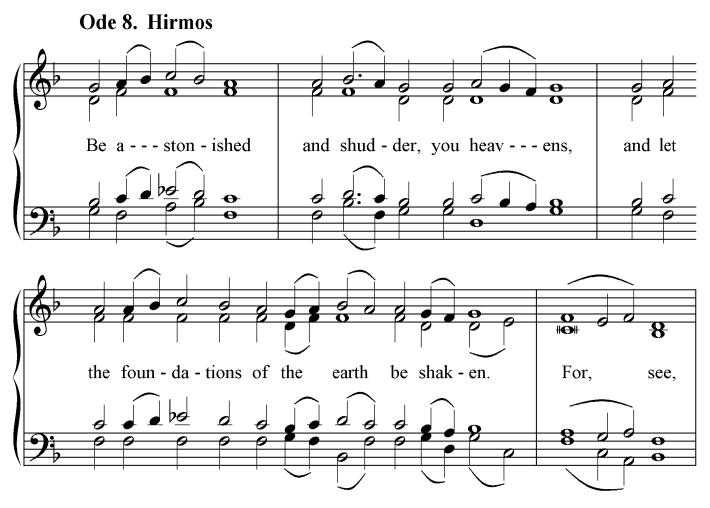
Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

In Hell and in the tomb and in Eden the godhead of Christ was inseparable and one with Father and Spirit for the salvation of us who sing, 'God, our Redeemer, blessed are you!'

Katavasia:









Reader: Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

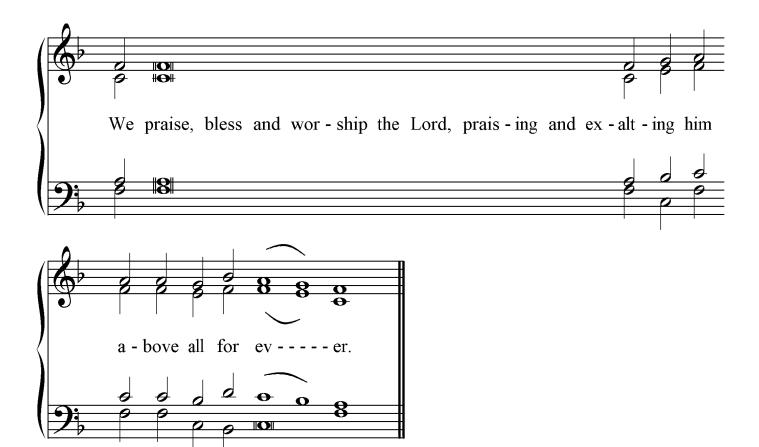
The undefiled temple has been destroyed, but raises up the fallen tabernacle; for he who dwells in the highest, the second Adam, has come down to the first as far as the storehouses of Hell; Youths bless him, priests praise him, people highly exalt him to all the ages.

We bless Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Lord.

The courage of the disciples has failed, but Joseph of Arimathea was bolder; for seeing the God of all a corpse and naked he asked for him and buried him, crying, 'Youths bless him, priests praise him, people highly exalt him to all the ages'.

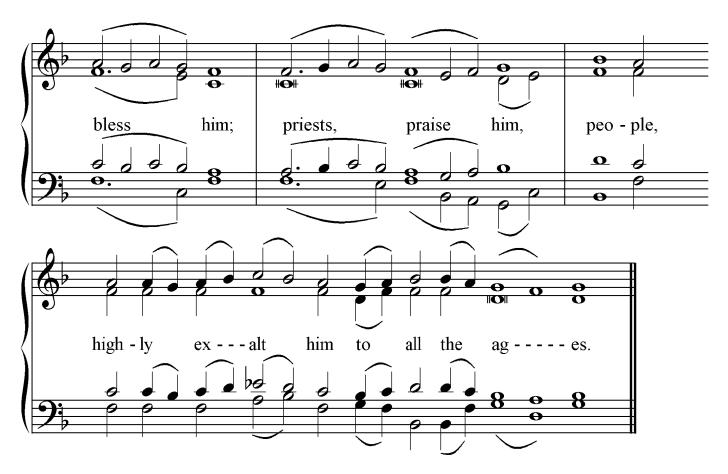
Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O new wonders! O the goodness! O ineffable forbearance! For he who dwells in the highest is sealed beneath the earth by his own will, and God is falsely accused as a deceiver. Youths bless him, priests praise him, people highly exalt him to all the ages.



Katavasia:







Ode 9. Hirmos



Reader: Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

'At your strange birth, O Son without beginning, beyond nature I escaped the labour pains and was blessed. But now, my God, as I see you a lifeless corpse, I am harshly pierced by the sword of sorrow. But arise, so that I may be magnified.'

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

'By my own will the earth covers me, but the gatekeepers of Hell shudder, O Mother, as they see me clothed in the blood-stained robe of vengeance. For having struck down the enemies on the Cross as God, I shall rise again to magnify you.'

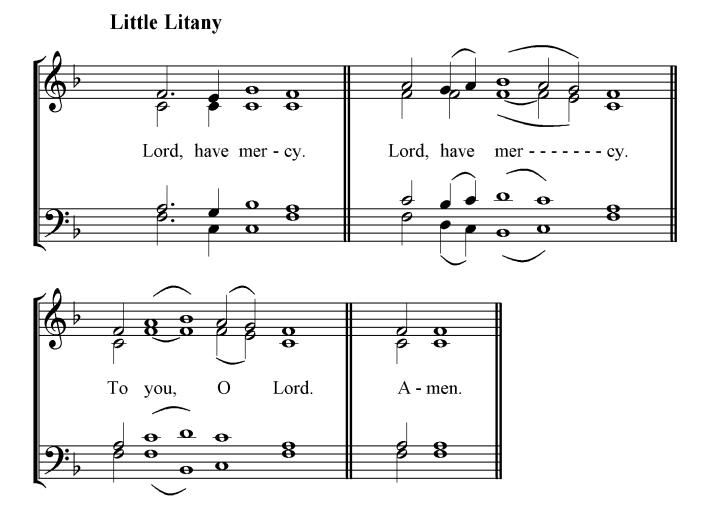
Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

'Let creation rejoice, let all born on earth be glad, for Hell, the enemy, has been despoiled; let women come to meet me with sweet spices; for I am delivering Adam, together with Eve and all their race, and on the third day I shall rise again.'

Katavasia:



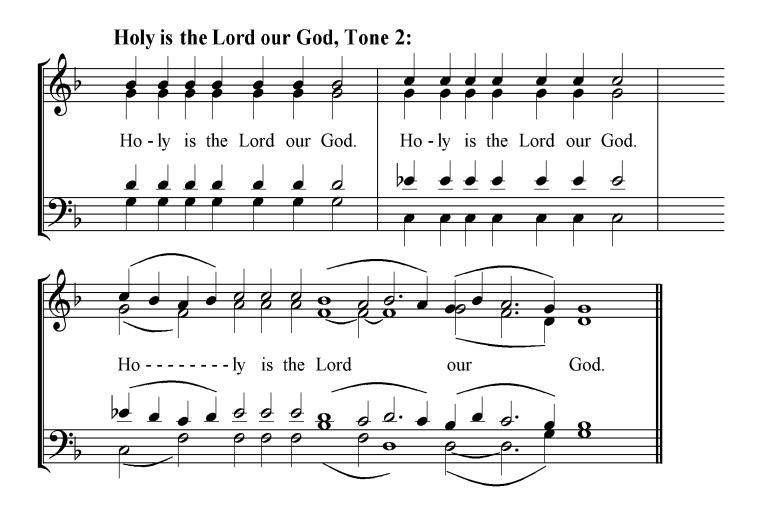




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Exaposteilarion:

Deacon: Holy is the Lord our God.



- *Deacon:* For holy is the Lord our God.
- *Choir:* Holy is the Lord our God.
- *Deacon:* Over all peoples is our God.
- *Choir:* Holy is the Lord our God.

Praises, with 4 stichera, Tone 2 :



Reader:

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all you stars and light.

Praise him, you highest heavens: and you waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he spoke and they came into being; he commanded and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever: he made an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth: you sea-monsters and all deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, and storm-wind, things that do his word.

Mountains and all hills: fruiting trees and all cedars.

Beasts of the wild, and all cattle: creeping things and winged birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples: rulers and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, old men and youths together, let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone has been exalted.

His praise is above earth and heaven: and he will exalt the horn of his people.

A hymn for all his holy ones, for the children of Israel, a people that draws near to him. *Psalm 149*:

Sing to the Lord a new song: his praise in the congregation of the holy ones.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.

For the Lord is well-pleased with his people: he will exalt the meek with salvation.

His holy ones will exult in glory, and rejoice upon their beds.

The high praises of God will be in their throat: and two.edged swords in their hands,

To exact vengeance among the nations, punishments among the peoples.

To bind their kings in fetters: and their nobles in shackles of iron.

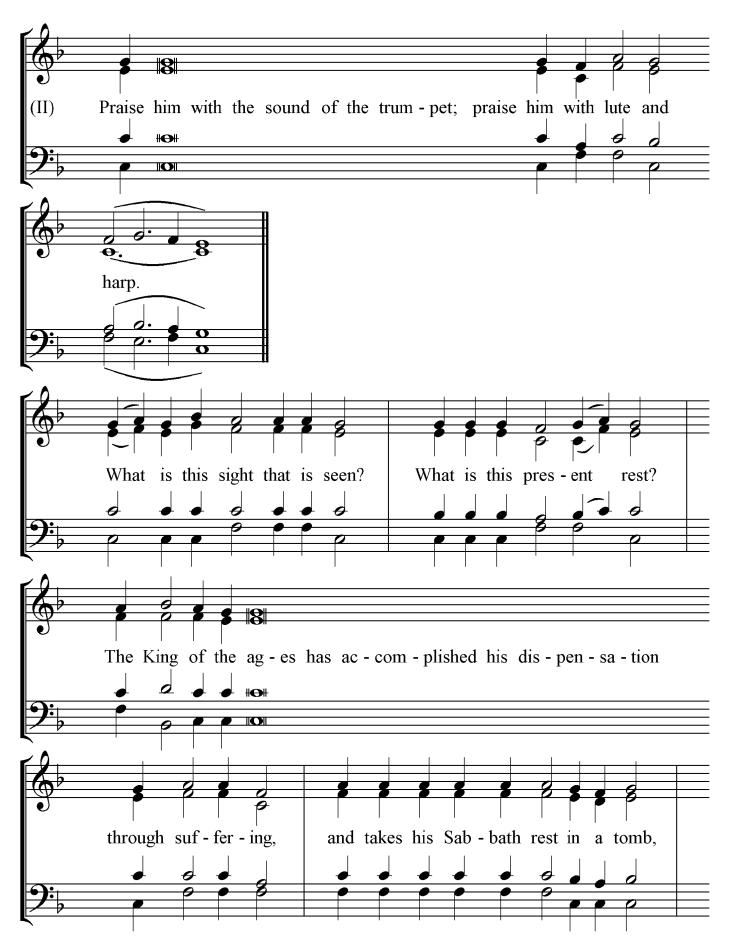
To execute upon them the judgement that is decreed: such glory will be for all his holy ones.

Psalm 150:

Praise God in his holy place: praise him in the firmament of his power.



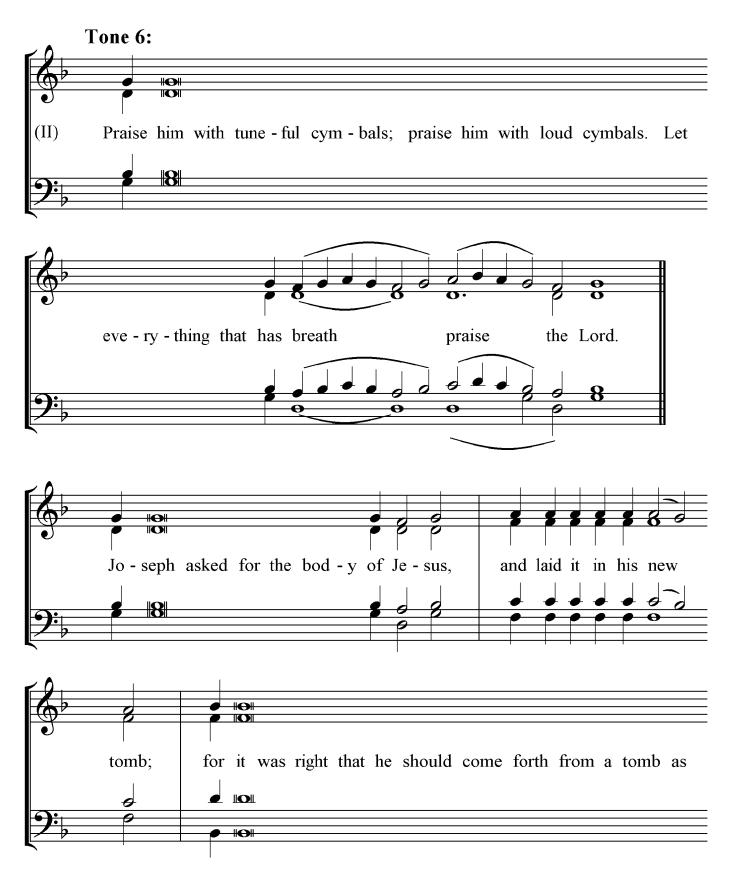


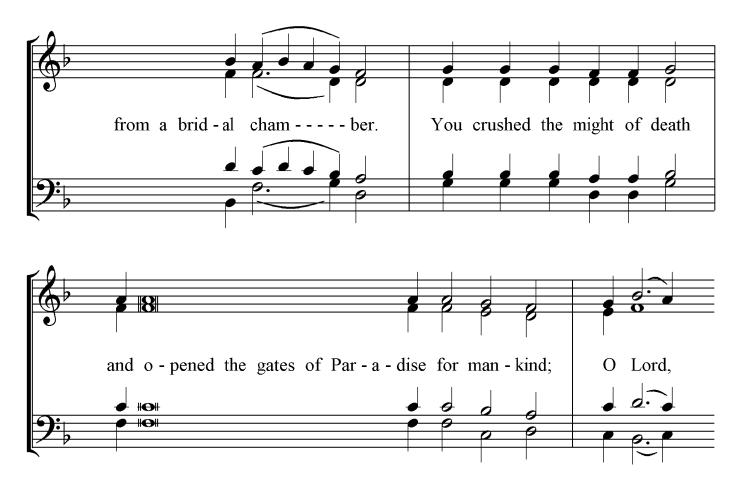


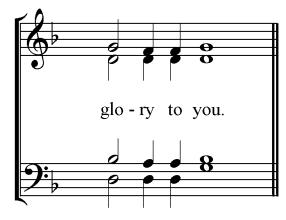






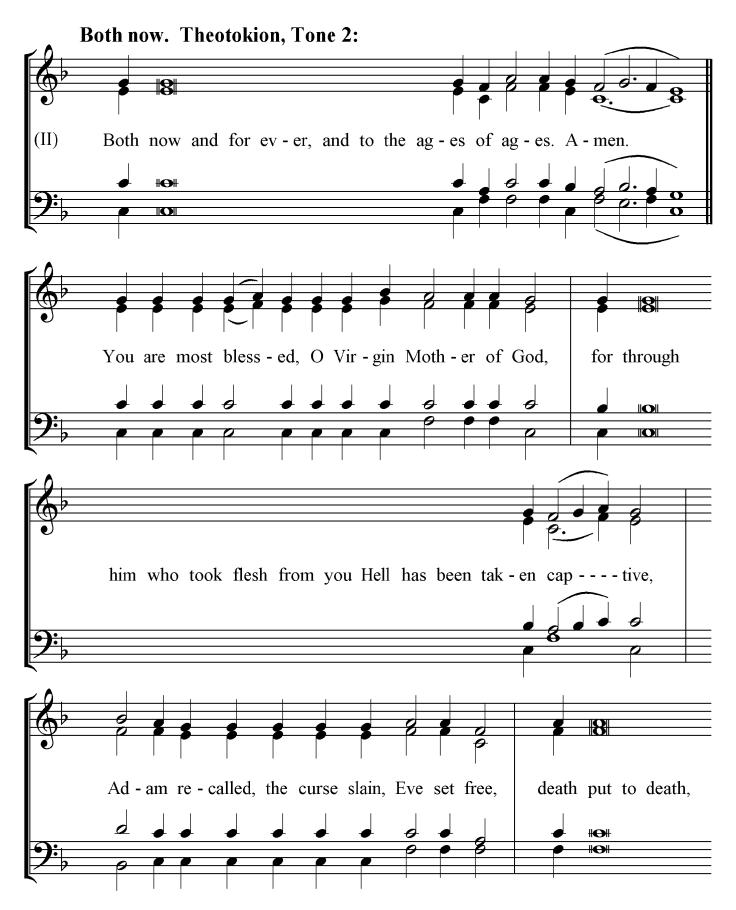


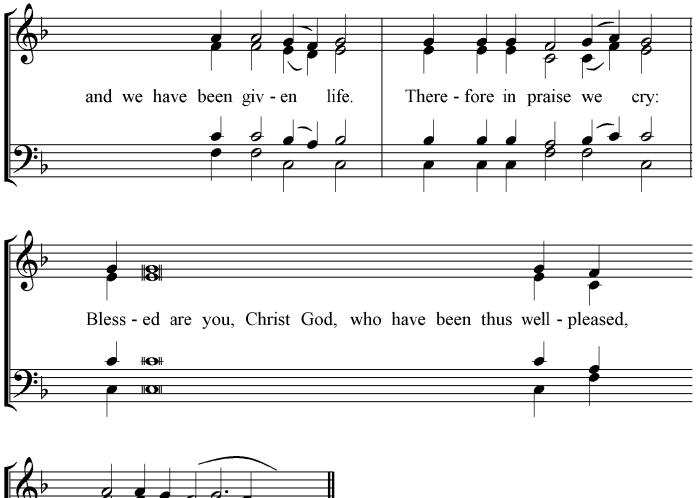






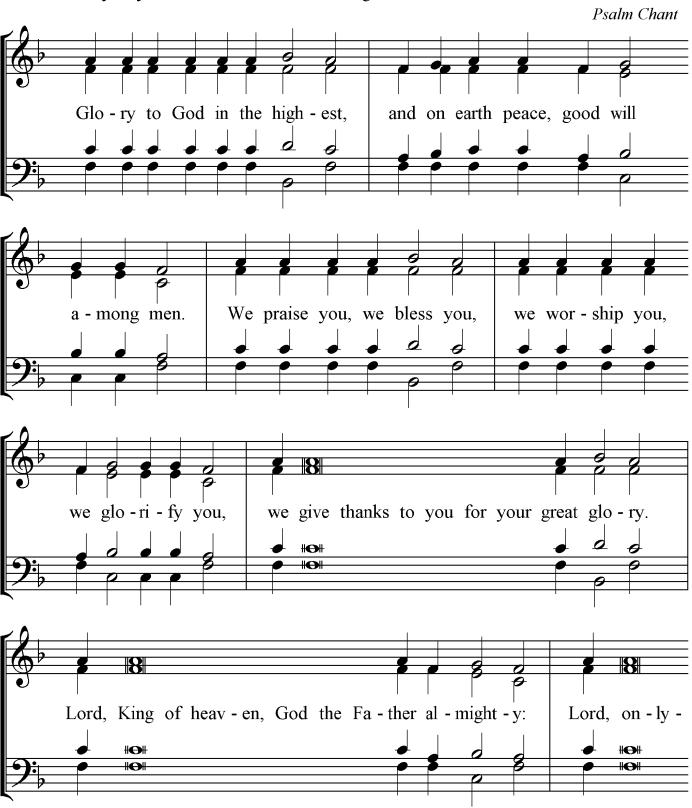








Great Doxology



Priest: Glory to you who have shown us the light.









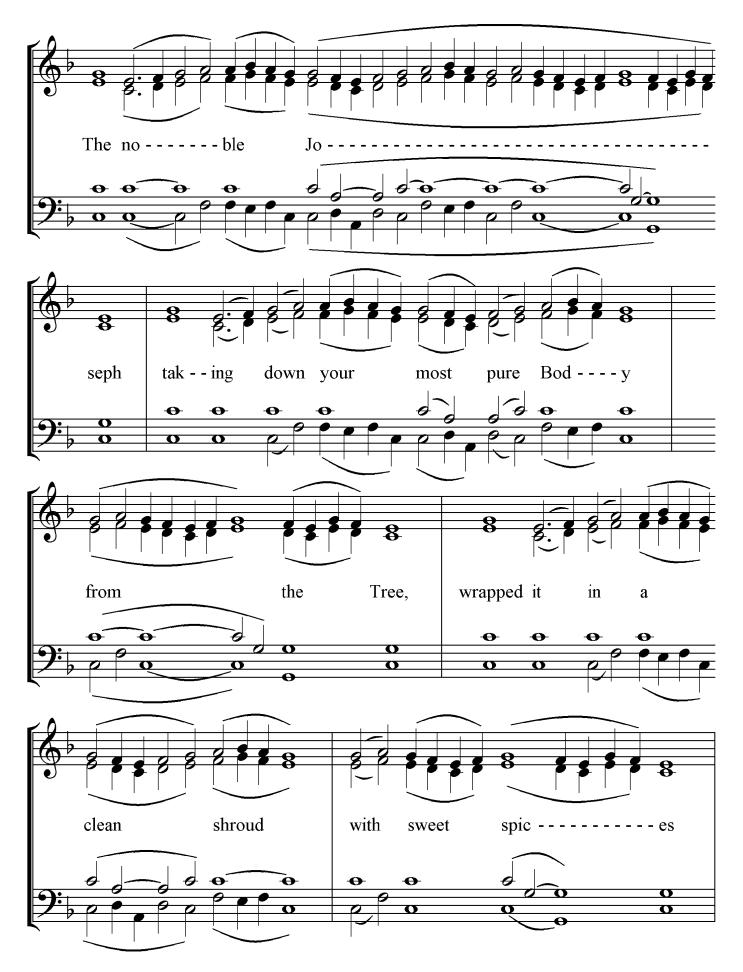


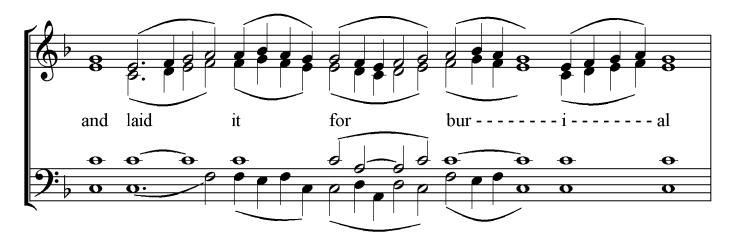
And we repeat "Holy God" many times during the procession with the Winding Sheet.

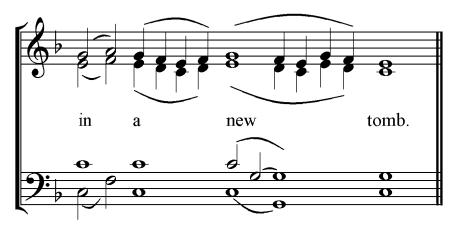


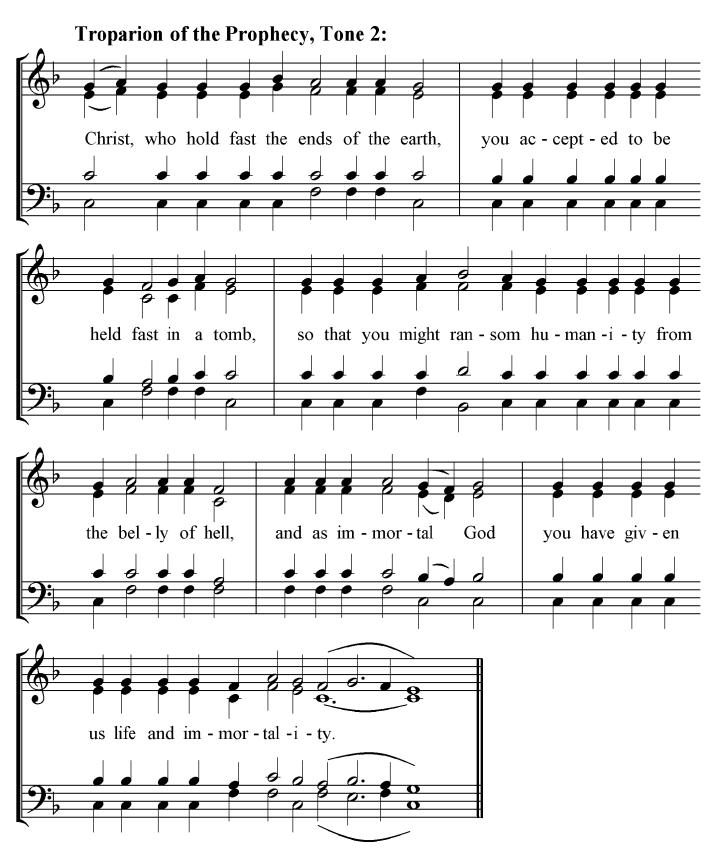
After the procession: Priest: Wisdom. Stand upright.

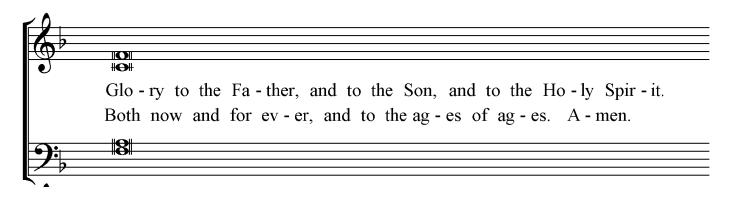
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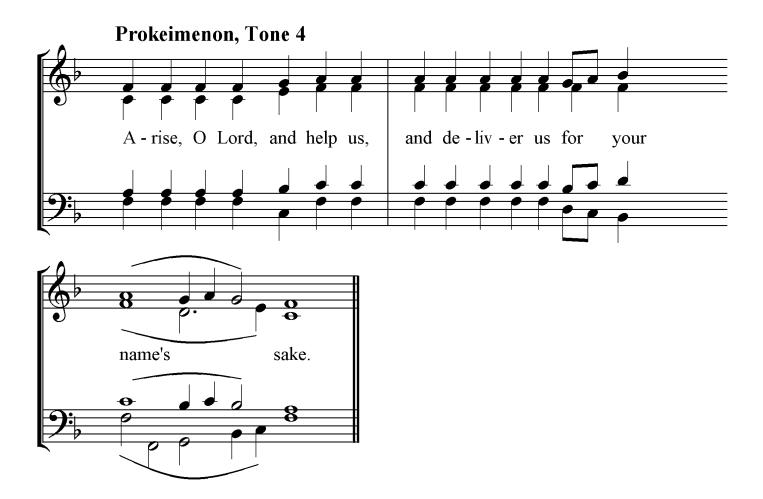


Repeat Troparion of the Prophecy.

Priest: Let us attend. Peace to all. *People:*



Deacon: Wisdom



Verse: We have heard with our ears, O God, and our fathers have told us.

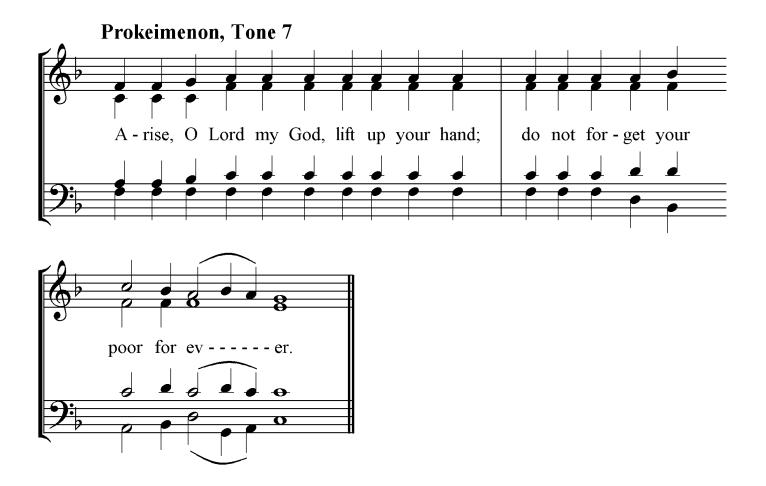








Deacon: Wisdom.



Verse: I will praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will speak of all your marvellous works.

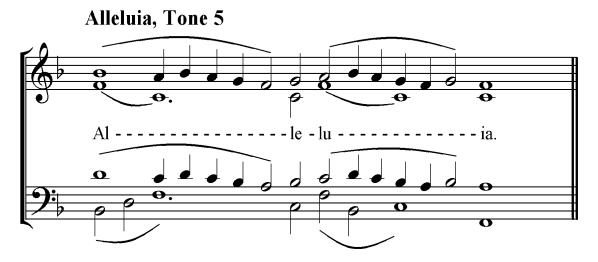
Deacon: Wisdom

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. *[I Cor. 5:6-8, Gal. 3:13-14]*

Deacon: Let us attend.

Reader: Brethren, a little leaven leavens the whole batch. Clean out the old leaven, so that you may be a new batch, as you are unleavened. For Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, not with the leaven of wickedness and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. For Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, by becoming a curse for us. For it is written: Accursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree; so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the nations, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through the faith.

Priest:	Peace to you.
Reader:	And to your spirit.
Deacon:	Wisdom.

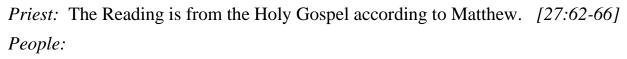


Verse 1: Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered.

Verse 2: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.Verse 3: So shall sinners perish at the presence of God.

Deacon: Wisdom. Stand upright. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. *Priest:* Peace to all. *People:*



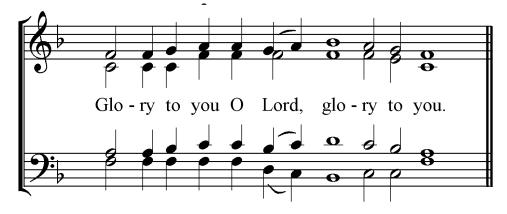




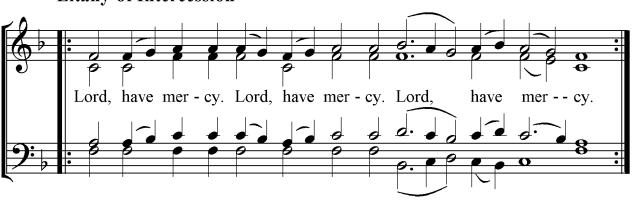
Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: On the next day, which is after the Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together to Pilate and said, 'Sir, we remember that that deceiver said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will arise.' Give orders then for the tomb to be made secure until the third day, otherwise his disciples may come at night and steal him and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. And the last deception will be worse than the first.' Pilate said, 'You have a watch. Go, make it as secure as you can.' So they went with the watch and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

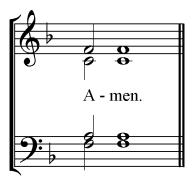
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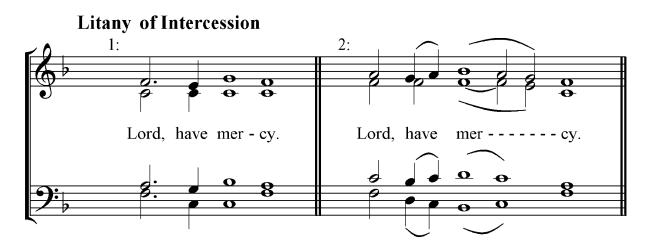


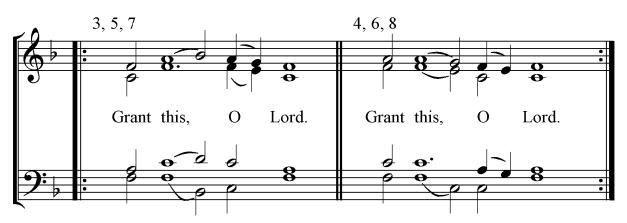
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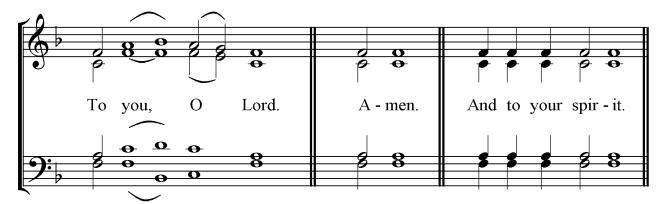


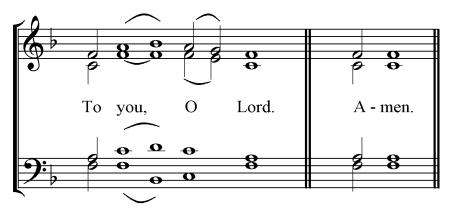
Litany of Intercession











DISMISSAL:

Deacon: Wisdom.

People: Give the blessing.

Priest: Blessed be he who is, Christ our God, always, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen. Strengthen, O God, the holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians to the ages of ages.

Priest: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

People: Greater in honour than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Word, truly the Mother of God, we magnify you.

Priest: Glory to you, Christ God, our hope, glory to you.

People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Holy Master, give the blessing.

Priest: May he who for us and for our salvation endured in the flesh the dread Passion, the life-giving Cross and voluntary burial, Christ our true God, through the prayers of his most pure Mother, of the holy, glorious and all-praised Apostles, of the holy and righteous forbears of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for he is good and the lover of mankind.

People: Amen.