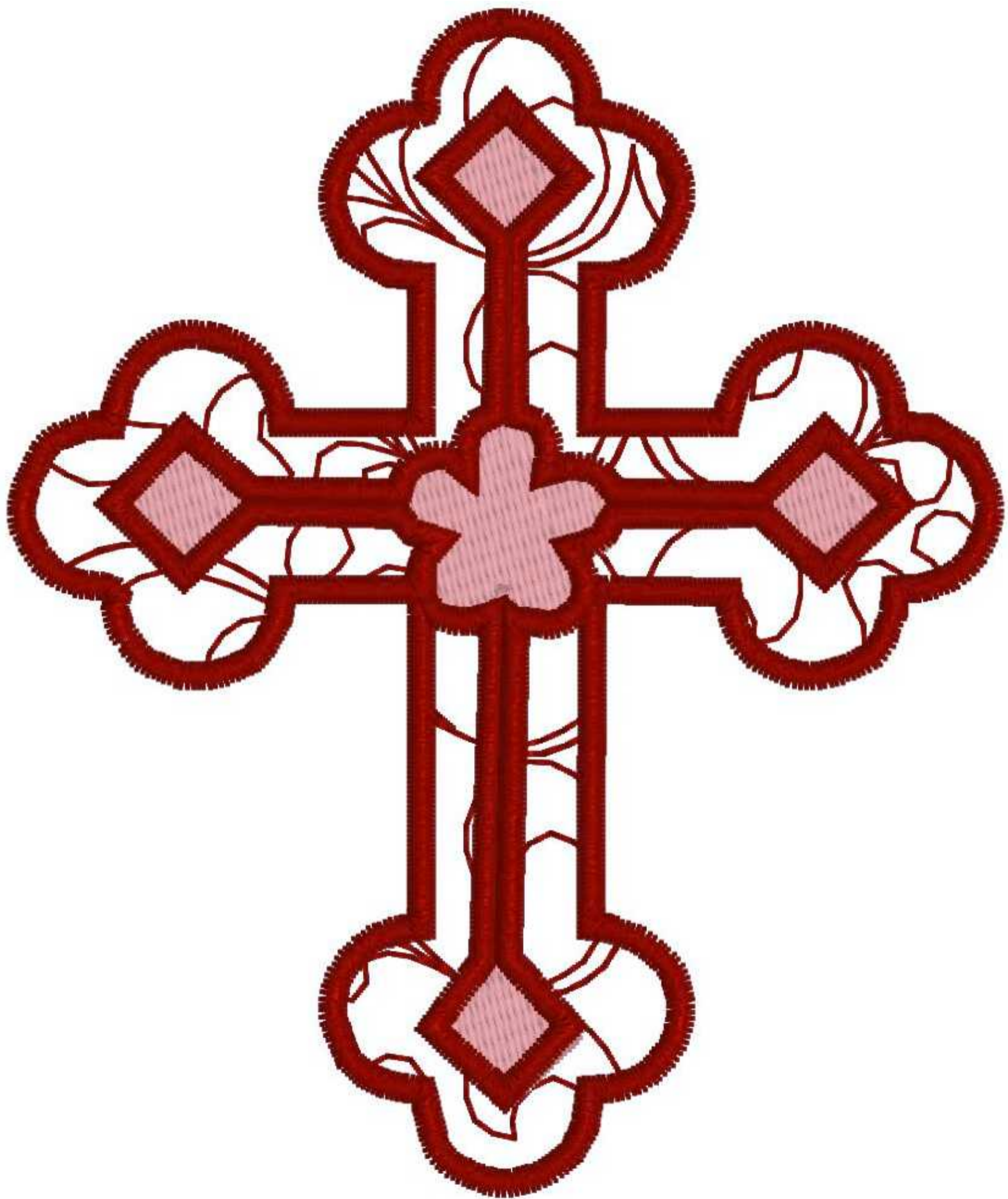


Children's Vespers

East London Community



Introductory prayers

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

Outside of Bright Season, the reader says:

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

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

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

During Bright Season, the reader says or chants:

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (THRICE)

Vespereal Psalm (103)

Alto
Bass



Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord O my soul. Bless the Lord

A
B



O my soul. O Lord my God, You are ve - ry great, O Lord my God, You are ve - ry great

O Lord my God, You are very great!

You make the springs gush water in the valleys; they flow between the hills, they give water for all the animals to drink; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

By the streams the birds of the air have their homes - they sing among the branches.

You water the mountains with rain; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your work.

Alto
Bass

Glo - ry to You, O Lord, Who have made all things;

A
B

Who have made all things, Glo - - ry to You

You make the grass grow for the cattle, and plants for us to cultivate, bringing forth food from the earth, and wine to make our hearts glad, oil to make our faces shine, and bread to give us strength.

The trees of the Lord are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon which He planted.

Alto
Bass

In wisdom You have made all things, in wisdom You have made all things.

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Glo - ry to You, O Lord, Who have made all things;

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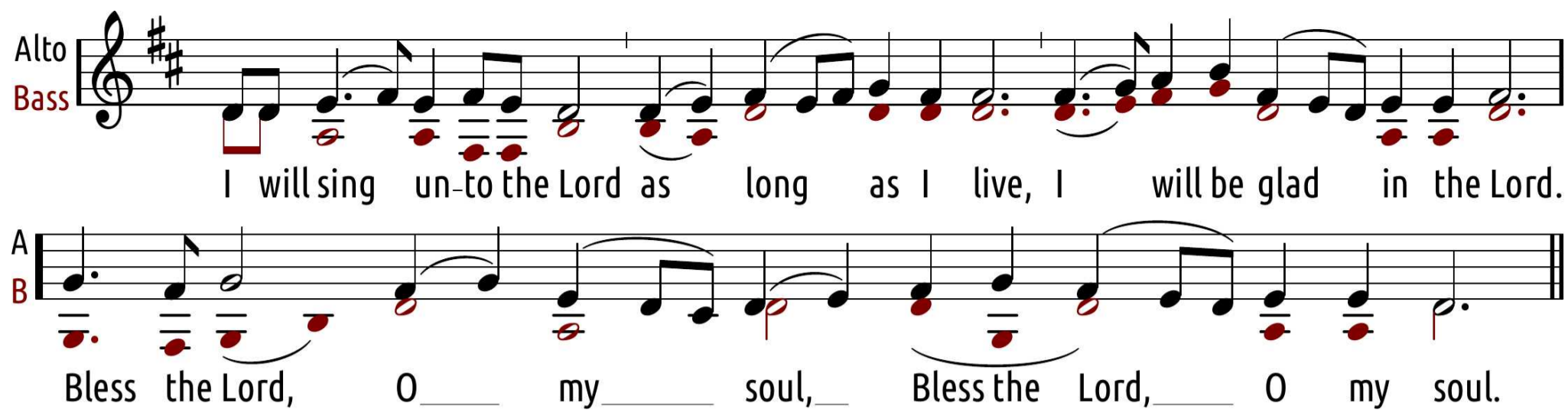
Who have made all things, Glo - - ry to You

There the birds build their nests; the stork makes her home in the fir trees.

The high mountains are pastures for the wild goats; the badgers find shelter in the rocks.

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun to mark the days.

You make it dark, and it's night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth.



Alto
Bass

I will sing un-to the Lord as long as I live, I will be glad in the Lord.

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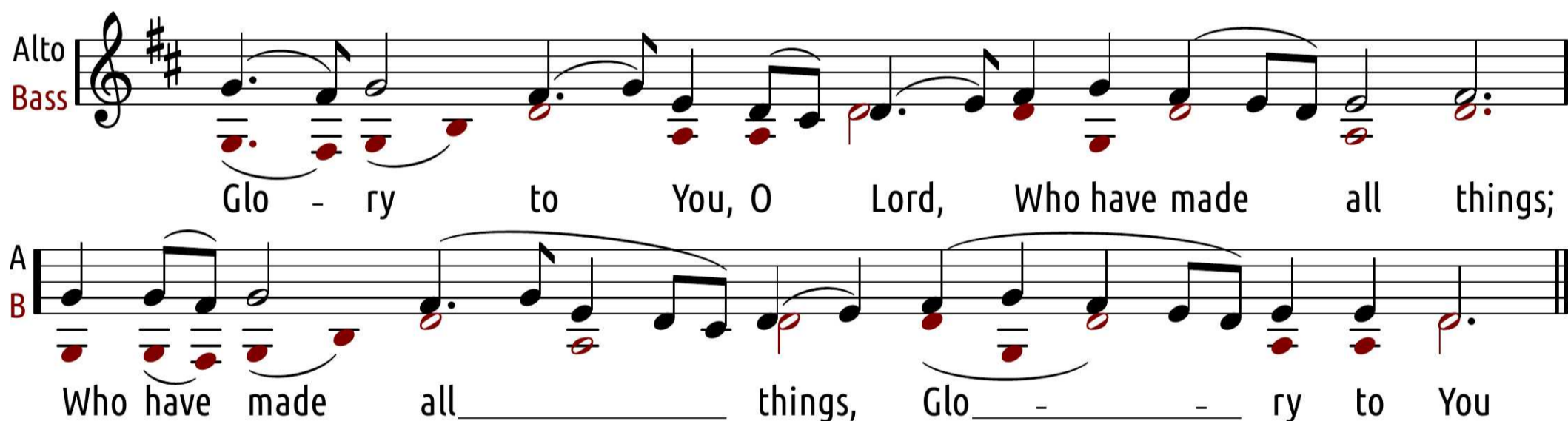
Bless the Lord, O my soul, Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The young lions roar seeking their food from God.

When the sun rises, they return and lie down in their dens to rest.

*Then we go off to our work until evening. There is the sea, great and wide,
teeming with creatures beyond number - living things both large and small.*

*O Lord, how wonderful are Your works! In wisdom You made them all;
the earth is full of Your creation.*



Alto
Bass

Glo - ry to You, O Lord, Who have made all things;

A
B

Who have made all things, Glo - ry to You

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia: Glory to thee, O God (thrice).

O our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

Lord have mercy (40 times)

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

Lord I Have Cried

Tone 1

1. Lord I have cried unto Thee hear me, 2. hear me, O Lord. 3. Lord I have cried unto Thee hear me, 4. give ear to the voice of my prayer, 1. when I cry un-to Thee. + Hear me, O Lord.

1. Let my prayer be set forth in Thy sight, 2. as in - cense be - fore Thee

3. and let the lifting up of my hands 4. be an eve-ning sac - ri - fice. + Hear me, O Lord.

1. /Lo/~rd, \I have cried unto \\Thee, /he\ar \me!

2. //Hear /me, O \\Lord!

3. //Lord, I have cried unto Thee, \hear \me!

4. /Give \ear to /the /voice of \my \prayer,

1. //whe/~n \I \cry un\to \Thee!

+ ///Hear \me, \O \Lord.

1. ///Let /my \prayer be \\set /forth in \thy \sight

2. //as incense befo/~re \\thee

3. //and let the lifting \up of my \hands

4. /be an \eve/ning /sa\cri\fice!

+ ///Hear \me, \O \Lord,

Psalm 140 +141

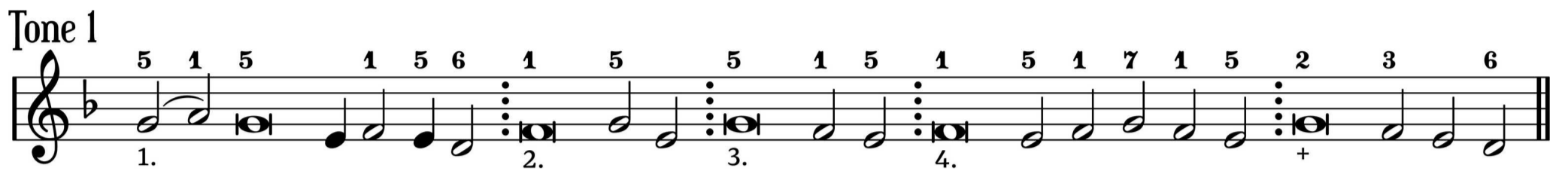
- + Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a protecting door round about my lips.
- + Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sins.
- + With men that work iniquity; and I will not communicate with the choicest of them.
- + The just man shall correct me in mercy and shall reprove me; but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head.
- + For my prayer also shall still be against the things with which they are well pleased; their judges falling upon the rock have been swallowed up.
- + They shall hear my words, for they are sweet; as when the thickness of the earth is broken upon the ground, their bones are scattered by the side of hell.
- + But to Thee, O Lord, Lord, are mine eyes; in Thee have I put my trust, take not away my soul.
- + Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the traps of the workers of iniquity.
- + Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst I alone escape.
- + I cried unto the Lord with my voice, with my voice unto the Lord, did I make my supplication.
- + I poured out my supplication before Him; I showed before Him my trouble.
- + When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path.
- + In the way wherein I walked have they secretly laid a snare for me.
- + I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me.
- + Refuge failed me; no one cared for my soul.
- + I cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.
- + Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low.
- + Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

Stichera

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

-tone 1

26th Sunday after Pentecost (11th of Luke)



V. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.

Tone 1 (for the Resurrection)

1. /A/~\ccept our evening prayers, \O /ho\ly \Lord!
2. //Grant us remi/ssion of \sins
- + //for Thou alone hast manifested the Resur\rection \to the \world.

V. (9) *The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

1. /E/~\ncir\cle /Zi\~\on
2. //And surround her, O peo/~\ple!
3. //Give glory in her to the One Who \rose from the \dead!
4. /For \He /is /o\ur \God,
- + //Who has delivered us from our trans\gre\~\ssions!

V. (8) *Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

1. /Co/~\me, \O /peo\~\ple,
2. //let us hymn and fall down be/fore \Christ,
3. //glorifying His Resur\rection from the \dead!
4. /For \He /is /o\ur \God,
- + //Who has delivered the world from the \Ene\my's de\ceit!

V. (7) *Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

1. /Be/~ \glad, \O /he\a\vens!
2. //Sound trumpets, O foundations /of the \earth!
3. //Sing in gladness, O \moun\tains!
4. /Behold Emmanuel has \nailed /our /sins \to the \Cross!
1. //Gran/ting \life, He \has /sla\in \death.
- + ///He has resurrected Adam as the \Lo\ver of \man.

V. (6) *If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But
there is forgiveness with Thee.*

1. /Le/~\~t \\us /pra\ise \Him
2. //Who voluntarily was crucified in the flesh for /our \\sake.
3. //He suffered, was buried, but \rose from the \dead.
4. /By Orthodoxy con\firm /Thy /Church, \O \Christ.
- + //Grant peace for our life as the gracious \Lo\ver of \man.

V. (5) *For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for
Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

1. /We/~ \stand before Thy life-bearing tomb unworthily,
\\O /Chri\~st \God,
2. //Offering glory to Thine ineffable compa/~\\ssion.
3. //Thou hast accepted the Cross and death, O \sinless \One
- + //to grant Resurrection to the world as the \Lo\ver of \man.

V. (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel
hope on the Lord!*

1. Le/~\~t \\us /praise \the \Word,
2. //co-eternal with the Fa/~\\ther.
3. //He ineffably came forth from the \virginal \womb.
4. /He freely accepted the \Cross /and /death \for our \sake.
1. //He /was \raised \\in /glo\~\ry.
- + ///Glory to Thee, O life-giving Lord, the \Savior \of our \souls!

V. (3) *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous
redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

V. (2) *Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures
forever.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Evening Hymn Of Light

Alto
Bass

O Je - sus Christ, thou gentle Light of the ho - ly Glo - ry of the i - mmortal, heavenly,

A
B

holy, blessed Fa - ther. Now that we have come to the se-tting of the sun and behold the e-vening light,

A
B

we sing in praise to God, Fa - ther, Son and Ho-ly Spi - rit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised

A
B

by ho - ly vo - i - ces, O Son of God, Gi-ver of life, therefore the world gives thee glo - ry.

Prokeimenon

The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with maje - sty.

The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty

♪ The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty

V: The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength

♪ The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty

V: For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.

♪ The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty

V: The Lord is King ♪ and hath clothed Himself with majesty

Scriptural Readings

If any, the Old (or New) Testament lessons are read (from the chanters stand in the church, or in front of icons outside the church) by the deacon, subdeacon, reader or ranking lay-person, without liturgical introduction or conclusion. He starts with “The Reading from...” and proceeds.

Lord, have mercy (40 times)

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

Evening Prayer

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy statutes.

Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy statutes.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

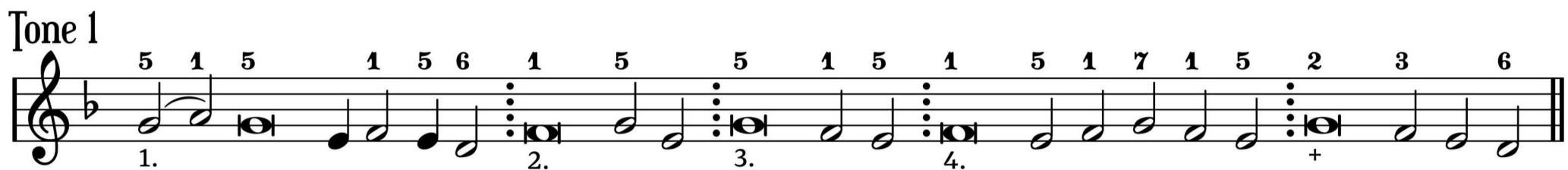
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Amen.

Aposticha

Tone 1 (for the Resurrection)



1. /We have /been \freed \ \from /su\ffe\rings
2. //by Thy suffe/ring, O \ \Christ.
3. //We have been delivered from cor\uru\ption
4. /by Thy \Re/sur/re\~\ction.
- + //O Lord, \glo\ry to \Thee!

V. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

1. /Le/~\~t \ \cre/ation \re\joice!
2. //Let the hea/vens be \ \glad!
3. //Let the nations clap their hands with \gla\dness,
4. /for Christ our Savior has \nailed /our /sins \to the \Cross.
1. //Slay/ing \death, He \ \has /gi\ven \life.
- + ///He has resurrected fallen Adam as the \Lo\ver of \man.

V. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

1. /A/~s \King \ \of /heaven \and \earth,
2. //Thou wast voluntarily crucified in Thy love /for \ \man.
3. //Hell was angered when it met \Thee be\low.
4. /Adam rose seeing Thee, the Cre\ua/ator, /under \the \earth.
1. //O/~ \wonder! How has the Life \ \of /all \tasted \death?
2. //Thou didst enlighten the world /which \ \cries:
- + //O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, \glo\ry to \Thee!

V. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

1. /The /myrrh\ubearing women came \ \with /haste to \Thy \tomb,
2. //Bearing myrrh /and la\ \menting.
3. //Not finding Thy most pure \bo\dy,
4. /They learned from the angel of the \new /and /glo\rious \wonder.
1. /The/y \told the \ \A/po\~\stles:
- + ///“The Lord is risen, granting the \uworld \great \mercy.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Song of Simeon & Trisagion prayers

The musical score is written for Soprano (Sopr) and Bass (Bass) voices. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de - part in peace,". The second staff continues: "a - ccor - ding to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion;". The third staff continues: "which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple, a Light to lighten the Gen - tiles". The fourth staff concludes: "and the Glory of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el." The music features various note values, rests, and dynamic markings, with some notes marked with red dots.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

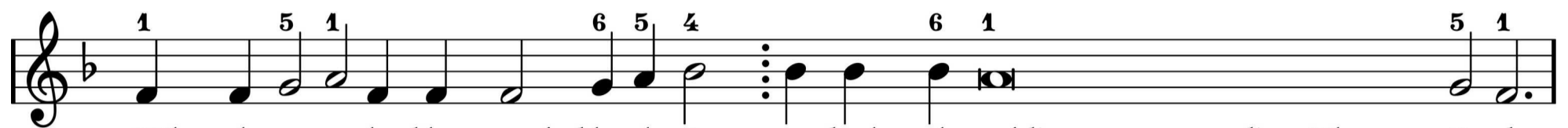
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

Ressurrection Troparion

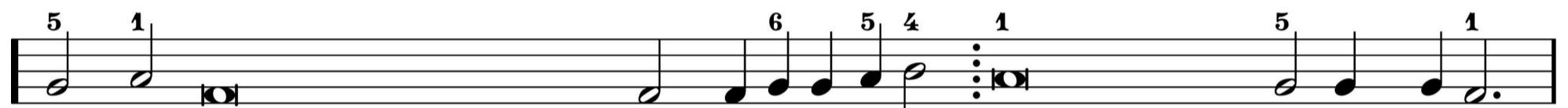
Tone 1



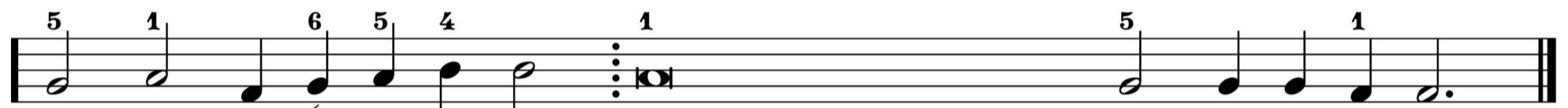
1. When the sto-ne had been sealed by the Jews 2. and when the soldiers were guarding Thy pure Bo-dy,



1. O Sa - viour, Thou didst rise on the third day 2. and give life to the world.



1. Therefore, the Powers of Heaven cried to Thee, O Gi-ver of life: 2. Glory to Thy Resurre - ction, O Christ!



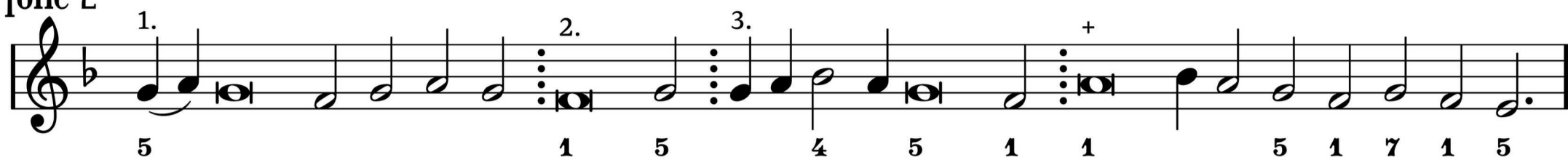
1. Glo - ry to Thy Kingdom! 2. Glory to Thy Providence, O only Lo - ver of menkind.

1. When the /sto/~ne \\had been sealed /by /the /Jews
2. and when the \soldiers were guarding Thy pure \Bo\dy,
1. O /Sa/viour, \\Thou didst rise /on /the /third day
2. and give \life \to the \world.
1. /There/fore, \\the Powers of Heaven cried to Thee,
- O /Giver /of /life:
2. \Glory to Thy Resur\re^uction, O \Christ!
1. /Glo/ry \\to/~ /Thy /Kingdom!
2. \Glory to Thy Providence, O only \Lover of \menkind.

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

Troparion Prophet Zephaniah

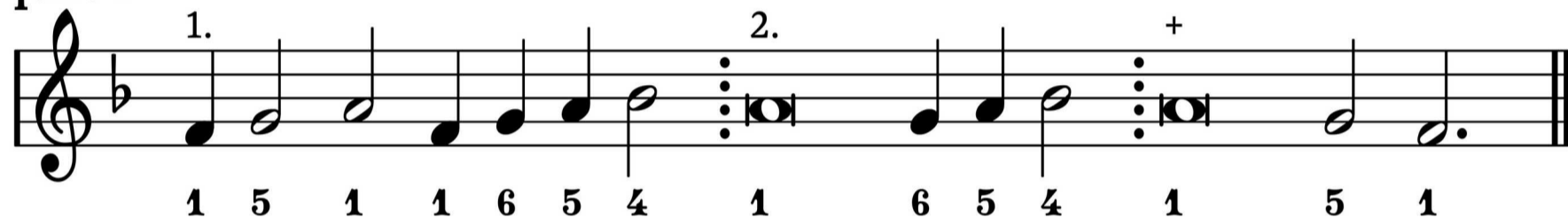
Tone 2



1. We/~ \celebrate \the /me/~mo\ry
2. \Of Thy prophet Zephaniah, /O Lord;
3. /throu/~gh /him \we be\seech \Thee
- + “Sa/~\~\~ve o/~\ur \souls!”

Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion

Tone 1



1. When /Ga/briel \announced to thee O Virgin,
/saying “/Re/joyce!”
2. \With that word the The Master of all
was in\carnate /in /thee,
- + \The holy Ark, spoken by the righteous \Da\vid.
1. Thy /wo/~mb, \became more spacious
/than /the /heavens
- + For \thou didst carry thy Cre\ator
1. /Glo/ry \to Him Who took a/bode /in /thee!
2. \Glory to Him Who came \forth /from /thee!
- + \Glory to Him Who freed us by being \born of \thee

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Hail Mother of God

Alto
Bass

Hail, mother of God and Vir - gin, Ma-ry full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

A
B

Blessed art thou a - mong wo - men, and ble - ssed is the fruit of thy womb;

A
B

for thou hast gi - ven birth to the Sa - viour of our souls

Conclusion of Vespers

Preserve, O God, the holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (thrice). Father, bless.

Conclusion

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us. Amen.

OR, in Bright Season

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!