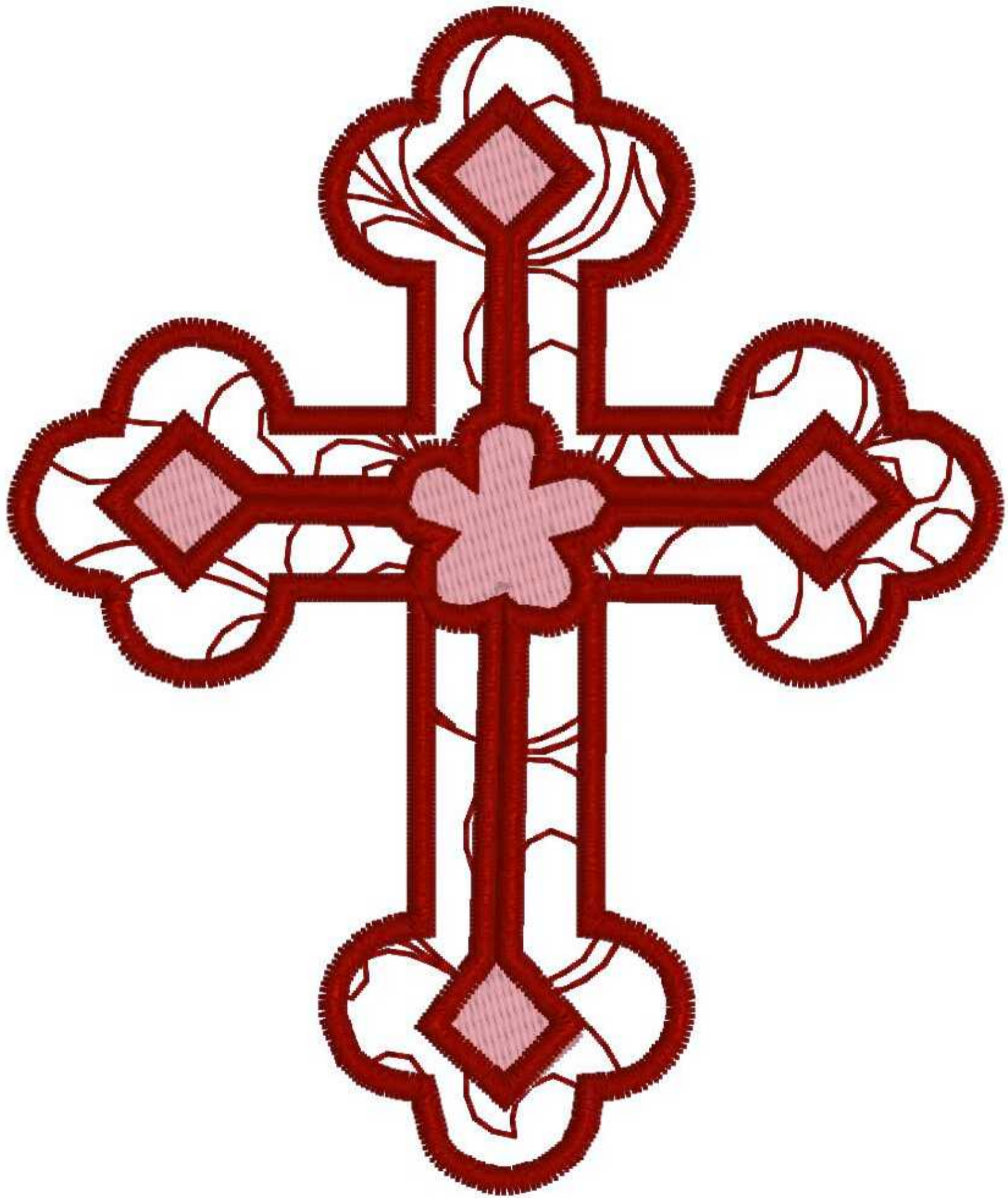


Children's Vespers

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 (104)

The musical notation is written on two staves. The top staff is for Alto and Bass, and the bottom staff is for Alto and Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord O my soul. Bless the Lord 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. hearts glad, oil to make our faces shine, and bread to give us strength.

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.

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

Alto
Bass

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

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B

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

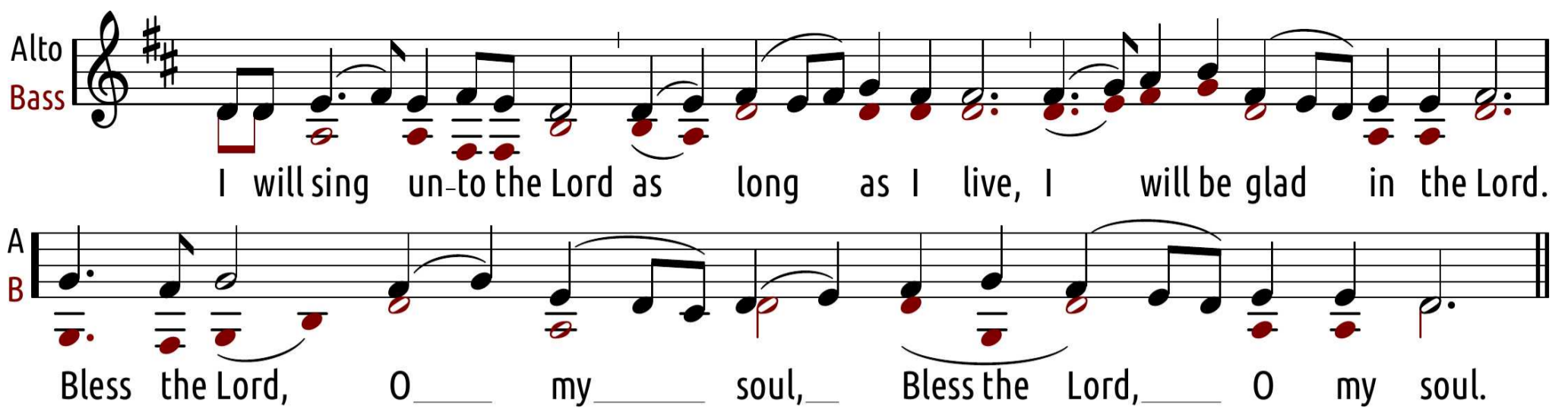
A
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Who have made all things, Glo - - ry to You

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

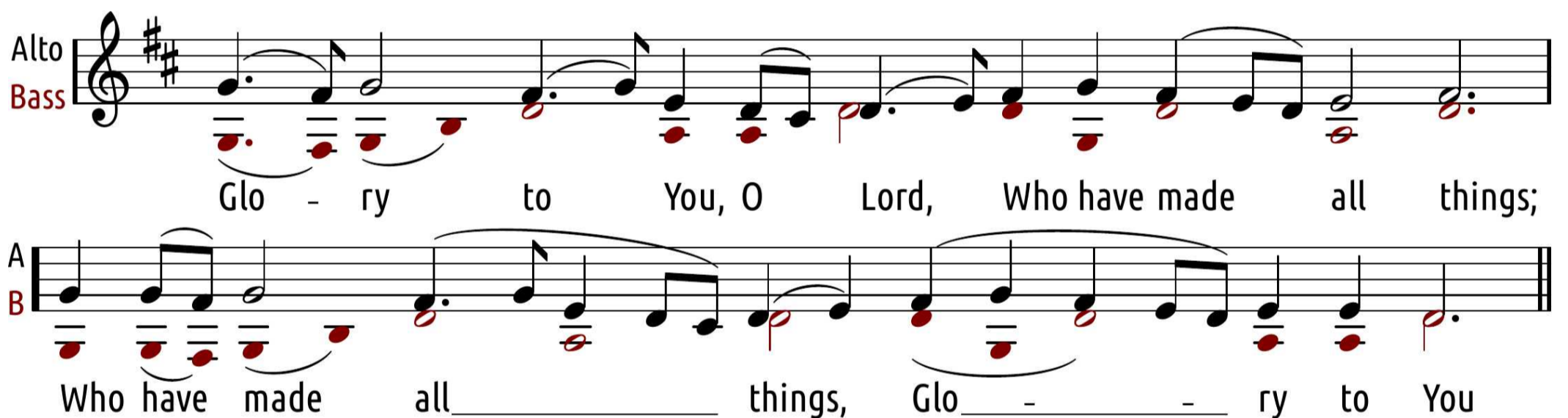
I will sing un-to the Lord as long as I live, I will be glad in the Lord.

A
B

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 6

1. Lord, I have cried unto Thee hear me, 2. hear me, O Lord, 3. Lord I have cried unto Thee hear me.

1. Give ear to the voice of my prayer, 2* when I cry un-to Thee. + Hear me, O Lord.

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

3. and let the lifting up of my hands 1. be an eve-ning sac-ri-fice. + Hear me, O Lord.

1. Lord, I have cried unto Thee, \ Hear /me!
2. / Hear \me, O /Lord!
3. / Lord, I have cried unto Thee, \ he\ar \me!
1. /Give ear to the \ voice of my /prayer,
- 2+ /when I cry \unto \Thee!
- + /// He\ar \ 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
1. /be an evening \ sacri/fice!
- + // He\ar \ me, \ O /Lord!

Psalm 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.

Psalm 142

- + 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

Tone 6



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

1. Possessing victory over hell, O /Christ,
2. /since Thou art free a\mong the /dead,
3. /Thou didst a\scend \the \Cross
1. /Raising with Thyself those who sat in the \shades of /death.
- + Drawing life from Thy light, O almighty /Savior \have \mer\cy on /us

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

1. Today Christ \tramples on /death,
2. /For He is risen \as He /said!
3. /Let us all \sing \this \song,
1. /For He has granted \joy to the /world:
- 2+ /O Light unapproachable, O Foun\tain of \life!
- + /O Savior /al/mighty, \have \mer\cy on /us!

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

1. Where shall we sinners flee from Thee, Who art in all cre\~a\~tion?
2. /In heaven Thou dwe\~\lest!
3. /In hell Thou didst \trample \on \death!
1. /In the \depths of the /sea?
2. /Even there is Thy hand, O Ma\~\ster!
3. /To Thee we flee, and falling be\fore Thee, \we \pray:
- + /O Thou Who didst rise from /the /dead, \have \mer\cy on /us!

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

1. In Thy Cross, we \glory, O /Christ.
2. /We sing and glorify Thy Resurre\~\ction.
3. /For \Thou art \our \God,
- + /And /we /know \no \o\ther than /Thee.

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

1. We will always \bless the /Lord
2. /By singing of His Resurre\~\ction!
3. /For He en\dured \the \Cross
- + /Tram/pling /do\wn \death \by /death.

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. Glory to Thy might, O /Lord,
2. /For Thou didst overthrow the prince \of /death
3. /By Thy Cross rene\wing \us,
- + /Granting /us /life and in\co\urru\~/ption

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

1. Thy burial destroyed the bonds of \hell, O /Lord.
- 2+ /Thy Resurrection from the dead enligh\u\tened the \world.
- + /O /Lord, /glo\~\ry /to /Thee

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

(Doxasticon For The Synaxis In Tone 6)

1. Light in the flesh and Forerunner of the \Sa/vior,
2. /Offspring of a barren mo\~/ther,
3. /And friend of Him Who was \born of \a \Virgin,
1. /Thou hast worshipped Him by leaping \in the /womb,
2. /And hast baptized Him in the waters of the Jo\~/rdan.
3. /We entreat thee to intercede with Him, O \Pro\~/phet,
- + /That we may escape from /the /migh\ty \tem\pests to /come!

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;

(Theotokion Dogmatikon in Tone 6)

1. Who will not bless thee, O most holy \Vir/gin?
2. /Who will not sing of thy most pure child\bea/ring?
3. /The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the \Fa\~\ther,
1. /But from thee He was ineffably in\car/nate.
2. /God by nature, yet Man \for our /sake,
3. /Not two persons, but one known in two \na\~\tures.
1. /Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed \La/dy,
- + /To /have /mer\cy \on \our /souls!

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,

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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.

Great Prokimenon in Tone 7

V: Our God is in Heaven and on earth; He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased.

Who is so great a God as our God, Thou art the God who does won - ders, Thou art the

God who does won - ders, the God, the God who does won - ders, who does won - ders.

V1: *Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.*

♪: Who is so great a God as our God? Thought art the God who does wonders...

V2: *The sea saw it and fled; Jordan was driven back.*

♪: Who is so great a God as our God? Thought art the God who does wonders...

V3: *What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest, thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?*

♪: Who is so great a God as our God? Thought art the God who does wonders...

V3: *Who is great as our God?*

♪: Thout art the God, who does wonders...

Evening Prayer

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.

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.

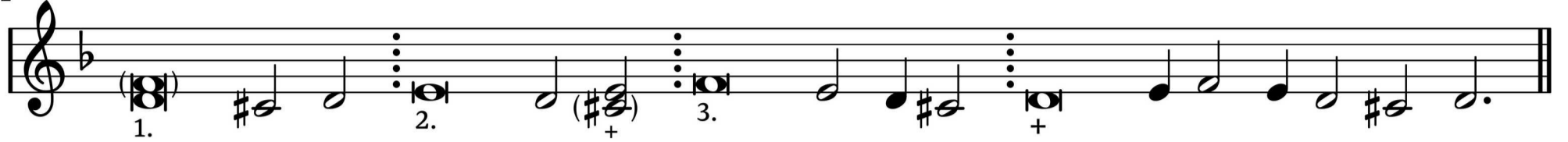
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Amen.

Aposticha

Tone 6



1. Thy Resurrection, O Christ our \Sa/vior,
2. /The Angels in hea\ven /sing!
3. /Enable \us \on \earth
- + /to glorify Thee /in /pu\ri\ty \of /heart!

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

1. Destroying the \gates of /hell,
2. /Breaking the chains \of /death,
3. /Thou didst resurrect the fallen human race as al\migh\ty \God!
- + /O Lord Who didst rise from /the /de\ad, \glo\ry to /thee!

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

1. Desiring to return us to \Para/dise,
2. /Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed \in a /tomb.
3. /The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, \cry\~\ing,
1. /"Woe to us, O \Sa/vior!
2. /How didst Thou deign to des\cend to /death?
3. /What place can hold Thy life bearing \bo\~\dy?
1. /Come to us as Thou didst \pro/mise!
2. /Take away our wai\ling and /tears!"
3. /Then the Angel appeared \to \them:
1. /"Stop your lamen\ta/tions!
2. /Go, proclaim to the Apo\~\stles:
3. /"The Lord is \ri\~\sen,
- + /Granting us puri/fi/cation and \great \me\~\rcy!"

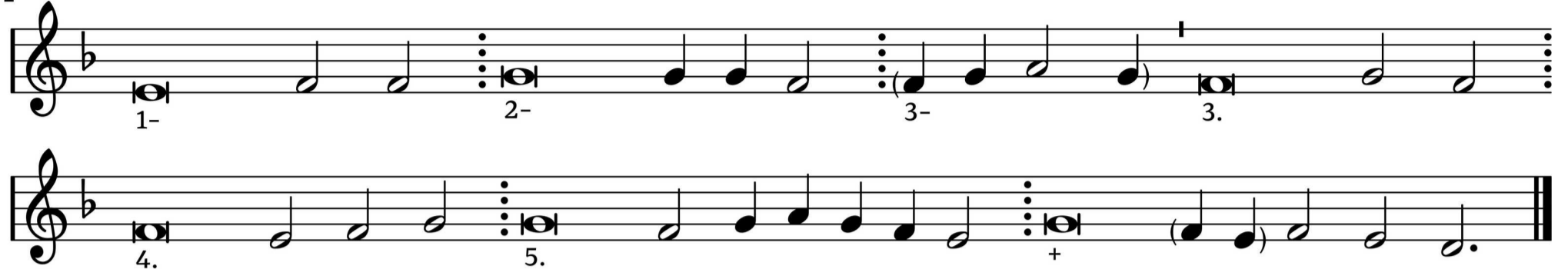
V. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

1. Having been crucified as \Thou didst /will,
2. /By Thy burial Thou didst capture death, \O /Christ,
3. /Rising on the third day as God in \glo\~\ry,
- + /Granting the world unen/ding /life and \great \me\~\rcy!

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

Doxasticon For The **Synaxis** In Tone 4

Tone 4



- 1- \As the lover of the /Spirit,
- 2- /The swallow that brings divine tidings of grace, O \Forerunner,
- 3-. Thou hast /made /kno\~wn \clearly to mankind the dispen/sation
of the \King,
4. Who shone forth in brightness from a pure Virgin
for the resto\ra/tion of /man.
5. Thou dost banish the dominion of \da/~rk /and \e\vil \ways,
3. /And guide the hearts of those baptized in repentance to e/ternal \life,
- + /O blessed Prophet ins\pi\red by \God!

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Doxasticon For The **Theophany** In Tone 4

- 1- \Let us imitate the wise /virgins,
- 2- /Let us go and meet the Master Who ap\pears;
- 3-. Like /a /bridegroom \He \comes /forth to \John.
4. Seeing Thee the Jordan holds \back /in /fear.
5. John cries out: “I dare not hold \Thi/~ne /im\mor\tal \head.”
3. /The Spirit comes down in the form of a dove to sanctify the /wa\ters.
4. And a voice from \hea/ven re/sounds:
5. “This is My Son, Who comes to the world to
\sa/~ve /the \hu\man \race.”
- + //O Lord, \glo\ry to \Thee!

Song of Simeon & Trisagion prayers

Soprano and Bass parts for the Song of Simeon and Trisagion prayers. The lyrics are: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation; which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of thy people Israel.

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.

Ressurrectional Troparion (Apolytikion)

Tone 6

1. The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; 2. the guards became as dead men. 1. Mary stood by Thy grave,
2. see - king Thy most pure bo - dy. 1. Thou didst capture hell not be - ing temp - ted by it.
2. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. 1. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, 2. glo - ry to Thee.

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2. \\The guards /be/came \as /de\ad \men.
1. /Ma/ry stood by Thy \grave,
2. \\Seeking /Thy /most \pure /bo\~\dy.
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1. /O Lord, Who /didst /rise from the \dead,
2. \\Glo/~/~\ry to \Thee.

Troparion (Apolytikion) of Synaxis of John The Baptist

Tone 2

1. The me - mo - ry of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, —

2. but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Fore - run - ner.

3. Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Pro - phets,

2. for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him Whom they fore - told.

3. There - fore, having suffered for the truth with joy, 2. thou didst proclaim to those in hell God

Who a - ppeared in the flesh, 3. Who takes a - way the sin of the world, 4. and grants us great mercy. —

Troparion (Apolytikion) of Theophany

Tone 1

1. When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, 2. the worship of the Trinity was made mani-fest.

1. For the voice of the Fa - ther bore wit-ness to Thee, 2. and called Thee His belo - ved Son;

1. and the Spi - rit in the form of a dove 2. con-firmed the truthfulness of His word.

1. O Christ our God, Who hast re - vealed Thyself 2. and hast en-lightened the world, glo-ry to Thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both 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!