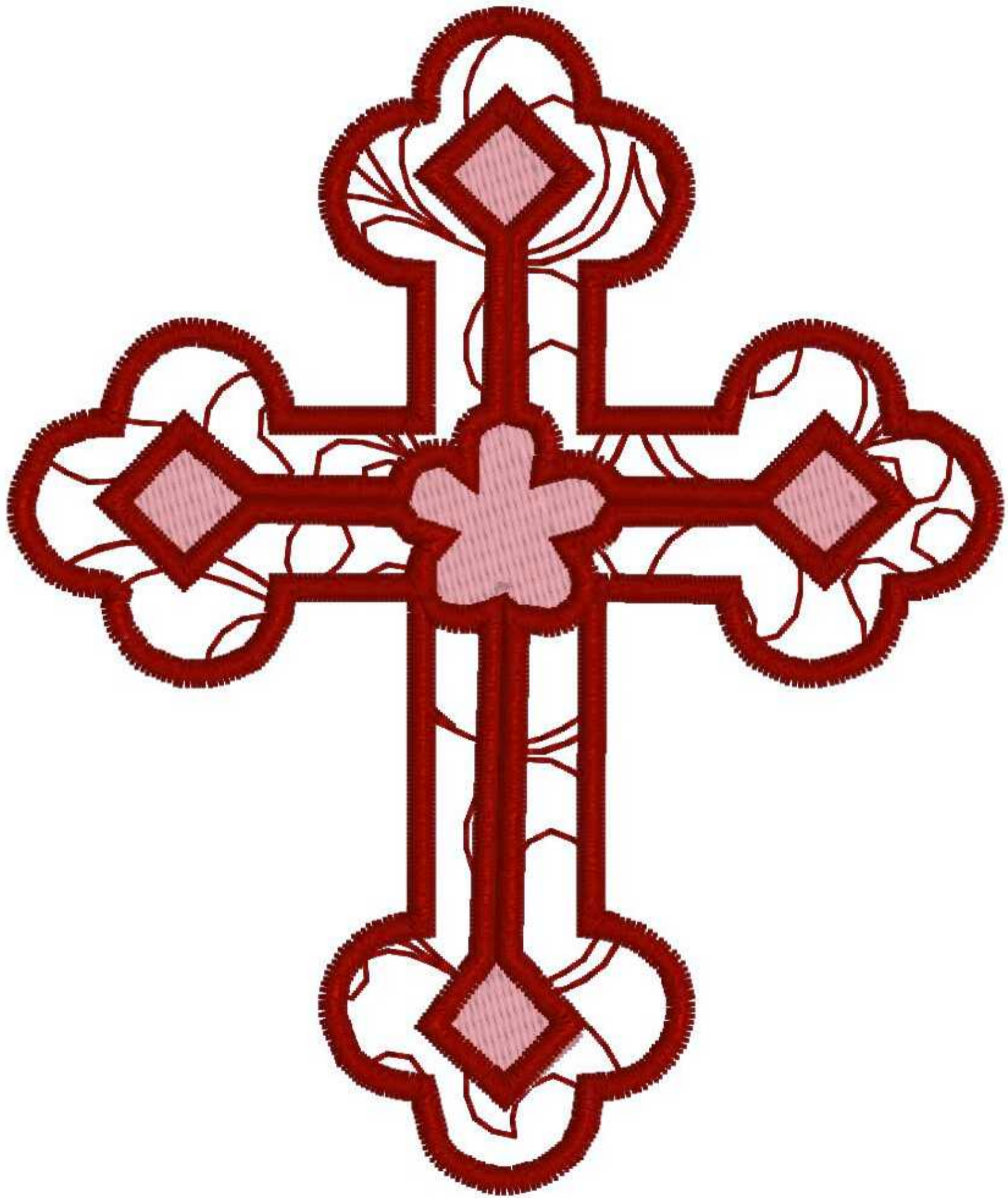


Children's Vespers

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)

The musical score is written for Alto and Bass voices. The Alto part is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The Bass part is on a bass clef staff. 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". The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

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 wis-dom You have made all things, in wis-dom You have made all things.

A
B

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

A
B

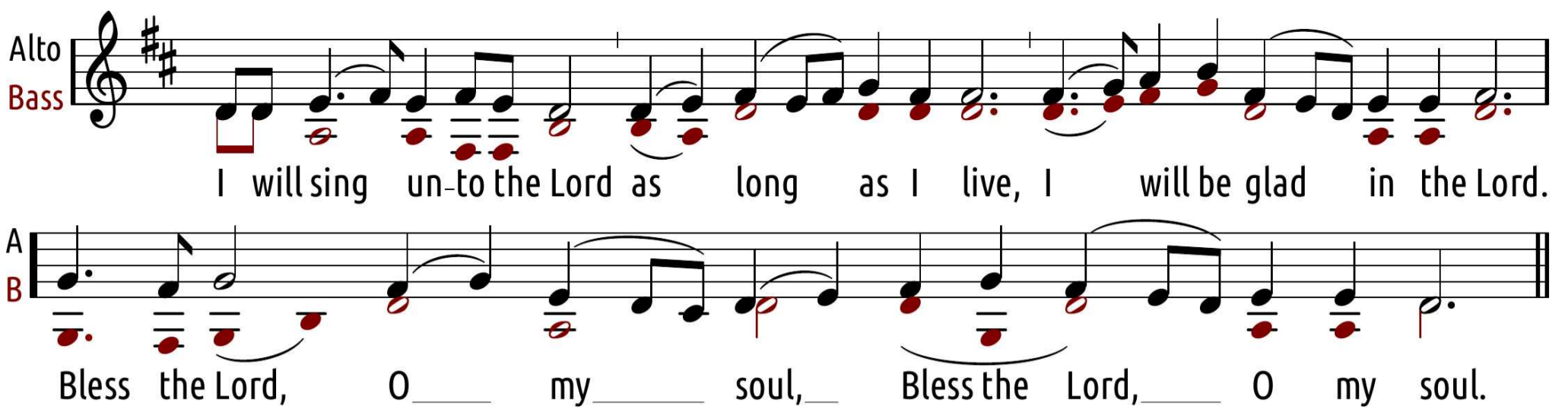
Who have made all things, Glo - - ry to You

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

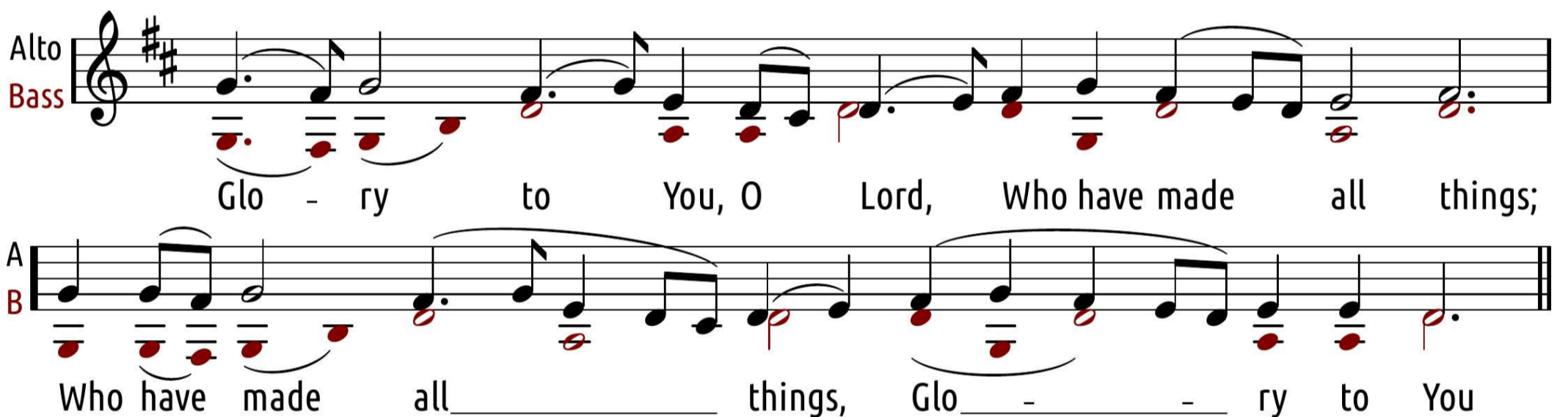
Bless the Lord, O my soul, Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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 6s (*stichera melody*)

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 unto Thee. + Hear me, O Lord.

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

3. and let the lifting up of my hands 1. be an evening sacrifice. + 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

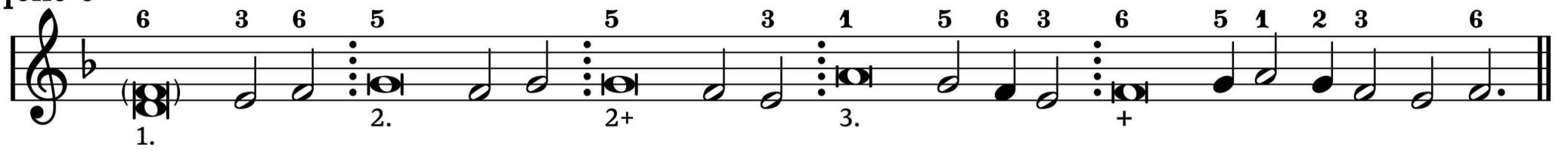
- + Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a protecting door round about my lips.
- + Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sins.
- + With men that work iniquity; and I will not communicate with the choicest of them.
- + The just man shall correct me in mercy and shall reprove me; 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 praise 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 shall wait for me until Thou recompense 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 have I cried 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 supplication.*

(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) *Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.*

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) *Because of Thy name have I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.*

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

V. (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord*

Tone 1s (from the Lenten Triodion)

Tone 1

The musical notation for Tone 1s is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are: G4 (1), A4 (1), B4 (5), C5 (1), D5 (5), E5 (6), F5 (1), G5 (5), A5 (5), B5 (1), C6 (5), D6 (1), E6 (5), F6 (1), G6 (7), A6 (1), B6 (5), C7 (2), D7 (3), E7 (6). There are four fermatas over the notes F5, A5, C6, and B6. A plus sign (+) is placed below the note C7.

1. /Rich /and \fertile was the earth \al\lotted \to \us,
2. //But all we planted were the /seeds of \sin.
3. //We reaped the sheaves of evil with the \sickle of \laziness;
4. /We failed to place them on the \thre/shing /floor \of \repentance.
1. //Now /we \beg Thee, O Lord, eternal Master of \the /ha\~r\vest:
2. //“May Thy love be/come the \breeze
3. //To winnow the straw of our \worthless \deeds!
4. //Make us like the precious wheat \to /be /stored \in \heaven,
- + //And \save \us \all!”

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

(Repeat: Rich and fertile ...)

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

1. /Bro/~\uthers, our purpose is to know the power \of /Go\~d’s /goodness.
2. //For when the Prodigal Son a/bandoned his \sin,
3. //He hastened to the refuge of his \fa\ther.
4. /That good man embraced \him /and /wel\comed \him;
1. //He/~ \killed the fatted calf and celebrated \with /heaven\ly \joy.
2. //Let us learn from /this e\example
3. //To offer thanks to the Father, Who \loves all \men,
- + //And to the glorious Victim, the \Savior \of our \souls!

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

(Repeat: Brothers, our purpose ...)

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.

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

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.

Lord, have mercy (40 times)

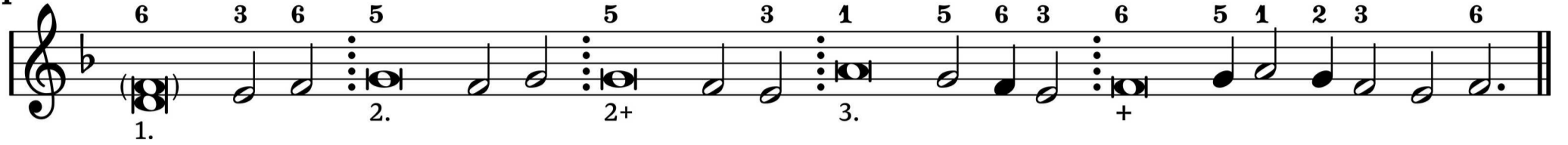
Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

Aposticha

Tone 6s

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, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed;
He is girded with strength.*

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 a\ppeared \to \them:
1. /"Stop your lamen\ta/tions!
2. /Go, proclaim to the Apo\s\stles:
3. /"The Lord is \ri\~\sen,
- + /Granting us puri/fi/cation and \great \me\~r/cy!"

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\~r/cy!

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

Doxasticon for the Prodigal Son

Tone 6s (from the Lenten Triodion)

1. I, a wretched man, hide my \face in /shame:
2. /I have squandered the riches my Father gave \to /me;
3. /I went to live with \sense\less \beasts;
1. /I sought their food and hungered, for I had not e\nough to /eat.
2. /I will arise, I will return to my compassionate Fa\~/ther;
3. /He will accept my tears, as I kneel before Him \cry\~/ing:
- + /"In Thy tender love for all men, receive me as one of /Thy /servants
and \sa\~/ve /me!"

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

Theotokion for the Resurrection

Tone 6s

1. My Maker and Redeemer, \Christ the /Lord,
2. Was born of thee, O most pure Vi\~/rgin.
3. /By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his \an\cient \curse.
1. /Unceasingly we magnify thee as the \Mother of /God!
2. /Rejoice, O cele\stial /Joy!
3. /Rejoice, O \La\~/dy:
- + /The protection, intercession and /sal/vation of \o\ur /souls!

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.

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

(priest) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

Resurrection Troparion

Tone 6^t (*troparion melody*)

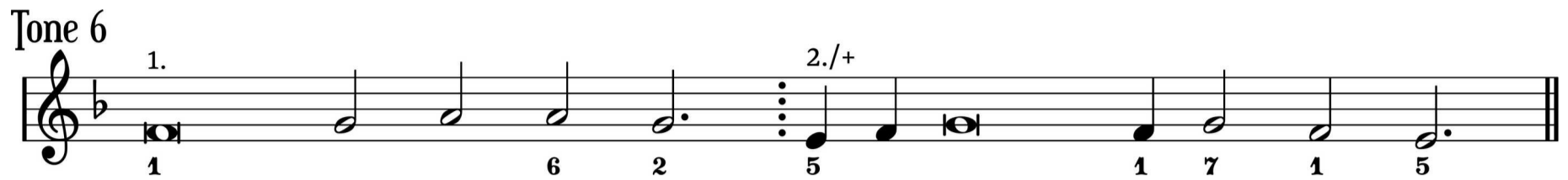
1. The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; 2. the guards became as dead men. 1. Mary stood by Thy grave,
 2. see-king Thy most pure bo - dy. 1. Thou didst capture hell not be - ing temp - ted by it.
 2. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. 1. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, 2. glo - ry to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

1. The Ange/lic /Powers were at Thy \tomb;
2. \\The guards /be/came \as /de\ad \men.
1. /Ma/ry stood by Thy \grave,
2. \\Seeking /Thy /most \pure /bo\~\dy.
1. /Thou didst capture hell not be/ing /tempted by \it.
2. \\Thou /didst /come to the Vir\gin, /gran\ting \life.
1. /O Lord, Who /didst /rise from the \dead,
2. \\Glo/~/~\ry to \Thee.

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

Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion

Tone 6t



1. Thou Who didst call Thy Mo/ther /ble\ssed,
 2. \\Camest of /Thine /own will to \the /Pa\~\ssion.
 3. /Shining on the Cross, desiring to recall Adam, Thou didst
say to /the /An\gels:
 1. \\ “Rejoice /with /me for the \lost /coin \has been \found.”
 2. /Thou Who hast ordered all things /in /wis\dom
- + \\our Go/~d, glory \to \Thee!

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!

By The Rivers of Babylon

1. By the rivers of Ba-by-lon, there we sat down and wept, when we re membered Zi - on.

+ Al-le - lu ia. 2. On the willows in the midst of it we hung up our harps (+)

3. For there our captors asked us for the words of a song; and our abductors asked for a hymn, saying:

“Sing us one of the songs of Zi-on!” (+) 4. How can we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land? (+)

5. If I forget thee, O Je - ru - sa - lem, let my right hand be for - got - ten; (+).

6. May my tongue stick in my throat, if I do not remember thee, if I do not prefer Je -

ru - sa - lem as the source of my joy. (+)

7. Re - me - mber, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Je - ru - salem who said:

“Raze it, raze it, down to its founda - tions!” (+) 8. O daughter of Babylon, the wretched:

blessed is he who shall re - pay thee for what thou hast done to us! (+)

9. Blessed is he who sei - zes thy children and da - shes them a - gainst the rock. (+)