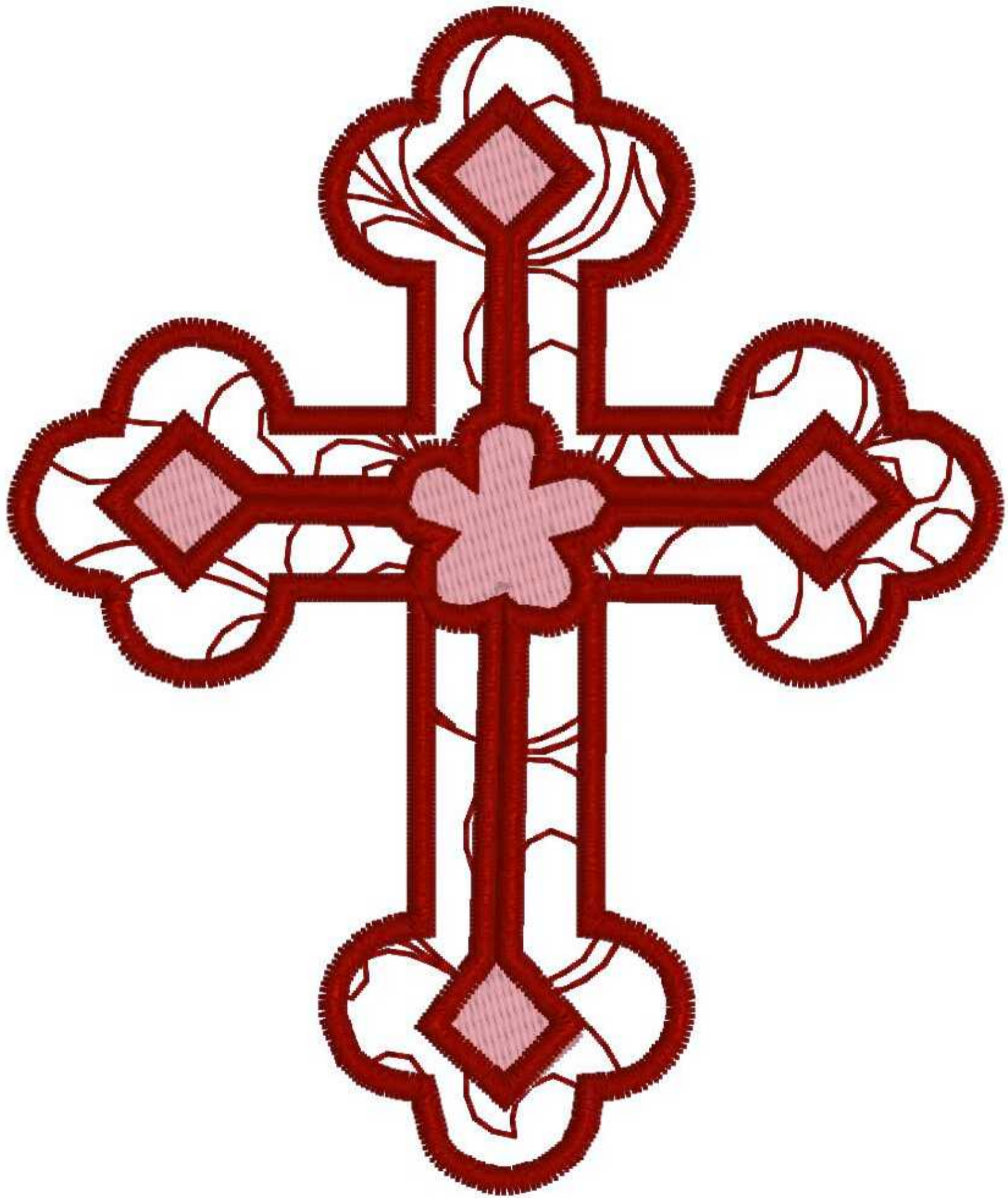


Children's Vespers

East London Community



Introductory prayers

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

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.

Vespereal Psalm (103)

[Bless the Lord]

Alto
Bass

Bless the Lord O my soul. O Lord my God,
thou art exceeding great. Thou hast clothed thyself with praise and honour.

[Blessed art thou]

Alto
Bass

Blessed art thou O Lord

Detailed description: The image shows two musical staves for the Vespereal Psalm (103). The first staff is for the Alto and Bass parts, with the Alto line in treble clef and the Bass line in bass clef. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art exceeding great. Thou hast clothed thyself with praise and honour." The second staff is for the Alto and Bass parts, with the Alto line in treble clef and the Bass line in bass clef. The key signature is two sharps. The lyrics are: "Blessed art thou O Lord".

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou art exceeding great. Thou hast clothed Thyself with praise and honour, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.


Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back forever and ever. The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand. At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid.

[repeat :  Blessed art thou]

The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them. Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth. He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run. They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst. Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice.

[repeat : ♪ Blessed art thou]

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;
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!

The Great Litany

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

1. Lord have //Me\~\\~r/cy

1. Lord have mer____ cy

For the peace from above and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

2. Lord have \Me//~/~r\\cy

1. Lord have mer____ cy

For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

3. Lord have ///Me\~\\~r/cy

3. Lord have mer____ cy

For this holy house and those who with faith, reverence and fear of God enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

1. Lord have //Me\~\\~r/cy

For our father and metropolitan Siluan, the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

2. Lord have \Me//~/~r\cy

For our Sovereign Lord King Charles, the Royal Family, for the Government and all civil authorities, let us pray to the Lord.

3. Lord have ///Me\~\~r\cy

For this city and every city and countryside and the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

1. Lord have //Me\~\~r/cy

For healthful seasons, abundance of the fruits of the earth and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

2. Lord have \Me//~/~r\cy

For travelers by sea, by land and by air, the sick, the suffering, the captive, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

3. Lord have ///Me\~\~r\cy

For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

1. Lord have //Me\~\~r/cy

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

2. Lord have \Me//~/~r\cy

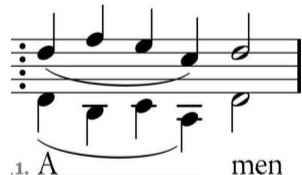
Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

1. To //Thee\~, \O /Lord.



For unto thee are due all glory, honor and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

1. A //~ \~ \~men



Lord I Have Cried

Tone 4s (*stichera melody*)

1. Lord, I have cried un to thee, hear me, 2. hear me, O Lord. 3. Lord, I have cried un to thee, hear me.

4. Give ear to the voice of my prayer, 5. 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 lif - ting up of my hands 4. 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, / hear \ me!
4. Give ear to the \ voice / of my / prayer,
5. When I \ cry / ~ / ~ \ un \ to \ 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
4. be an evening \ sa / cri / fice!
- + Hear \ 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 4s

V. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy Name.*

1. \We glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day, O /Christ God,
2. /By always honoring Thy life-creating \Cross;
3. /By /it, \Thou \has^t renewed the corrupted /nature of \man,
4. O al\migh/ty /One.
5. By it, Thou has^t renewed our \en/trance /to \he\a\ven,
- + //For Thou art good \and \the /Lo\ver of \man.

V. (9) *The righteous shall wait for me until Thou recompense me.*

1. \Thou didst loose the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O /Savior,
2. /By being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the \Cross.
3. By /des/centing \to \hell, O al/mighty \God,
4. Thou didst break the \bonds /of /death.
5. Therefore, we adore Thy Resurrection from the \dead,
- /si/~n\ging \in \joy:
- + //“Glory to Thee, \O \all-/po\werful \Lord!”

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

1. \Thou didst smash the gates of /hell, O Lord,
2. /And by Thy death Thou didst demolish the kingdom of \death.
3. Thou didst /de/liver \the \race of men from cor/ru\ption,
- + /Granting the world life, incorruption \and \great /me\~r\cy.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

1. \Come, O /people,
2. /Let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the \third day!
3. /By /it, \we \have been freed from the unbreakable /bonds of \hell.
4. By it, we have received life and incorru/~p\tion.
5. Save us by Thy \Re/~/sur\re\~c\tion!
- + //O Life-creating and almighty \Sa\vior, /glo\ry to \Thee!

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

1. \Angels and men sing of Thy Resurrection on the third day, O /Savior.
2. /By it, the ends of the earth have been illumined.
3. /By /it \we \have been delivered from bondage to the /Enenmy.
4. Save us by Thy Resurre/~c\tion!
- + O Life-creating and almighty \Savior, /glory to \Thee!

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. \Thou hast shattered the /gates of brass
2. /And destroyed the chains of death, O Christ \God.
3. Thou /hast /raised \the \fallen /human \race.
- + /O Lord, risen from the \dead, /glory to \Thee!

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

1. \O Lord, Thy begetting from the Father is timeless and ever/lasting.
2. /Thine incarnation from the Virgin is beyond words and understanding.
3. Thy /de/scent in\to \hell is terrible for the devil and his /angels.
4. Thou hast \trampled on /death,
5. Rising on the \thi/~/~\~\~rd \day,
- + //And granting men incorruption \and \great /me~r\cy.

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

Tone 8s (from the Lenten Triodion)

Tone 8s



1. The Lord's \praises were always on thy lips, O holy /Fa~ther \John.
2. //With deep wisdom thou didst search the /Scri~p\tures,
3. /Which \teach us \to //deny \our\selves.
4. //Thou didst become rich in the /blessings \of \grace,
- + ///Overthrowing the \craftiness of the \devil.

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

1. Thou didst \wash thy soul in a fountain of tears,
O most glorious /Fa\ther \John,
2. //Keeping vigil for God and /gaining \His \mercy.
3. /Upborne on the wings of prayer,
thou didst \fly \to //di\vine \love and \beauty.
4. //Now, together with thy fellow soldiers, O /ho\ly \one,
- + ///Thou dwellest in His spiritual \light and \unending \joy.

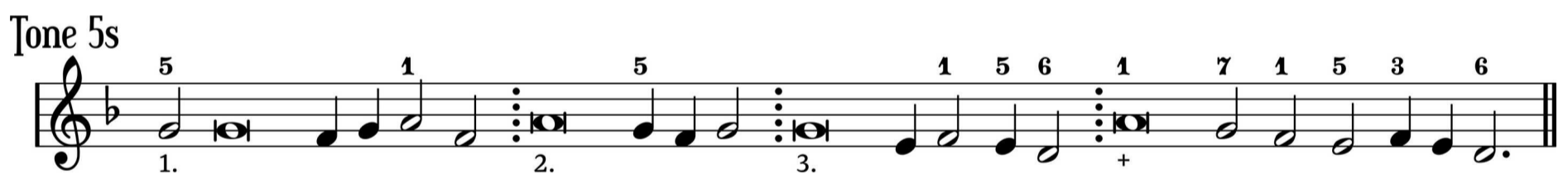
V. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

1. On the \wings of faith thou didst raise thy mind to God,
O holy /Fa\ther \John.
2. //Hating the world's confusion and /va\ni\ty,
3. /Thou didst take up thy cross and didst follow
\Him \Who//~ \sees \all \things.
4. //Thou didst submit thy rebellious flesh to His /gu\i\dance,
2. //Through the discipline of /self-\de\nial,
- + //By the power of the \Ho\ly \Spirit.

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

Doxasticon for St John Climacus

Tone 5s



1. /O \ho/ly /Fa\ther,
2. //Hearing the Lord's voice \in \the /Gospel,
3. Thou didst spurn the riches \and /glory of \the \world.
1. ///Thou \didst /cry /out \to all:
2. //"Love God and find e\ter\nal /grace!
3. Set no\thing /higher than \His \love;
1. ///Thus, thou wilt find rest with all the saints,
/when /He /comes \in glory!"
- + //Through his prayers guard and \save \our \souls, /O\~ \Christ!

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

Theotokion Doxasticon/Dogmatikon

Tone 4s (for the Resurrection)

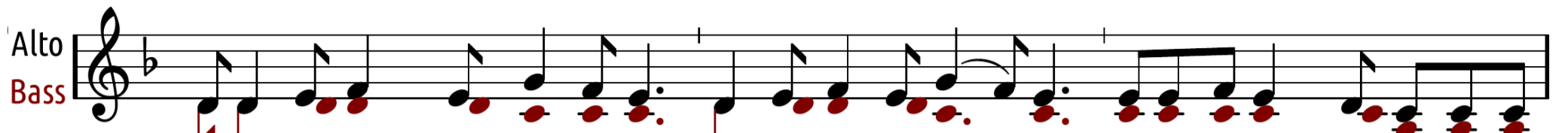
Tone 4s

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system. Both staves are in the treble clef and have a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a whole note chord (F4, A3, C4) marked with a '1-' below it. The melody consists of quarter notes: F4 (fingered 5), A3 (fingered 1), B3 (fingered 5), C4 (fingered 1), D4 (fingered 5), E4 (fingered 1), F4 (fingered 5), G4 (fingered 1), A4 (fingered 5), B4 (fingered 1), C5 (fingered 5), D5 (fingered 1), E5 (fingered 5), F5 (fingered 1), G5 (fingered 5), A5 (fingered 1), B5 (fingered 5), C6 (fingered 1). The second staff begins with a whole note chord (F4, A3, C4) marked with a '4.' below it. The melody consists of quarter notes: F4 (fingered 1), G4 (fingered 5), A4 (fingered 1), B4 (fingered 7), C5 (fingered 1), D5 (fingered 5), E5 (fingered 1), F5 (fingered 5), G5 (fingered 1), A5 (fingered 3), B5 (fingered 6), C6 (fingered 1). The system ends with a double bar line.

1. \The Prophet David was a /father of the Lord
2. /Trough thee, O \Virgin.
3. He /fore/told \in \songs the One Who worked /wonder in \thee:
4. “At Thy right hand \stood /the /Queen,”
5. Thy Mother, the medi\ a / ~ / ~ \trix \of \life,
3. /Since God was freely born of her without a /fa\ther.
4. He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in \pa / ~ / ssion,
5. So He took the lost sheep u \po / ~ n / His \sho \ul \der
3. /And brought it to His /Fa\ther,
4. Joining it to the \heaven /ly /pow’rs.
- + Christ, Who has great and rich mercy,
has saved the world, O \The \o / to \ ~ \kos.


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



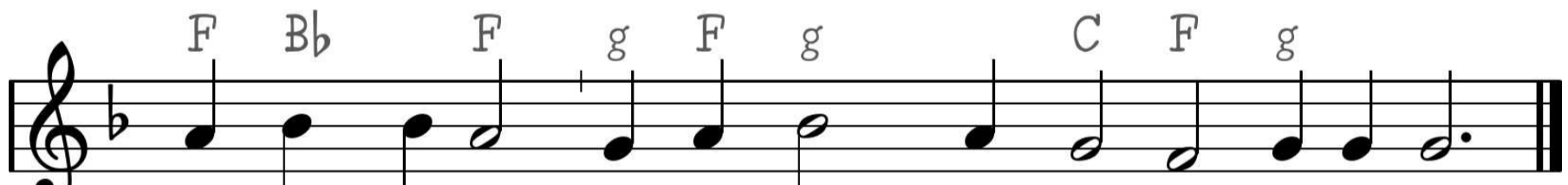
we sing in praise to God, Fa - ther, Son and Ho-ly Spi - rit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised

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)

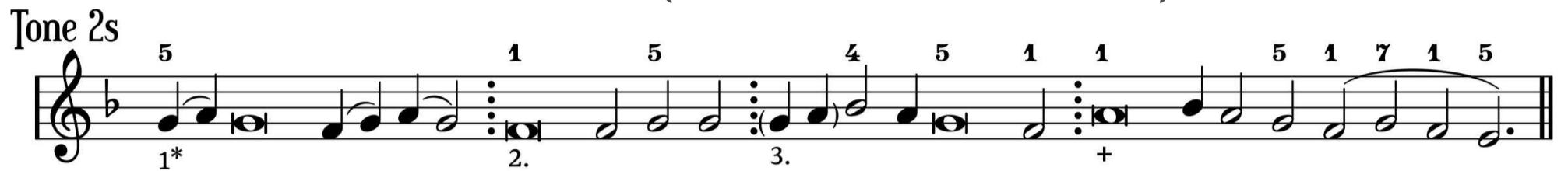
Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

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

Doxasticon for St John Climacus

Tone 2s (from the Lenten Triodion)



1. /Let /us \ho\nor /Jo/~\~hn!
2. \He is an earthly angel and a heaven/ly man,
3. The /a/dornment of \the \world, the joy of the \virtuous,
2. The glory of asce/~tics.
3. He /was /planted in \the \house of \God,
2. And blossomed with the flower of sanc/tity.
3. /He /flourished in \the \desert like a cedar of \Lebanon.
- + //Through him the sheep of Christ's flock grow
/in \holiness \and \ri/~\gh^{teous}\ness.

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

Aposticha Theotokion

Tone 2s (for the Resurrection)

1. /A ne/~w \miracle surpasses all an\cient /mi/ra\cles!
2. \Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without /a man,
3. Who/~ /carried in \her \arms her Cre\ator?
2. This birth is the will /of God!
3. Since thou /didst /carry Him\ as \an \infant in thine arms,
O most pure \one,
2. And since thou dost possess motherly boldness befo/~re Him,
3. //Do not \cease \praying for us who honor \thee,
- + //That He may /be \bountiful \and \sa/~ve \our \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.

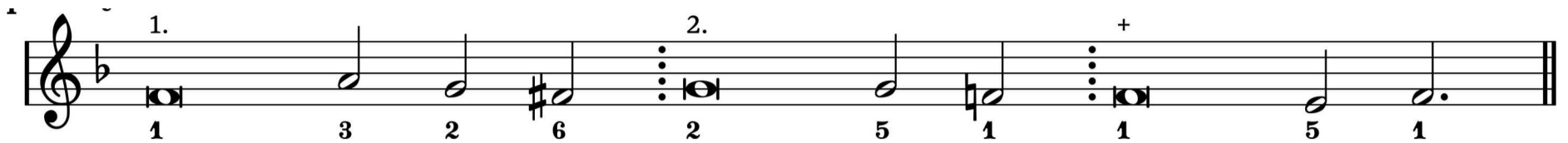
(people) Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

(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.

Resurrectional Apolytikon (Troparion)

Tone 4t (troparion melody)



1. When the women dis//ciples \of the \#Lord
2. /Learned from the angel the glad tidings of the Resur\rection,
1. And cast off the an//ces\tral \#curse
2. /They exultingly told the A\postles:
1. //“Death is des \#poiled.
2. /Christ our God has \risen,
- + And is giving the world \His great /mercy!”

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 8t



For /our /sake Thou wast /born of \the \Vir\gin
And /didst /en/dure cruci\fixion, o Good One,
destroying \death by \death,
Re/~vealing the /Resur\rection as God,
do not despise the \work of Thy \hand.
Re/veal /Thy /love for man, O \Merciful One;
and accept the Theotokos \praying for \us
And save /the /des/pairing \people, O our \Savior!

The Dismissal

Wisdom!

Father, bless.

Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

(\\)Amen. Preserve, /O //God, the holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox \Christians, unto ages of \\ages. A/men.

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

(\\)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 Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to thee.

(\\)Glory to /the //Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy \Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of \\ages. A/men.

Lord, /have //mercy, Lord, have \mercy, Lord, have \\mercy, Father, /bless.

May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother;

by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross;

by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven;

at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles;

of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs;

of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers;

(of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community);

of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna;

of our venerable and God-bearing Father John (Climacus) of Sinai, author of 'The Ladder,' whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints:

have mercy on us and save us, for as much as He is good and loveth mankind.

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

A //~ \~ \\~men