

Vesper Propers , February 5, 2023
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
Postfestive Day of the Meeting

Supplement for *The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 36), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 1) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Stichera of the Prodigal Son - Tone 1 samohlasen

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I have sown sin in a land of life and in - no - cence and have har - vested the
ears of thought - less - ness. I have gath - ered my actions in - to bun - dles of sheaves,
but I have not placed them on the threshing floor of re - pen - tance. And now
I pray to you, O my God, for you are the pre - e - ter - nal Till - er of our fields:
With the breath of your lov - ing - kind - ness, now win - now the grain of my ac - tions,
feed my soul with your grace and for - give - ness, gath - er me in - to
your heav - en - ly gra - na - ries and save me.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
All repeat "I have sown sin in a land of life and innocence..."

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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O faith-ful, let us discover the power of the di-vine mys-te - ry. The Prod-i - gal
came back from his sin and returned to his fa - ther's house; in his lov-ing - kindness his
father came out to meet him and kissed him. He re-stored him to the glo - ry
of his house, and pre-pared a mys - ti - cal ban-quet on high. He killed the fatted
calf so that we might share in his joy; the joy of the Fa-ther who of-fers in love,
and the joy of the Lamb who gives him - self for us; for he is Christ, the
Sav - ior of our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the Postfeast - Tone 1 samohlasen

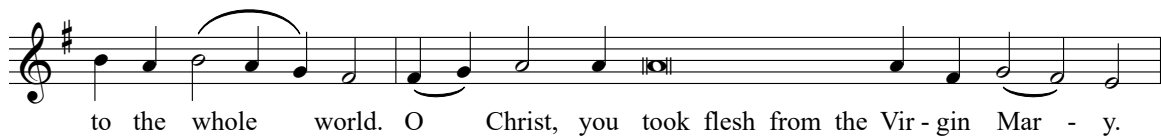
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Now we are cel - e - brat - ing the sav - ing grace of the in - ef - fa - ble
man - i - fes - ta - tion of God be - cause Christ our God became man without change
from the Vir - gin Maid - en. He is now being brought in - to the Tem - ple
and of - fered to God the Father by his mo - ther. Sim - e - on re - ceives him
and takes him in - to his arms.

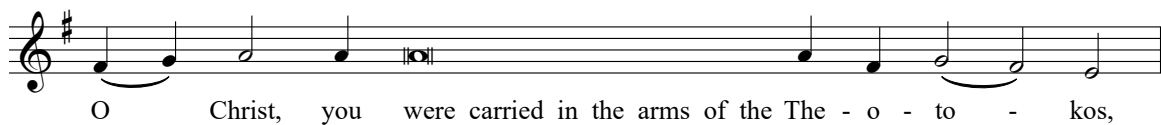
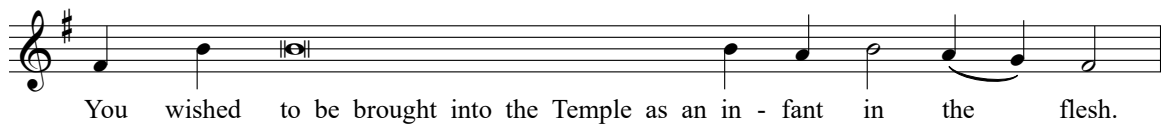
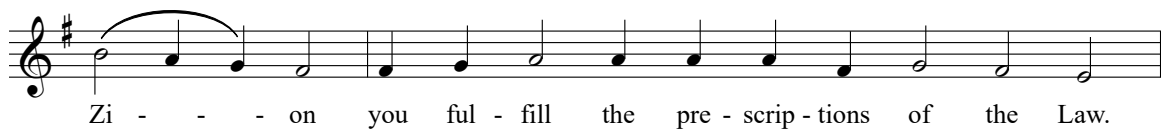
Cantor: Praise the Lord all the nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you people.

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Of old you were seen in the proph - ets, O Je - sus, as much as it was possi - ble
to see you. But now, O Word of God, by your will, you man - ifest yourself



Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on I) he is faithful forever.



Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Prodigal Son - Tone 2 samohlasen

From what bless - ings have I been de - prived in my wretch - ed - ness, from what
king-dom have I been ex - iled! I squan - dered the treasure that I
re - ceived from you! and I have wan - dered far from your law. A - las,
O my poor soul, you shall be delivered to the e - ter - nal fire; be - fore the end,
cry out to Christ our God Re - ceive me, O Lord, like the Prod - i - gal Son,
and have mer - cy on me.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Now and ever...

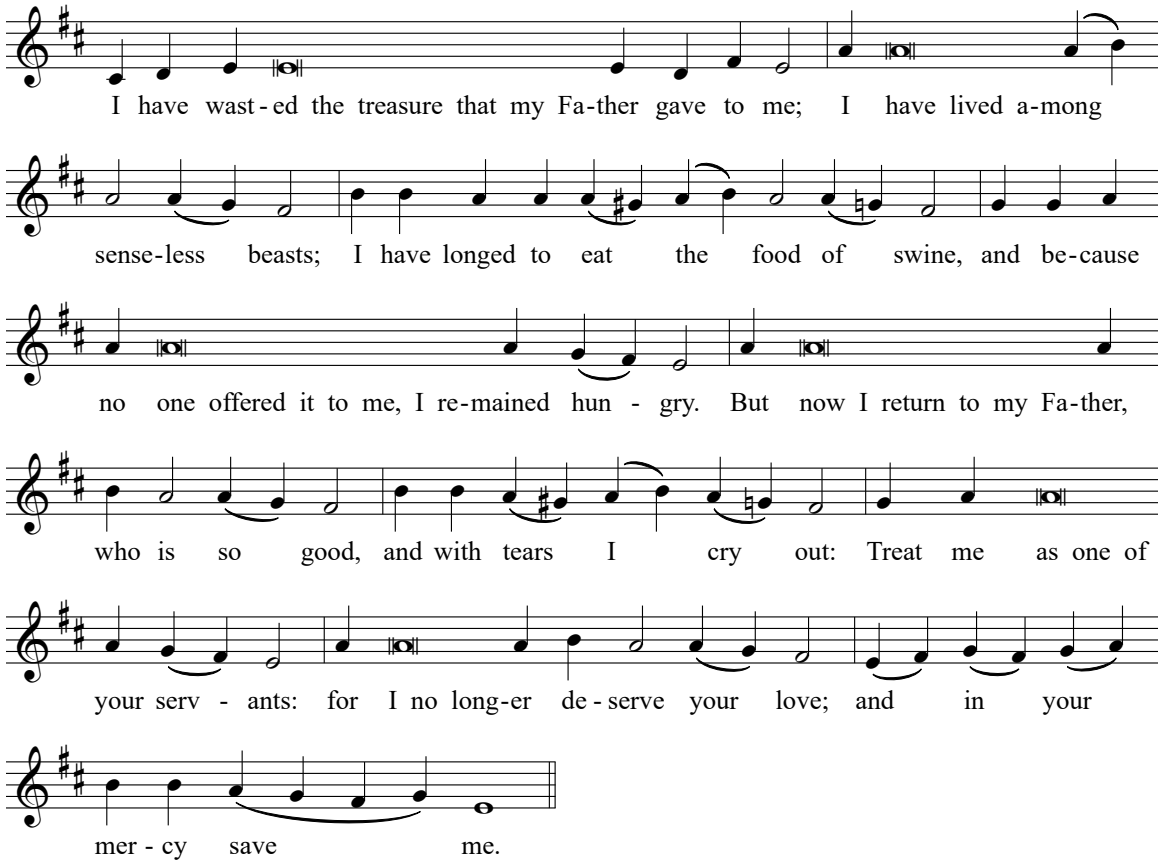
Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 42).

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 43), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Prodigal Son - Tone 6 samohlasen



I have wast-ed the treasure that my Fa-ther gave to me; I have lived a-mong
sense-less beasts; I have longed to eat the food of swine, and be-cause
no one offered it to me, I re-mained hun - gry. But now I return to my Fa-ther,
who is so good, and with tears I cry out: Treat me as one of
your serv - ants: for I no long-er de - serve your love; and in your
mer - cy save me.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Post-feast - Tone 2 samohlasen



Sim - e - on now receives be - low, in his earth - ly arms, the One whom the
ministers at the liturgy on high en-treat with trem - bling, and who was pro-phe-sied to
be - come in - car - nate. See - ing the hea - ven - ly God as mor - tal man,
he is read - y to withdraw from earthly things and joy - ful - ly cries out: Glo - ry to
You, O Lord, the un - set - ting Light, that un - cov - ers those in dark - ness.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 47).

Cantor: Glory.... now and ever...

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1



Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth

the Sun of Jus - tice, Christ our God, en - light - en - ing those who are in
dark - ness. Re - joi - ce al - so, you just el - der; you re - ceived in
your arms the liber - a - tor of our souls, who grants us res - ur - rec - tion.

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