

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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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



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 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-phet - 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

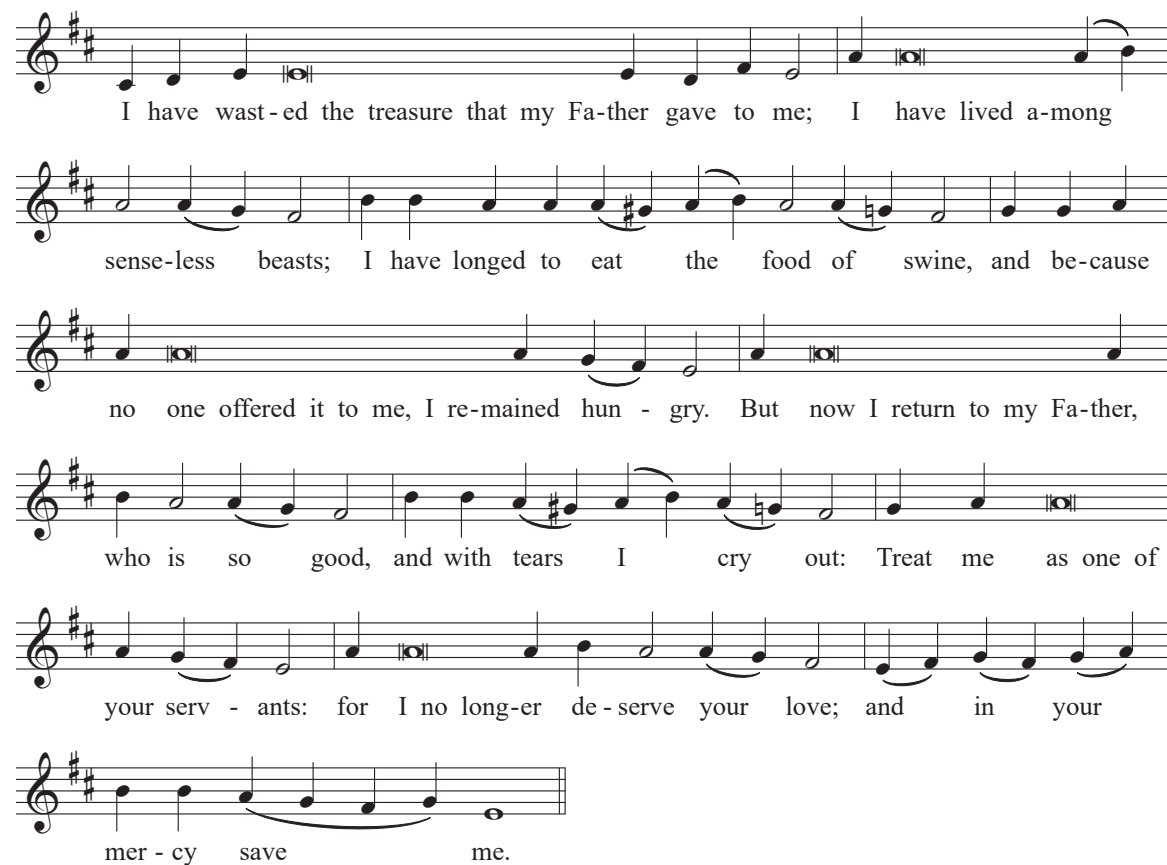
Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth

Aposticha

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

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

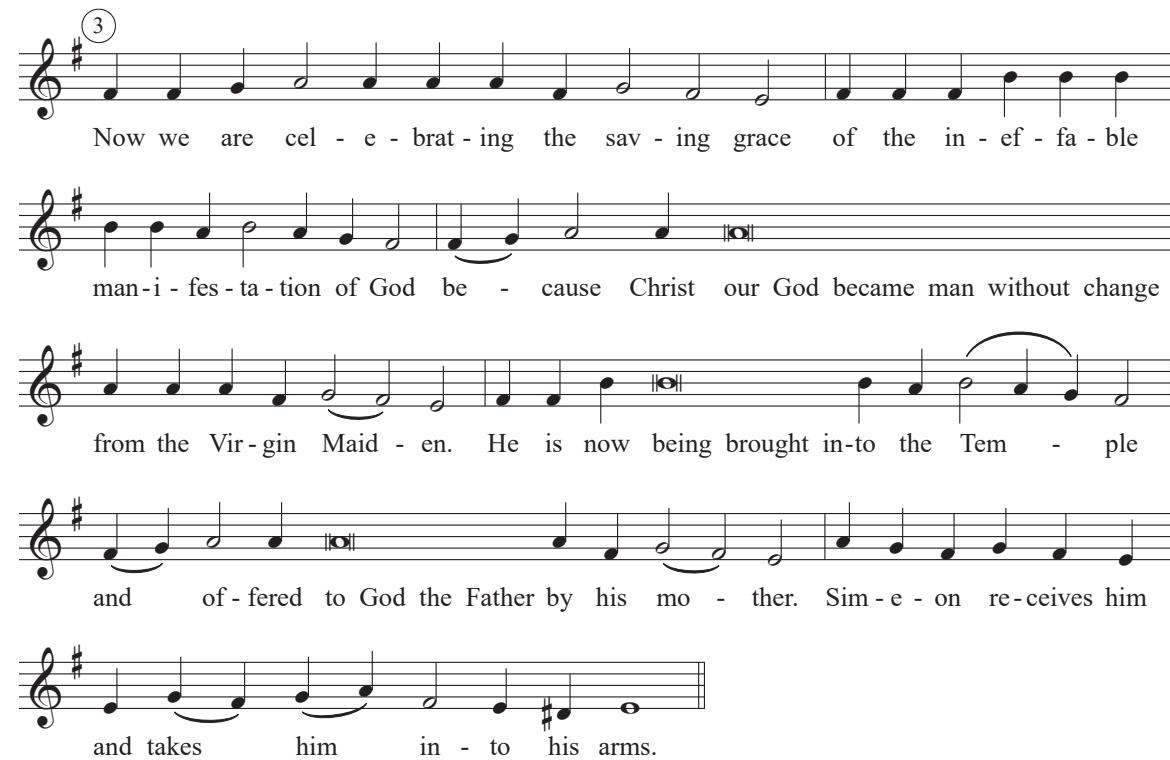
Aposticha doxastikon of the Prodigal Son - Tone 6 samohlasen



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.

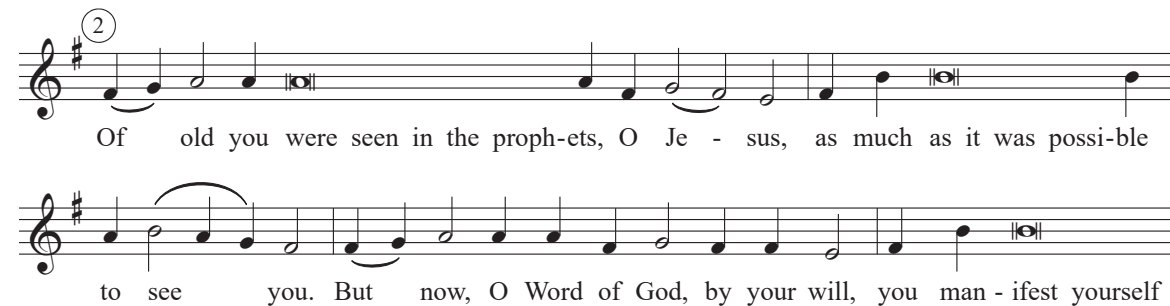
Cantor: (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the Postfeast - Tone 1 samohlasen



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-ceive him and takes him in - to his arms.

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



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

to the whole world. O Christ, you took flesh from the Vir - gin Mar - y.

Since you are the Lov - er of us all, you man - i - fest - ed your sal - va - tion

to all those who come from Ad - am.

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

Of old you established the Law on Mount Si - nai. Now in the cit - y of

Zi - - - on you ful - fill the pre - scrip - tions of the Law.

You wished to be brought into the Temple as an in - fant in the flesh.

O Christ, you were carried in the arms of the The - o - to - kos,

in or - der to be an of - fer - ing in the arms of Sim - e - on.

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).