

Vesper Propers, February 4, 2024
SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE
Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge
Post-festive Day of the Meeting

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 48), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

Stichera of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 podoben: Vsju otloživše

⑦

When you shall come to ren - der just judg-ment, O right - eous Judge,
you shall sit up-on your glo-rious throne. A riv - er of fire shall flow be-fore your
judg - ment seat; the pow'rs of heav-en will be there with you. Filled with fear,
all humanity will be judged accord-ing to their deeds. At this hour, O Christ,
spare us, be - cause of your great love, grant that the faith - ful who
pray to you be giv'n a place with your cho - sen ones.

Cantor: 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.

⑥

The books will be o - pened and the se-crets laid bare be - fore your awe-some
judg-ment seat; and the whole valley of tears will re-sound with a dread - ful sigh,
when it sees the sin - ners sent to eternal punishment by your just judg - ment,
and hears them weep-ing hope-less-ly. O God of mercy, there - fore we pray
to you: spare us who sing to you, O on - ly Good One.

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.

⑤

The trum-pet shall sound and the tombs shall be o - pened; hu-man-i - ty
shall come forth trem - bling. Those who have done good shall re - joice,
as they a-wait the re-ward they shall re - ceive. Those who have done evil shall

shriek in ter - ror, as they are sent to pun - ish-ment and sep - a - rat - ed
 from the e - lect. In your good - ness, spare us O glo - rious Lord, and grant
 that we may enjoy a place with those who love you.

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

I weep and la-ment when I think of the outer darkness and e - ter - nal fire
 to - geth - er with Hades, the worm that consumes, and the gnash - ing of teeth,
 the un-ces-ing grief that falls upon those who have sinned with-out meas - ure,
 and those who have pro - voked you to anger, O God most good. A - las,
 a - mong these sin-ners I am first. But in your great mer-cy, O Judge, save me.

Cantor: (Tone 4) 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 Post-feast - Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenie

③

In ful-fill-ment of the Law, the Lover of us all now is brought to the Tem - ple.
Sim - e - on takes him in his aged arms and cries out: Now let
me depart to the blessedness of the world to come; for I have be-held on this day,
clothed in mor - tal flesh, the One who is Lord of life
and Mas - ter of death.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!

②

As a light of revelation to the Gen - tiles, you manifest-ed your-self, O Lord.
The Sun of Jus - tice sits up-on a light cloud. You ful - filled
the shad-ow of the Law and showed the be-gin - ning of the new grace.

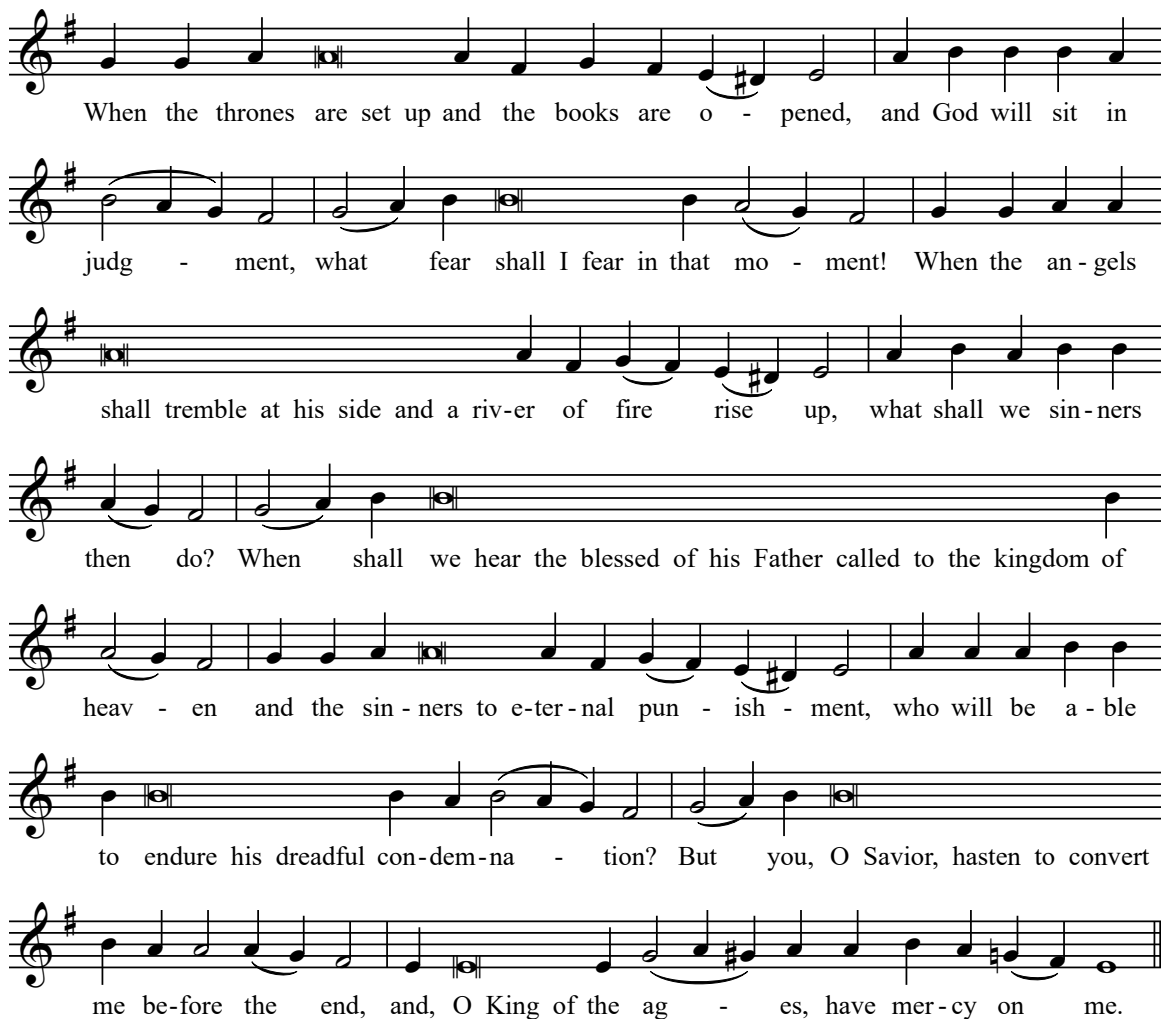
There-fore, be - hold - ing you, Sim - e - on cried out: Re - lease me from
 cor - rup - tion, for I have seen you to - day.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

①
 When you became in-car-nate as you willed, you did not separate yourself from
 the bosom of the Fa - ther. You up-hold the whole world with your hand,
 yet you were held in the arms of the ev - er - Vir - gin, and you were
 hand-ed over to the arms of Simeon, the ser - vant of God. There-fore, he cried out
 with joy: Now you may dis-miss your ser - vant in peace, O Lord,
 for I have seen you.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen



When the thrones are set up and the books are o - pened, and God will sit in
judg - ment, what fear shall I fear in that mo - ment! When the an - gels
shall tremble at his side and a riv - er of fire rise up, what shall we sin - ners
then do? When shall we hear the blessed of his Father called to the kingdom of
heav - en and the sin - ners to e - ter - nal pun - ish - ment, who will be a - ble
to endure his dreadful con - dem - na - tion? But you, O Savior, hasten to convert
me be - fore the end, and, O King of the ag - es, have mer - cy on me.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen



A-las, O my dark - ened soul, how long will you per-sist in sin? How



long will you lie in la - zi - ness? Why do you not think of the dread-ful hour



of death? Do you not fear the Savior's awe - some judg - ment seat?



How will you de - fend your - self? How will you be vin - di - cat - ed?



Your works are there to convict you, and your actions witness a - gainst you.



More - o - ver, time is grow-ing short, O my soul; has-ten and cry out



in faith: I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned; but I know your love and

your mer - cy. O Good Shep - herd, in your good - ness, do not
de - prive me of a place at your right hand.

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

Aposticha doxastikon of the Post-feast - Tone 2 samohlasen

To-day, Sim-con takes in his arms the Lord of Glo - ry the One whom Mo-ses
for - merly saw in the dark - ness when he re - ceived the tables of the Law on Mount
Si - nai. This is He who speaks through the pro - phets; He is the Cre - a - tor
of the Law. This is He whom Da - vid an - nounced; He is awe - some to all, yet He has
great and a - bun - dant mer - cy.

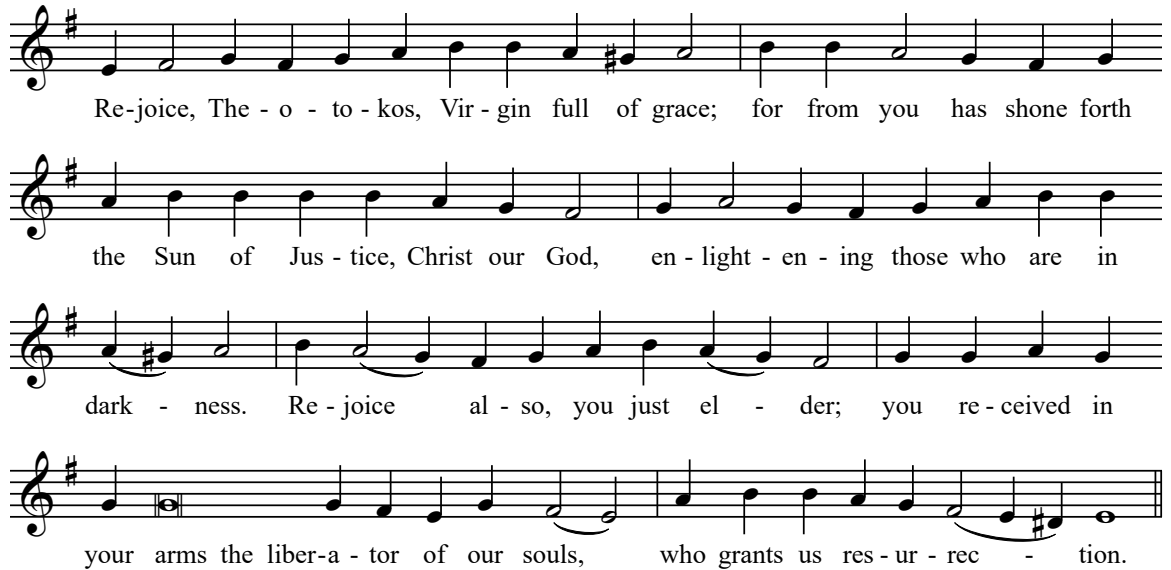
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Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 57), then:

Cantor: (Tone 1) 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 - joyce 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.