

**Vesper Propers, October 6, 2013**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

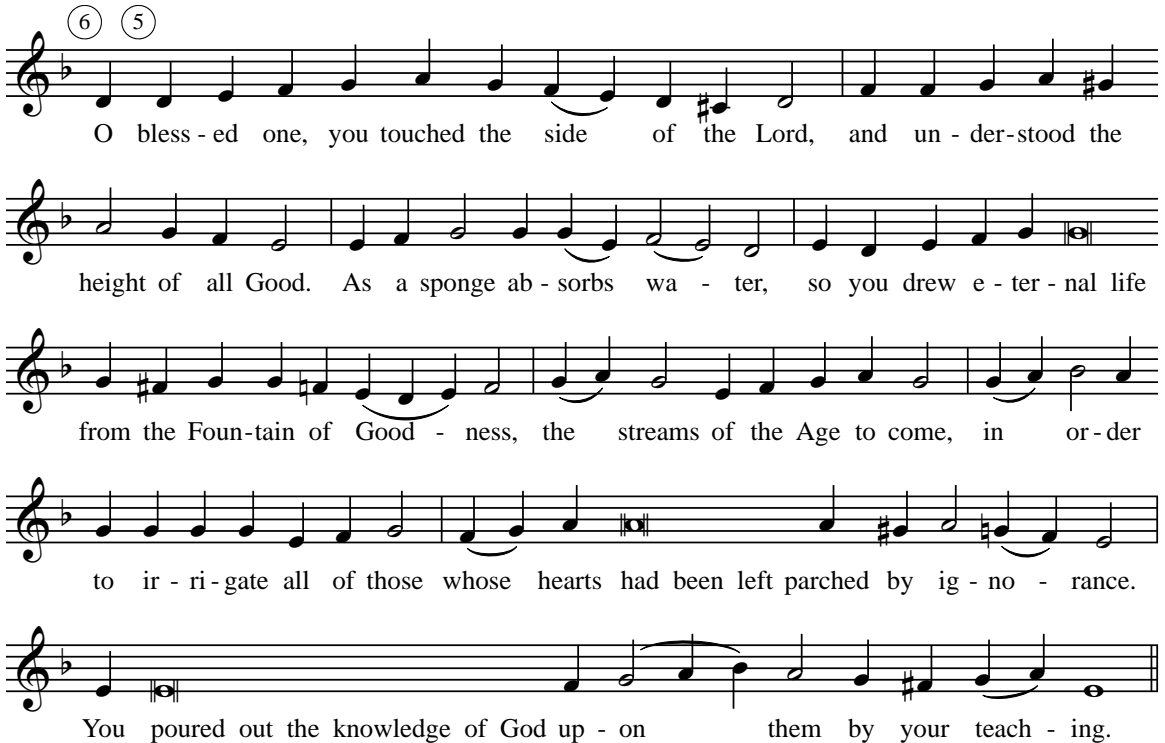
**The holy and glorious apostle Thomas**, who did not believe the other disciples when they announced that Jesus had risen. When Jesus himself showed his pierced side, he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God." After this demonstration of faith, it is related that he evangelized India.

*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. Then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) 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.

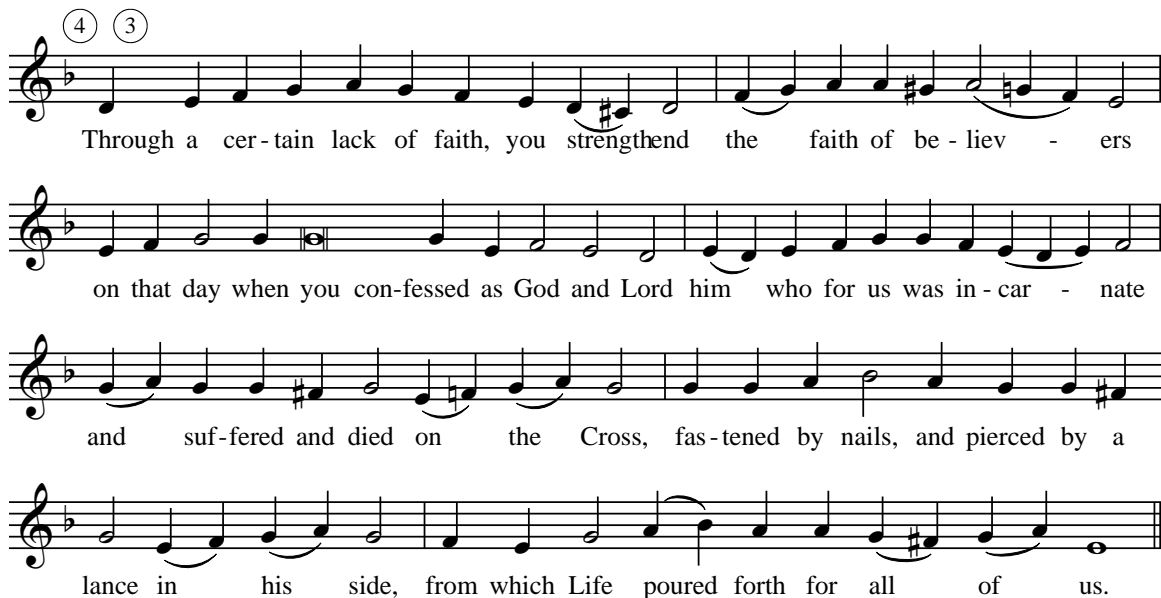
**Stichera of the holy apostle Thomas - Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a**



O bless - ed one, you touched the side of the Lord, and un - der - stood the  
height of all Good. As a sponge ab - sorbs wa - ter, so you drew e - ter - nal life  
from the Foun - tain of Good - ness, the streams of the Age to come, in or - der  
to ir - ri - gate all of those whose hearts had been left parched by ig - no - rance.  
You poured out the knowledge of God up - on them by your teach - ing.

**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 "O blessed one, you touched the side of the Lord..."*

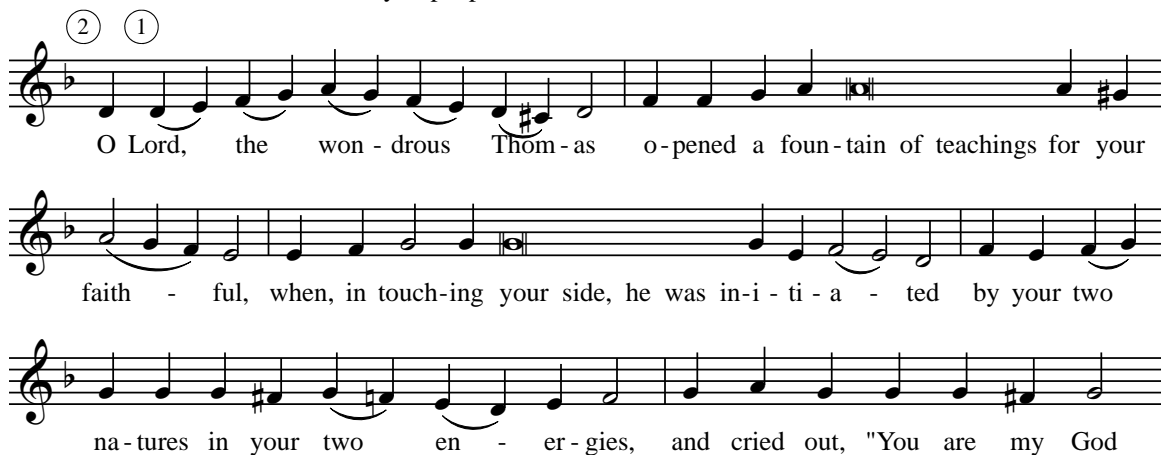
**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.



Through a cer-tain lack of faith, you strengthend the faith of be-liev-ers  
on that day when you con-fessed as God and Lord him who for us was in-car-nate  
and suf-fered and died on the Cross, fas-tened by nails, and pierced by a  
lance in his side, from which Life poured forth for all of us.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.  
(Repeat "Through a certain lack of faith...")

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



O Lord, the won-drous Thom-as o-pened a foun-tain of teachings for your  
faith-ful, when, in touch-ing your side, he was in-i-ti-a-ted by your two  
na-tures in your two en-er-gies, and cried out, "You are my God

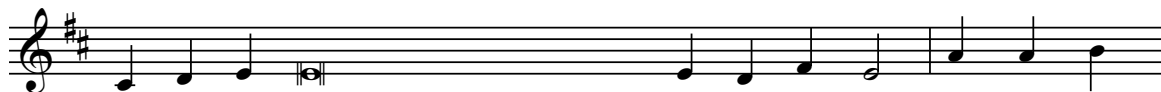


and my Mas - ter, O Lord of Glo - ry, in - car - nate for me!"

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on I) he is faithful forever. *All repeat "O Lord, the wondrous Thomas..."*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the holy apostle Thomas - Tone 6 samohlasen**



As a serv - ant of the Word and his divine In - car - na - tion, you drank from



wis - dom's sea, O bless - ed a - pos - tle Thom - as. You be - came a



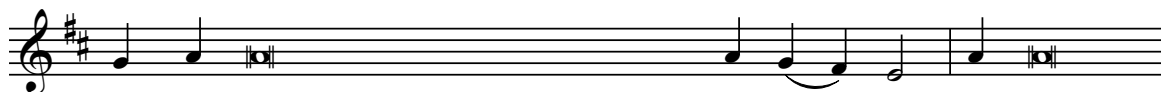
fish - er of men, pull - ing them from er - ror's depths by the rod of the



pre - cious Cross. Through the net of your teachings a - bout the Lord,



you have brought light to the world. In the midst of shad - ows,



you made the people of India shine with the light of knowl - edge. You rejoiced in



the glory of Christ in the full - ness of light. En - treat him to take pit - y



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

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 53)*

**Readings:** 1 John 1: 1-7  
James 1: 1-12  
Jude 1-7, 17-25

### Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy apostle James Alpheus - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Christ the Lord, our Creator and Re-deem-er, came forth from your womb, O  
Vir-gin most pure. He clothed him-self in our hu-man flesh to set  
us free from the original curse of A-dam. There-fore, O Mary, we praise you  
with-out ceas-ing, as the true Vir-gin Moth-er of God,  
and we sing with the an-gels: Re-joice, O Lady: advo-cate, pro-tec-tor



**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).*

## Troparia

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

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...

**Troparion of the holy apostle Thomas - Tone 2**

O dis - ci - ple of Christ and member of the a - pos - tol - ic coun - cil, your lack  
of faith proclaimed Christ's re - sur - rec - tion, and your touch con - firmed his  
ho - ly pas - sion. O Thom - as, wor - thy of all praise, pray now  
that he grant us peace and great mer - cy.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 47).*