

**Vesper Propers, November 12, 2017**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

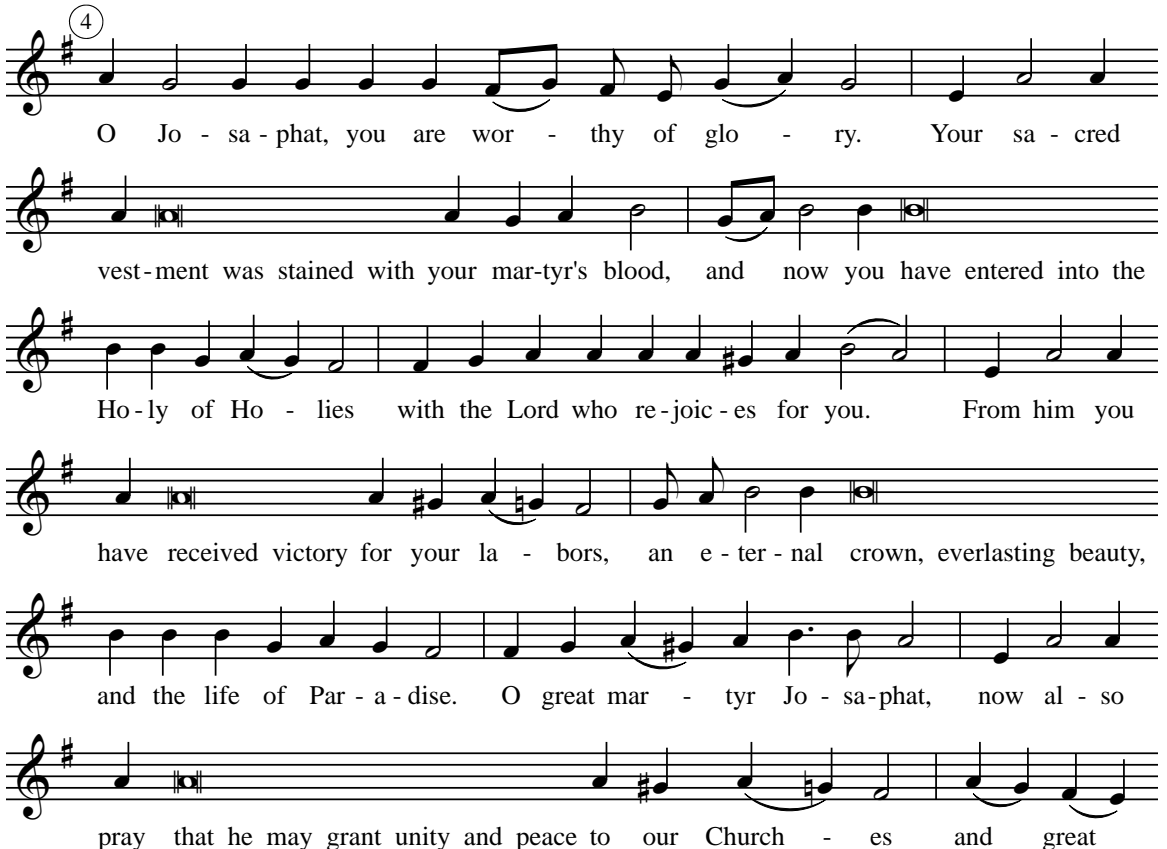
**The holy martyr Josaphat, bishop of Polotsk.** Josaphat Kuncewicz, bishop of the Greek Catholic Church and martyr, spurred his flock to Catholic unity by his constant effort and nurtured the Byzantine-Slavic Church by his pious love. At Vitebsk in Belarus (then under the control of Poland), he was cruelly seized by an angry mob and died for the unity of the Church and in defense of the Catholic truth. (1623)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-5.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

**Stichera of the holy martyr Josaphat - Tone 1 podobn: Prechvalnyj mučenicy**



O Jo - sa - phat, you are wor - thy of glo - ry. Your sa - cred  
vest - ment was stained with your mar - tyr's blood, and now you have entered into the  
Ho - ly of Ho - lies with the Lord who re - joic - es for you. From him you  
have received victory for your la - bors, an e - ter - nal crown, everlasting beauty,  
and the life of Par - a - dise. O great mar - tyr Jo - sa - phat, now al - so  
pray that he may grant unity and peace to our Church - es and great

mer - cy to our souls.

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

O all - pre - cious or - a - tor, you first of - fered yourself as an unbloody

sac - ri - fice to God. Like the un - blem - ished fruit, your holy work was an accept - a - ble

sac - ri - fice. Then you brought yourself to Christ, by means of your blood, as a true

and great mar - tyr. Now al - so pray that he may grant unity and peace to our

Church - es and great mer - cy to our souls.

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

You de - stroyed the van - i - ty of the dis - sent - ers by your sanc - ti - fy - ing words.


You al - so strength - ened the faith of the weak - ened hearts. You have



ent - ered into the e - ter - nal life, hav - ing suf - fer - ed for the cause of u - ni - ty.



You were a wit - ness to the Lord, O great mar - tyr Jo - sa - phat.

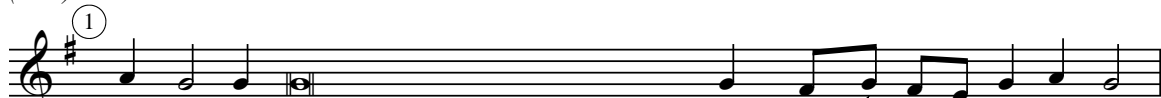


Now al - so pray that he may grant unity and peace to our Church - es




and great mer - cy to our souls.


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




Your sa - cred vestments were stained crimson by your blood, O ho - ly one.




So you re - ceived from Christ a two - fold crown, O gen - er - ous fa - ther.



You al - so re - joice with the an - gels in heav - en



as you stand in the presence of the Bless - ed Trin - i - ty.



Now al - so pray that God may grant unity and peace to our Church - es

and great mer - cy to our souls.

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

**Doxastikon of Josaphat - Tone 6 samohlasen**

O great mar-tyr Jo - sa-phat, you were a true priest un-til the time of your death.

As a priest you were a minister of the in-ef - fa - ble mys - t'ries of Christ.

You poured out your blood as did Christ our God, pre - senting yourself as an

ac-cept - a - ble sac - ri - fice. Be - cause of that, you are confident in his

pres - ence. Pray for the faith of those you observe and venerate your all-ho-ly

mem-o - ry, so that your flock and the whole world may be delivered from all

dangers, in-va-sions, en - e - mies and sieg - - es.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 87)*

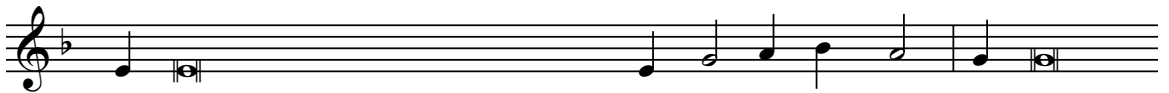
**Readings:** Composite 1  
Composite 2  
Composite 3

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 88), concluding with*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy martyr Josaphat - Tone 4 samohlasen**



Your good deeds are radiant like the sun up-on heav-en and earth, O conciliator



of Christ, all-blessed great mar-tyr Jo - sa-phat. You rightly preached to us the true



and spotless faith of Christ. For this, as a good shepherd, you also laid



down your life, fol-low-ing the well-spring of shep-herds, Christ our God.



O all-blessed sanctifier, O God - bear - er, im - plore that all may be saved





**Cantor:**     *(Tone 4)* Glory...

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 68).*