

Vesper Propers, March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Veneration of the Holy Cross
Pre-festive Day of the Annunciation

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 48), stichera 10-8.

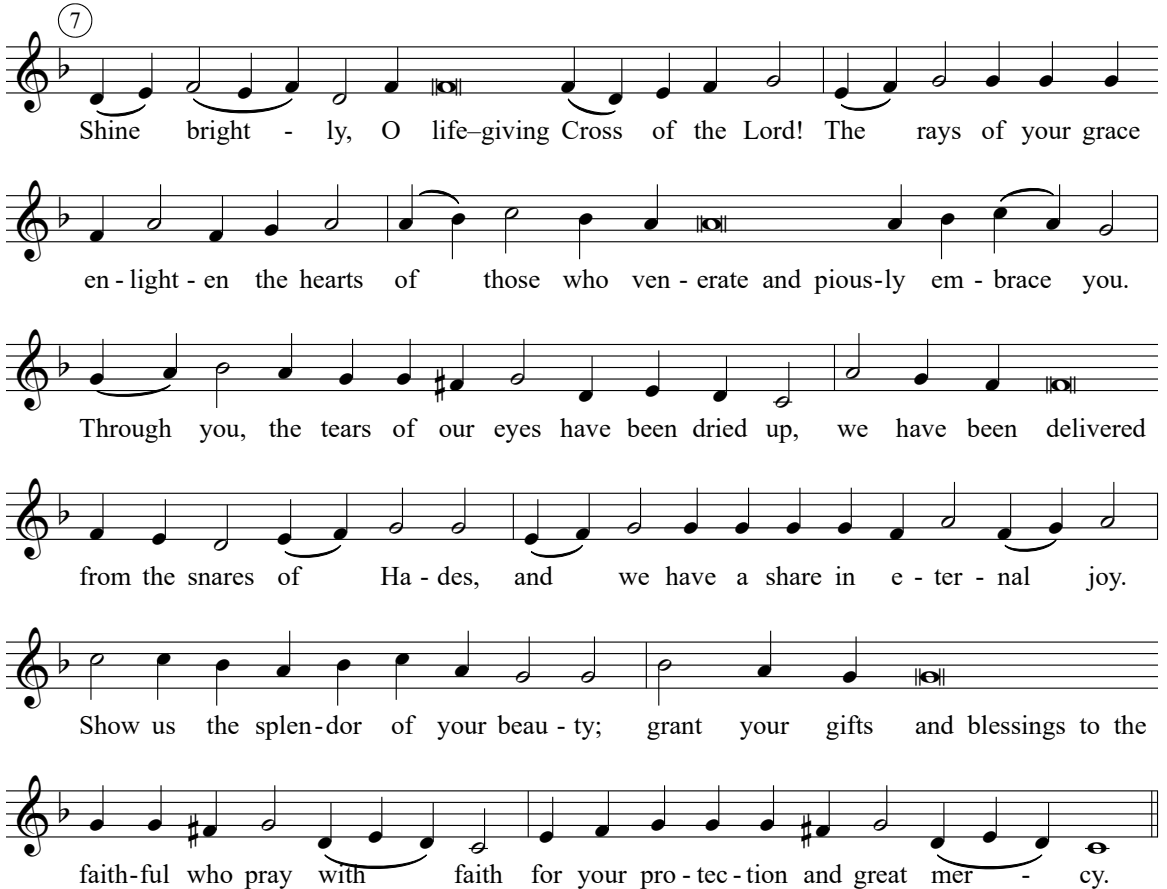
Cantor (on 7)



Let your ears be at - ten - tive to the voice of my plead - ing.

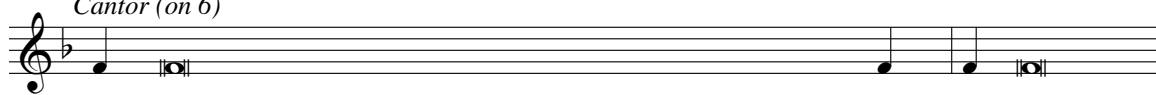
Stichera of the Veneration of the Cross - Tone 5 podoben: Radujsja, živosnyj Kreste

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Shine bright - ly, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! The rays of your grace
en - light - en the hearts of those who ven - erate and pious-ly em - brace you.
Through you, the tears of our eyes have been dried up, we have been delivered
from the snares of Ha - des, and we have a share in e - ter - nal joy.
Show us the splen - dor of your beau - ty; grant your gifts and blessings to the
faith - ful who pray with faith for your pro - tec - tion and great mer - cy.

Cantor (on 6)



If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive? By with you is



found forgive-ness: for this we re - vere you.

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Re - joice, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! Par - a - dise of the Church



and new Tree of Life! who bring us the joy of un-end-ing glo - ry.



Through you, the hosts of de-mons are driv-en back; in you, the an-gels



in heav-en re-joyce; and for you, the assemblies of believers are now keep-ing the feast.



O in - vin - ci - ble weap - on and impene-tra - ble strong - hold,

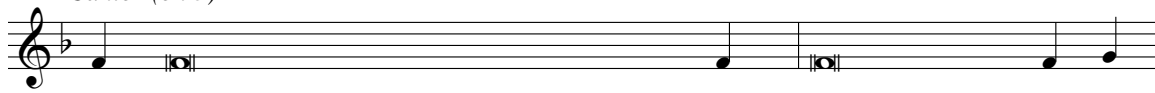


pride of bish-ops and scep-ter of kings, grant that we may now contem-plate



the Pas - sion of Christ, and his ho - ly Res - ur - rec - tion.

Cantor (on 5)



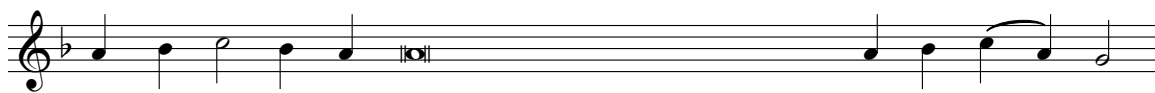
My soul is waiting for the Lord; I count on his word. My soul is longing for the



Lord more than watch-man for day - break.



Re - jice, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! in-vin-ci-ble em-blem of faith,



gate of Par - a - dise, rampart of the Church and consolation of be - liev - ers.



Through you, the pow - er of death was a - bol - - - ished, the an-cient



curse dis - ap - peared, and we are lifted up from earth to heav - en.



O in - vin - ci - ble weap-on that dis - pels de - mons, har - bor of salvation and



glo-ry of mar - tyrs, pre-cious a-dorn-ment of the just and ho - ly ones,



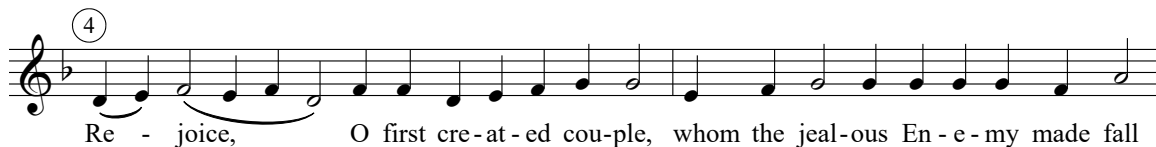
you bring to the world great mer - cy.

Cantor (on 4)

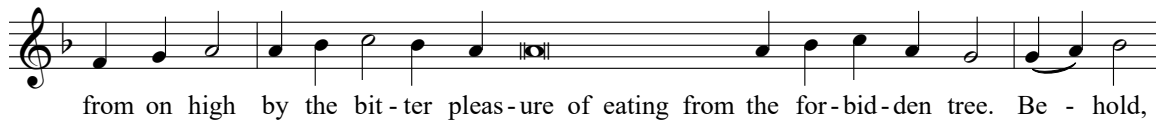


Let the watchman count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

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Re - joice, O first cre-at-ed cou-ple, whom the jeal-ous En-e-my made fall



from on high by the bit-ter pleas-ure of eating from the for-bid-den tree. Be - hold,



the new Tree of Life draws near. Has - ten to em - brace it in joy,



and let your cry of faith rise up: O pre - cious Cross, you are our help



and pro - tec - tion; your fruit brings us im - mor - ta - li - - ty,

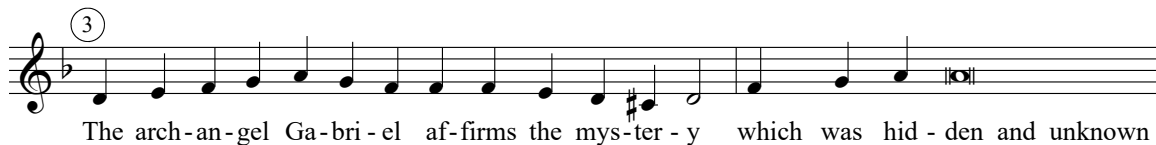


the prom - ise of Para-dise and great mer - cy.

Cantor: 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 Pre-feast of the Annunciation - Tone 4 podobn: Jako doblja

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The arch-an-gel Ga-bri-el af-firms the mys-ter-y which was hid - den and unknown

to the an - gels; he now comes to you, the most pure and
beau - tiful Dove, the Chosen One of the hu - man race. He cries out to
you: Re-joice, O most Ho - ly One, pre - pare your-self to re-ceive, by my word,
the Word of God in your womb.

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

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A light - bear - ing pal - ace, the pure womb of the hand-maid
of God has been pre-pared for you, O Mas - ter. Come down and
dwell with in her. In your love for your cre - a - - - - tion,
save us from the slav - er - y of death and re - store us to our form - er

beau - ty. By your com-ing, grant us your peace and sal - va - tion.

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

O all - im - mac - u - late One, the arch - an - gel Gabriel openly

comes to you and cries out: Re-joyce, O Re - mis - sion of the curse!

Re-joyce, O Re - sur - rec - tion of the fall - en! Re - joyce, for you

a - lone were cho - sen for God! Re - joyce, O Char - iot of the Sun of

Glo - ry! Re - ceive him who is with - out flesh and who de - sires

to a - bide in your womb.

Cantor: *(Tone 3)* Glory...

Doxastikon of the Cross - Tone 3 samohlasen

O Christ our God, you will - ingly suffered cru - ci - fix - ion for the re - surrection

of all hu - ma - ni - ty. On the Cross, you signed the royal charter of our
 li - be - ra - - tion, with the pur - ple of your blood.
 Do not for - sake us when we are in danger of being sep - a - ra - ted from you.
 In your goodness, have mercy on your peo - ple in dis - tress. Rise up against
 our ene-mies, O al - might - y Lord.

Cantor: Now and ever...

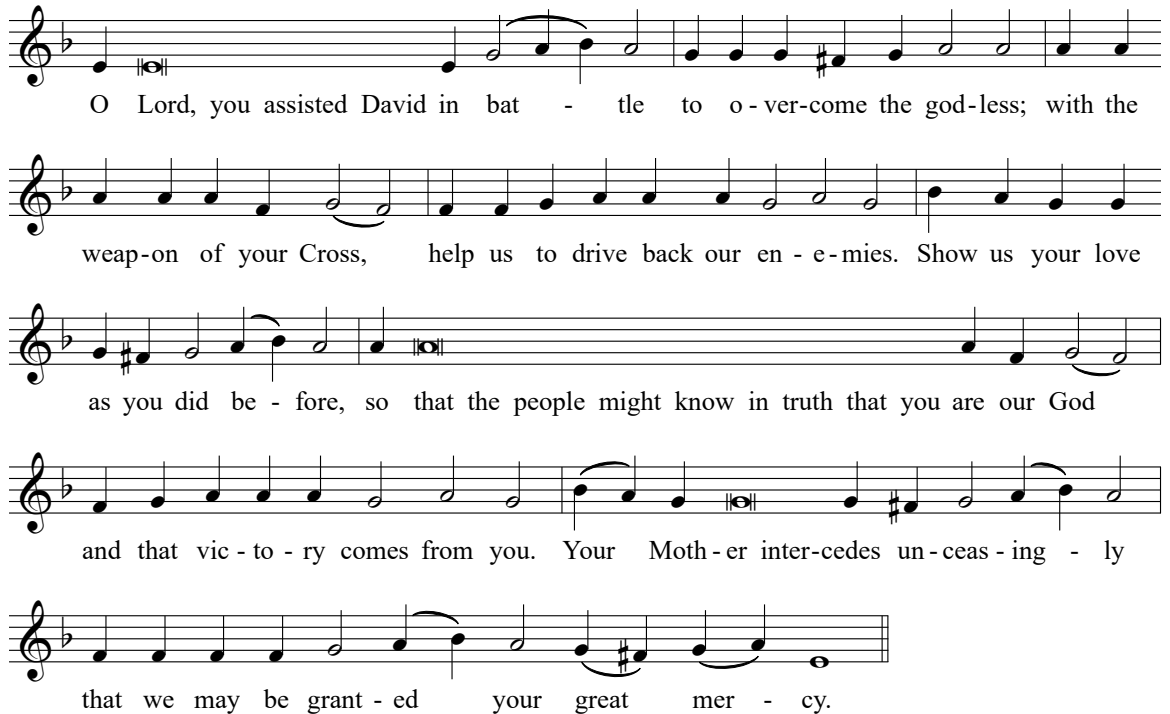
Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 53).

Aposticha

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

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

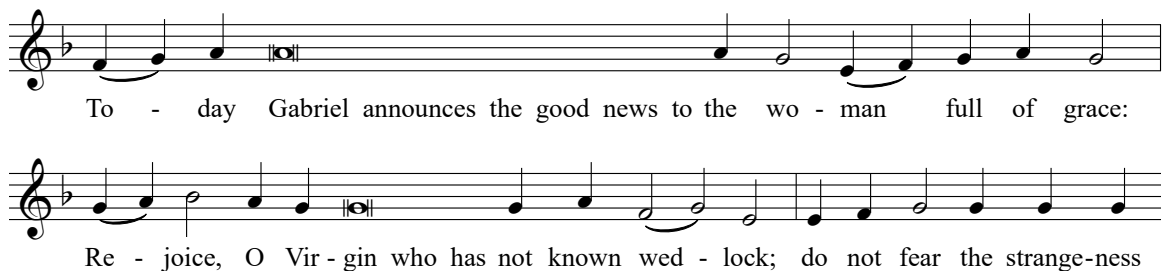
Aposticha doxastikon of the Cross - Tone 4



O Lord, you assisted David in bat - tle to o-ver-come the god-less; with the
weap-on of your Cross, help us to drive back our en - e-mies. Show us your love
as you did be - fore, so that the people might know in truth that you are our God
and that vic - to - ry comes from you. Your Moth-er inter-cedes un-ceas - ing - ly
that we may be grant - ed your great mer - cy.

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

Aposticha doxastikon of the Pre-feast - Tone 2



To - day Gabriel announces the good news to the wo - man full of grace:
Re - joice, O Vir - gin who has not known wed - lock; do not fear the strange-ness

of my ap - pear - ance, for I am an arch - an - - - gel. For - mer - ly
 the serpent was the cause of grief to Eve, but now is is great joy that I
 an - nounce: You shall re - main a virgin, and yet you shall give birth to the Lord.

The service continues on page 12.

Troparia

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

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...

Troparion of the Holy Cross - Tone 1

Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry
 to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Now and ever...

Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4

To - day is the pre - lude of joy for all the world and hymns are sung in



an - ti - ci - pa - tion. For, be - hold, Gabriel appears bringing good news to the



Vir - gin and ex-claims to her: Re - jice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is



with you.