

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

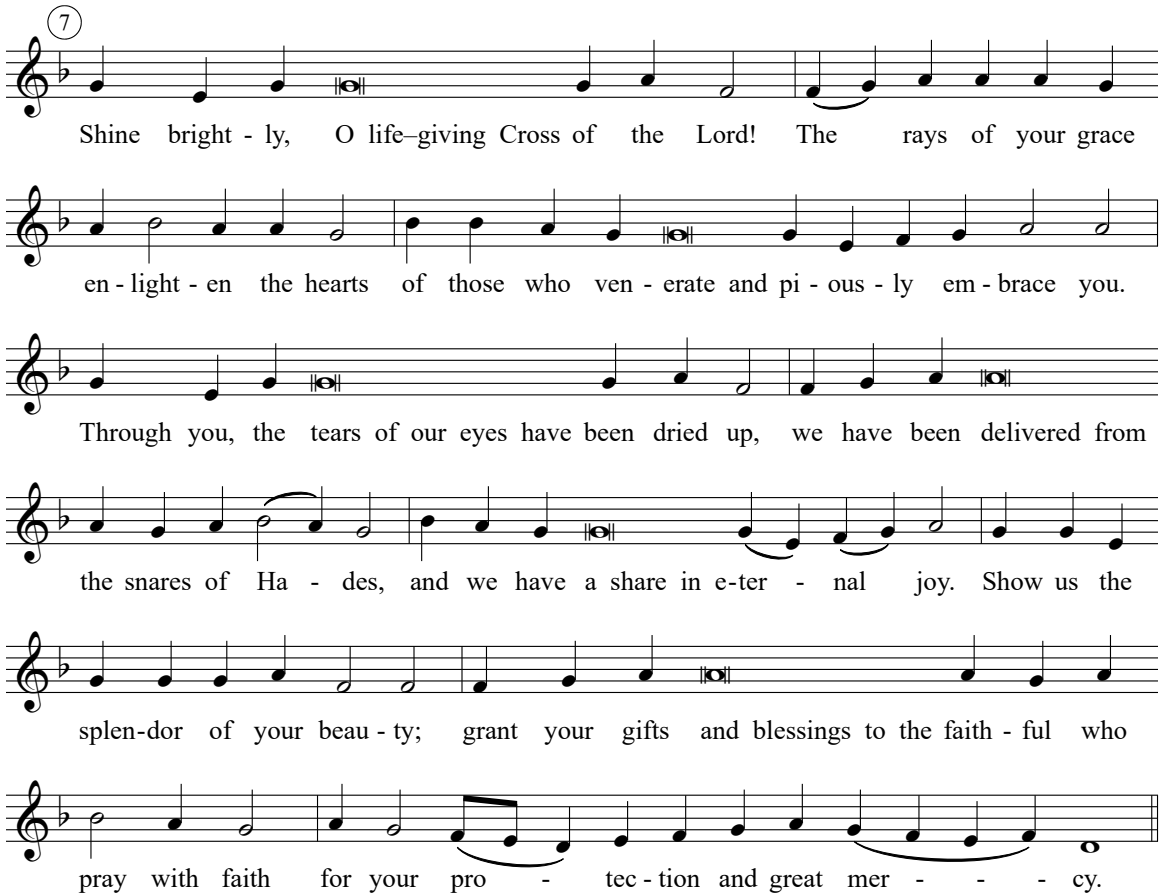
Supplement for *The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost*, 2006

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

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

Stichera of the Veneration of the Cross - Tone 5 samohlasen

7



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 pi - ous - 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: 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.

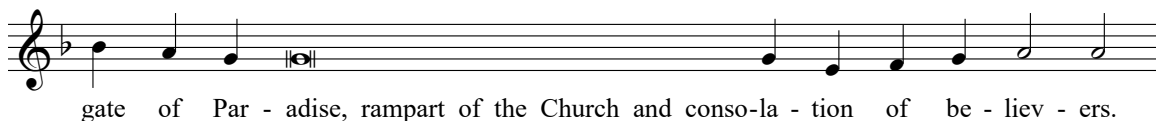
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Re-joyce, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! Par-adise of the Church and new
Tree of Life! who bring us the joy of un-end-ing glo-ry. Through you,
the hosts of demons are driv-en back; in you, the an-gels in heav-en re-joyce;
and for you, the assemblies 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 contemplate the Pas-sion of Christ, and his ho-ly
Res-ur-rec-tion.

Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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



gate of Par - adise, rampart of the Church and conso-la - tion of be - liev - ers.



Through you, the power of death was a-bol-ished, the an - cient curse dis-ap-peared,



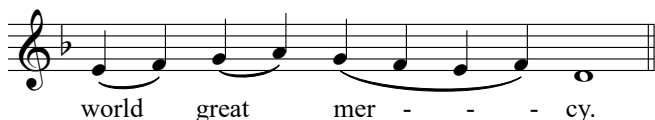
and we are lift-ed up from earth to heav-en. O in-vin-cible weapon that dis-pels



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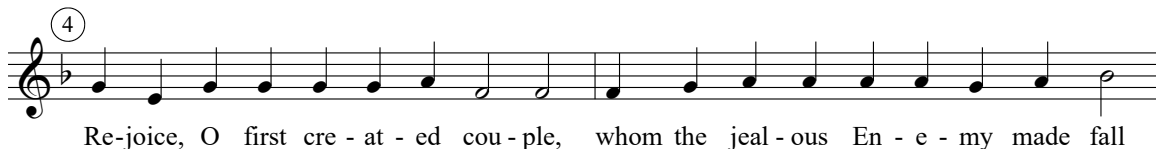


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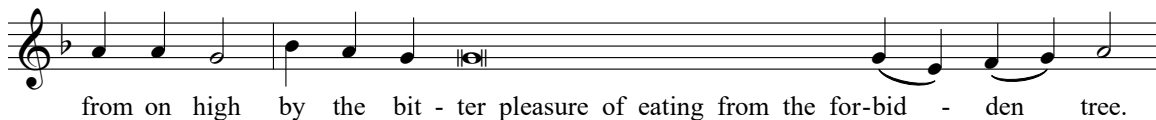


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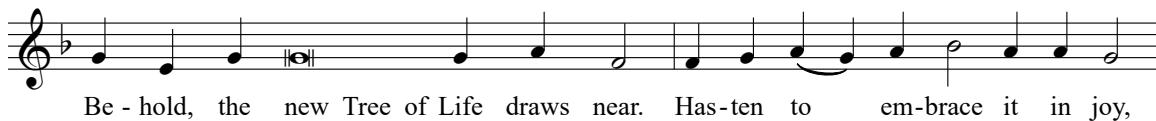
Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.
(on 4)



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 pleasure 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 - tal - i - ty, the prom - ise of
 Par - a - dise and great mer - cy.

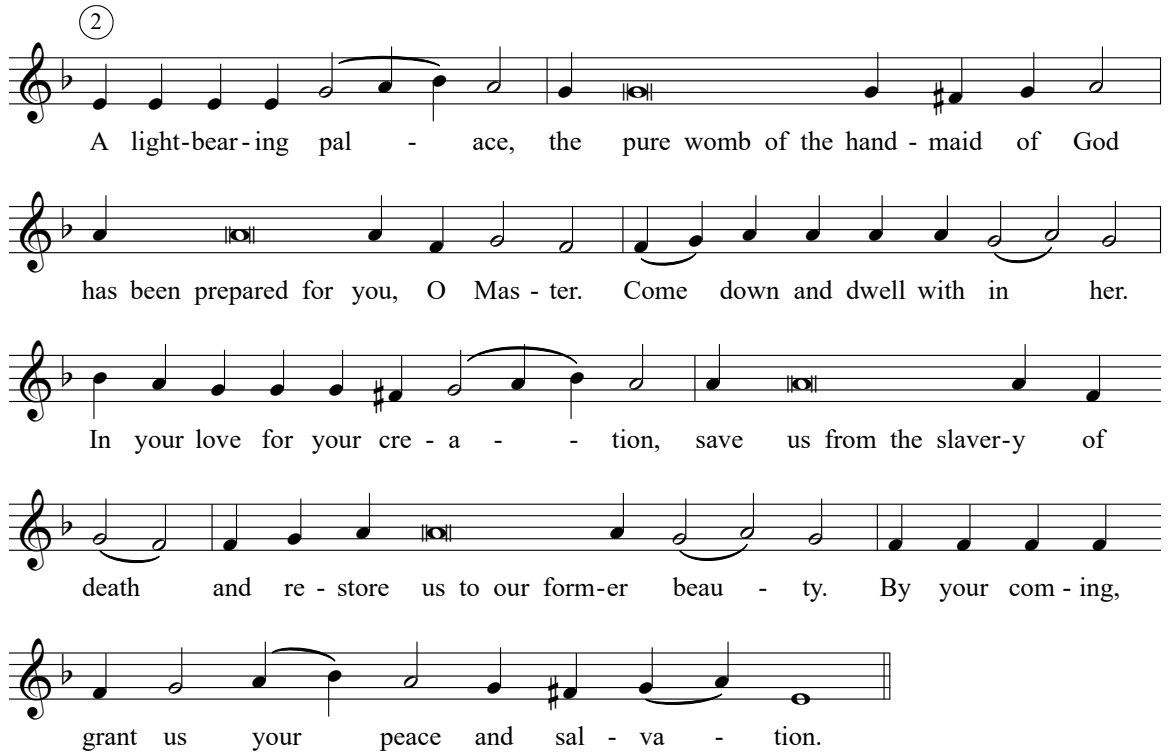
Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the Pre-feast of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen

3
 The archangel Gabriel affirms the mys - ter - y which was hidden and unknown to
 the an - gels; he now comes to you, the most pure and beautiful Dove, the Chosen One
 of the hu - man race. He cries out to you: Rejoice, O most Ho - ly One,
 pre - pare yourself to receive, by my word, the Word of God in
 your womb.

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

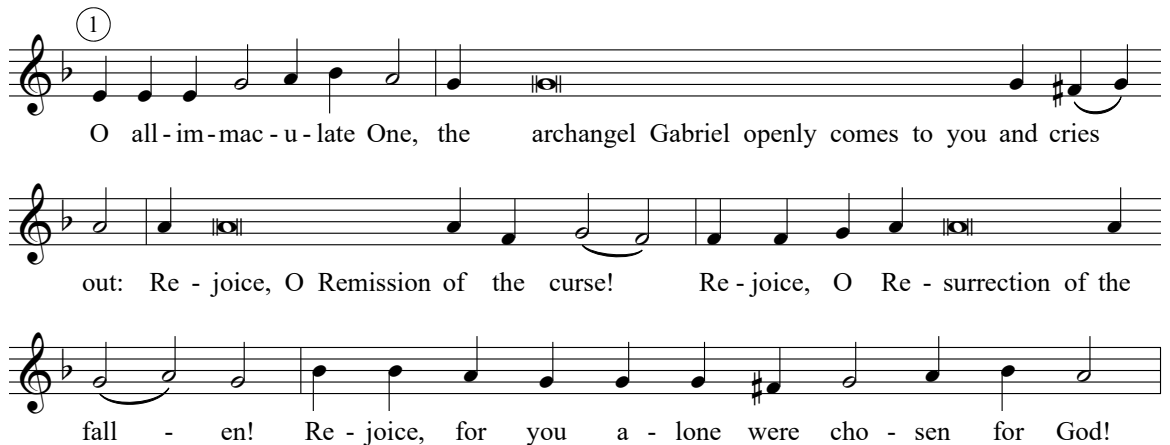
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A light-bearing pal - ace, the pure womb of the hand - maid of God
has been prepared for you, O Mas - ter. Come down and dwell with in her.
In your love for your cre - a - - tion, save us from the slaver-y of
death and re - store us to our form-er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

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O all-im-mac-u-late One, the archangel Gabriel openly comes to you and cries
out: Re - joyce, O Remission of the curse! Re - joyce, O Re - surrection of the
fall - en! Re - joyce, for you a - lone were cho - sen for God!

Re - joice, O Chariot 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...

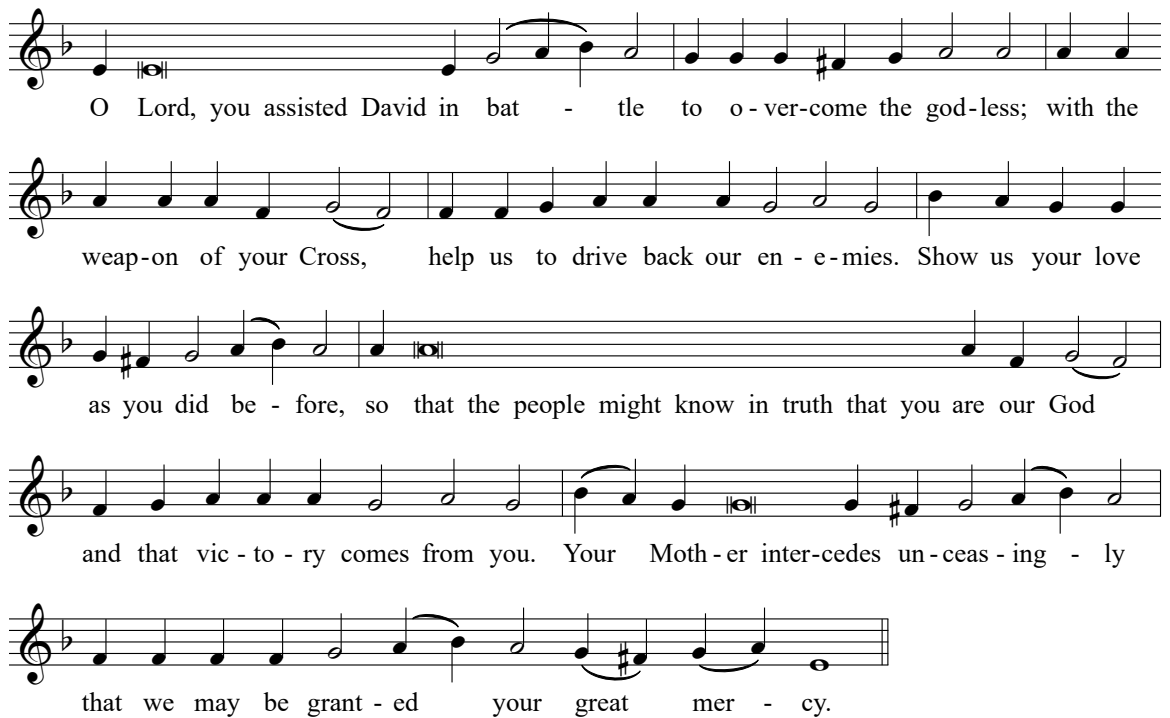
Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 53).

Aposticha

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

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

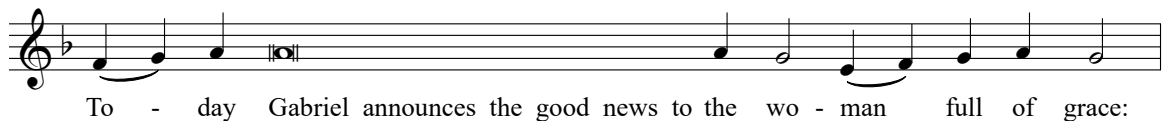
Aposticha doxastikon of the Cross - Tone 4



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 - joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is
with you.