

Vesper Propers, Evening of March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Eve of the Feast of the ANNUNCIATION

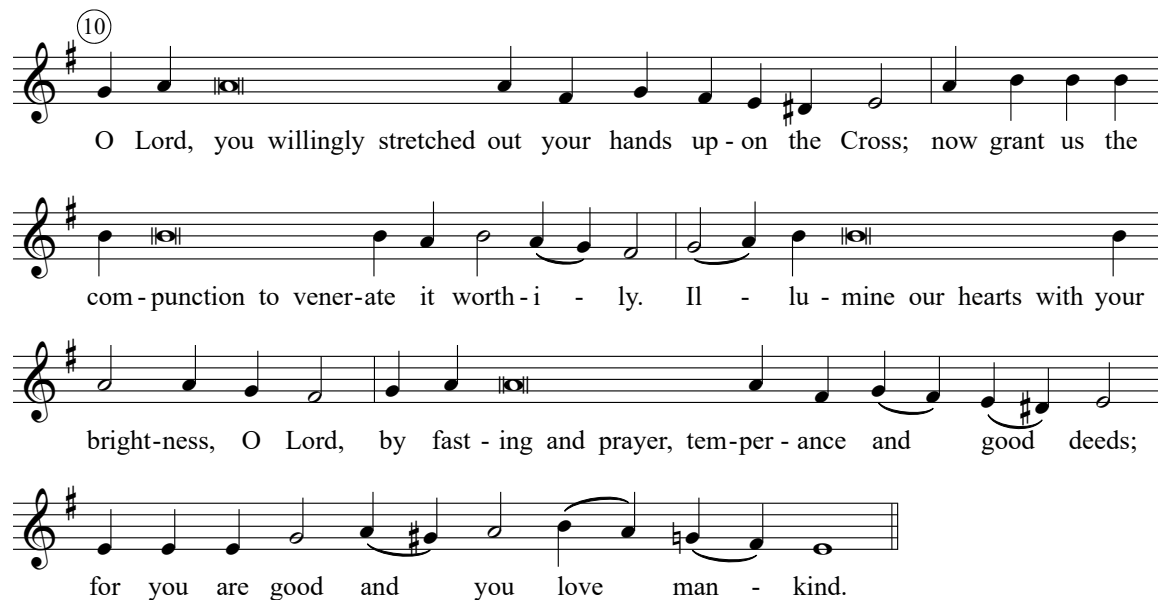
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

“O Lord, I have cried” is sung in the tone of the first sticheron (Tone 8, page 102).

Cantor: (Tone 8) Bring my soul out of this prison
(on 10) and then I shall praise your name.

Stichera of Triodion - Tone 8 samohlasen

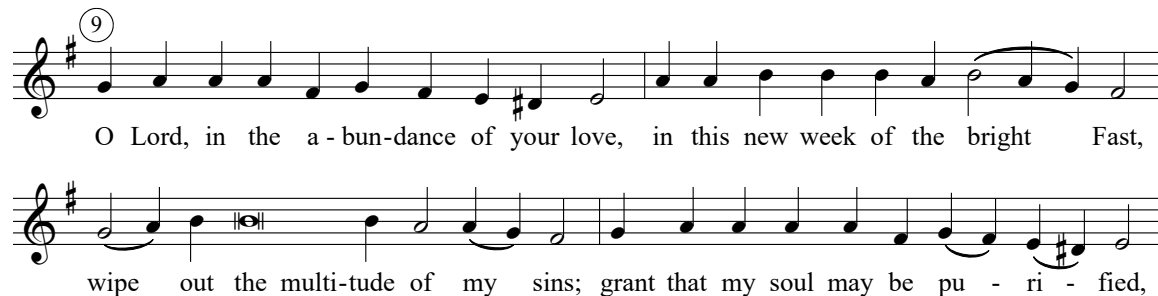
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O Lord, you willingly stretched out your hands up - on the Cross; now grant us the
com - punction to vener - ate it worth - i - ly. Il - lu - mine our hearts with your
bright - ness, O Lord, by fast - ing and prayer, tem - per - ance and good deeds;
for you are good and you love man - kind.

Cantor: Around me the just will assemble
(on 9) because of your goodness to me.

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O Lord, in the a - bun - dance of your love, in this new week of the bright Fast,
wipe out the multi - tude of my sins; grant that my soul may be pu - ri - fied,

and that I may see and vener-ate your ho - ly Cross, O Lord and Lov - er
of Man - kind.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

Tone 3 sa mohlasen

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O won-der, sur-pass-ing all the won-ders of old! We be-hold the Cross where
Christ was cru-ci-fied in the flesh. The world bows before its bright-ness and
cries out: O the pow-er of the Cross! The sight of it puts
de-mons to flight: its im-age burns them as a fire. I bless you, O
pre-cious Cross; I ven-erate you and, in fear, I bow be-fore you;
and I give thanks to God for life e-ter-nal, which he grants to
me through you.

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

Stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše

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Ga-bri-el stood be-fore you, O Maid-en, re-veal-ing the plan from of old.
He greet-ed you and said: Re-joyce, Un-sown Land; re-joyce, Un-burnt Bush;
re-joyce, Un-fath-om-a-ble Depth; re-joyce, Bridge leading to heav-en
and Lad-der raised on high whom Ja-cob saw; re-joyce, Di-vine Jar of
Man-na; re-joyce, Re-lease from the curse; re-joyce, Restora-tion of Ad-am,
the Lord is with you.

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would stand?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.
(All repeat "Gabriel stood before you, O Maiden....")

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.
(All repeat "Gabriel stood before you, O Maiden....")

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

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The in - vi - o - late Maid - en said to the angel - ic Com - mand - er:
 You ap - pear to me as a man but what you say to me is be - yond hu - man words,
 for you are tell - ing me that God will be with me and that he will
 dwell in my womb. Tell me, how can I be - come the spa - cious con - tain - er
 and ho - ly tem - ple of the one who is borne aloft on the Cher - u - bim?
 Do not en - tice me de - ceit - ful - ly, for I have nev - er known pleas - ure,
 nor have I ex - pe - ri - enced wed - lock. How then shall I bear a child?

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

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

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 The bod - i - less one said: When - ev - er God so wills, the order of na - ture is
 o - ver - come, and su - pernatural things are ac - com - plished. Be - lieve that
 what I say is true, all ho - ly and all spot - less one. She cried out:
 Let it be done to me ac - cord - ing to your word and I will give birth to the fleshless
 one who bor - rows flesh from me, for he alone is a - ble, by shar - ing in it,
 to re - store hu - man na - ture to its an - cient dig - ni - ty.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
 (on 1) he is faithful forever.
 (All repeat "The bodiless one said...")

The faithful STAND.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...nbw and ever...

Doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen

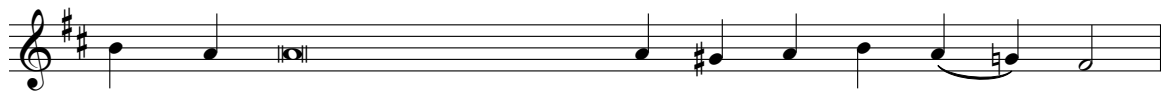
The Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el was sent from heav - en to the Vir - gin



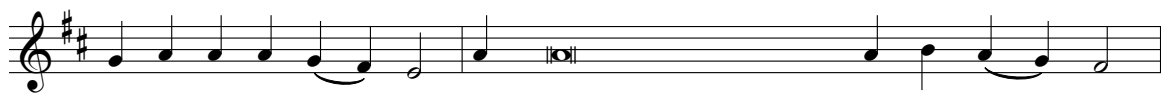
to an - nounce the good news of her con - cep - tion. Com - ing to



Naz - a - reth he was a - mazed as he reflected on the mys - te - ry:



How can the One Who Is incomprehen - si - ble in the high - est




be born of a vir - gin? Heav - en is his throne, the earth is his foot - stool,




and in a wom - an's womb he is con - tained. The six - winged seraphim and the



many-eyed cherubim cannot look up - on him; yet, with a single word, he has been



pleased to take on flesh. He re - mains the Word of God.



Why do I stand still and not say to the Maid - en: Re - joice, Full of Grace, the



Lord is with you; Re - joice, pure Vir - gin; re - joice, Un - wed - ded Bride;

re - joice, Moth - er of Life; bless-ed is the fruit of your womb.

Prokeimenon for the Third Sunday of the Great Fast - Special tone 8 (Psalm 60:6,3,5,9):

For you, O God, hear my pray'r,

grant me the her - i - tage of those who fear you.

Deacon: From the end of the earth I call to you; my heart is faint.

Deacon: Let me dwell in your tent forever and hide in the shelter of your wings.

Deacon: So I shall always praise your name.

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| Readings: | Genesis 28:10-17 | (EOT 304) |
| | Ezekiel 43:27-44; 4 | (EOT 305) |
| | Proverbs 9:1-11 | (EOT 305) |

Litija

Tone 1 Bolhar

In the sixth month, the lead-er of the heav-en-ly ar - mies was sent to you,

O ho - ly Vir - gin, to an-ounce the word of sal - va - tion to you and say:

Re - joice, O woman full of grace, the Lord is with you! You shall give birth

to the Son who was begotten of the Father be - fore all a - ges. He is the
 One who will save his peo - ple from their sins.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 2 Bolhar


To - day Ga - bri - el an - nounce - es the good news to the wo - man
 full of grace: Re-joyce, Vir - gin who has not known wed - lock;
 do not fear the strange-ness of my ap - pear - rance, for I am an
 arch-an - gel. For-mer-ly the serpent was the cause of grief un - to Eve,
 but now it is great joy that I an - nounce: you shall re - main
 a virgin and yet you shall give birth to the Lord.

Litany of the Litija, p.116

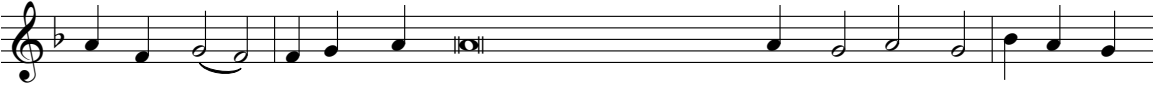
Aposticha

Tone 4 samohlasen

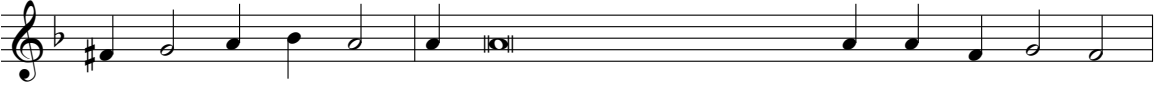
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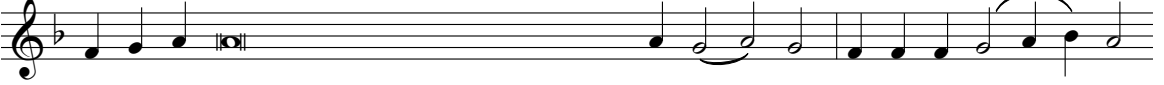
In the sixth month the Arch - an - gel was sent to a pure Vir - gin. He greet - ed




her: Re - joice! He an - nounced that the Redeemer would come forth from her. She re - ceived



his greet - ing with faith and conceived you, the God from be - fore all a - ges,




for it was your inexpressible good pleasure to be - come man for the sal - va - tion




of our souls.

Cantor




Day af - ter day an - nounce the good news of the sal - va - tion of our God.

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The The - o - to - kos heard a voice she did not know. The Archangel spoke



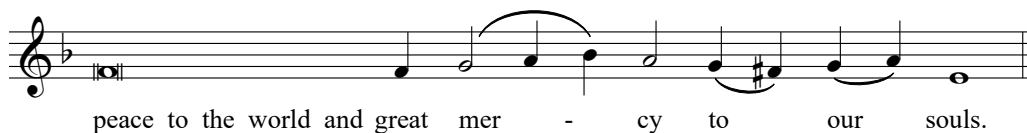
to her the words of good news. She re - ceived the greet - ing with faith and con - ceived



you, the God from be-fore all a - ges. There - fore, we also rejoice and cry

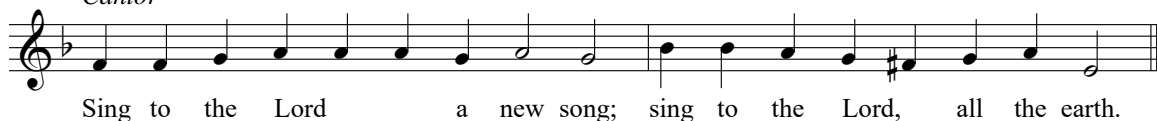


out to you, O un - ap - proach - able God who were in - car - nate of her: Grant



peace to the world and great mer - cy to our souls.

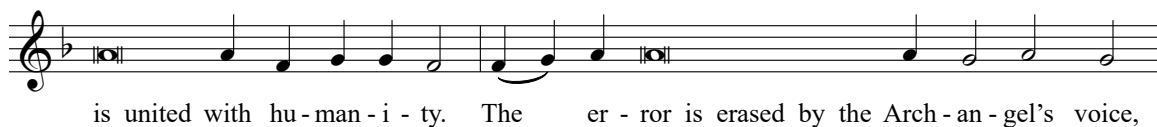
Cantor



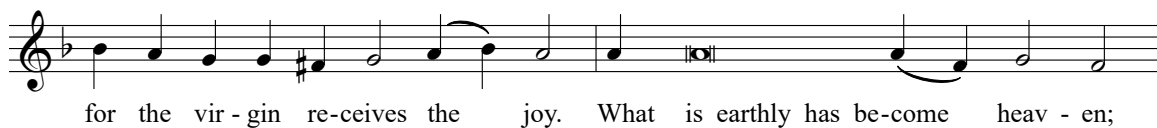
Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.



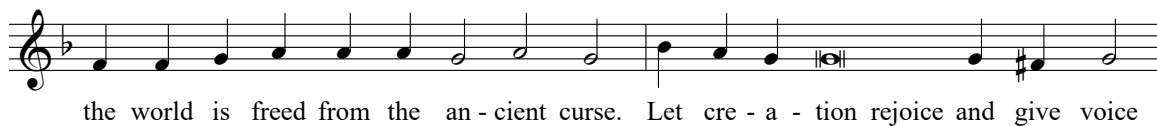
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Be - hold our res-to - ra - tion is now re - vealed. God beyond words



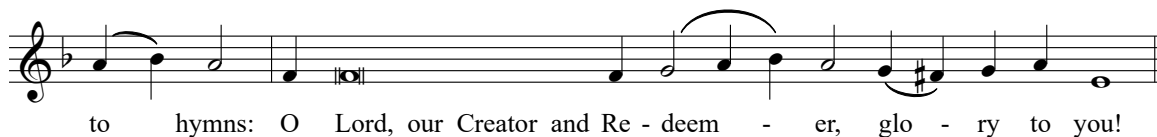
is united with hu-man-i - ty. The er - ror is erased by the Arch - an - gel's voice,



for the vir - gin re-ceive the joy. What is earthly has be-come heav - en;



the world is freed from the an - cient curse. Let cre - a - tion rejoice and give voice



to hymns: O Lord, our Creator and Re - deem - er, glo - ry to you!

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory... now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen



To - day is the joy of the annun-ci - a - tion and the feast of vir-gin - i - ty!



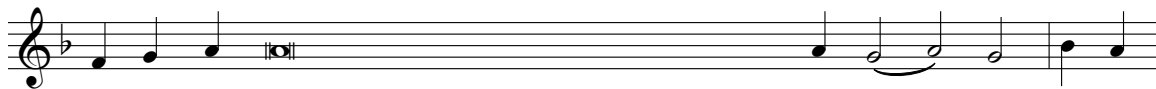
The creatures of the earth unite with those of heav - en. Ad - am is renewed and Eve



is freed from her an-cient sor - row. She who is of our own substance be-comes



the tem - ple of God! by the divinity of him who was con - ceived.



O what mys - tery! the incomprehensible quality of the con-des - cen - sion and the



in - expressible wealth of good - ness! An angel announc-es this mir - a - cle.



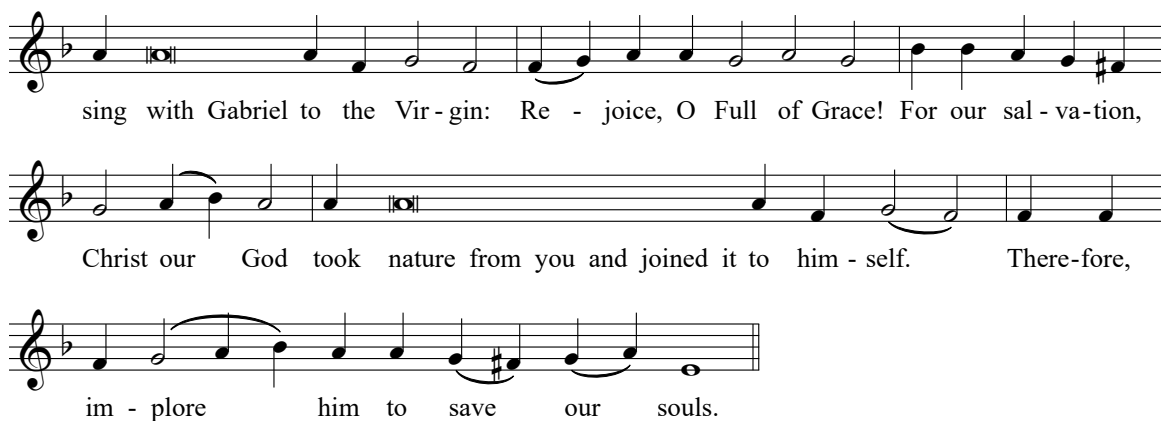
The vir - ginal womb re - ceives the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it is sent down



and the Father on high is well pleased. Through the u - niversal will, reconciliation



is ac-com-plished for all. Let us, who have been saved in it and through it,



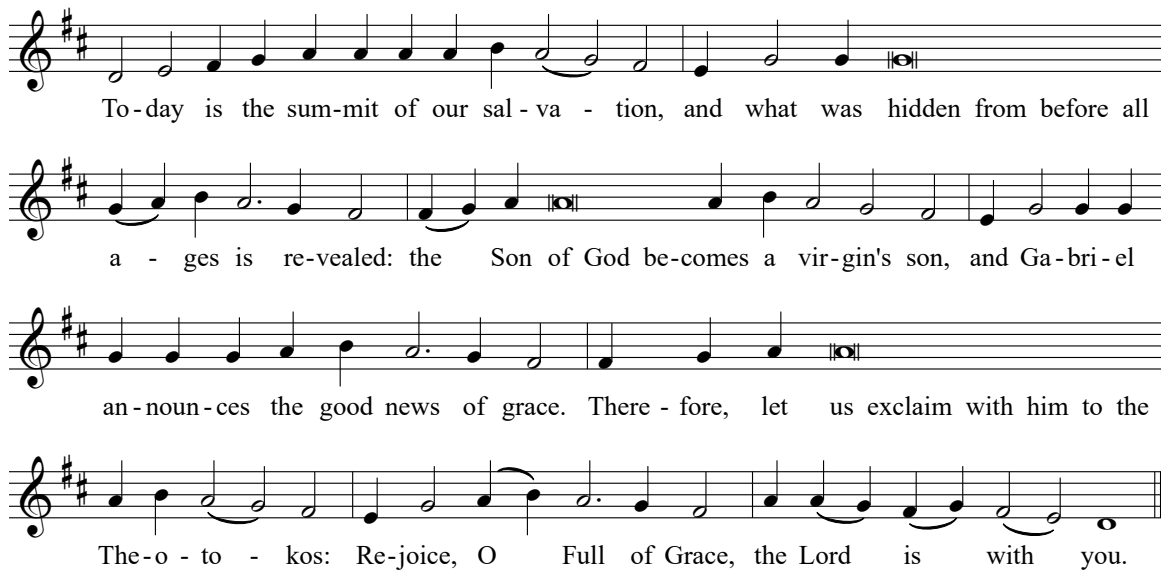
sing with Gabriel to the Vir-gin: Re-joice, O Full of Grace! For our sal-va-tion,
 Christ our God took nature from you and joined it to him-self. There-fore,
 im-plore him to save our souls.

The service continues with the Prayer of Simeon, p. 19

Troparia

The troparion of the feast is sung once by the priest, and twice by the people:

Troparion of the Annunciation - Tone 4



To-day is the sum-mit of our sal-va-tion, and what was hidden from before all
 a-ges is re-vealed: the Son of God be-comes a vir-gin's son, and Ga-bri-el
 an-noun-ces the good news of grace. There-fore, let us exclaim with him to the
 The-o-to-kos: Re-joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessing of Bread, p. 119.