

Vesper Propers, February 1, 2009  
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee  
Prefestive Day of the Meeting

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week (Tone 5, page 69), stichera 10-7.

**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.

**Stichera of the Publican and Pharisee - Tone 1 samohlasen**

O faith-ful, let us not pray as the Phar-i-see, for those who exalt themselves  
shall be hum - bled. Let us hum-ble our-selves be-fore God, and with the  
Pub-li-can let us say: "Lord have mer-cy on me a sin - ner."

**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 faithful, let us not pray as the Pharisee..."*

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

The Phar-i-see, o-ver-come with his pride, and the Pub-lican, bent down in  
re-pent - ance, came be-fore you, the on - ly Lord; the first trusted in himself

and was deprived of your bless - ings; the oth - er spoke but a few words and  
 received your blessings in a - bun - dance. Be - hold my tears and strengthen me, O  
 Christ our God, for you are in - deed the Lov - er of us all.

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

**Pre-festive stichera of the Meeting - Tone 4 samohlasen**

The precious Temple is preparing to re - ceive the Lord. He is com - ing as a child,  
 and through grace He manifests himself to the faithful and God - pleas - ing as - sem - bly.  
 For that rea - son, we cry out: You are the glo - ry, the praise, and the adornment of  
 my ful - fill - ment, O Word. You have been a child in the flesh for my sake.

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

The very splendid Bridal Chamber and pre - cious Tent, the ho - ly and

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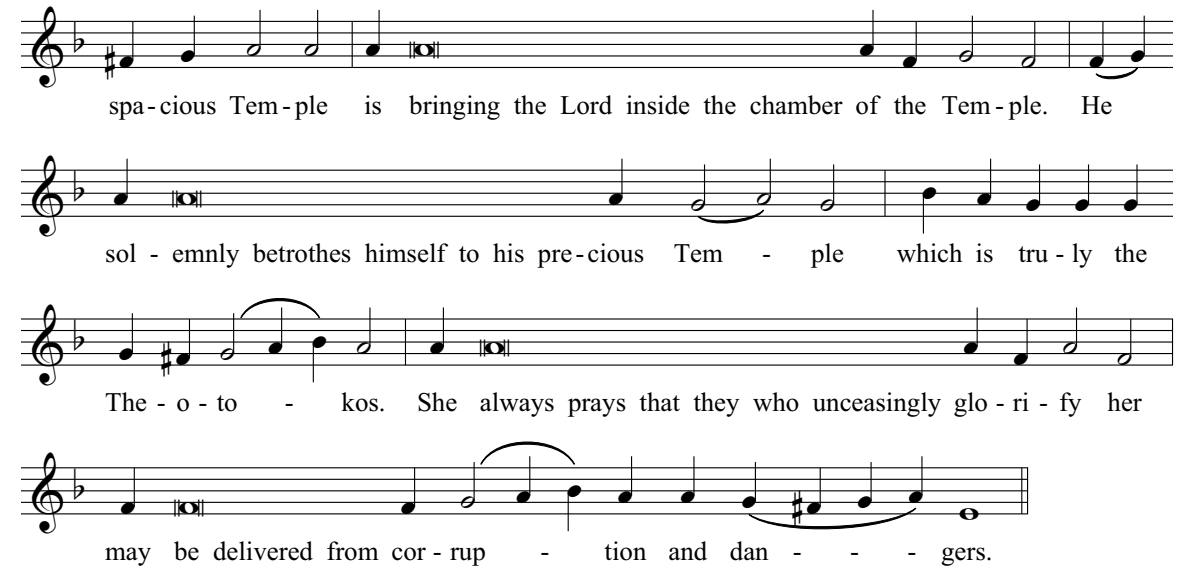
*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 80).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory... Now and ever...

**Pre-festive troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1**



The an-gel-ic choir of heav-en looks earth - ward, peer-ing down from the  
heav - en - ly heights to be-hold the first-born of all cre - a - tion car-ried  
in - to the Tem-ple as an in - fant in the arms of his  
moth - er who has not known man. To-geth - er with us they are o - ver - whelmed  
with awe and sing a hymn in pre - par - a - tion for the feast.



spa-cious Tem-ple is bringing the Lord inside the chamber of the Tem-ple. He  
sol - emnly betrothes himself to his pre-cious Tem - ple which is tru - ly the  
The - o - to - kos. She always prays that they who unceasingly glo - ri - fy her  
may be delivered from cor - rup - tion and dan - - - gers.

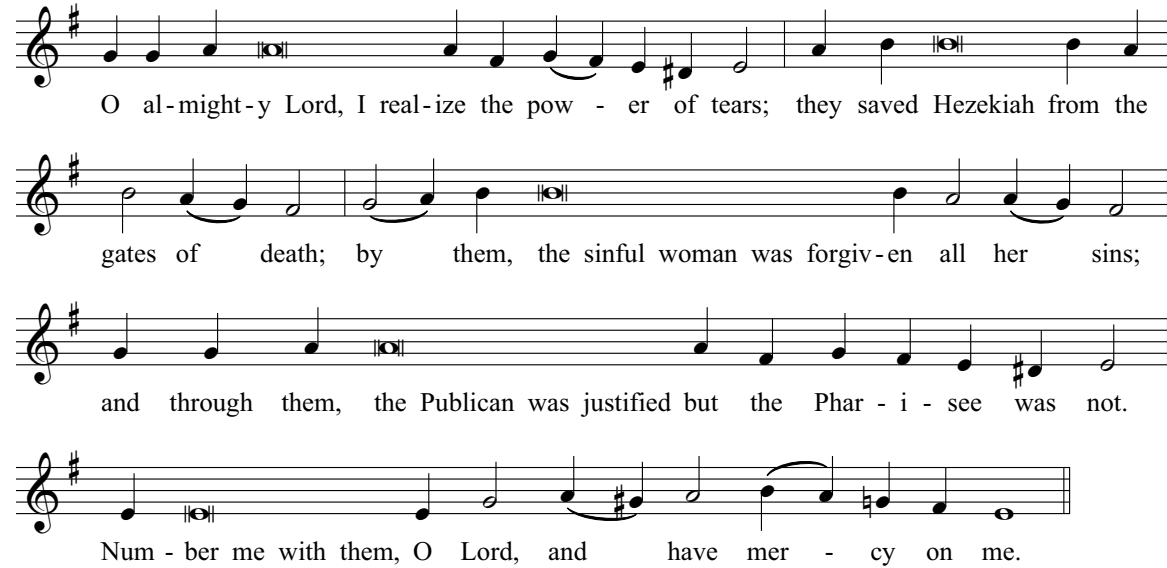
**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



We are now offering prefest-ive praise to Christ and are glorifying his con-de-scen-sion.  
As though with the hands of the Vir-gin, we bring Him as an infant to lie in the arms  
of Sim - e - on. He calls all peo-ple in order to dei - fy our na - ture  
since He is our Ben - e - fac - tor and our Lord.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 8 samohlasen**



O al-might-y Lord, I real-ize the pow - er of tears; they saved Hezekiah from the gates of death; by them, the sinful woman was forgiv-en all her sins; and through them, the Publican was justified but the Phar - i - see was not. Num - ber me with them, O Lord, and have mer - cy on me.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Now and ever...

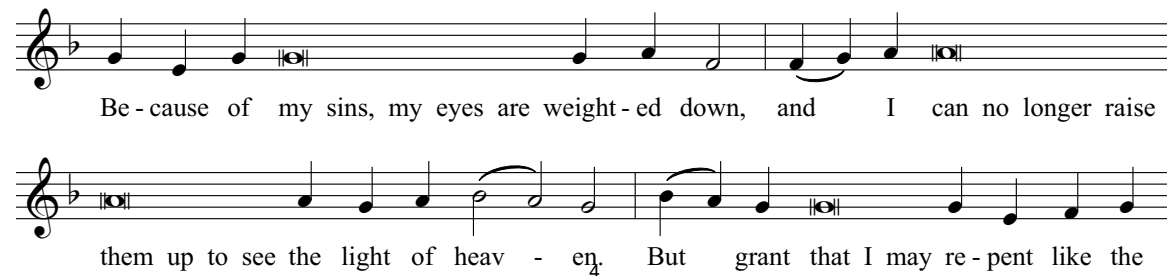
*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 5, page 76).*

### **Aposticha**

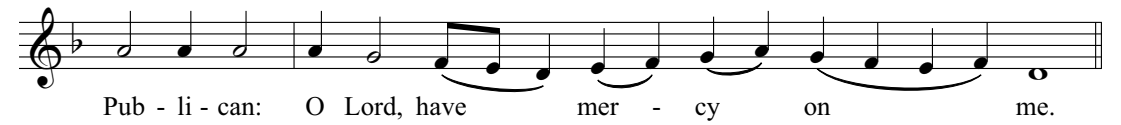
*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 77), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the Publican and Pharisee - Tone 5 samohlasen**



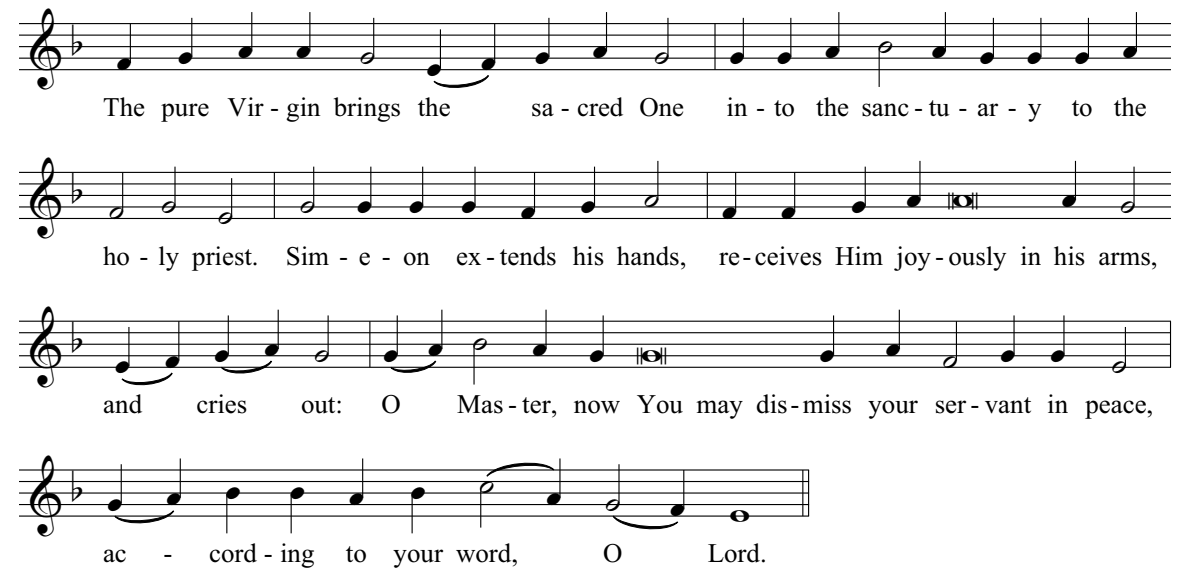
Be-cause of my sins, my eyes are weight-ed down, and I can no longer raise them up to see the light of heav - en. But grant that I may re-pent like the



Pub - li - can: O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the pre-feast - Tone 2 samohlasen**



The pure Vir - gin brings the sa - cred One in - to the sanc - tu - ar - y to the ho - ly priest. Sim - e - on ex-tends his hands, re-ceive Him joy-ously in his arms, and cries out: O Mas-ter, now You may dis-miss your ser-vant in peace, ac - cord - ing to your word, O Lord.