

Propers for the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
Wednesday in the Second Week of the Great Fast  
March 4, 2009

*The reading from Genesis tells the story of the children of Adam and Eve---Cain, who killed his brother Abel, and Seth, their third child.*

*The reading from Proverbs counsels us about marital fidelity and to great caution in our financial dealings with each other.*

# The Lamplighting Psalms

## Psalm 140

Tone 1

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O  
Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I  
call up - on you. Hear me, O Lord!  
Let my pray'r as - cend to you like in - cense and the lift - ing up of my hands  
like an eve - ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

O Lord, set a guard before my mouth  
and set a seal on the door of *my* lips.

Let not my heart be inclined to evil,  
nor make excuse for the sins I *commit*.

Let me never share in sinners' feasting.  
If a just man strikes or reproves me it *is* kindness

but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.  
Let my prayer be ever against *their* malice.

The princes were thrown down by the side of the rock;  
then they understood that my words *were* kind.

As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,  
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of *the* grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned;  
in you I take refuge; spare *my* soul!

From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe;  
keep me from the snares of those who *do* evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set  
while I pursue my way *un*harmed.

**Psalm 141** With all my voice I cry to the Lord,  
with all my voice I entreat *the* Lord.

I pour out my trouble before him;  
I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints *with*in me.

But you, O Lord, know my path.  
On the way where I shall walk they have hidden a snare to *en*trap me.

Look on my right and see:  
there is no one who takes *my* part.

I have no means of escape,  
not one who cares for *my* soul.

I cry to you, O Lord.  
I have said: "You are my refuge, all I have in the land of *the* living."

Listen, then, to my cry  
for I am in the depths *of* distress.

Rescue me from those who pursue me  
for they are stronger *than* I.

Bring my soul out of this prison  
and then I shall praise *your* name.


Around me the just will assemble  
because of your goodness *to* me.

**Psalm 129** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear *my* voice!

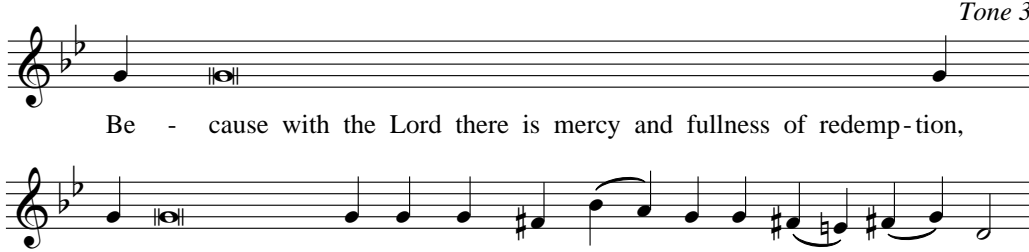
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of *my* pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we *revere* you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman *for* daybreak.

Cantor:  *Tone 1*  
Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

All:  <sup>④</sup>  
If we would fast in spir - it we must not tell lies with our tongue nor give  
cause for scan-dal or take of-fense. Rath - er, through repentance, let us bright-en the  
lamp of our soul. With tears, let us cry out to Christ: Re - mit our  
sins, for you love us all.

Cantor:  *Tone 3*  
Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,  
Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

All:

③



Through the prayers of the di-vine a-pos-tles, let us right-ly keep the season



of the fast, O Lord. Grant us compunction that we may all be saved



and glorify your good-ness and com-pas-sion.

Cantor:



Praise the Lord, all you na-tions ac-claim him all you peo-ples!

All:

②



Great and fear-some is your com-ing, O Lord when you will



sit in judgment and dis-pense jus-tice. Do not judge me, for I am



al-read-y con-demned; but spare me through the prayers of your a-pos-tles



who have been pleas-ing to you, O God.

Cantor:

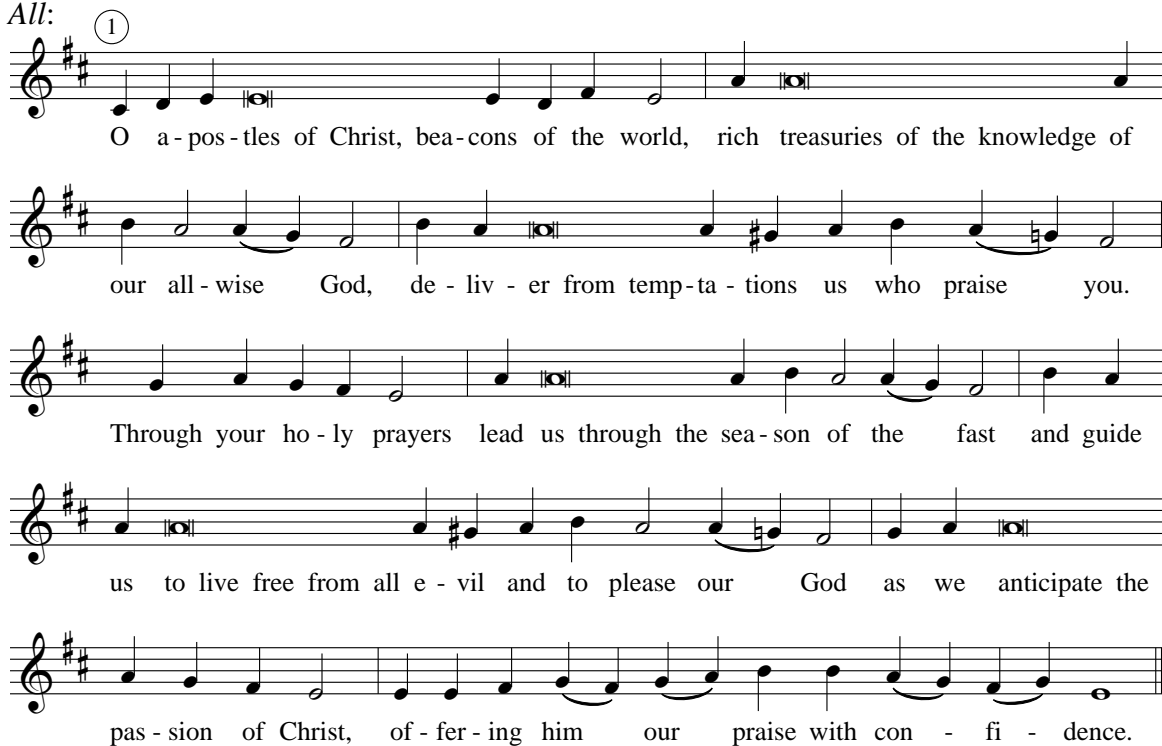


Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for-ev-er.

Tone 6

All:

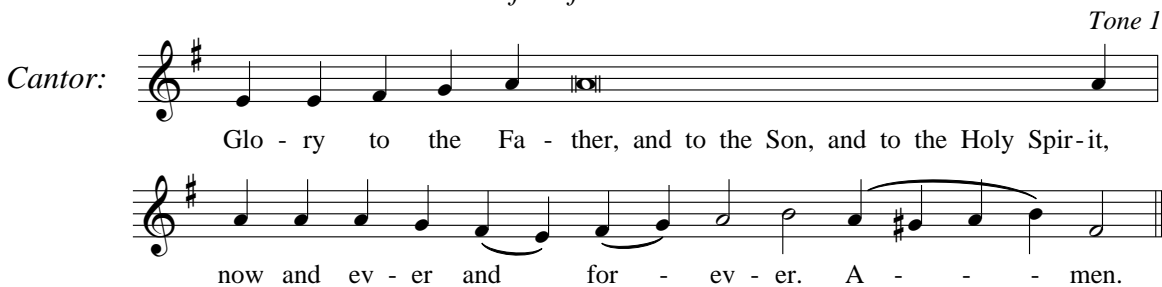
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O a-pos-tles of Christ, bea-cons of the world, rich treasures of the knowledge of  
our all-wise God, de-liv-er from temp-ta-tions us who praise you.  
Through your ho-ly prayers lead us through the sea-son of the fast and guide  
us to live free from all e-vil and to please our God as we anticipate the  
pas-sion of Christ, of-fer-ing him our praise with con-fi-dence.

*The faithful STAND.*

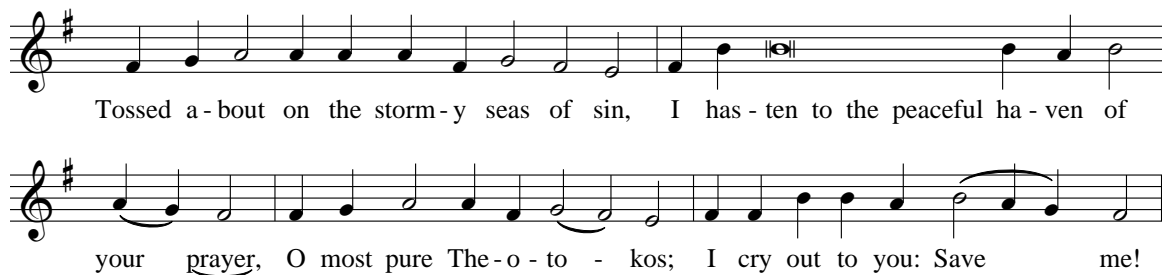
Cantor:



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,  
now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A - - - men.

*Tone 1*

All:



Tossed a-bout on the storm-y seas of sin, I has-ten to the peaceful ha-ven of  
your prayer, O most pure The-o-to-kos; I cry out to you: Save me!

Ex - tend your pow - er - ful right hand to your serv - ant, O all - spot - less one.

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The clergy and servers enter the sanctuary as "O Joyful Light" is sung.  
The sanctuary and the faithful are incensed.*

O Joy - ful Light of the ho - ly glo - ry of the Fa - ther Im - mor - tal,

the hea - ven - ly, ho - ly, bles - sed One, O Je - sus Christ: Now that we have

reached the set - ting of the sun, and see the eve - ning light, we sing to God,

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. It is fit - ting at all times to raise

a song of praise in meas - ured mel - o - dy to you, O Son of God, the

Giv - er of Life. There - fore, the u - ni - verse sings your glo - ry.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Celebrant:** Peace ☩ be to all!

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

**Prokeimenon 1 - Tone 6** (Psalm 31: 11, 1a)

Re-joyce in the Lord, re-joyce in the Lord, ex-ult, you just;

re-joyce in the Lord, ex-ult, you just!

*Verse:* Happy are they whose offenses are forgiven.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A Reading from the Book of Genesis

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

*The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.*

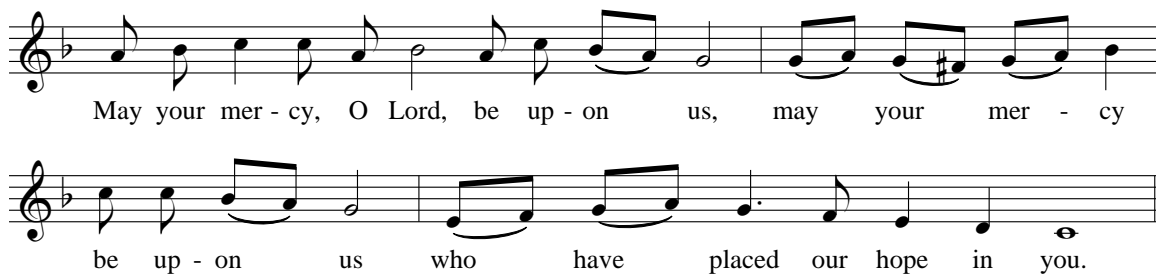
**Lector:** [Genesis 4:16-26]

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The faithful STAND.*



**Prokeimenon 2 - Tone 1** (Psalm 32: 22, 1a)



May your mer - cy, O Lord, be up - on us, may your mer - cy  
be up - on us who have placed our hope in you.

*Verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones.

**Deacon:** Give the command!

**Celebrant:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

The light of Christ shines upon everyone.

*The faithful give no response to these words. All make three prostrations in silence.*

**Lector:** A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

*The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.*

**Lector:** [Proverbs 5:15 - 6:3]

**Celebrant:** Peace ☩ be to you, reader.

*The service continues with the solemn evening psalm ("Let my prayer ascend").*