

Propers for the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday in the Sixth Week of the Great Fast
(Eve of Lazarus Saturday)
April 3, 2009

The reading from Genesis retells the death of the patriarch Jacob, and his burial in the land of Canaan, and the return of the children of Israel to Egypt to survive the famine.

The reading from Proverbs describes the wonderful characteristics of the worthy wife. This hymn of praise is sung on Sabbath eve in traditional Jewish households, the husband singing to his listening wife.

The Lamplighting Psalms

Psalm 140

Tone 8

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 ascend 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.

Prokeimenon 2 - Tone 4 (Psalm 124: 1ab,1bc)

Those who put their trust in the Lord are like Mount
 Zi - - - on.

Verse: That cannot be shaken, that stands forever.

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 31:8-31]

Celebrant: Peace ☩ be to you, reader.

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

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace ✕ be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon 1 - Tone 6 (Psalm 123: 6, 1)

Our help is in the name, is in the name of the Lord,
who made heav - en and earth.

Verse: "If the Lord had not been on our side," this is Israel's song.

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 49:33 - 50:26]

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful STAND.

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 **unharm**ed.

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 **entrap** 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.

Tone 8

Cantor: 

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

All: 

Hav - ing com - plet - ed the forty days to the prof - it of our souls, we be-seech



you that we may al - so see the ho - ly week of your passion, O Lov - er



of us all, dur - ing which we glori - fy your great deeds and with



har - monious song, praise your inef - fa - ble plan for us. O Lord,



glo - ry to you.

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.

All:

Hav - ing com - plet - ed the forty days to the prof - it of our souls, let us
 ex - claim: Rejoice, town of Bethany, home of Laz - a - rus. Re - joice,
 Mar - tha and Mary, his sis - ters. To - mor - row Christ will arrive to give
 life by his word to your broth - er who has died. Hear - ing his
 voice, bitter and insatiable Hades will trem - ble and, with a heavy sigh, will
 re - lease Laz - a - rus. The crowd, amazed to see him bound in his shroud
 will come out to meet Christ with branch - es and palms. The chil - dren will see
 and proclaim the one their par - ents will de - nounce. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord, the King of Is - ra - el.

Tone 6

Cantor:

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
 O Lord, you desired to see the grave of Laz - a - rus, for you were about to
 occupy a grave by your own choice. Where have you placed him, you asked,
 as if to learn what you al - read - y knew. You cried out to your friend: Laz - a - rus
 come forth; and he who had breathed his last o - beyed you who gave him breath,
 the Sav - - - ior of our souls.

Cantor:

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

All:

②
 O Lord, on the fourth day you came to the tomb of Laz - a - rus, and shed tears

up - on the grave of your friend. You raised him up although he was four days
 dead, O Wheat of Life. Death was bound by your voice, and the grave
 clothes were loosed by your hands. Then the com-pany of your dis-ci - ples was filled
 with joy, and with one voice they wor-shiped you: Bless-ed are you; O
 Sav - ior, have mer - cy on us.

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

All: ①
 O Lord, you desired to strengthen your dis-ci-ples' faith in your resur-rec-tion
 from the dead, and so you arrived at the tomb of Laz - a - rus
 and called him forth. Ha-des was de-spoiled and set him free. Laz - arus, four

days dead, cried out to you: O Bless - ed Lord, glo - ry to you.

The faithful STAND.

Tone 8

Cantor: Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

All:
 O Sav - ior, stand - ing at the tomb, you called to the dead Laz - a - rus;

you raised him up as if from sleep. He shook off corruption in the spirit of

in - cor - rup - tion and, at your word, came forth still bound in his shroud.

You can do everything, and all o - bey you; ev - 'ry - thing is subject to you, O

Lov - er of us all. O our Sav - - ior, glo - ry to you.

Cantor: Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.