

**Vesper Propers, September 5, 2010**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The holy prophet Zachariah and his wife, the holy and venerable Elizabeth, the parents of the Forerunner.** When she took Mary her cousin into her home, Elizabeth – full of the Holy Spirit – hailed the mother of the Lord as blessed among women. Zachariah, a priest full of the prophetic spirit, praised God the redeemer and preached the near advent of Christ, the Dayspring from on high.

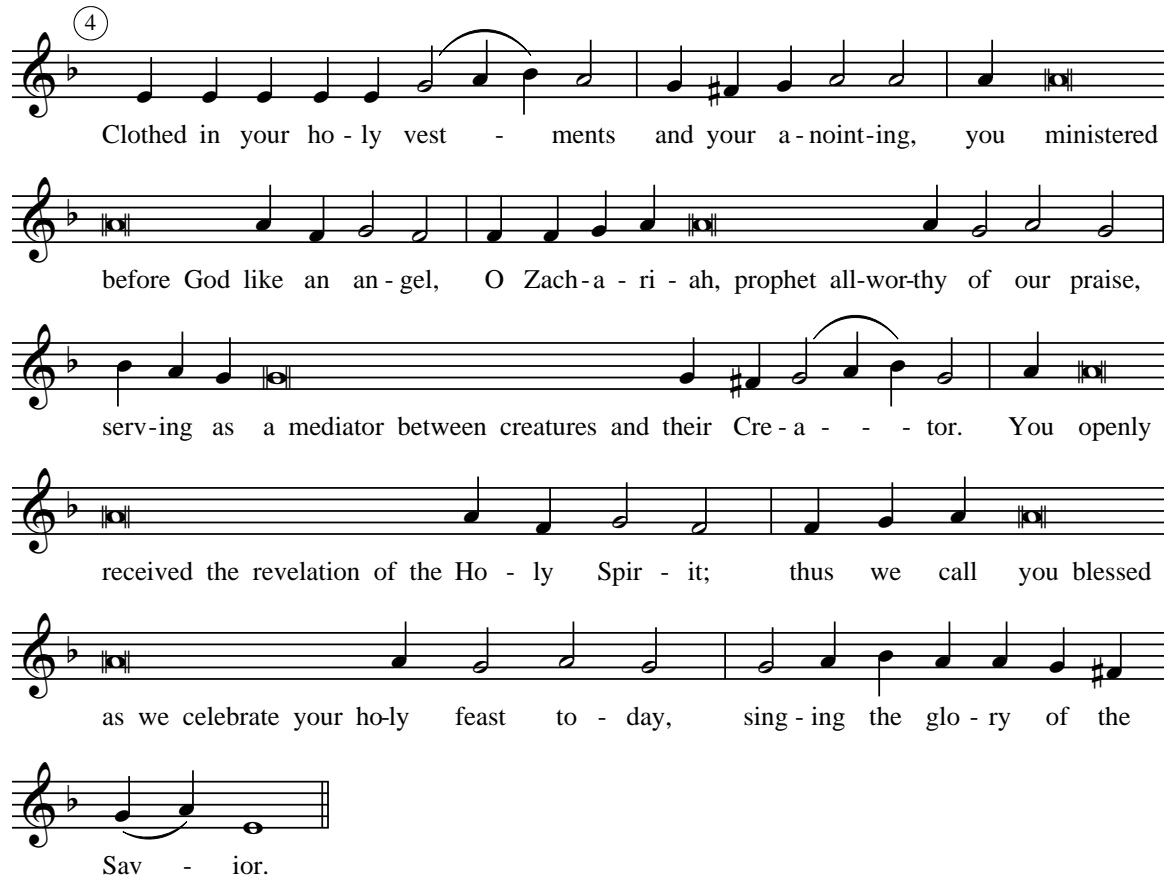
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-5.*

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

**Stichera of Zechariah - Tone 4 samohlasen**

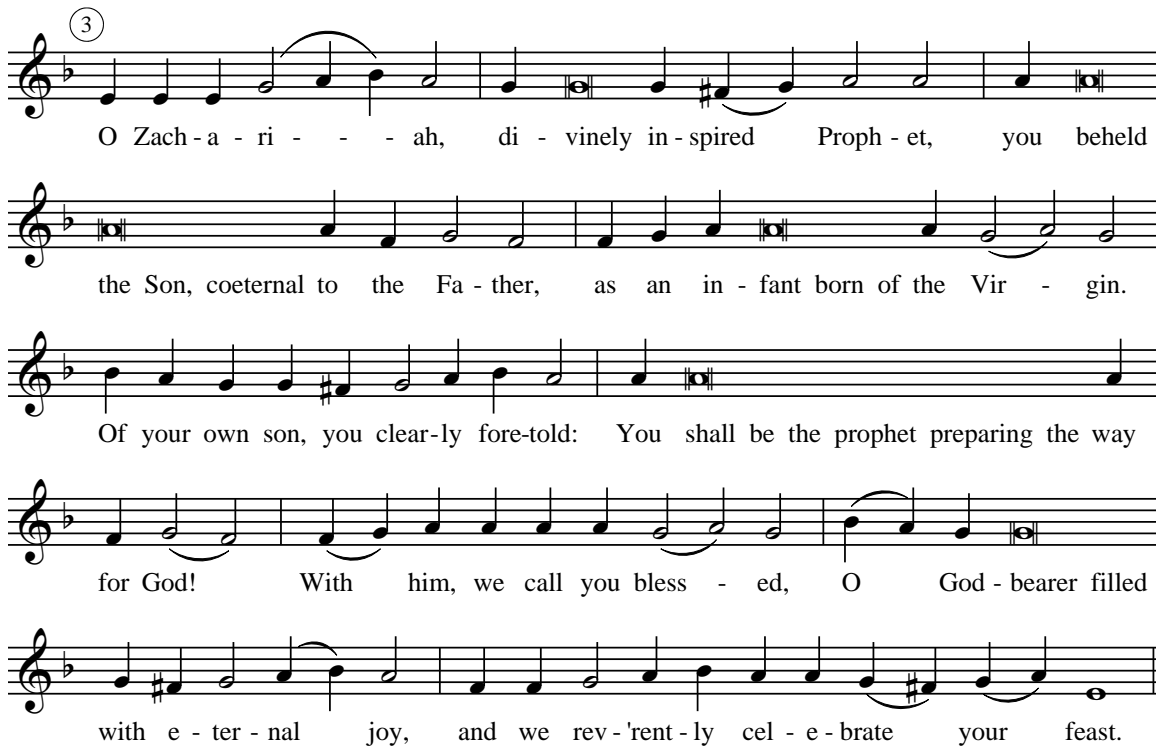
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Clothed in your ho - ly vest - ments and your a - noint-ing, you ministered  
before God like an an - gel, O Zach - a - ri - ah, prophet all - wor - thy of our praise,  
serv - ing as a mediator between creatures and their Cre - a - - - tor. You openly  
received the revelation of the Ho - ly Spir - it; thus we call you blessed  
as we celebrate your ho - ly feast to - day, sing - ing the glo - ry of the  
Sav - ior.

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

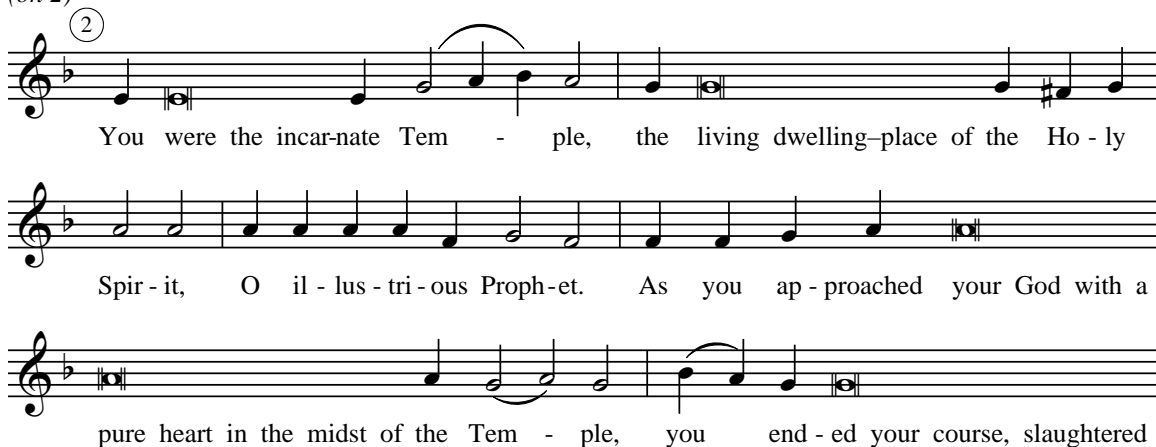
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O Zach - a - ri - - - ah, di - vinely in - spired Proph - et, you beheld  
the Son, coeternal to the Fa - ther, as an in - fant born of the Vir - gin.  
Of your own son, you clear-ly fore-told: You shall be the prophet preparing the way  
for God! With him, we call you bless - ed, O God - bearer filled  
with e - ter - nal joy, and we rev - 'rent - ly cel - e - brate your feast.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations; acclaim him, all you people.  
(on 2)

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You were the incar-nate Tem - ple, the living dwelling-place of the Ho - ly  
Spir - it, O il - lus - tri - ous Proph-et. As you ap - proached your God with a  
pure heart in the midst of the Tem - ple, you end - ed your course, slaughtered

unjust-ly in mar - tyr - dom, O won-drous Zach - a - ri - ah. Thus  
 you were lifted up to the heaven-ly Tem - ple where, with the price  
 of your blood, you beg forgiveness for the faith - ful who ven - er - ate you.

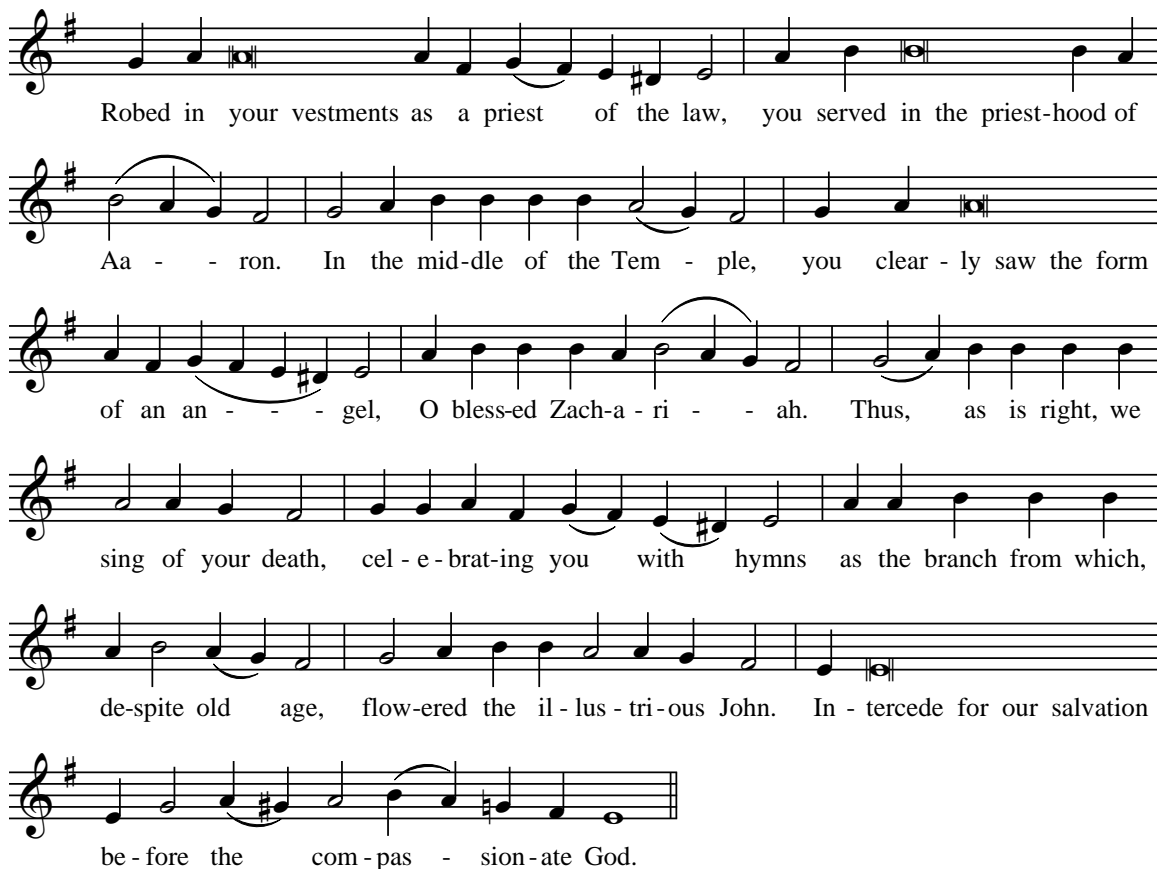
**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.  
 (on 1)

**Stichera of Elizabeth - Tone 1 samohlasen**

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 When you called the Vir - gin who greet - ed you the Moth - er of your Lord,  
 you be-held in her virginal womb the in - car - nate Son, whose go - ings forth are  
 from be - fore time be - gan. Pray with her, O right - eous E - liz - a - a - beth,  
 that he may save our souls.

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

**Doxastikon of Zachariah - Tone 8 samohlasen**



Robed in your vestments as a priest of the law, you served in the priest-hood of  
Aa - - ron. In the mid-dle of the Tem - ple, you clear - ly saw the form  
of an an - - - gel, O bless-ed Zach-a - ri - - ah. Thus, as is right, we  
sing of your death, cel - e - brat-ing you with hymns as the branch from which,  
de-spite old age, flow-ered the il - lus - tri - ous John. In - tercede for our salvation  
be - fore the com - pas - sion - ate God.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 6, page 87).*

## Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 88), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy prophet Zachariah - Tone 2 samohlasen**

In your priest-ly purity, you entered into the Ho - ly of Ho - lies, robed in  
your sa-cred vest - ments. In all in - no - cence, you ministered be-fore God,  
fol-low-ing the prescriptions of the Law, like Aa - ron. Like Mo-ses,  
you led the tribes of Israel in the pure ring-ing of gold - en bells. Like - wise,  
you were put to death; but your just blood was a sav-ing rem-e - dy for us,  
a per-fume of sweet fra - grance, which o - pened the way to pass to  
e - ter-nal life. Thrice - blessed Zechariah, husband of Eliza-beth, fa - ther  
of John, cease-less-ly in - ter-cede for our souls be-fore God.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 45).*

*Troparia in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 91).*