

Vesper Propers, February 9, 2020
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Leave-taking of the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 36), stichera 10-8.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.
(on 7)

Sticheron of the Publican and the Pharisee - Tone 1 samohlasen

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I have sown sin in a land of life and in - no - cence and have har - vested the
ears of thought-less - ness. I have gath - ered my actions in - to bun - dles of sheaves,
but I have not placed them on the threshing floor of re - pen - tance. And now
I pray to you, O my God, for you are the pre - e - ter - nal Till - er of our fields:
With the breath of your lov - ing - kind - ness, now win - now the grain of my ac - tions,
feed my soul with your grace and for - give - ness, gath - er me in - to

your heav - en - ly gra - na - ries and save me.

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.
All repeat: "I have sown sin in a land of life and innocence..."

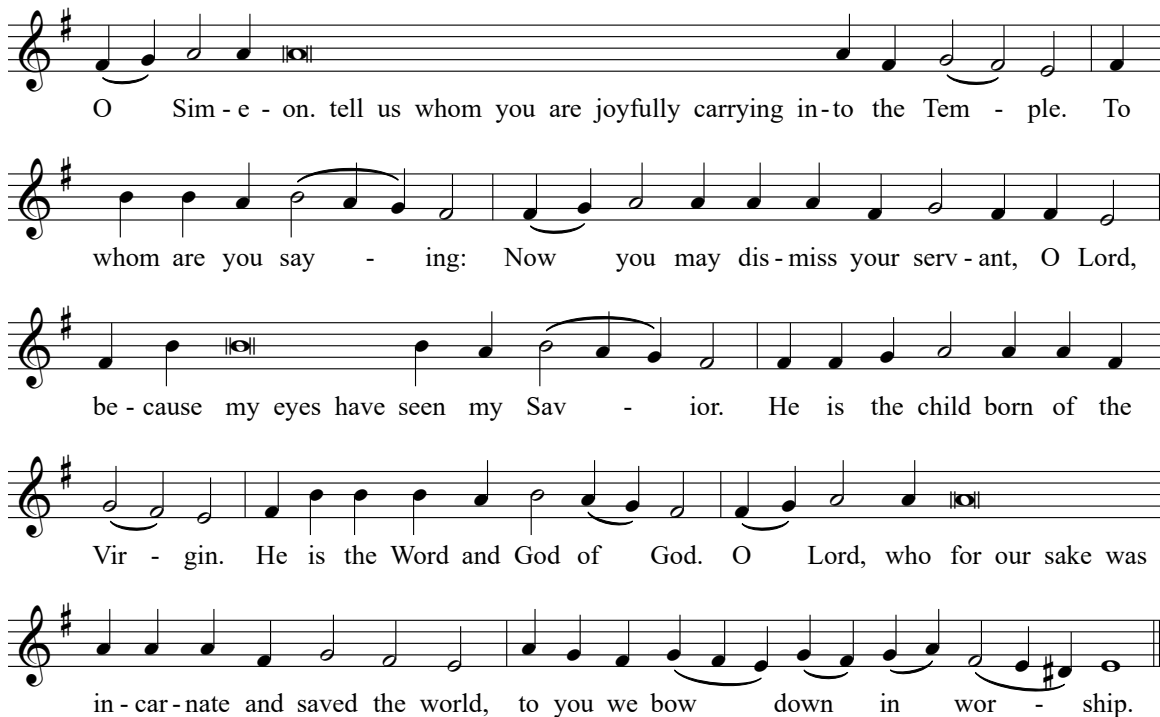
Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
 (on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak.

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O faith-ful, let us discover the power of the di-vine mys-te - ry. The Prod-i - gal
 came back from his sin and returned to his fa - ther's house; in his lov-ing-kindness his
 father came out to meet him and kissed him. He re-stored him to the glo - ry
 of his house, and pre-pared a mys-ti - cal ban-quet on high. He killed the fatted
 calf so that we might share in his joy; the joy of the Fa-ther who of-fers in love,
 and the joy of the Lamb who gives him - self for us; for he is Christ, the
 Sav - ior of our souls.

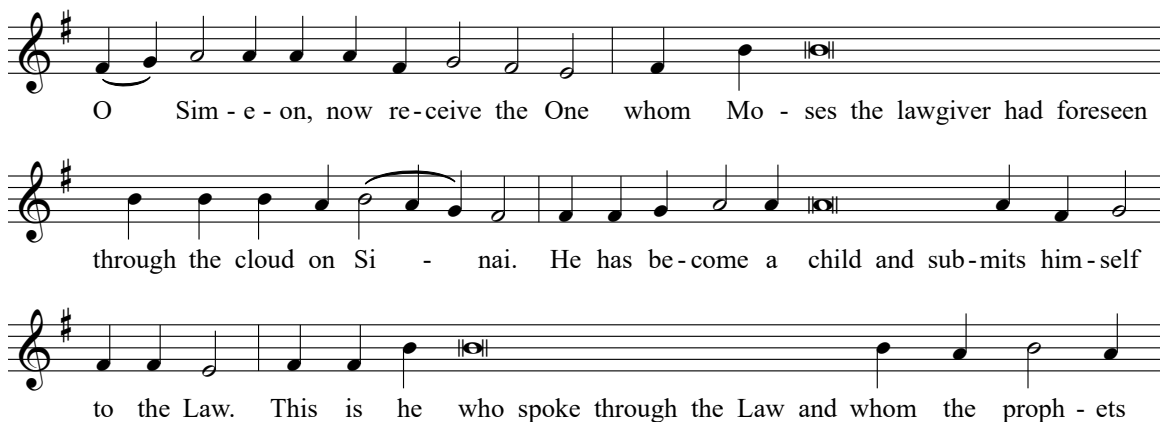
Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Sticheron of the Meeting - Tone 1 samohlasen



O Sim - e - on, tell us whom you are joyfully carrying in-to the Tem - ple. To
whom are you say - ing: Now you may dis - miss your serv - ant, O Lord,
be - cause my eyes have seen my Sav - ior. He is the child born of the
Vir - gin. He is the Word and God of God. O Lord, who for our sake was
in - car - nate and saved the world, to you we bow down in wor - ship.

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



O Sim - e - on, now re - ceive the One whom Mo - ses the lawgiver had foreseen
through the cloud on Si - nai. He has be - come a child and sub - mits him - self
to the Law. This is he who spoke through the Law and whom the proph - ets

fore-told. O Lord, who for our sake was incar-nate and saved the world,
to you we bow down in wor - ship.

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

O faith - ful, come, let us wel - come Christ and re - ceive him with hymns of
praise and glo - ry. He is the sal - va - tion Sim - e - on has seen.
He is the One whom Da - vid fore-told, and of whom the proph-ets have spo - ken.
O Lord, who for our sake was incarnate and in - spired the Law, to you we
bow down in wor - ship.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

Tone 6 samohlasen

To-day the gates of heav-en swing o - pen, for the Word of the Father who has no

be-gin - ning has re-ceived be - gin-ning in time with-out any loss to his
 di-vin - i - ty. As a child of forty days he is offered by a vir - gin Moth - er
 in the Tem-ple ac-cord - ing to the Law. The El - der Simeon receives
 him in his arms and cries out: Dis-miss me, O Master, for my eyes have seen your
 sal-va - tion; O Lord, who came in-to the world to save us, glo - ry to you!

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Publican and the Pharisee - Tone 2 samohlasen

From what bless - ings have I been de - prived in my wretch - ed - ness, from what
 king-dom have I been ex - iled! I squan - dered the treasure that I
 re - ceived from you! and I have wan-dered far from your law. A - las,

O my poor soul, you shall be delivered to the e - ter - nal fire; be - fore the end,
 cry out to Christ our God Re - ceive me, O Lord, like the Prod - i - gal Son,
 and have mer - cy on me.

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

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 42)..

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 43), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Prodigal Son - Tone 6 samohlasen

I have wast - ed the treasure that my Fa - ther gave to me; I have lived a - mong
 sense - less beasts; I have longed to eat the food of swine, and be - cause
 no one offered it to me, I re - mained hun - gry. But now I return to my Fa - ther,
 who is so good, and with tears I cry out: Treat me as one of

your serv - ants: for I no long-er de-serve your love; and in your
mer - cy save me.

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

Aposticha doxastikon of the Meeting - *Tone 8 samohlasen*

He who rides on the Cherubim and is praised by the Ser - a - phim is now be - ing
brought into the holy Tem - ple ac - cord - ing to the Law. He is sit - ting in the arms
of an old man as though up - on a throne. From Jo - seph he receives God - pleasing
gifts, a pair of tur - tle - doves, and from the newly - chosen people of the
Gen - tiles, an un - de - filed Church. The two doves indicate that he is the head of
the two Testaments, both Old and New. As for Sim - eon, when he saw what had
been re - vealed come to pass, he re - ceived the child and blessed the vir - gin

Moth - er of God, point - ing out to her the sufferings that she would bear.

He asked the Lord to be re - leased from life, say - ing: Now you may dismiss

me, O Lord, as you have prom - ised; for my eyes have seen you, the

e - ter - nal Light, the Lord and Savior of all Chris - tian peo - - ple.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 47).

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory... now and ever...

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1

Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth

the Sun of Jus - tice, Christ our God, en - light - en - ing those who are in

dark - ness. Re-joyce al - so, you just el - der; you re - ceived in

your arms the liber - a - tor of our souls, who grants us res - ur - rec - tion.