

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.

**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**

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



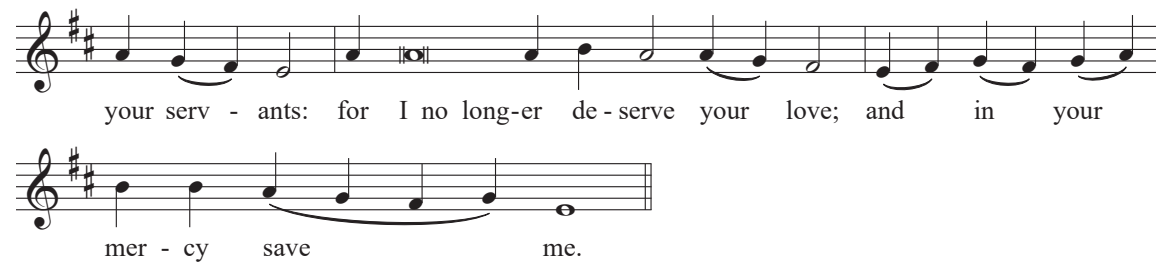
your heav - en - ly gra - na - ries and save me.

**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.



5  
 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.



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

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

**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,