

Vesper Propers, September 5, 2021
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.

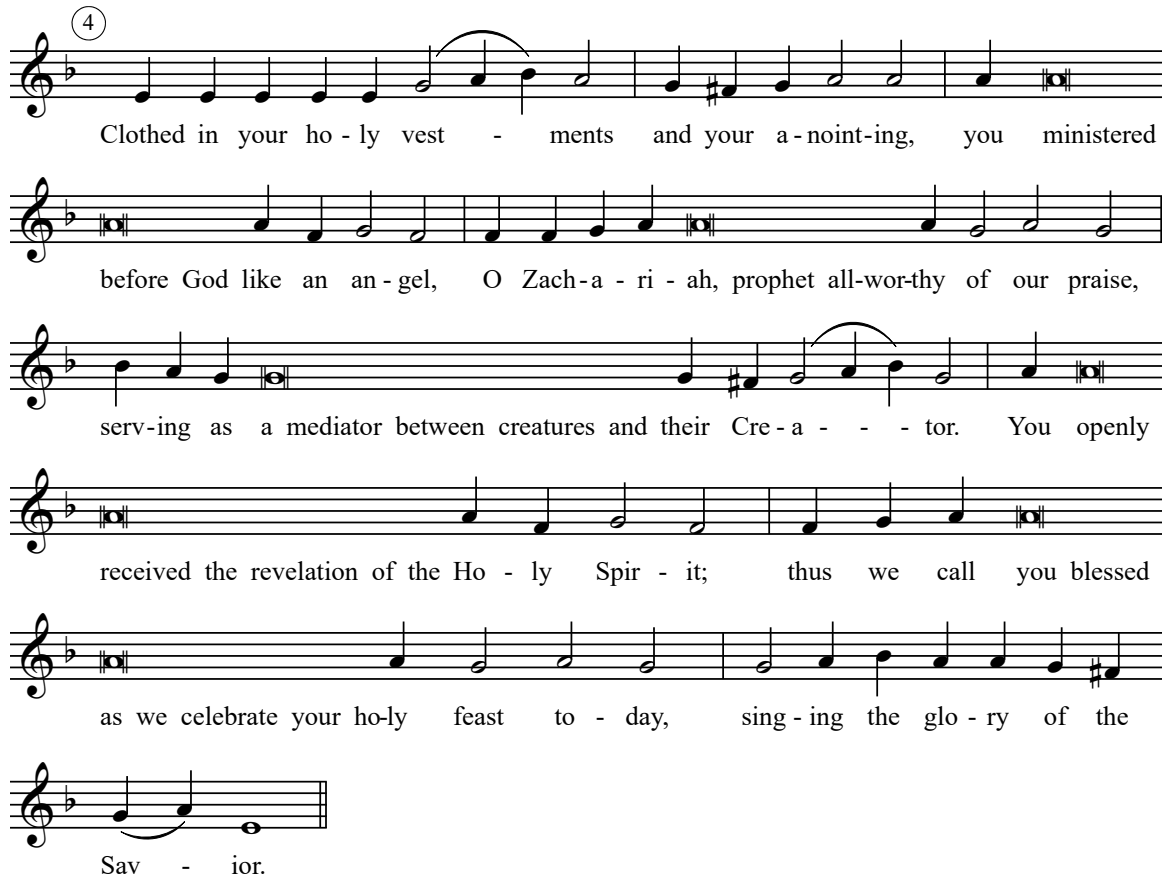
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

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

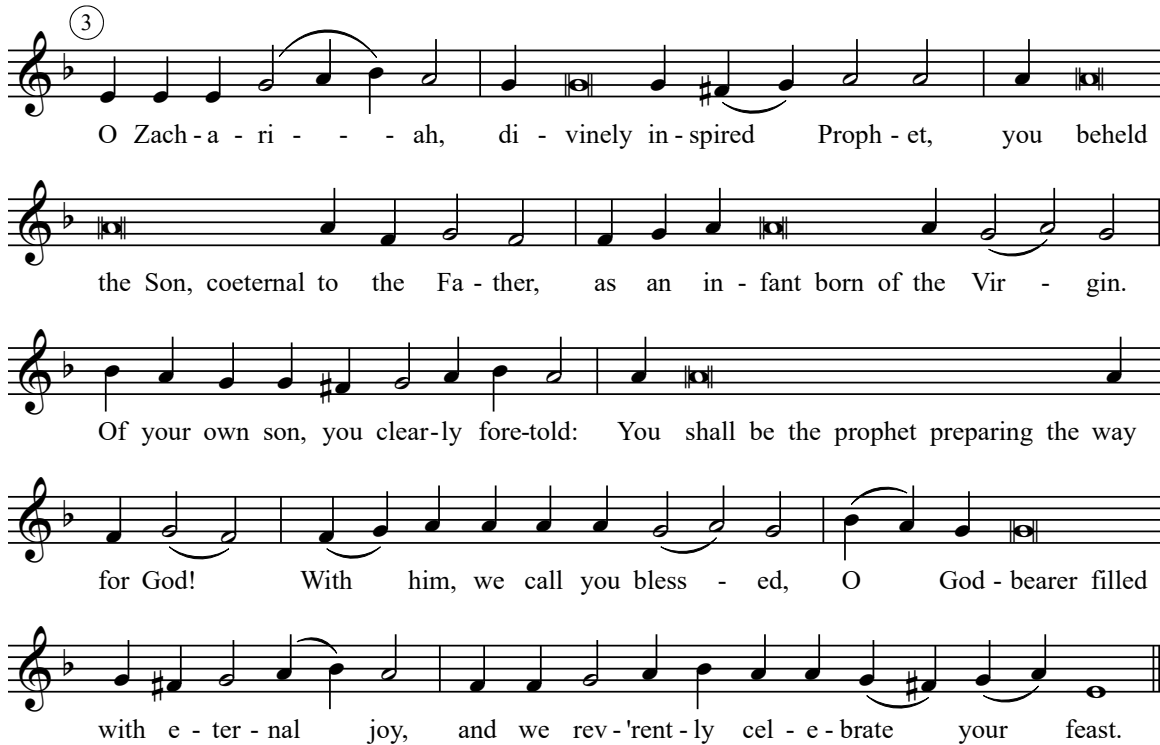
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Clothed in your ho - ly vest - ments and your a - noint-ing, you ministered
before God like an an - gel, O Zach - a - ri - ah, prophet all - wor - thy of our praise,
serv - ing as a mediator between creatures and their Cre - a - - - tor. You openly
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.

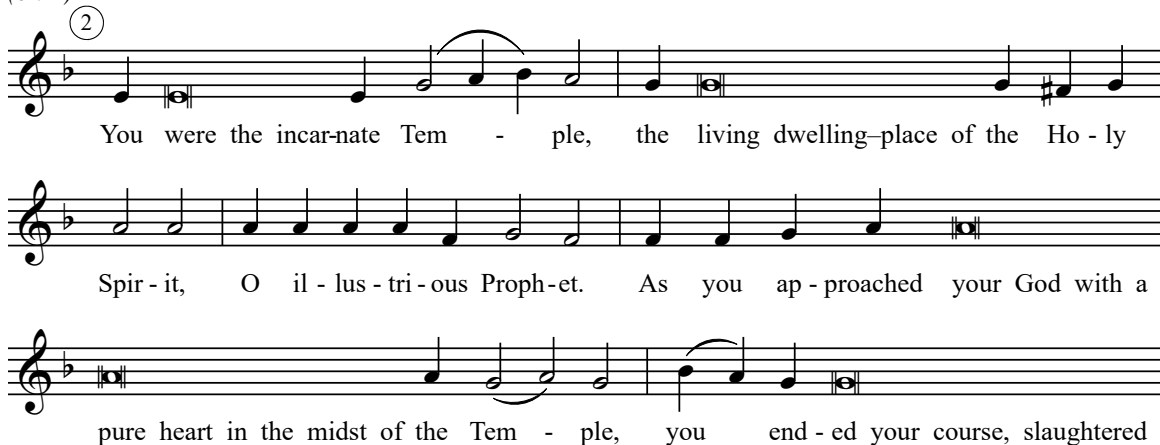
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O Zach - a - ri - - - ah, di - vinely in - spired Proph - et, you beheld
the Son, coeternal to the Fa - ther, as an in - fant born of the Vir - gin.
Of your own son, you clear-ly fore-told: You shall be the prophet preparing the way
for God! With him, 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.

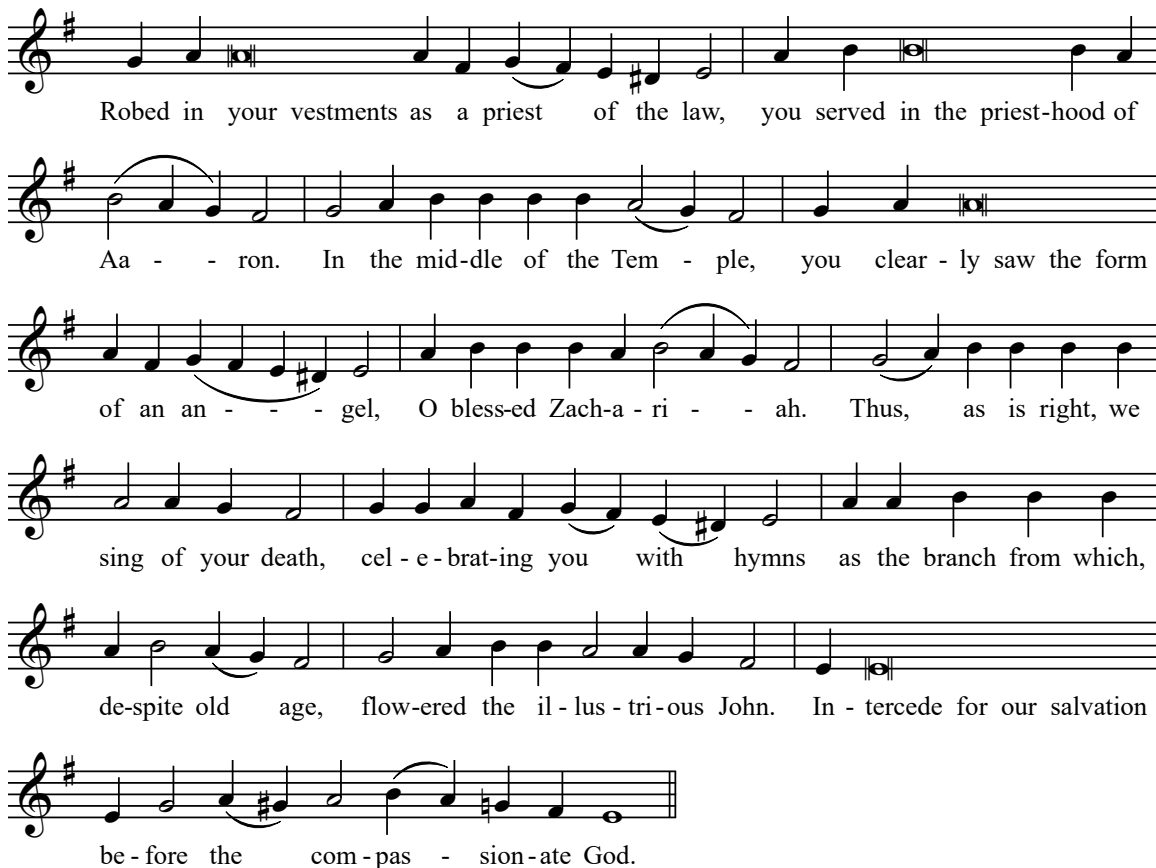
Cantor: (Tone 1) Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.
 (on 1)

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).