

**Vesper Propers, September 26, 2021**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

The passing of the holy apostle and evangelist, John the Theologian, son of Zebedee, who, with his brother James and Peter was a witness of the transfiguration and also of the passion of the Lord. At the cross he took Mary as his mother, at the command of the dying Lord. In the Gospel and his other writings he shows himself to be a theologian. He was found worthy to contemplate the glory of the incarnate Word, which he saw and proclaimed. (cf May 8)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-7.*

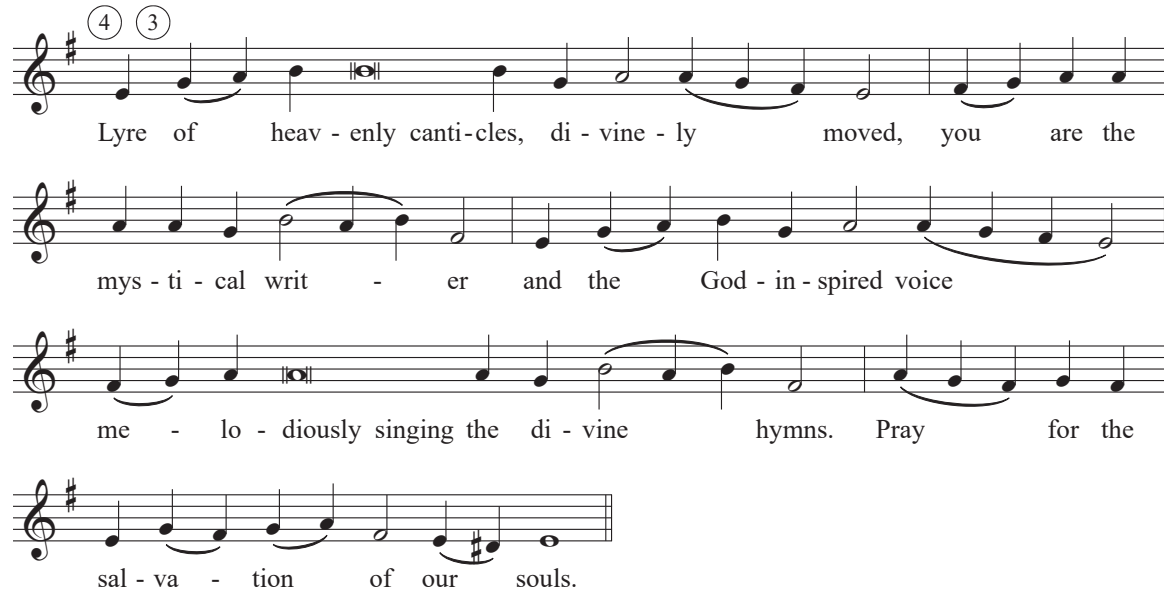
**Cantor:** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

*Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov*

As the wit-ness of revela-tions be-yond words and in-ter-pret-er  
of the sub-lime mys-t'ries of God, O son of Ze-be-dee,  
you have writ-ten the gos-pel of Christ for us. You taught us to  
glo-ri-fy the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it.

**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Repeat "As the witness of revelations...")

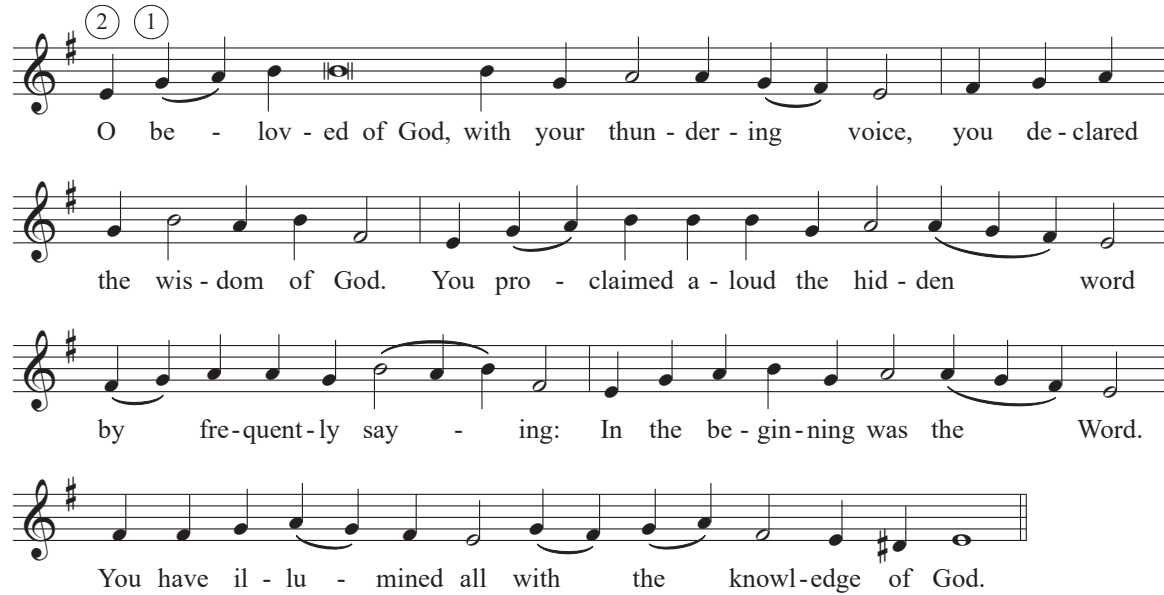
**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.



Lyre of heav - enly canti-cles, di - vine - ly moved, you are the  
 mys - ti - cal writ - er and the God - in - spired voice  
 me - lo - diously singing the di - vine hymns. Pray for the  
 sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

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



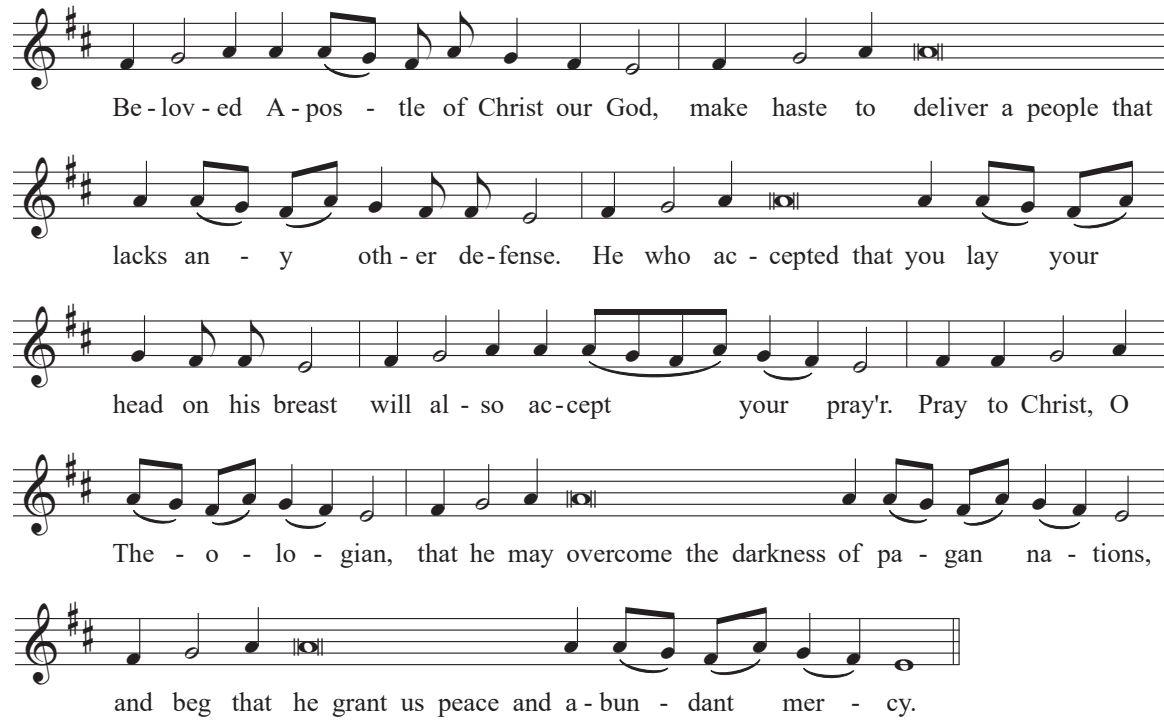
O be - lov - ed of God, with your thun - der - ing voice, you de - clared  
 the wis - dom of God. You pro - claimed a - loud the hid - den word  
 by fre - quent - ly say - ing: In the be - gin - ning was the Word.  
 You have il - lu - mined all with the knowl - edge of God.

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 34), then:*

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

**Troparion of Saint John the Theologian - Tone 2**



Be-lov-ed A-pos - tle of Christ our God, make haste to deliver a people that  
lacks an - y oth - er de-fense. He who ac - cepted that you lay your  
head on his breast will al - so ac-cept your pray'r. Pray to Christ, O  
The - o - lo - gian, that he may overcome the darkness of pa - gan na - tions,  
and beg that he grant us peace and a-bun - dant mer - cy.

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

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 47)*

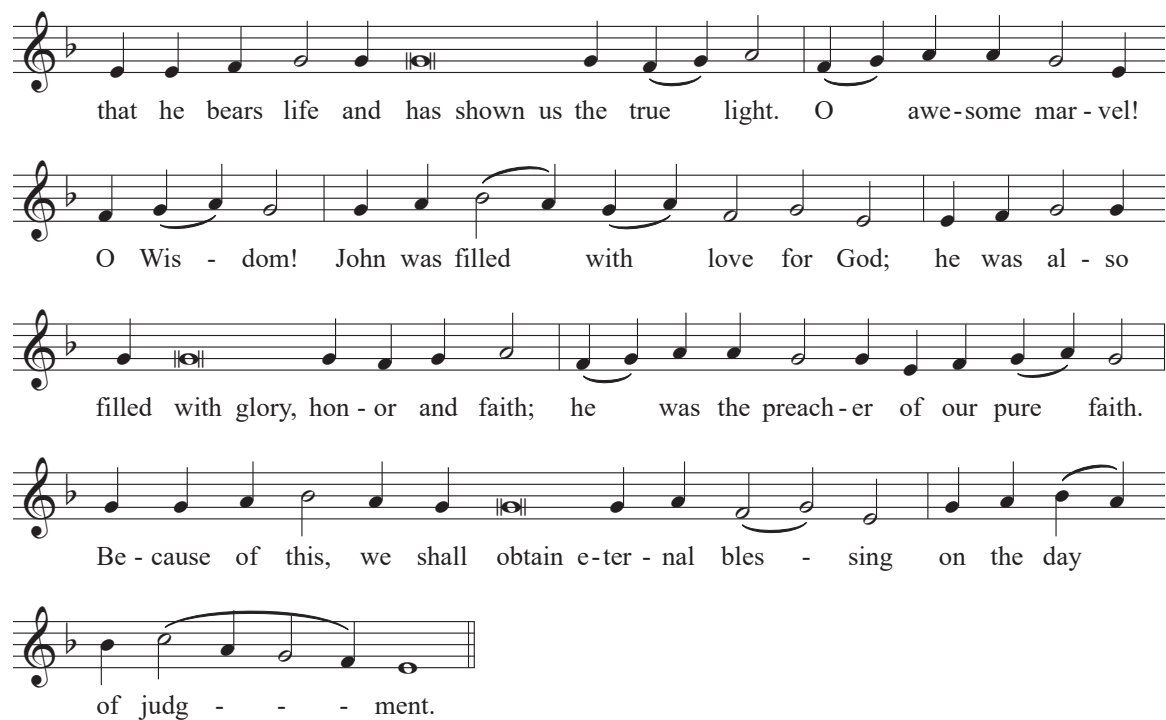
**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever. (*Repeat "O beloved of God..."*)

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

**Doxastikon - Tone 2 samohlasen**



Let all the human race sing the prais - es due to John, the son of  
thun - der, the vir - gin apostle and the bear-er of God's mes - sage,  
the chief theologian and the first to pro-claim the truths which are con-tained  
in the teachings of di-vine Wis - dom. For al - ways being filled with  
that which is di - vine, he said: In the be - gin - ning was the Word, not  
sep - a - rat - ed from the Fa - ther but e - qual to the Father accord - ing  
to his na - ture, there - by show - ing us the right worship of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty.  
He has al - so shown that the Word was with the Father, the Cre - a - tor of all,



that he bears life and has shown us the true light. O awe-some mar-vel!  
 O Wis - dom! John was filled with love for God; he was al - so  
 filled with glory, hon - or and faith; he was the preach - er of our pure faith.  
 Be - cause of this, we shall obtain e - ter - nal bles - sing on the day  
 of judg - - - ment.

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 30).*

- Readings**
- 1 John 3: 21 - 4: 6
  - 1 John 4: 11 - 16
  - 1 John 4: 20 - 5: 5

## Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 31), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the John the Theologian - Tone 6 samohlasen**



O a - pos - tle of Christ, O evangelist, O the - o - lo - gian, you were the mystic of the  
 in - ef - fa - ble mys - ter - ies. You pro - claimed to us the untold teach - ings  
 of Wis - dom. You clar - ified for the faith - ful that the word was present  
 to God in the be - gin - ning. You cast a - side the words of the her - e - tics  
 and re - ject - ed their false teach - ings. You appeared as the favorite and be - lov - ed  
 friend of Christ, e - ven as the thundering Isaiah and Mo - ses who saw God.  
 Hav - ing bold - ness be - fore him, ear - - nest - ly pray for our souls.

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).*

ev - 'ry - one was com - ing in - to the world.  
Christ is God and the Sav - ior of our souls.

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

**Theotokion**

The Son, glo - ri - fied on high with the Father and the Spirit by the Cher - u - bim,  
de - sired to re - store Ad - am. He com - plete - ly and  
in - ef - fa - bly emp - tied him - self in your womb, O ev - er - praised  
The - o - to - kos, and hav - ing shone forth from you,  
he has en - light - ened the world with his di - vin - i - ty.  
Christ, the Lord and Sav - ior of our souls, hav - ing di - vin - ized  
the hu - man race, led us back to heav - en.

**At the Litija**

*Tone 1 Bolhar*

①  
O A - pos - tle, riv - ers of the - ol - o - gy poured out of your pre - cious mouth.  
The Church of God has drunk from them and in true faith a - dores  
the con - sub - stan - tial Trin - i - ty. O John the Divine, pray to the  
Ho - ly Trin - i - ty to strength - en our Church and to  
save our souls.  
②  
The gar - den of pu - ri - ty, the fra - grant myrrh has come  
a - gain upon us in the pres - ent feast, so that we may cry  
a - loud: O John, who reclined on the Mas - ter's bos - om,  
and made the Word fall on the world like rain, you have guard - ed the Virgin

as the most cher - ished one. Ask Christ to grant us his great  
mer - - - cy.

As an eye - wit-ness of the in - ef - fa - ble mys - ter - ies, you cried out

that the eternal Word was in God, and that he is God. O A - pos - tle John,

you re-clined up - on the breast of Christ. O de-light of the Trin - i - ty,

O un - shak - a - ble for - ti - tude of Ephesus and Pat - mos, help us!

O bless - ed Theologian, pray that those who hon - or you faith - ful - ly

will be de-liv - ered from the wicked enemies of both bod - y and spir - it.

O Dis - ci - ple of the Sav - ior, O celibate and the - o - lo - gian,

Christ our God entrusted the Virgin The - o - to - kos to you. You pro-TECT-ed  
her as the most cher-ished one. There - fore, in - ter-cede that our  
souls may be saved.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Doxastikon**

*Tone 4 Bolhar*

O be - lov - ed Dis - ci - ple, at the Lord's sup - per you re-clined on

the breast of Christ the Mas - ter. From that place, you un - der - stood

things in - ef - fa - ble, and your heav - en - ly voice thun - dered to all:

In the be - gin - ning was the Word; the Word was in God's

pres - ence, and the Word was God. The true light which gives light to