

Vesper Propers, February 2, 2025
Sunday of Zacchaeus

THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON AND ANNA, celebrated forty days after the Birth of the Savior on Dec. 25. Coming to his believing and exultant people, as “a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of his people Israel.” St. Sophronius of Jerusalem wrote about this feast: “Let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light. Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the One who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal Light.”

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 58), stichera 10-7.

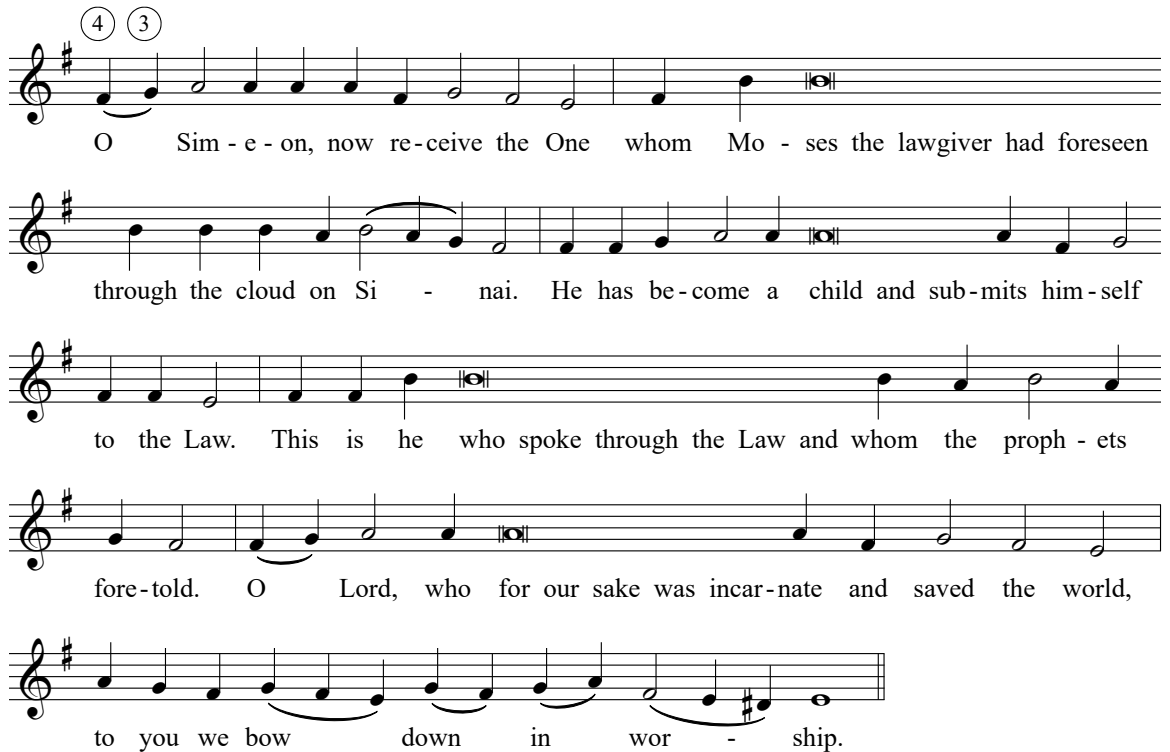
Cantor: (Tone 1) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you.

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: 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.
All repeat "O Simeon, tell us..."

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



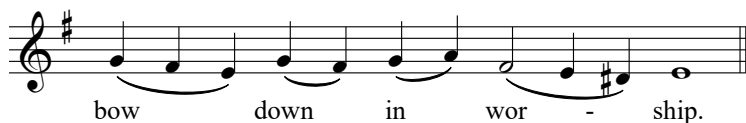
O Simeon, now receive the One whom Moses the lawgiver had foreseen through the cloud on Sinai. He has become a child and submits himself to the Law. This is he who spoke through the Law and whom the prophets fore-told. O Lord, who for our sake was incarnate and saved the world, to you we bow down in worship.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
All repeat "O Simeon, now receive the One us..."

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



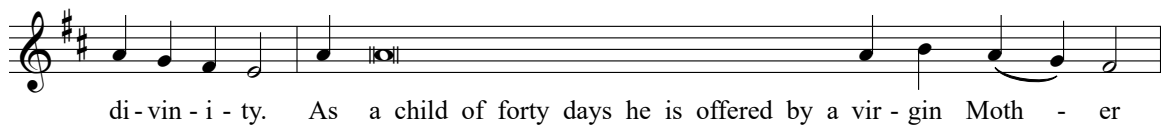
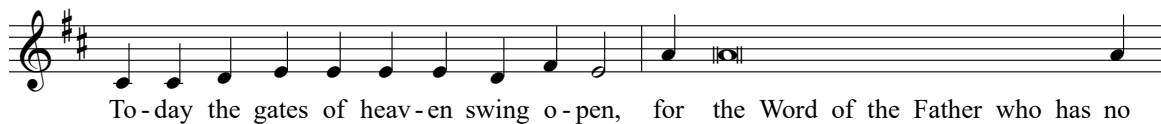
O faithful, come, let us welcome Christ and receive him with hymns of



Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever. All repeat "O faithful, come..."

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...now and ever...

Doxastikon of the Meeting - Tone 6 samohlasen





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!

Hymn of the Evening, p. 12

Prokeimenon for Saturday evening, p 114

Readings:

Composite V

Isaiah 6: 1 - 12

Isaiah 19: 1 - 5, 12, 16, 19 - 21

The service continues with the Litany of Fervent Supplication, p.13

Litija

Tone 4 Bolhar



To-day, the ho - ly Moth - er who is high - er than an - y tem - ple



has her-self come in - to the Tem - ple to show the world the



Cre - a - tor and Giv - er of the Law. Sim - e - on the El - der



re-ceives him in his arms; he ven - er - ates him and cries a - loud:



Now let your serv - ant de-part in peace, for I have seen



you, the Sav - ior of our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Glory...

Litija Doxastikon - Tone 5 Bolhar



Search the Scrip-tures as Christ our God said in the Gos - pels; for in them



we find him who was born and wrapped in swad - dling clothes,



the One laid in a man - ger and fed up - on milk, who re - ceived



cir - cum - ci - sion and was car - ried by Sim - e - on. Not in fan - cy, nor in



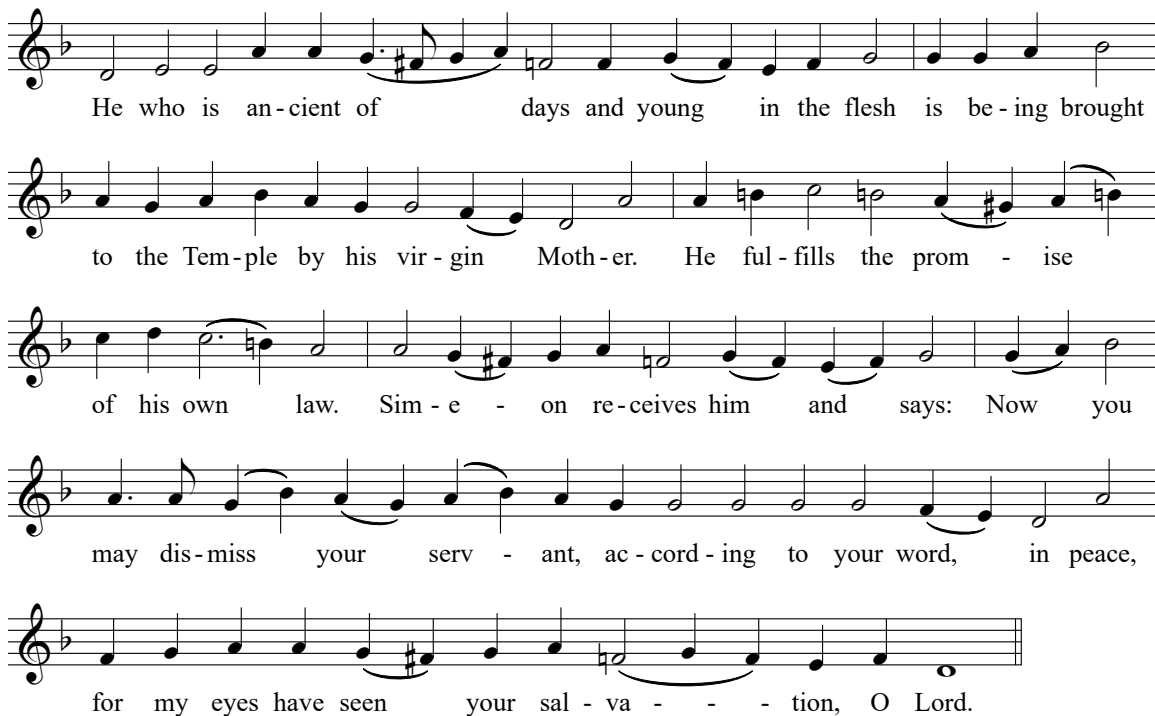
im - ag - in - a - tion, but in ve - ry truth has he ap - peared to the world.



Let us cry out to him: Glo - ry to you, O Pre - e - ter - nal God!

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion - same tone



He who is an-cient of days and young in the flesh is be-ing brought
to the Tem-ple by his vir-gin Moth-er. He ful-fills the prom-ise
of his own law. Sim-e-on re-ceives him and says: Now you
may dis-miss your serv-ant, ac-cord-ing to your word, in peace,
for my eyes have seen your sal-va-tion, O Lord.

The service continues with the Litany of the Litija, p 116.

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 65), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...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 Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 1

Sung once by the priest and twice by the faithful

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.

The service continues with the Blessing of Bread, p. 119