Matins Propers
Bright Wednesday


On each day of Bright Week, Matins is celebrated as on the Sunday of Pascha except that:

- The Paschal procession is omitted. The opening Paschal troparion and its verses are sung as the celebrant stands at the holy table.

- Small Litanies are not intoned after every Ode of the canon, but only after the third, sixth and ninth Odes.

At the Praises

On Wednesday, the opening verses of Psalm 148, and the four stichera of the Resurrection are sung in Tone 4.

Psalm 140 - Tone 4 samohlasen

Let ev'rything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the heights. To you is due a hymn, O God. Praise him, all his an - - gels,

The recited verses are on pages 35-36. Then:
Cantor:  
(Tone 4)  Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness.

Stichera of the Resurrection - Tone 4 samohlasen

All-powerful Lord, you endured the cross and death and rose from the dead.

We glorify your resurrection.

Cantor:  
O praise him with sound of trumpet, praise him with lute and harp.

By your cross, O Christ, you freed us from the ancient curse and by your death you vanquished Satan who had tyrannized the human race. By your resurrection, you filled all things with joy. Therefore we cry out to you:

Glory to you, O Lord, risen from the dead!

Cantor:  
Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipes.

By your cross, O Christ our Savior, show us the way to your truth and deliver us from the Enemy's snares. You rose from the dead; now
raise us up, for we have fallen into sin. Reach out your hand, O Lord,
Lover of us all, through the intercession of your saints.

Cantor: O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cymbals, let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

Never leaving the Father's bosom, O only-begotten Word of God, you came to earth out of love for humanity, and became man without change; although your divinity cannot suffer, you endured the cross and death in the flesh, for you alone are all-powerful.

The service continues with the Paschal Stichera on page 38.