

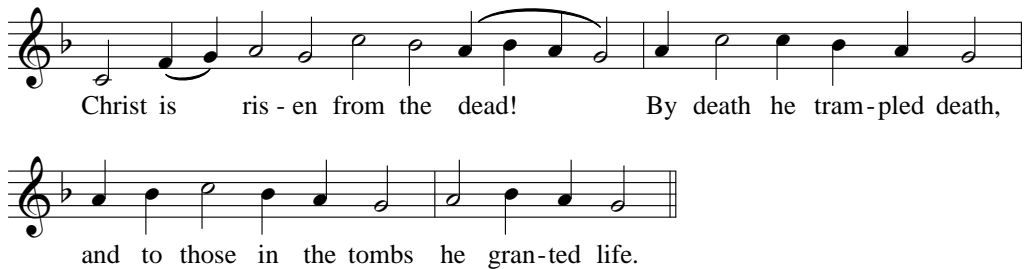
## Moleben to the Holy Apostle, Protomartyr, and Archdeacon Stephen

**Priest:** Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and forever.



Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,  
everywhere present and filling all things,  
Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life,  
come and dwell within us,  
cleanse us of all stain,  
and save our souls, O *gracious* One.

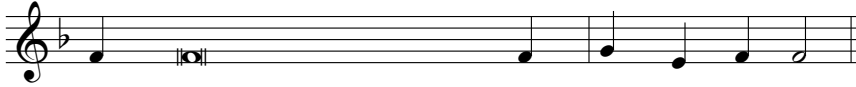
*During the Paschal season, omit "Gloria to you" and "Heavenly King" and sing three times:*



Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,  
have mercy *on* us. (*3 times*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and forever. *Amen.*

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us;  
Lord, cleanse us of our sins;  
Master, forgive our transgressions;  
Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for *your* name's sake.

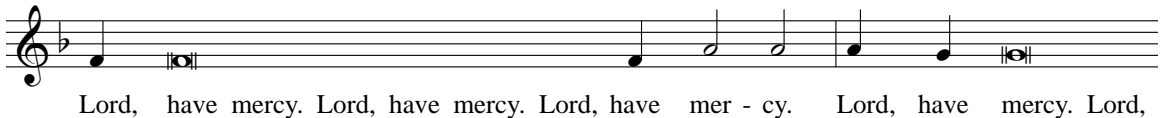


Lord, have mercy. Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer - cy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us *from* evil.

**Priest:** For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.



Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mercy. Lord,



have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.

(sung twice)

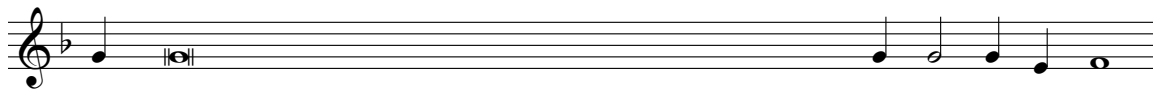
Glory to the Father, and to the the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and forever. Amen.

## Call to Worship

*Each time with a reverence:*



Come, let us worship our King and God. Come, let us worship Christ, our King and God.



Come, let us worship and bow before the only Lord Jesus Christ, the King and our God.

## Psalm 142

O Lord, listen to my prayer: turn your ear to my appeal.  
You are faithful, you are just; *give* answer.

Do not call your servant to judgment  
for no one is just in *your* sight.

The enemy pursues my soul;  
he has crushed my life to *the* ground;

he has made me dwell in darkness  
like the dead, long *forgotten*.

Therefore my spirit fails;  
my heart is numb *within* me.

I remember the days that are past:  
I ponder all *your* works.

I muse on what your hand has wrought  
and to you I stretch out my hands.  
Like a parched land my soul thirsts *for* you.

Lord, make haste and answer;  
for my spirit fails *within* me.

Do not hide your face  
lest I become like those in *the* grave.

In the morning let me know your love  
for I put my trust *in* you.

Make me know the way I should walk:  
to you I lift up *my* soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies;  
I have fled to you *for* refuge.

Teach me to do your will  
for you, O Lord, are *my* God.

Let your good spirit guide me  
in ways that are level *and* smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life;  
in your justice save my soul from *distress*.

In your love make an end of my foes;  
destroy all those who oppress me  
for I am your servant, *O* Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:  
now and ever and forever. *Amen*.

*Three times, each with a reverence:*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory to you, *O* God!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory to you, *O* God!

*The third time, with melody:*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to you, O God!

The musical notation is a single line of music on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes for the first three phrases and a mix of quarter and eighth notes for the final phrase. 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*The deacon chants on one tone:*

**Deacon:** The Lord is God and has revealed himself to us;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Response:**

*Troparion Tone 4*

The Lord is God and has re-vealed him-self to us; bless-ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.

*The deacon remains at the ambon and chants the verses. If there is no deacon, the priest remains at the holy doors and chants the verses.*

**Deacon:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his love endures forever.

**Response:** *repeat "The Lord is God..."*

**Deacon:** They encircled me, compassed me about;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.

**Response:** *repeat "The Lord is God..."*

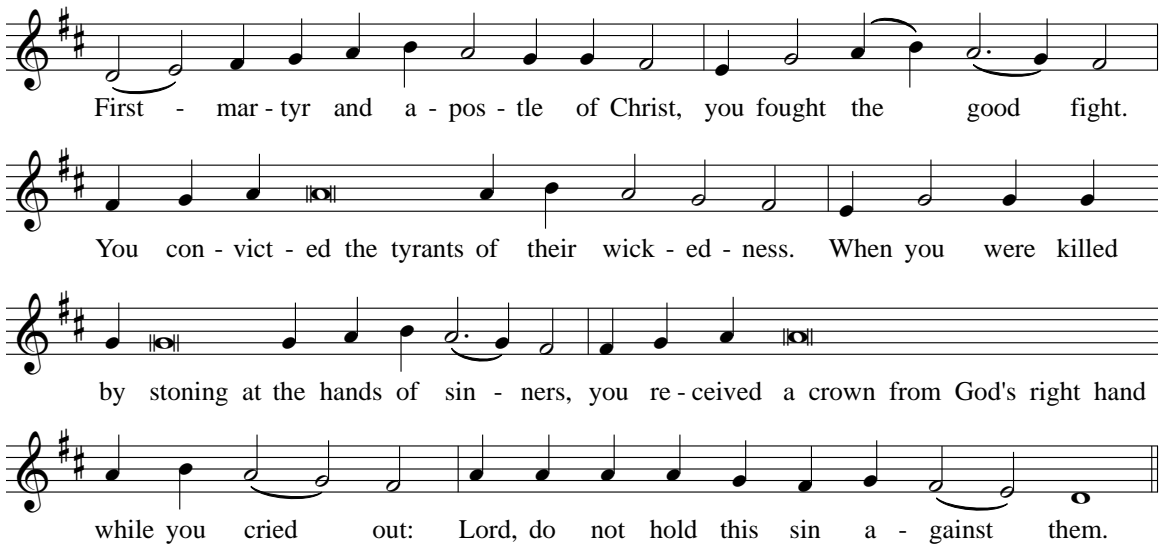
**Deacon:** I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**Response:** *repeat "The Lord is God..."*

**Deacon:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

**Response:** *repeat "The Lord is God..."*

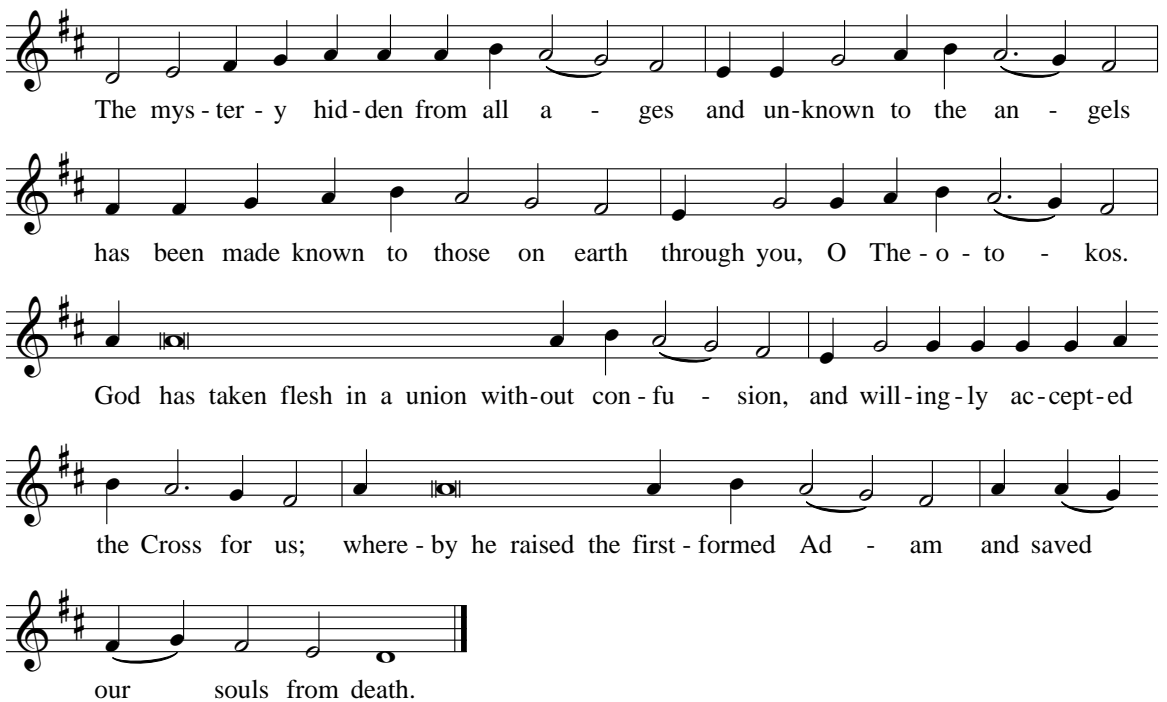
**Troparion - Tone 4**



First - mar - tyr and a - pos - tle of Christ, you fought the good fight.  
You con - vict - ed the tyrants of their wick - ed - ness. When you were killed  
by stoning at the hands of sin - ners, you re - ceived a crown from God's right hand  
while you cried out: Lord, do not hold this sin a - gainst them.

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

**Festal Theotokion - Tone 4**



The mys - ter - y hid - den from all a - ges and un - known to the an - gels  
has been made known to those on earth through you, O The - o - to - kos.  
God has taken flesh in a union with - out con - fu - sion, and will - ing - ly ac - cept - ed  
the Cross for us; where - by he raised the first - formed Ad - am and saved  
our souls from death.

## Exaltation

We ex - tol you, O holy pro - to - mar - tyr Ste - phen, and we  
hon - or your pre - cious suf - fer - ings which you en - dured  
for Christ.

*The deacon chants the following verses, and the faithful repeat the Exaltation after each verse.*

**Verse:** God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand in times of distress.

**Verse:** We went through fire and water, but then you brought us relief.

**Verse:** Many are the trials of the just one, but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

**Verse:** The just will rejoice in the Lord and fly to him for refuge. All the upright hearts will glory.

**Verse:** Glory...now and ever...

*Then three times, each with a reverence:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to you, O God!

*All repeat "We extol you..."*





**Deacon:** Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord!

**Response:**

*Troparion Tone 4*

Let ev - 'ry - thing that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord,  
give praise to the Lord!

**Deacon:** Praise God in his holy place; praise him in his mighty heavens.

*All repeat "Let everything that lives..."*

**Deacon:** That we may be deemed worthy of hearing the holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord, our God.

**Response:**

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Let us stand and listen to the holy Gospel.

**Priest:** Peace be to all!

**Response:**

And to your spi - - - it.

**Priest:** A reading of the holy Gospel according to Luke

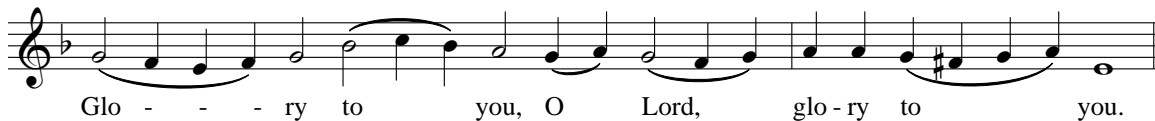
**Response:**

Glo - - - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry to you.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive.

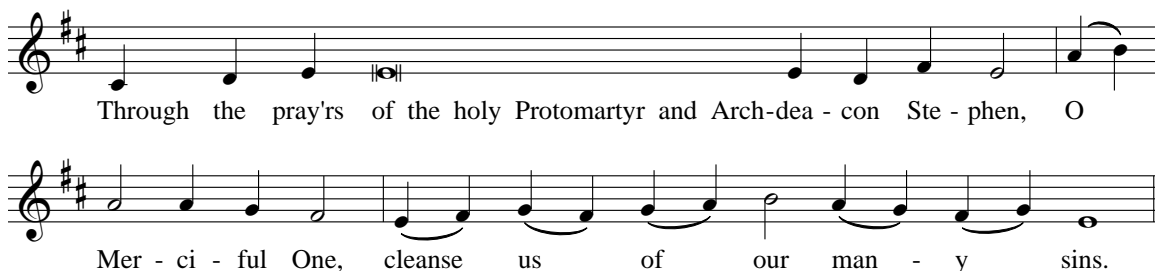
**Priest:** [Luke 12:2-12 - *Friday of the 24th Week after Pentecost*]

**Response:**



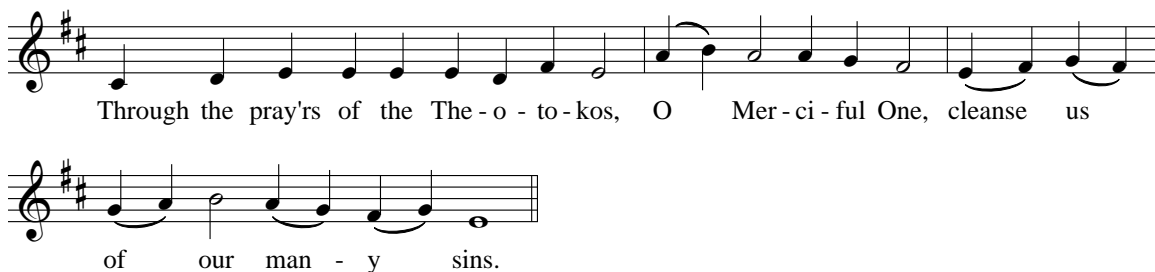
Glo - - - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry to you.

**Cantor:** (*Tone 6*) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.



Through the pray'rs of the holy Protomartyr and Arch-dea - con Ste - phen, O  
Mer - ci - ful One, cleanse us of our man - y sins.

**Cantor:** Now and ever and forever. Amen.

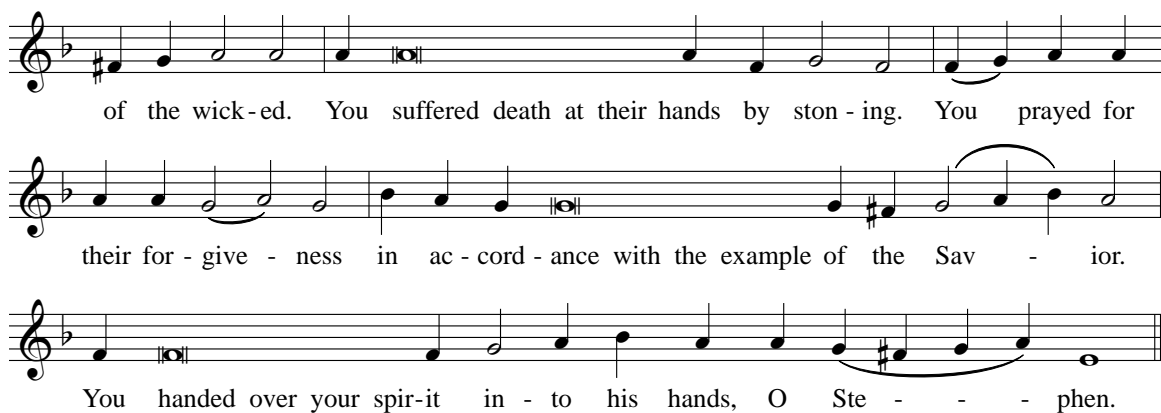


Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Mer - ci - ful One, cleanse us  
of our man - y sins.

**Cantor:** (*Tone 4*) Have mercy on me, O God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offense.

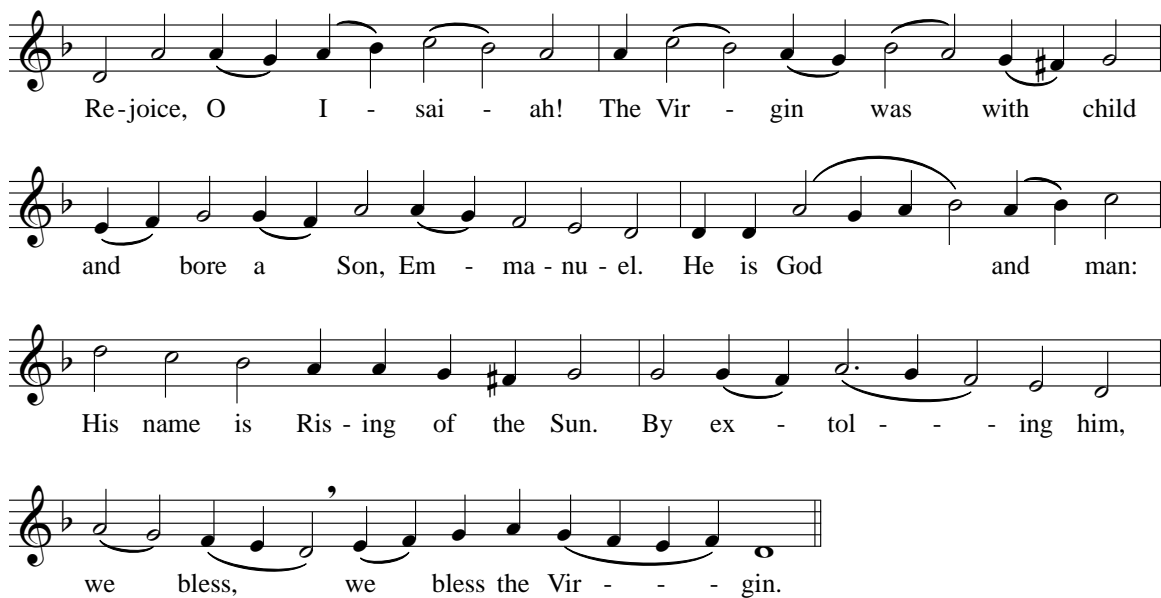


Shin - ing brightly with signs, marvels, and teach - ings, you surpassed the assem - bly



of the wick-ed. You suffered death at their hands by ston-ing. You prayed for  
 their for-give-ness in ac-cord-ance with the example of the Sav-ior.  
 You handed over your spir-it in-to his hands, O Ste-phen.

### Ode 9 - Irmos



Re-joyce, O I-sai-ah! The Vir-gin was with child  
 and bore a Son, Em-ma-nu-el. He is God and man:  
 His name is Ris-ing of the Sun. By ex-tol-ling him,  
 we bless, we bless the Vir-gin.

#### *Refrain*



Ho-ly Pro-to-mar-tyr Ste-phen, pray to God for us.

*The lector chants the verses recitando:*

O Stephen, you have surpassed all the degrees of praise, and with every word you carried away trophies of victory. For the human mind is incapable of weaving a crown of praise worthy of you.

*Refrain*

O, the blessed voice with which you held forth, O Stephen! Lay not this sin to the charge of my murderers, O Master Christ, you cried: But, as you are my God and Creator, receive my spirit as a sacrifice of most sweet scent. *Refrain*

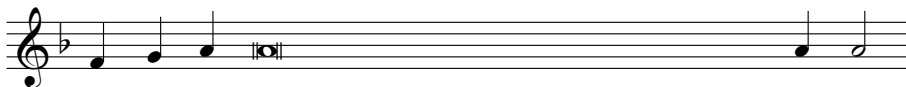
You received recompense for your sufferings: a victor's wreath from the right hand of the Almighty, and now, O most blessed one, standing before the King of all, with glory and grace crown them that praise you. *Refrain*

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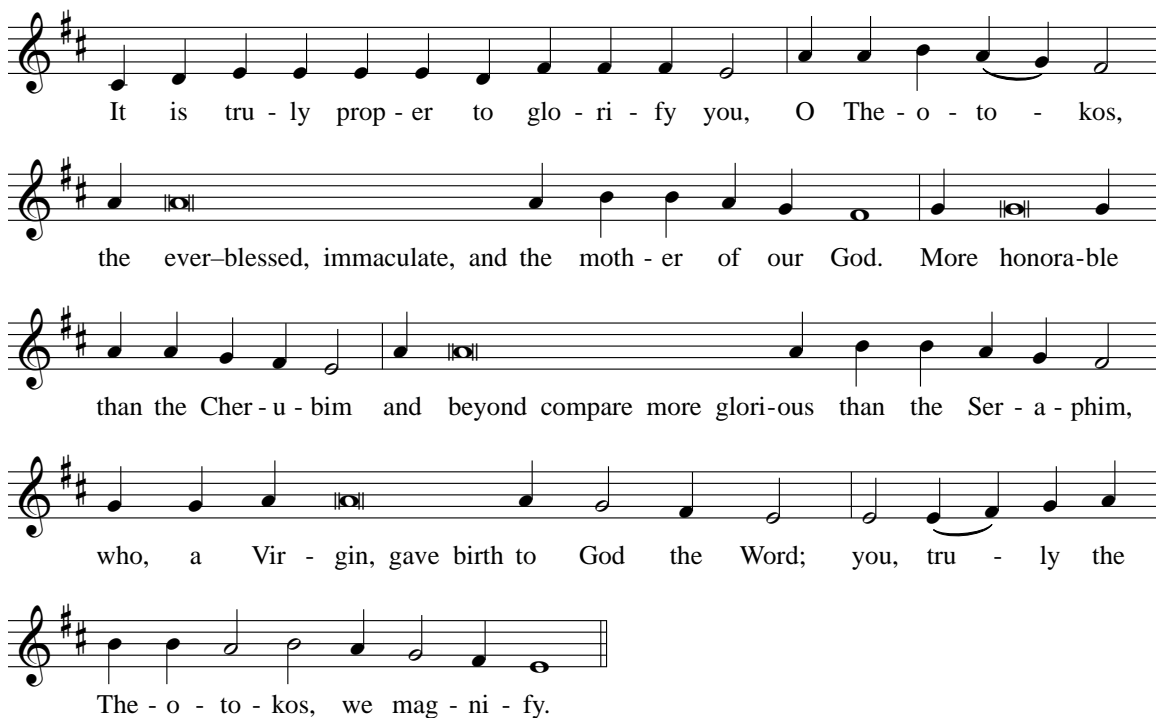
Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it;



now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

The timeless Son, begotten of the Father, has received from the Virgin a beginning of existence in time. Slain for his sake, Stephen, the imitator of Christ, has now inherited everlasting life from its origin.

Then we sing the Hymn to the Theotokos:



It is tru - ly prop - er to glo - ri - fy you, O The - o - to - kos,  
the ever-blessed, immaculate, and the moth - er of our God. More honora-ble  
than the Cher - u - bim and beyond compare more glori-ous than the Ser - a - phim,  
who, a Vir - gin, gave birth to God the Word; you, tru - ly the  
The - o - to - kos, we mag - ni - fy.

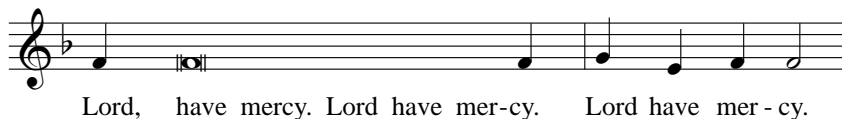
*During the Paschal season, "Shine in splendor" is sung in place of "It is truly proper."*

### Trisagion Prayers

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,  
have mercy *on* us. (3 times)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; Lord, cleanse us of our sins; Master, forgive our transgressions; Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.



Lord, have mercy. Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy.

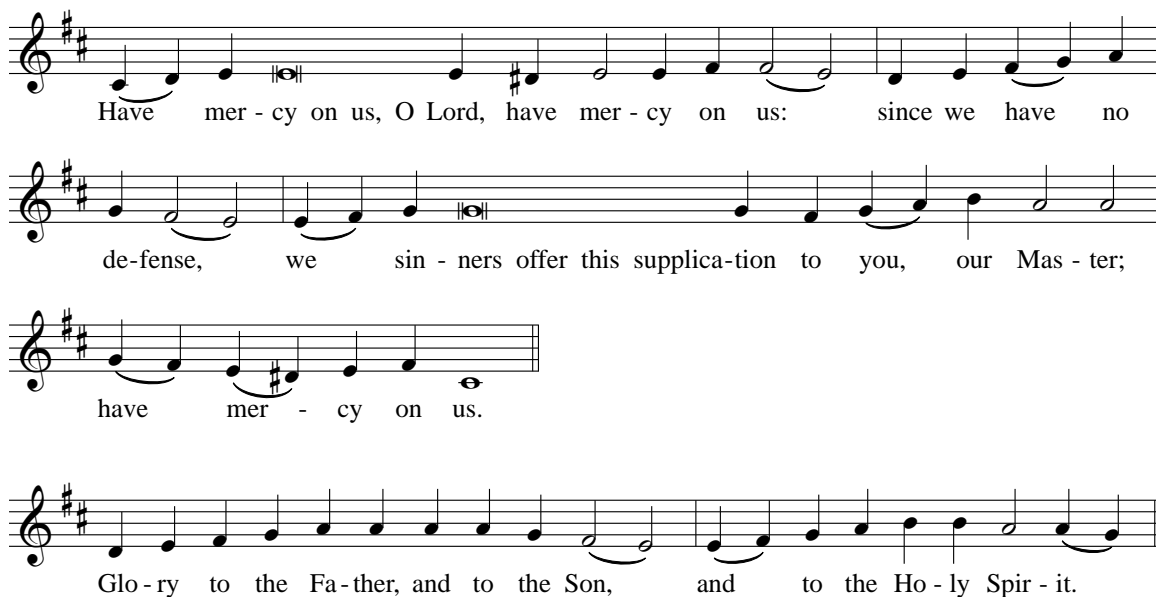
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us *from* evil.

**Priest:** For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

**Response:**   
A - men.

**Troparion - Tone 6 (adapt.):**



Have mer - cy on us, O Lord, have mer - cy on us: since we have no  
de-fense, we sin - ners offer this supplica-tion to you, our Mas - ter;  
have mer - cy on us.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

**Kontakion - Tone 6 Troparion (adapt.):**



Lord, have mer - cy on us, for in you we place our hope.



Be not ex - ceed - ing - ly an - gry with us, nor mind - ful of our



trans - ges - sions, but look up - on us even now with mer - cy,



and de - liv - er us from our en - e - mies. For you are our God



and we are your peo - ple: we all are the work of your hands,



and we call up - on your name.



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

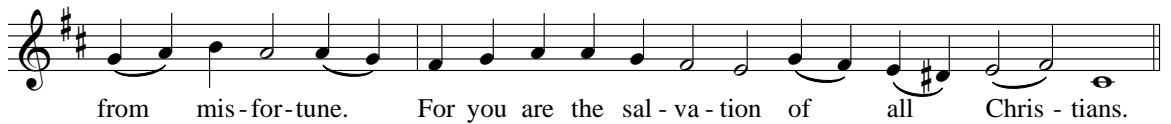
**Theotokion - Tone 6 Troparion (adapt.):**



O - pen un - to us the doors of mer - cy, O bless - ed The - o - to - kos.



Let us not per - ish who place our trust in you, but rath - er through you be de - liv - ered




from mis-for-tune. For you are the sal - va - tion of all Chris - tians.

### Litany of Fervent Supplication

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

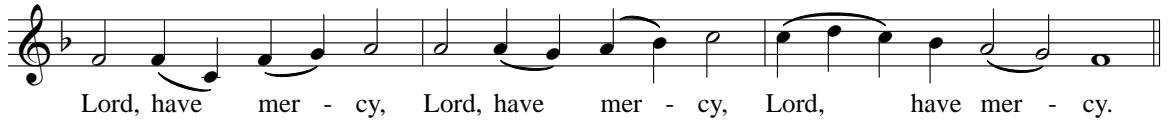
**Response:**



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for our holy father, (*Name*), pope of Rome, and for our most reverend metropolitan, (*Name*), for the God-loving bishop, (*Name*), for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

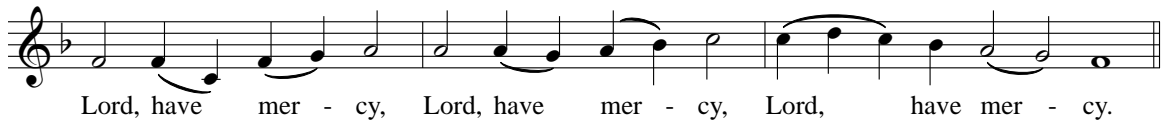
**Response:**



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for our government and for all in the service of our country.

**Response:**



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*(Special petitions may be inserted here if desired.)*

**Deacon:** Again we pray for the people here present who await your great and abundant mercy, for those who show us mercy, and for all Christians of the true faith.



**Response:**



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

**Priest:** For you are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

**Response:**



A - men.

**Deacon:** Bowing our heads in humility. let us pray.

**Response:**



Lord, have mer - cy.

**Priest:** Holy Apostle Stephen, you shone forth as the first deacon and the first martyr. You were full of faith and strength in teaching and great works. No one was able to oppose what you said in wisdom and spirit, for your face shone like that of an angel. Therefore, you were full of the Holy Spirit, and saw the heavens open, and the divine glory of the Son of Man, our Lord Jesus Christ standing at the right hand of God the Father. Then, out of cruelty and murderous intent, those standing by took up stones to kill him, as he knelt and cried out in a loud voice, “Father, do not hold this sin against them,” and thus you joyfully gave up your spirit to your Lord Jesus. Therefore, because of your prayers and intercession for them, we too pray to you, bending the knees of our soul and heart: raise your hands before the Lord, and, by the intercession and protection of his most holy virgin mother, bring the whole human race to her Son, and always pray for us, who are troubled by sins and laziness.

**Priest:** Give us the grace of timely aids to repentance, and by the intercession and assistance of your most holy mother, on that fearful and just day, that we may not stand before him in our sins, but in his compassionate love and mercy, and that he may say to our soul: I am your salvation forever and ever.

**Response:**   
A - men.

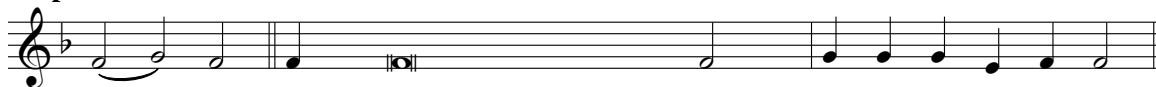
### Dismissal

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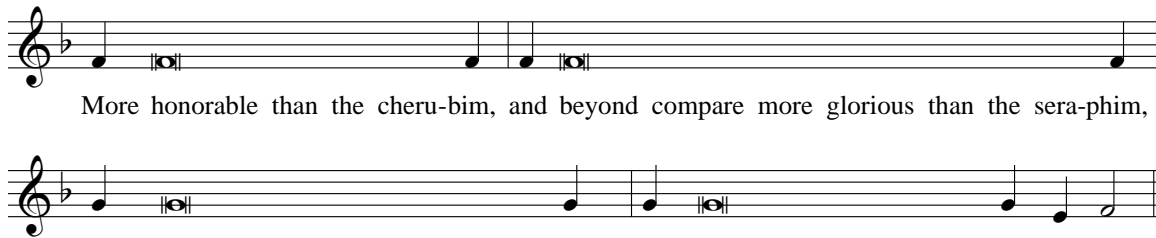
**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Response:**   
Give the bles - sing.

**Priest:** Blessed is Christ our God, the One-Who-Is, always, now and ever and forever.

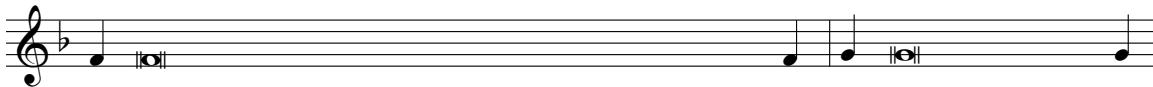
**Response:**   
A - men. O God, strengthen the true faith, for - ev - er and ev - er.

**Priest:** O most holy Theotokos, save us!

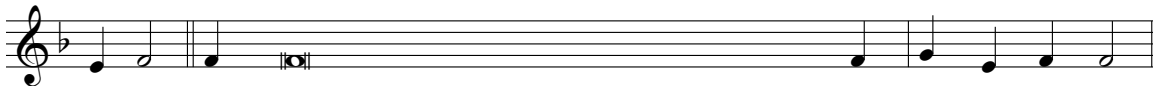
**Response:**   
More honorable than the cheru-bim, and beyond compare more glorious than the sera-phim,  
who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word, you, truly the Theotokos, we mag - ni - fy.

**Priest:** Glory to you, O Christ God, our hope; glory to you!

**Response:**



Glo-ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it; now and ever and for ev-er.



A-men. Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mer-cy. Give the bless-ing.

**Priest:** May Christ our true God, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother; through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostle, protomartyr and archdeacon Stephen, [of the holy *saint of the day*], and through the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all..

**Response:**



A - - - - - men.

### Paschal Dismissal

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

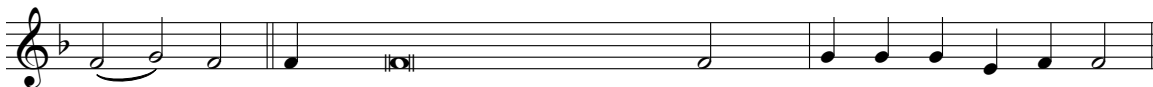
**Response:**



Give the bles-sing.

**Priest:** Blessed is Christ our God, the One-Who-Is, always, now and ever and forever.

**Response:**



A - men. O God, strengthen the true faith, for - ev - er and ev - er.

**Priest:** O most holy Theotokos, save us!

**Response:**



Shine in splendor, O new Je - ru - sa - lem; for the glory of the Lord is risen up - on



you. O Zi - on, now dance and be glad; and you, pure Theotokos, rejoice in the



re - sur - rec - tion of your Son.

**Priest:** Glory to you, O Christ God, our hope; glory to you!

**Response:**



Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled death; and to those in the tombs



he grant - ed life. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Give the bles - sing.

**Priest:** May Christ our true God, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother; through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostle, protomartyr and archdeacon Stephen, [of the holy *saint of the day*], and through the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all..



**Response:**

A - - - - - men.