

Great Vespers for the Ascension of Our Lord

PR: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity, now and ever and forever.

R: Amen.

Come, let us adore the King, our God.

Come, let us adore Christ, the King and our God.

Come, let us adore and bow down to the only Lord Jesus Christ the King and our God.

(Sit)

PSALM 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

You are very great, O Lord my God.

Clothed in pomp and brilliance;

arrayed with light as with a cloak.

Stretching out the sky as a tent cloth,

covering your lofty halls with water.

You make the clouds your conveyance;

you surge on the wings of the wind.

You make spirits your messengers,

and flaming fire your attendants.

You settle the earth on its firm foundation;

it shall stand unmoved from age to age.

The abyss covers it like a garment,

waters stand over the mountains.

At Your rebuke they will take flight;

at the peal of Your thunder they will fear.

They hurdle the hills and run down the dales,
to the place you have chosen for them.

You have set up a boundary not to be passed;
they shall never return to cover the earth.

Down in the gullies You make springs to rise;

water shall go down between the
mountains.

They shall give drink to the beasts of the
field,

wild asses will seek them to quench their
thirst.

The birds of the air will abide by them;

from among the rocks they will raise their
song.

From your lofty halls you refresh the
mountains;

the earth shall be fed with the fruit of
your works.

You make green pastures for the cattle,

and food plants for the service of man.

So that bread may be brought forth from the
earth,

and wine that gladdens the heart of man.

So that oil may put a gleam upon his face;

and that bread may strengthen the heart
of man.

The trees of the plain will be satisfied,

the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.

The sparrows will build their nests in them;
and the herons will call them their home.
To the deer belong high mountains,
to rodents the shelter of the rocks.

You have made the moon to mark the
seasons,
the sun knows the time of its setting.
You establish darkness and it is night,
wherein the forest creatures prowl around.

Young lions roar for their prey,
and call out to God for their meat.
As the sun rises, they will come together,
and lay themselves down in their dens.

Man will go out to his labor,
and work until eventide.
How great are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom You have made them all. The
earth is filled with Your creatures.

Even the wide and open sea itself,
within it there are countless creeping
things, living beings small and large.
Upon it there are ships a-sailing,
and that great beast You made to have fun.

All of them look up to You,
to give them their food in due time.
You provide and they gather up;
You open Your hand and they are full.

You hide your face and they cringe;
You suspend their breath, and the die and
return to their dust.
You send forth your breath and they live;
You renew the face of the earth!

May the Lord's glory endure forever,
may the Lord rejoice in His works.
He looks upon the earth and makes it quake;
He touches the mountains and they
smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will praise my God as long as I last.
Would that my thoughts be pleasing to Him;
and I will rejoice in the Lord.

May sinners vanish from the earth,
and may the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord,
O my soul!

The sun knows the time of its setting.
You establish darkness and it is night.
How great are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom You have wrought them all.

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to You, O God (*three times*)

(You may sit during the Litany)

LITANY OF PEACE

Pr: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R: **Lord, have mercy.** (*after each petition*)

Pr: For peace from on high, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Pr: For peace throughout the world, for the well-being of God's holy churches and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Pr: For this holy church, and for all who enter it with faith, reverence and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Pr: For our most holy universal Pontiff *N.*, Pope of Rome, for our most blessed Patriarch, *N.*, our most reverend Metropolitan, *N.*, our God-loving Bishop, *N.*, the reverend priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and the people, *let* us pray to the Lord.

Pr: For our nation under God, for our government and for all the military, let us pray to the Lord.

Pr: For this city, for every city and country and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Pr: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Pr: For the seafarers and travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for those held captive and for their salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Pr: That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath and misfortune, let us pray to the Lord.

Pr: Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by your grace.

Pr: Remembering our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

R: **To you, O Lord.**

Pr: For all glory, honor and worship befit you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

R: **Amen.**

STAND

[illegible]

of the wick--ed. Al--le--lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia, Al--le--



lu----ia. For the Lord knows the way of the just, and the way of the



wick--ed will per-ish. Al--le--lu--ia, Al--le--lu---ia, Al--le--lu-ia,



Al--le--lu-----ia.

PSALM 140

O Lord, I have cried to You, hear me.
receive the voice of my prayer when I call upon You.

Let my prayer rise like incense before You,
the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.
Set a guard, O Lord, before my mouth
and a portal around my lips.
Incline my heart away from evil dealings,
from finding excuses for sinful deeds.

In company with those who work iniquity,
let me not partake of what they chose.
May the just man chasten me with justice and reprove me;
may the oil of the wicked never touch my head.

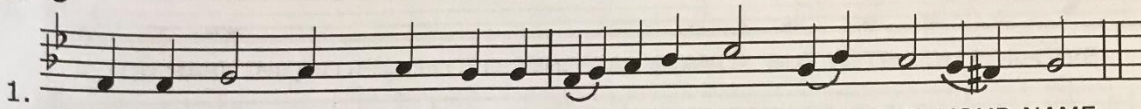
Yet even then shall I pray for their welfare.
Their rulers were swallowed near the rock.
My words will be heard for they were sweet.
As a lump of clay broken on the ground so their bones were strewn near the grave.

To you, Lord, O Lord, my eyes are lifted up;
In You have I hoped; let not my soul be lost.
Keep me from the snare that was set up for me
and from the stumbling blocks of the wicked.

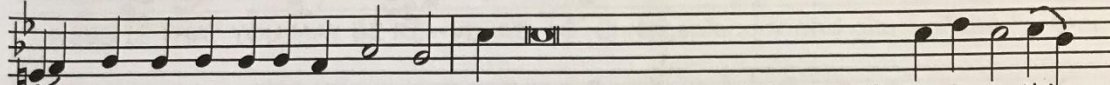
The wicked will fall into their own nets,
while I remain alone until I can escape.

Great Vespers for the Holy Ascension

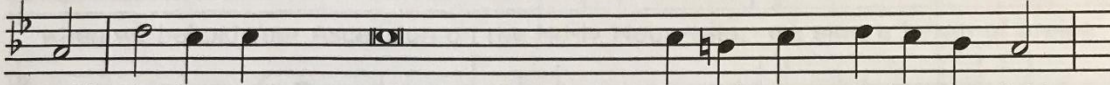
Tone 6



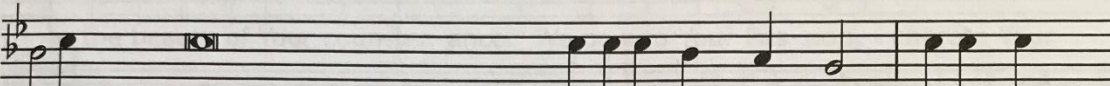
1. LEAD MY SOUL FORTH FROM PRISON, THAT I MAY GIVE THANKS TO YOUR NAME.



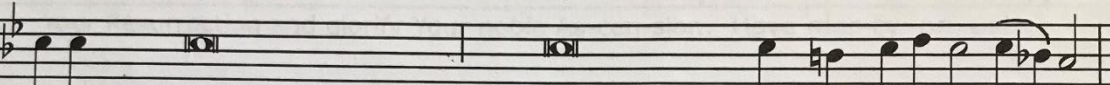
The Lord ascended in-to heav-en so that He could send the Comforter in-to this



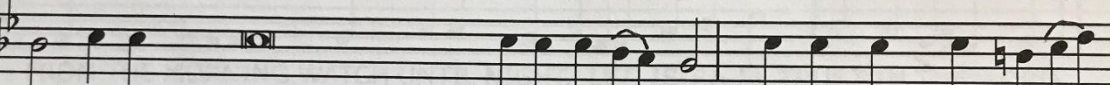
world. The heavens prepared His throne, and the an-gels mar-veled at the sight



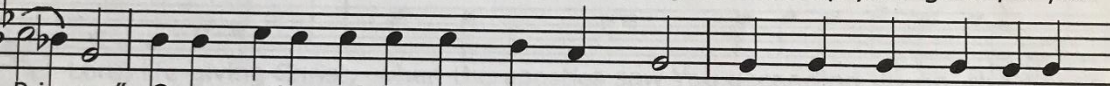
of a human being more exalted and more glorious than them-selves. Today the



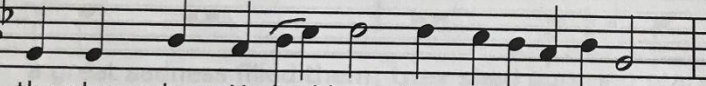
Father receives again in His bosom, the One Who was in Him from all e-ter-ni---ty,



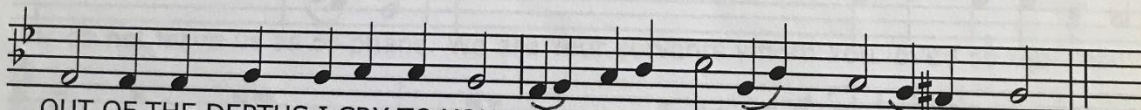
and the Holy Spirit gives a command to all the an--gels: "Lift up your gates, O you



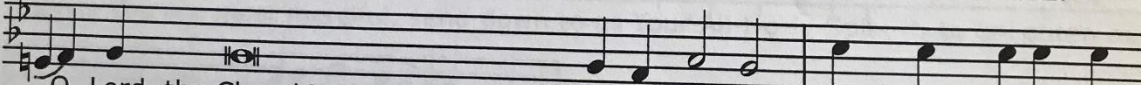
Prin-ces". O you nations of the earth clap your hands! For Christ has gone up to



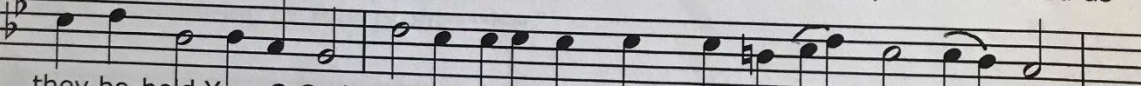
the place where He had been from all e-ter-ni-ty.



2. OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU, O LORD, O LORD, HEAR MY VOICE.



O Lord, the Cherubim were amazed at Your A-scen-sion: they were dazzled as

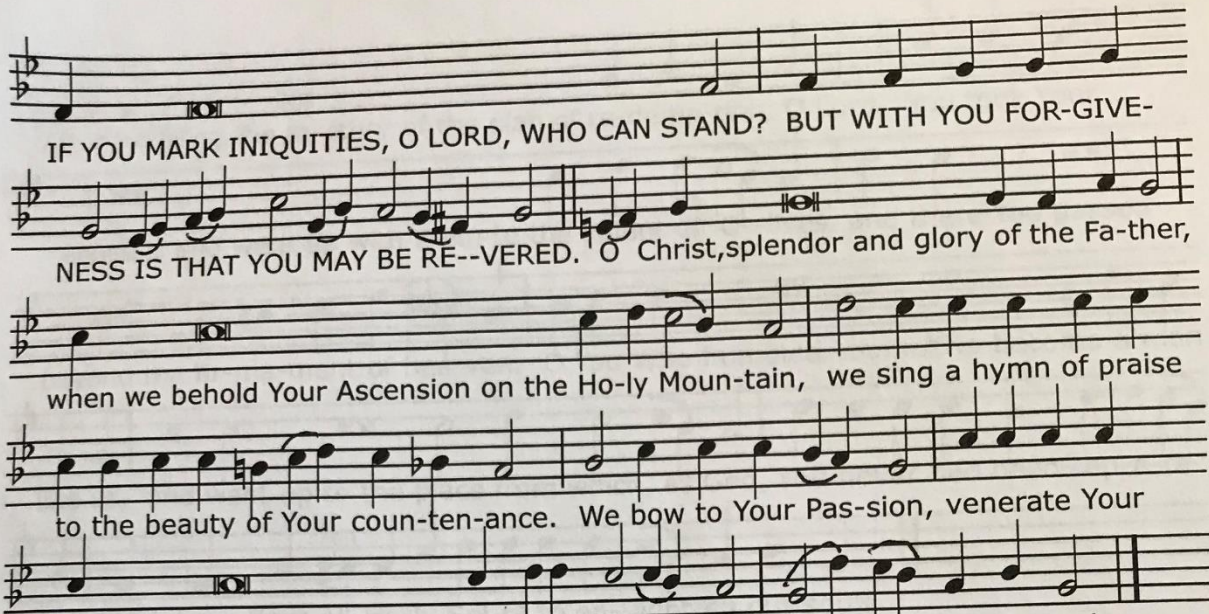


they be-held You, O God, ris-ing upon the clouds high-er than they could rise.



We sing a hymn of praise to You: Glory to You for Your ten-der mer-cy!

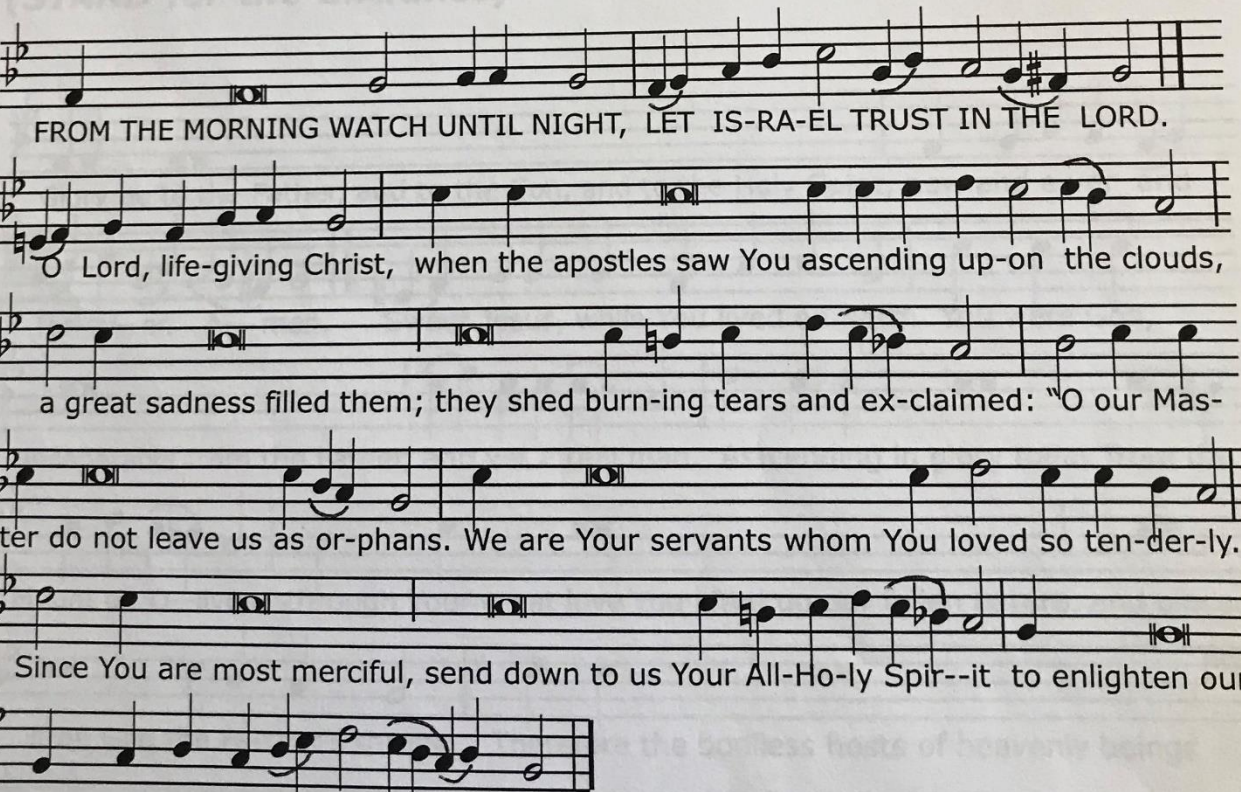
3.



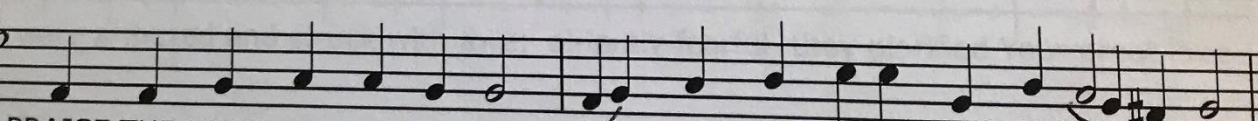
IF YOU MARK INIQUITIES, O LORD, WHO CAN STAND? BUT WITH YOU FOR-GIVE-
NESS IS THAT YOU MAY BE RE--VERED. O Christ, splendor and glory of the Fa-ther,
when we behold Your Ascension on the Ho-ly Moun-tain, we sing a hymn of praise
to the beauty of Your coun-ten-ance. We bow to Your Pas-sion, venerate Your
Your Resurrection and glorify Your noble As-cen-sion. Have mer-cy on us!

(STAND for the Entrance)

4.

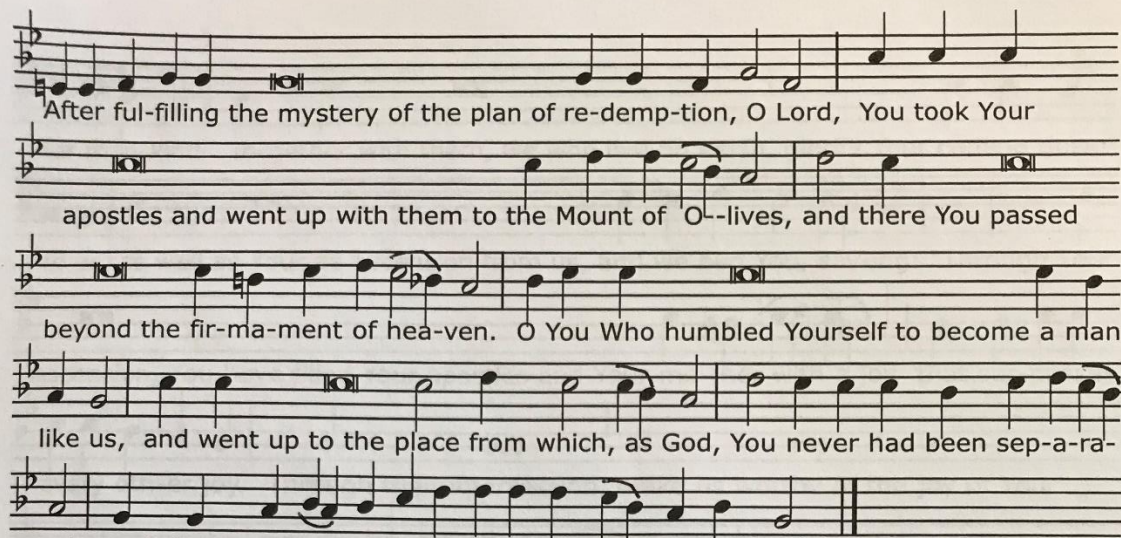


FROM THE MORNING WATCH UNTIL NIGHT, LET IS-RA-EL TRUST IN THE LORD.
O Lord, life-giving Christ, when the apostles saw You ascending up-on the clouds,
a great sadness filled them; they shed burn-ing tears and ex-claimed: "O our Mas-
ter do not leave us as or-phans. We are Your servants whom You loved so ten-der-ly.
Since You are most merciful, send down to us Your All-Ho-ly Spir--it to enlighten our
souls, ac-cord-ing to Your prom----ise."



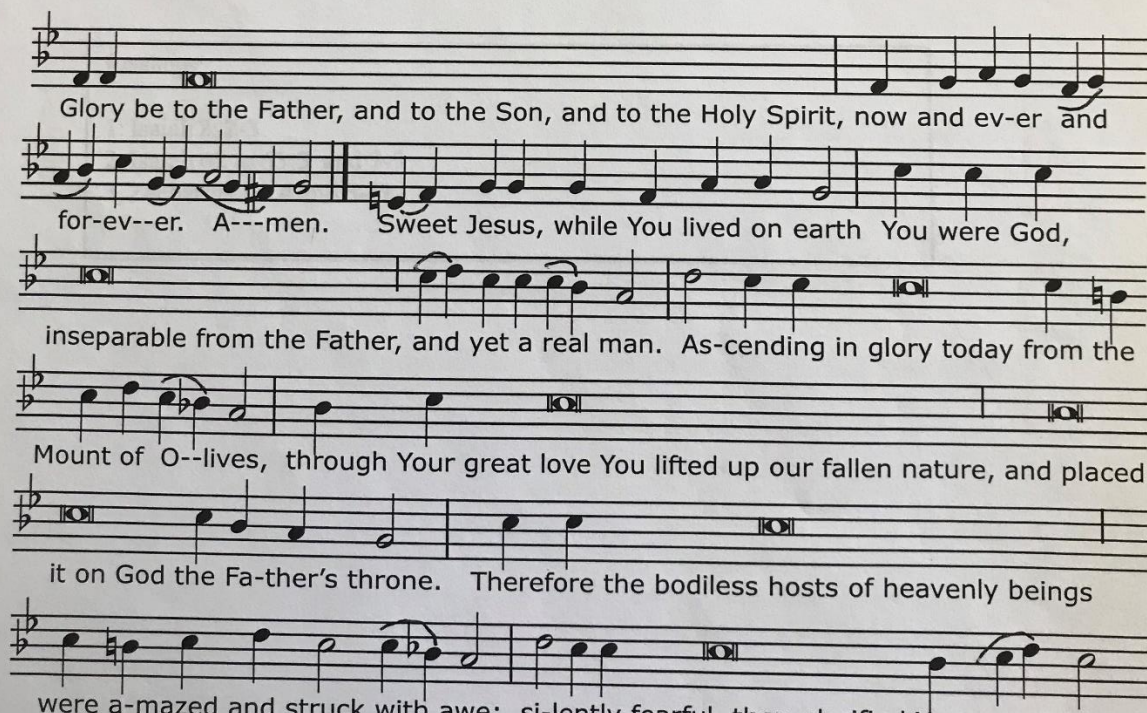
PRAISE THE LORD, ALL THE NATIONS; PRO-CLAIM HIS GLORY ALL YOU PEO---PLE.

STICHIRY - Ascension (page 3)



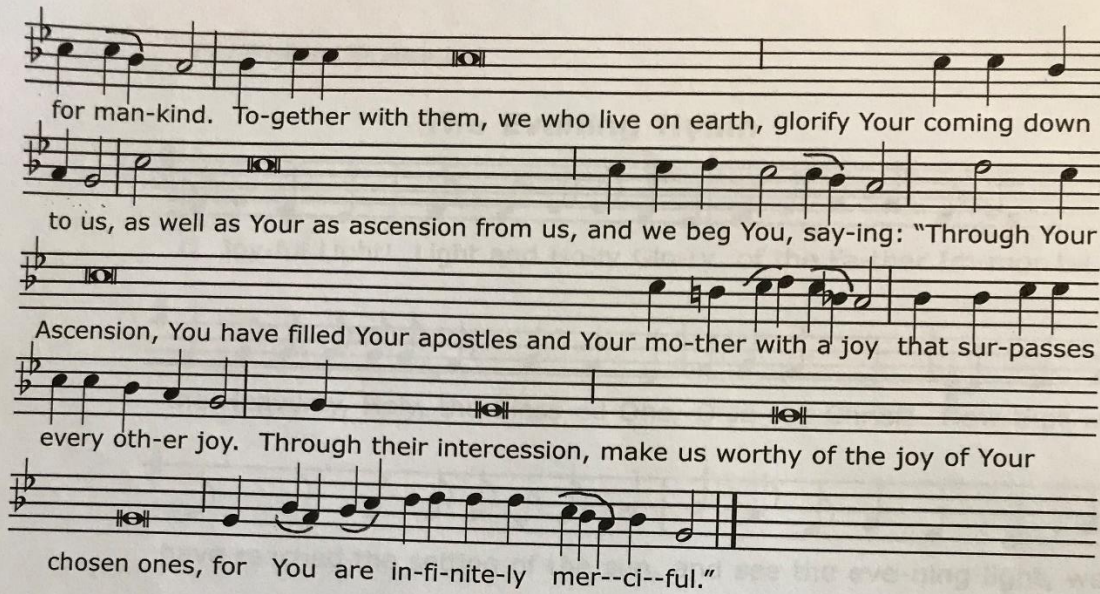
After ful-filling the mystery of the plan of re-demp-tion, O Lord, You took Your
apostles and went up with them to the Mount of O--lives, and there You passed
beyond the fir-ma-ment of hea-ven. O You Who humbled Yourself to become a man
like us, and went up to the place from which, as God, You never had been sep-a-ra-
ted: send down Your All-Ho-ly Spi-rit to en--light-en our souls.

(STAND for the Entrance)



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ev-er and
for-ev--er. A---men. Sweet Jesus, while You lived on earth You were God,
inseparable from the Father, and yet a real man. As-cending in glory today from the
Mount of O--lives, through Your great love You lifted up our fallen nature, and placed
it on God the Fa-ther's throne. Therefore the bodiless hosts of heavenly beings
were a-mazed and struck with awe; si-lently fearful they glorified Your great love

STICHIRY - Ascension (page 4)



for man-kind. To-gether with them, we who live on earth, glorify Your coming down
to us, as well as Your as ascension from us, and we beg You, say-ing: "Through Your
Ascension, You have filled Your apostles and Your mo-ther with a joy that sur-passes
every oth-er joy. Through their intercession, make us worthy of the joy of Your
chosen ones, for You are in-fi-nite-ly mer--ci--ful."

Readings:

- 1: Isaiah 2: 2-3
2. Isaiah 62 to 63:3 and 7-9
- 3, Zacharias 14: 4 and 8-11

Pr: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The Evening Hymn

O Joyful Light, Light and Holy Glory of the Father Immortal, the Heavenly, the Holy, the Blessed One, O Jesus Christ! Now that we have seen the setting of the sun, and see the evening light, we sing to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is fitting at all times to raise a song of praise in measured melody to You, O Son of God, the Giver of Life. Behold, the universe sings Your glory!

Pr: Let us be attentive! Peace be with all! Wisdom, be attentive!

The Prokimenon

The Lord reigns, He is clothed in majesty!

v. Robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

v. For He has made the world firm, which shall not be moved.

v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, for length of days.

YOU MAY SIT DURING THE READINGS.

The Fervent Litany

Pr: Let us all say with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say:

R: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Pr: O Lord Almighty, God of our Fathers, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Pr: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Pr: We also pray for our holy ecumenical Pontiff (N.), the Pope of Rome, for our Patriarch, His Beatitude, (N.), and for our most reverend Archbishop and Metropolitan (N.), and for our God-

loving Bishop (N.), for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brethren in Christ.

R: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Pr: We also pray for our civil authorities and for all in the service of our country.

R: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Pr: We also pray for the people here present, who await Your great and abundant mercy, for those who have shown us mercy and for all Christians of the true faith.

R: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Pr: For You are a merciful and gracious God, and we render glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

R: Amen.

(STAND)

O Lord, keep us this night / without sin.

**Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, /
and praised and glorified is Your name forever.**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, / because we have set our hope in You.

Blessed are You, O Lord, / teach me Your commandments

Blessed are You, O Master, / make me understand Your commandments.

Blessed are You, O Holy One, / enlighten me with Your laws.

O Lord, Your mercy endures forever; / do not despise the work of Your hands.

It is proper to praise You, / and hymns belong to You.

Glory belongs to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, / now and ever, and forever. Amen.

(SIT)

THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

Pr: Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

R: Lord, have mercy.

Pr: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us and preserve us, O God, by your grace.

R: Lord, have mercy.

Pr: That this whole night and the coming day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin, let us beseech the Lord.

R: Grant it, O Lord.

Pr: For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us beseech the Lord.

R: Grant it, O Lord. (*and this is sung after each petition*)

Pr: For the pardon and remission of our sins and offenses, let us beseech the Lord.

Pr: For what is good and beneficial to our souls and for the peace of the world, let us beseech the Lord.

Pr: That we may spend the rest of our life in peace and repentance, let us beseech the Lord.

Pr: For a Christian, painless, unashamed, peaceful end of our life, and for a good account before the fearsome judgment-seat of Christ, let us beseech the Lord.

Pr: Remembering our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

R: To You, O Lord.

Pr: For You are a merciful and gracious God, and we render glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R: Amen.

(*STAND*)

Pr: Peace be with all! **R: And with your spirit.**

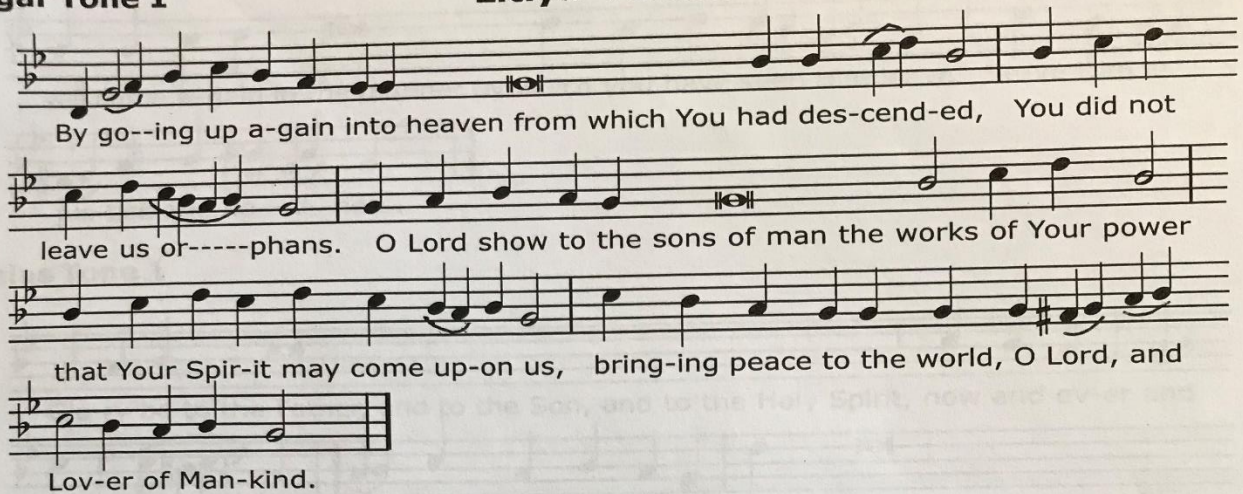
Pr: Bow your heads to the Lord. **R: To You, O Lord.**

Pr: O Lord, our God, You lowered the heavens when You came down for the salvation of the human race. Now, look upon Your servants and upon Your inheritance; for they have bowed their heads to You, the Judge, both awesome and loving. They do not await human help, but look for Your mercy, and are ready to receive Your salvation. Guard them at all times, this evening and tonight, against all enemies, against the devil's assaults, against vain thoughts and evil dreams. May the might of Your kingdom be blessed and exalted, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

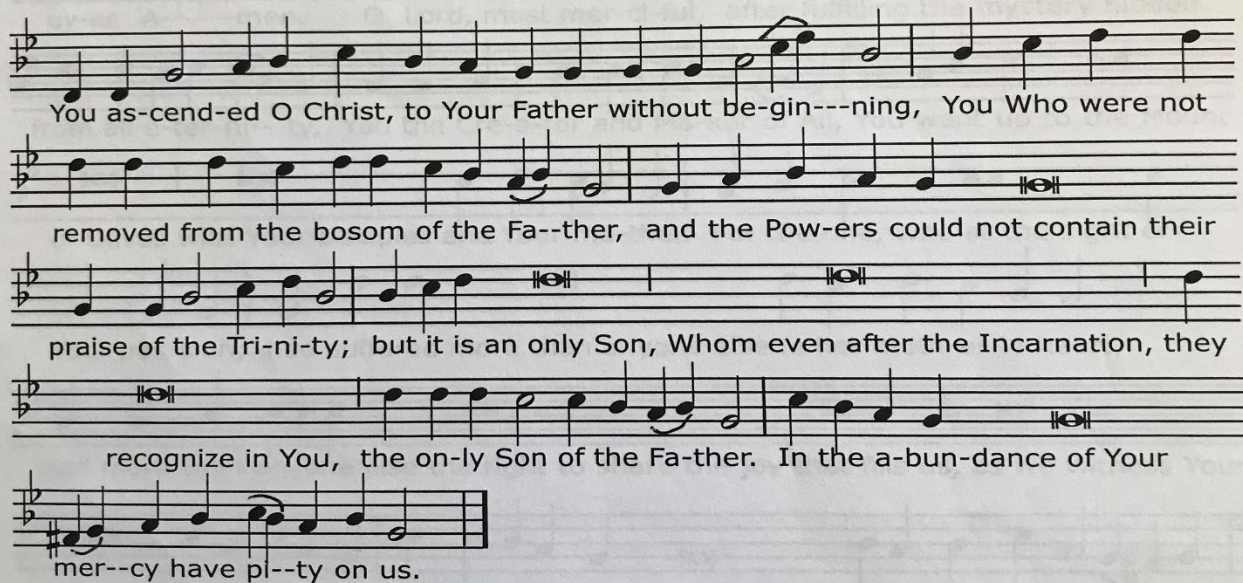
R: Amen.

Bolgar Tone 1

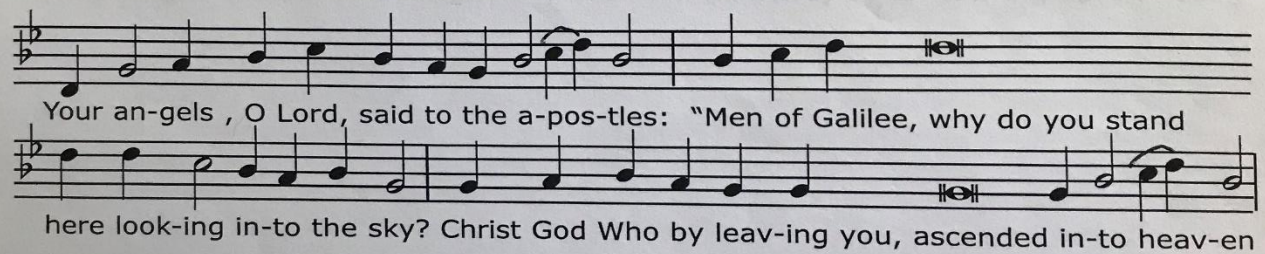
Litiya Verses



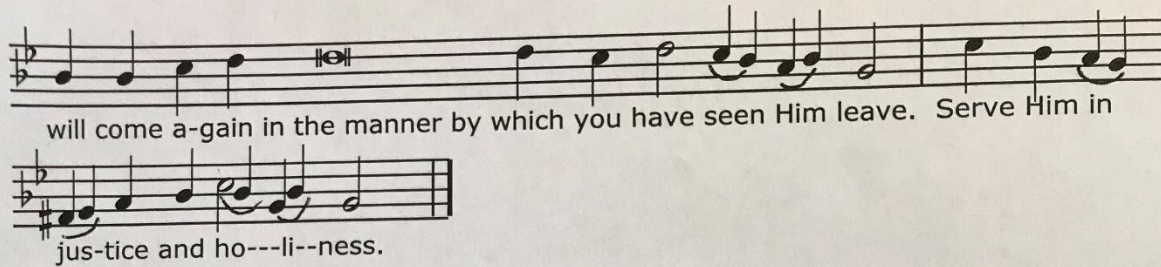
By go--ing up a-gain into heaven from which You had des-cend-ed, You did not
leave us or-----phans. O Lord show to the sons of man the works of Your power
that Your Spir-it may come up-on us, bring-ing peace to the world, O Lord, and
Lov-er of Man-kind.



You as-cend-ed O Christ, to Your Father without be-gin---ning, You Who were not
removed from the bosom of the Fa--ther, and the Pow-ers could not contain their
praise of the Tri-ni-ty; but it is an only Son, Whom even after the Incarnation, they
recognize in You, the on-ly Son of the Fa-ther. In the a-bun-dance of Your
mer--cy have pi--ty on us.

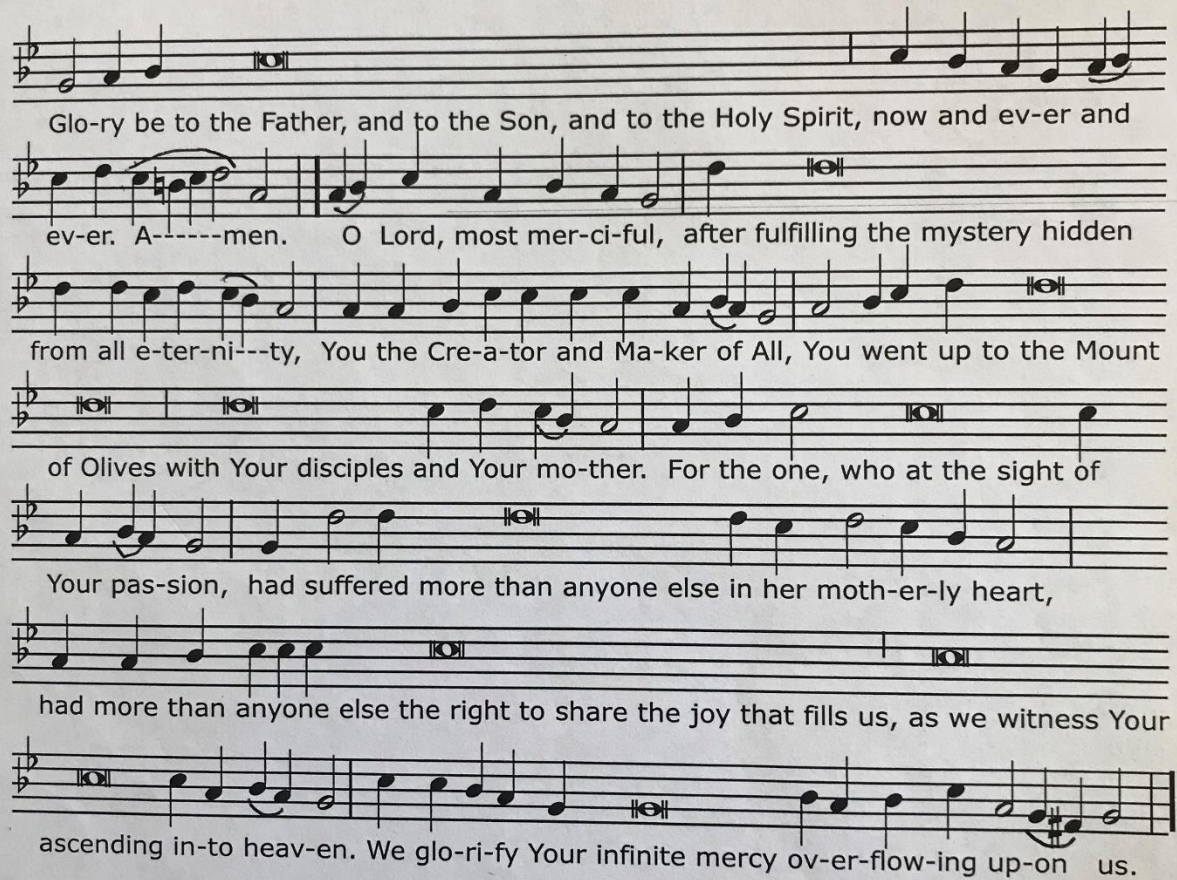


Your an-gels , O Lord, said to the a-pos-tles: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand
here look-ing in-to the sky? Christ God Who by leav-ing you, ascended in-to heav-en



will come a-gain in the manner by which you have seen Him leave. Serve Him in
jus-tice and ho---li--ness.

Samohlas Tone 1



Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ev-er and
ev-er. A-----men. O Lord, most mer-ci-ful, after fulfilling the mystery hidden
from all e-ter-ni---ty, You the Cre-a-tor and Ma-ker of All, You went up to the Mount
of Olives with Your disciples and Your mo-ther. For the one, who at the sight of
Your pas-sion, had suffered more than anyone else in her moth-er-ly heart,
had more than anyone else the right to share the joy that fills us, as we witness Your
ascending in-to heav-en. We glo-ri-fy Your infinite mercy ov-er-flow-ing up-on us.

FESTAL LITANY

Pr: Save Your people, O God, and bless Your inheritance. Visit Your world with Your mercy and generousities. Exalt the Christian peoples and send down upon us Your abundant mercy. Through the prayers of the most pure Lady, the Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary; through the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the protection of the honorable, heavenly, bodiless powers; of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John; of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles; and of our fathers among the saints: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; of our father among the saints, Nicholas, the Wonder-Worker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia; of the holy Cyril and Methodius, equals-to-the-apostles, the teachers of the Slavs; of our holy priest-martyr, Josaphat, of the holy, glorious and victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers, Anthony and Theodosius of the Monastery of the Caves in Kiev; of the holy and righteous grandparents of God, Joachim and Ann; (*of Saint _____ whose memory we celebrate*); and of all the saints; we beseech You, O all-merciful Lord, hear us sinners praying to You and have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy. (12)

PR: We also pray for our holy, ecumenical Pontiff N., the Pope of Rome, for our Patriarch, His Beatitude N., that the Lord God will grant them health and salvation, always directing them and assisting them in all they do, we pray You, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

R: Hospodi pomiluj. (12)

PR: We also pray for our most reverend Archbishop and Metropolitan N., for our God-loving Bishop N., for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, and for every Christian soul that is afflicted and maltreated and in need of God's mercies and help, for the protection the cities and towns in which we live and for the protection of their people; for the peace and serenity of the whole world; for the welfare of God's holy Churches; for the salvation of our fathers and brothers and sisters who, with diligence and in the fear of the Lord, labor and serve; for the repose, blessed memory, and the remission of the sins of our departed loved ones of the orthodox Faith all over the world; for the deliverance of captives; for all those who are taking part in these holy services, and for all who serve or have served in this holy church, let us say:

R: Kyrie eleison. (12)

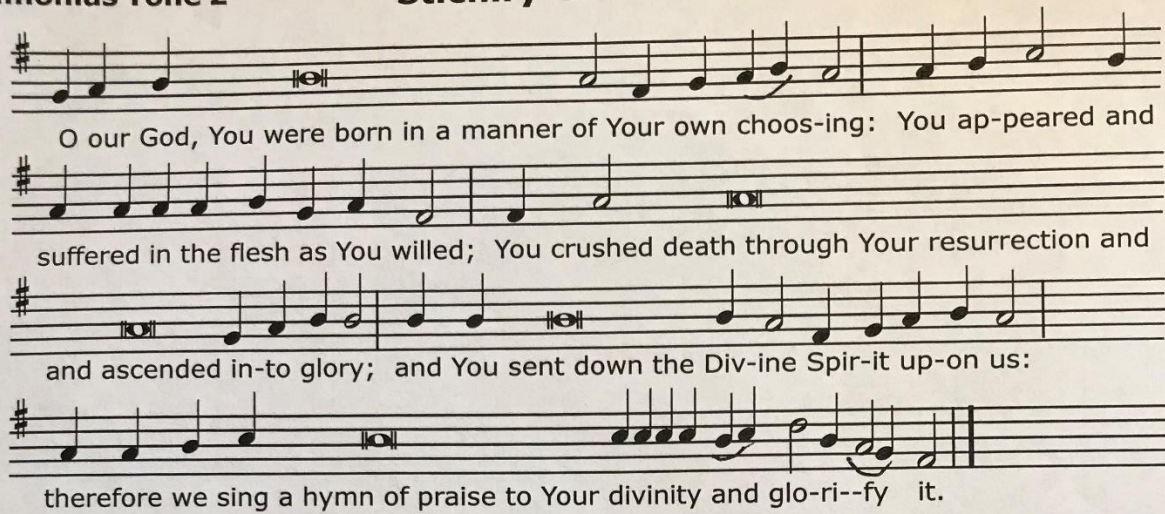
PR: O most merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, Through the prayers of the most pure Lady, the Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary; through the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the protection of the honorable, heavenly, bodiless powers; of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John; of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles; and of our fathers among the saints: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; of our father among the saints, Nicholas the Wonder-Worker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia; of the holy Cyril and Methodius, equals-to-the-apostles, the teachers of the Slavs; of our

holy priest-martyr, Josaphat, of the holy, glorious and victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers, Anthony and Theodosius of the Monastery of the Caves in Kiev; of the holy and righteous grandparents of God, Joachim and Ann; (*of Saint _____ whose memory we celebrate*); and of all the saints; make our prayer acceptable. Grant us remission of our sins; protect us with the shadow of Your wings; drive far away from us every foe and adversary, and make our lives peaceful, O Lord. Have mercy on us and on Your world and save our souls; for you are gracious and the Lover of Mankind.

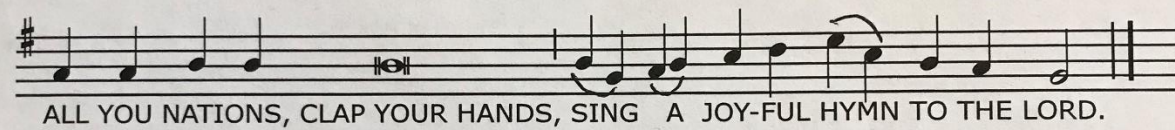
R: Amen.

Samohlas Tone 2

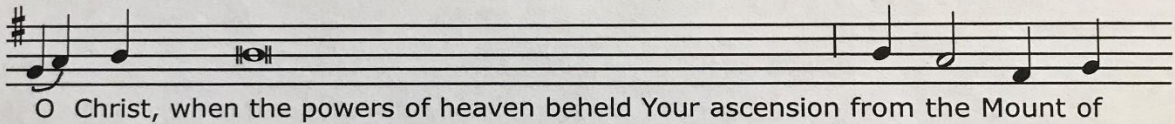
Stichiry with Verses



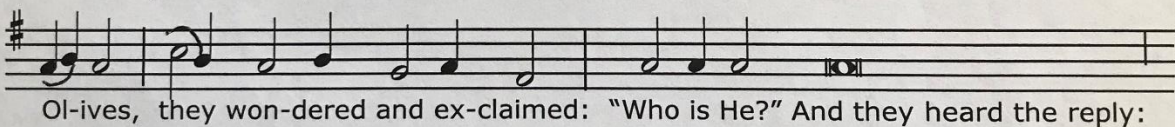
O our God, You were born in a manner of Your own choos-ing: You ap-peared and suffered in the flesh as You willed; You crushed death through Your resurrection and and ascended in-to glory; and You sent down the Div-ine Spir-it up-on us: therefore we sing a hymn of praise to Your divinity and glo-ri--fy it.



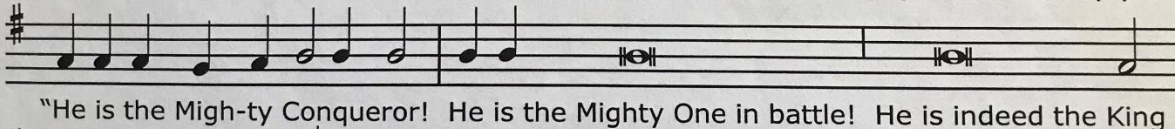
ALL YOU NATIONS, CLAP YOUR HANDS, SING A JOY-FUL HYMN TO THE LORD.



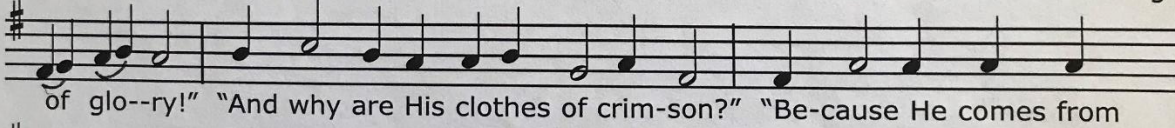
O Christ, when the powers of heaven beheld Your ascension from the Mount of



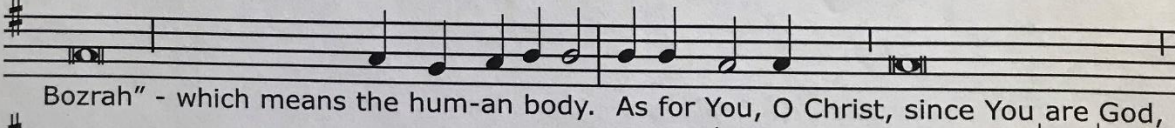
Ol-ives, they won-dered and ex-claimed: "Who is He?" And they heard the reply:



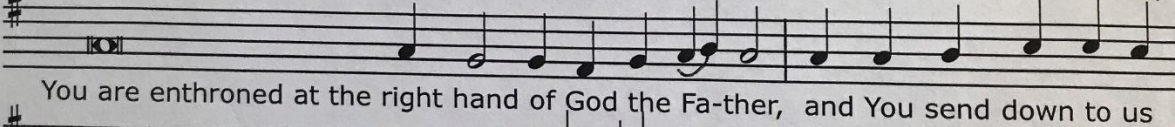
"He is the Migh-ty Conqueror! He is the Mighty One in battle! He is indeed the King



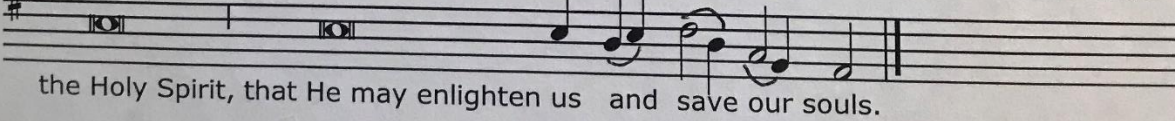
of glo--ry!" "And why are His clothes of crim-son?" "Be-cause He comes from



Bozrah" - which means the hum-an body. As for You, O Christ, since You are God,

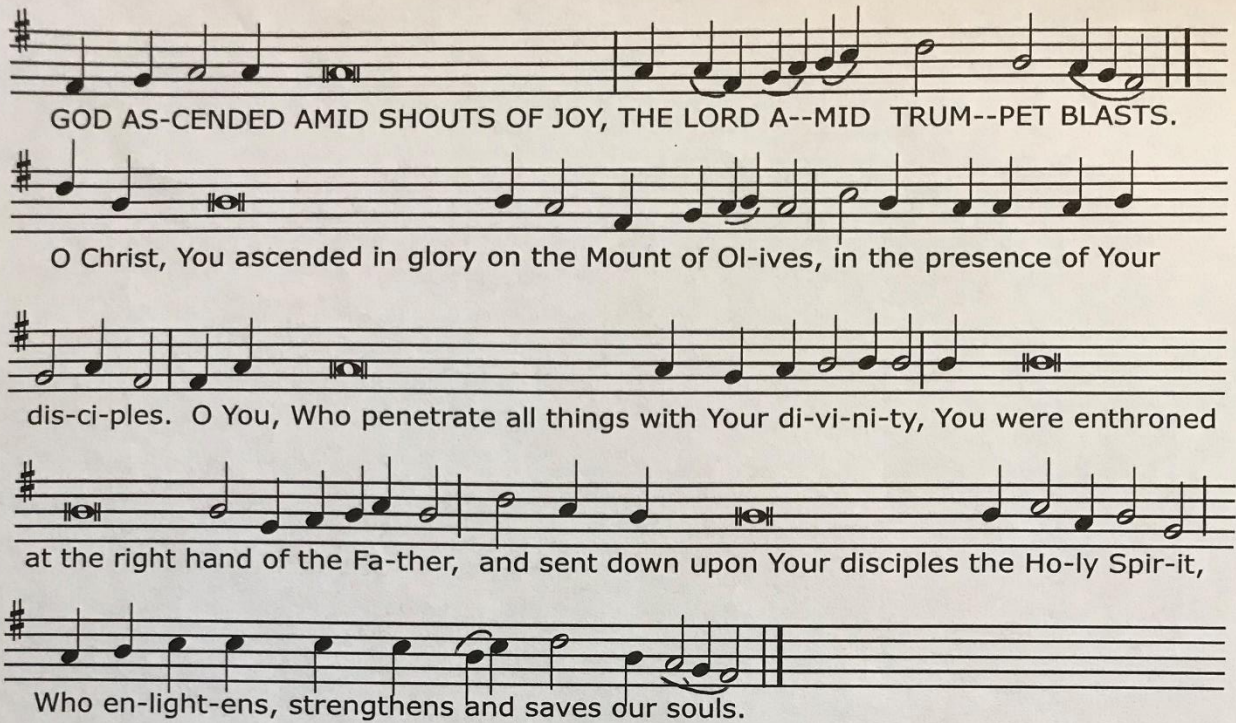


You are enthroned at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, and You send down to us



the Holy Spirit, that He may enlighten us and save our souls.

With verses - Ascension (page 2)



GOD AS-CENDED AMID SHOUTS OF JOY, THE LORD A--MID TRUM--PET BLASTS.

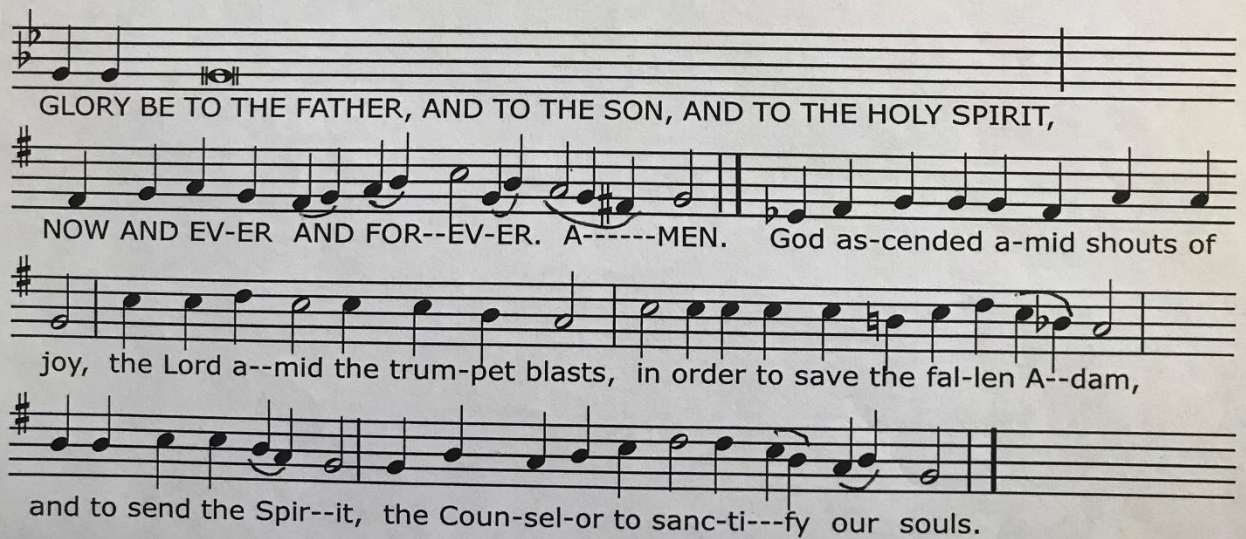
O Christ, You ascended in glory on the Mount of Ol-ives, in the presence of Your

dis-ci-ples. O You, Who penetrate all things with Your di-vi-ni-ty, You were enthroned

at the right hand of the Fa-ther, and sent down upon Your disciples the Ho-ly Spir-it,

Who en-light-ens, strengthens and saves our souls.

Samohlas Tone 6



GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT,

NOW AND EV-ER AND FOR--EV-ER. A-----MEN. God as-cended a-mid shouts of

joy, the Lord a--mid the trum-pet blasts, in order to save the fal-len A--dam,

and to send the Spir--it, the Coun-sel-or to sanc-ti---fy our souls.

THE CANTICLE OF SIMEON

Now You may dismiss Your servant, O Lord,
according to Your word, in peace.

Because my eyes have seen Your salvation,
which You have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

A Light of Revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of Your people, Israel.

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory be 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.

Pr: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and
ever and forever.

R: Amen.

*(Then the priest brings out the icon for the Feast and sets it on the tetrapod. The PRIEST sings the Tropar
for the Feast the first time, and the people repeat it a second and third time.)*

PRIEST: Tropar Tone 4:

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God * You delighted the disciples with the promise of the
Holy Spirit.* Through this blessing they were assured * that You are the Son of God * the
Redeemer of the World.

R: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God * You delighted the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit.* Through this blessing they were assured * that You are the Son of God * the Redeemer of the World. (2x)

THE BLESSING OF THE LITIJA TRAY

PR: Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, have mercy.

PR: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, You blessed the five loaves and fed the five thousand. Bless + these loaves, this wheat, wine and oil, multiply them in this city and in the whole world; and sanctify all the faithful who shall partake of them; for it is You, O Christ our God, Who bless and sanctify all things. And we give glory to You with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever.

R: Amen.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever. (3x)

PR: Wisdom!

R: Give the blessing!

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

R: Amen. O God, strengthen the orthodox Catholic Faith forever and ever.

PR: O most holy Mother of God, save us!

R: More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, You a virgin, gave birth to God the Word. You truly the Mother of God, we magnify.

PR: Glory be to You, O Christ, our God, our hope; glory be to You!

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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Give the blessing!

PR: May Christ our true God, Who for our salvation ascended from us to heaven and sits at the right hand of God and Father, through the prayers of His most pure Mother whose holy nativity we solemnly celebrate today, through the might of the precious and life-giving Cross, through the prayers of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles and of all the Saints, may He have mercy on us and save us, for He is gracious and loves mankind.

R: Amen.