

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 2 (Note: melody in Alto)

Reader: In the Second Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

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and let the lifting up of my hands

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Reader: (Reads text from service book)

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.

Tone 2

(by Andrew Pyrrhus)

Automelon

(Note: Melody in Alto)

With what wreaths of praise shall we crown Peter and Paul?

Separated in body, they were united by the Spirit;

they rank first among preachers:

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while the other labored more than them all.

Truly, Christ our God, Who has great mercy,//

has adorned them with the crowns of immortal glory.

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v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication!

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v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

How shall we worthily sing hymns to honor Peter and Paul?
 Their hands were filled with grace and truth;
 their feet carried them to the ends of the earth, preaching the Gospel of peace.
 Once driven by the wind of the Spirit,
 they are now carried up to heaven.
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 Through them Christ our God, Who has great mercy,//
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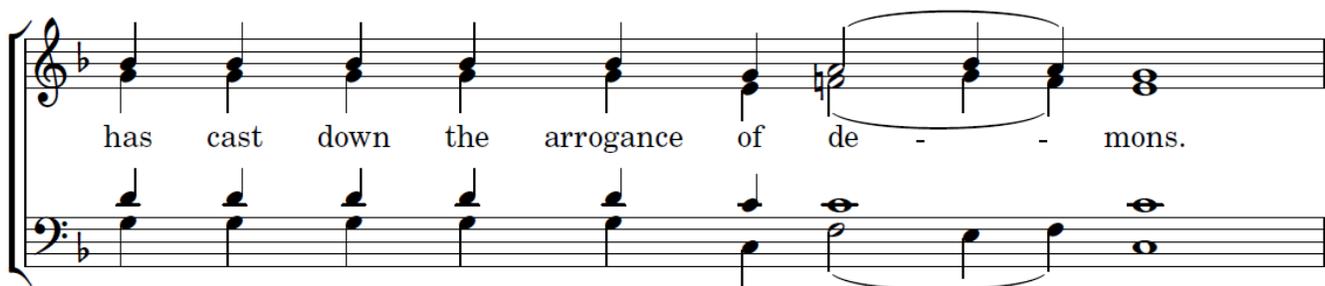
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v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.

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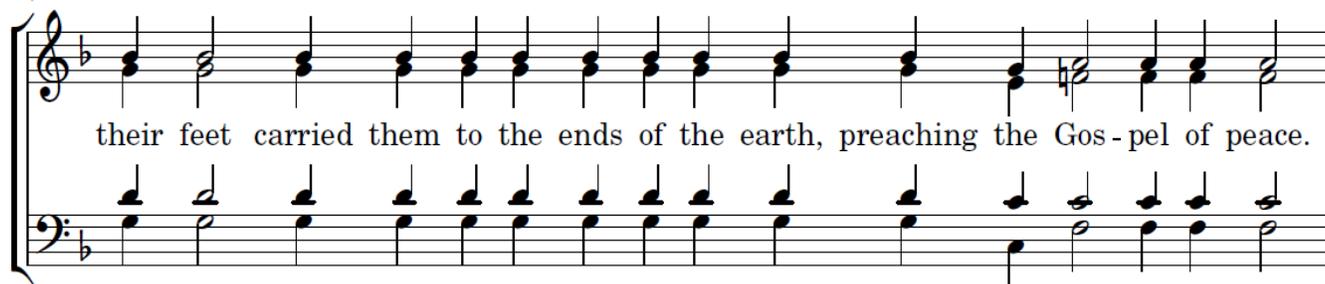
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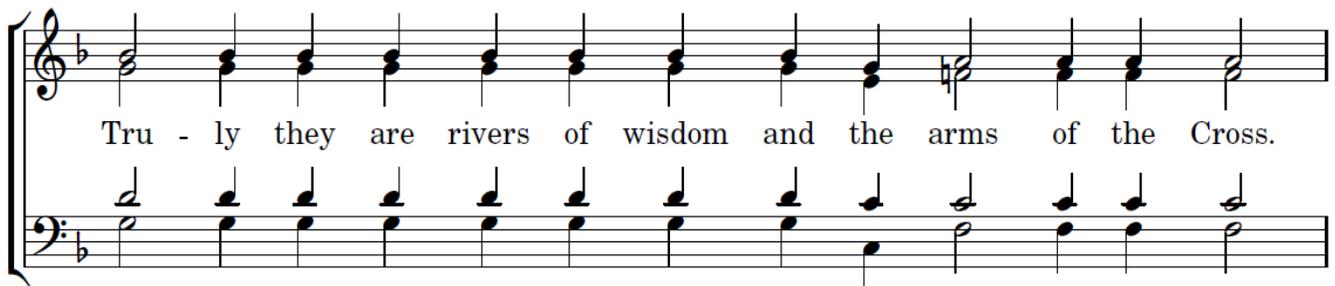
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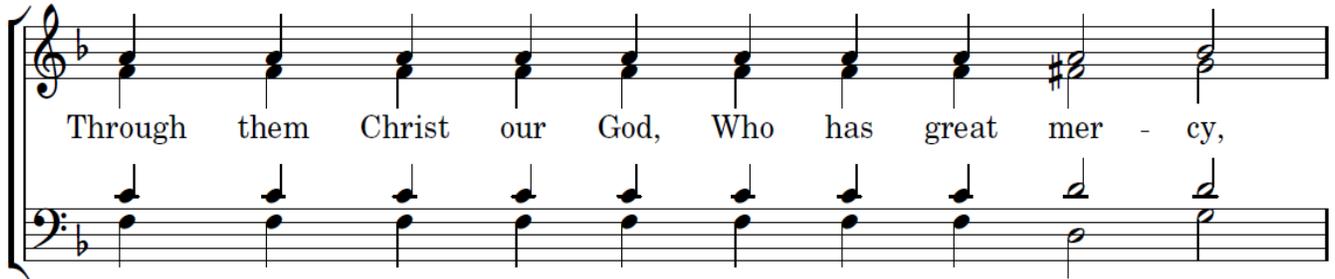
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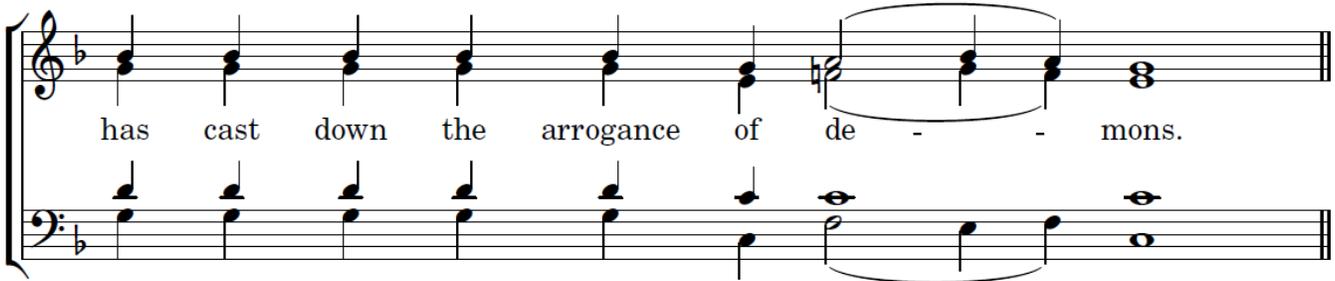
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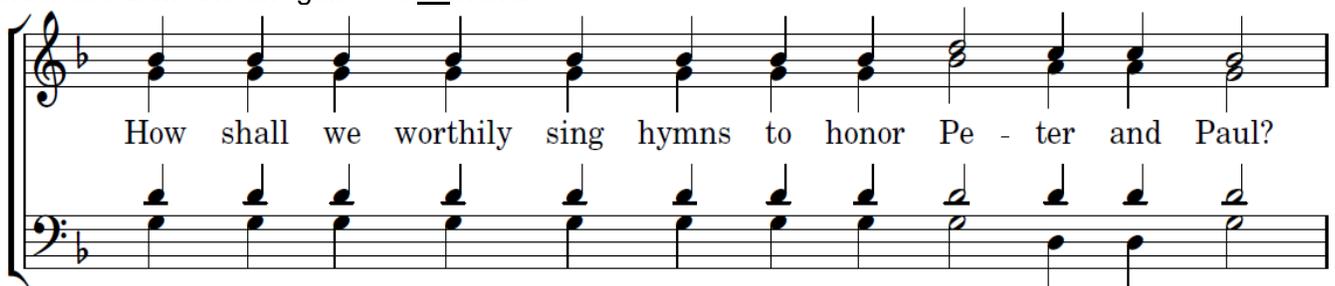
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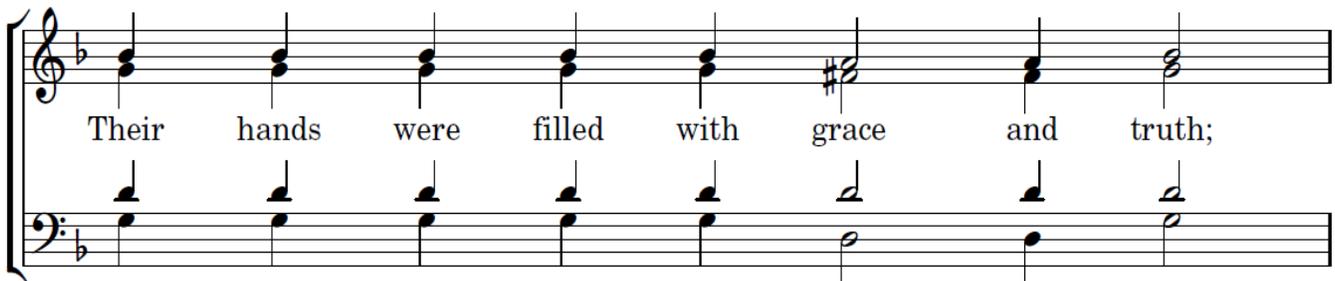
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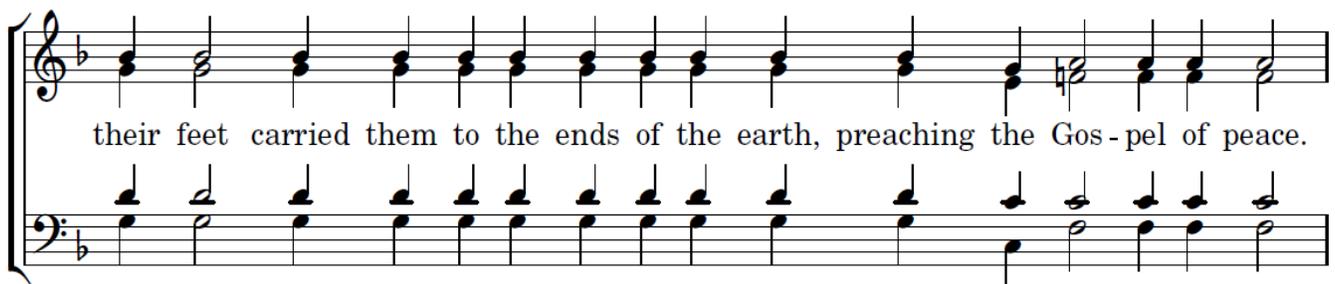
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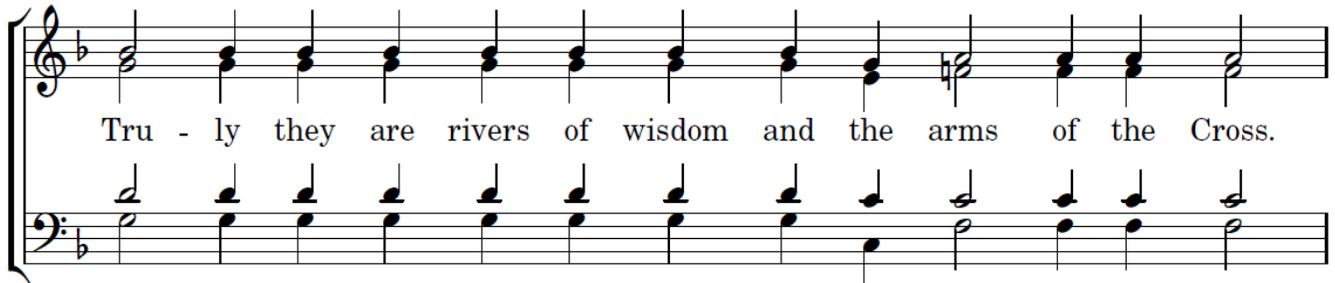
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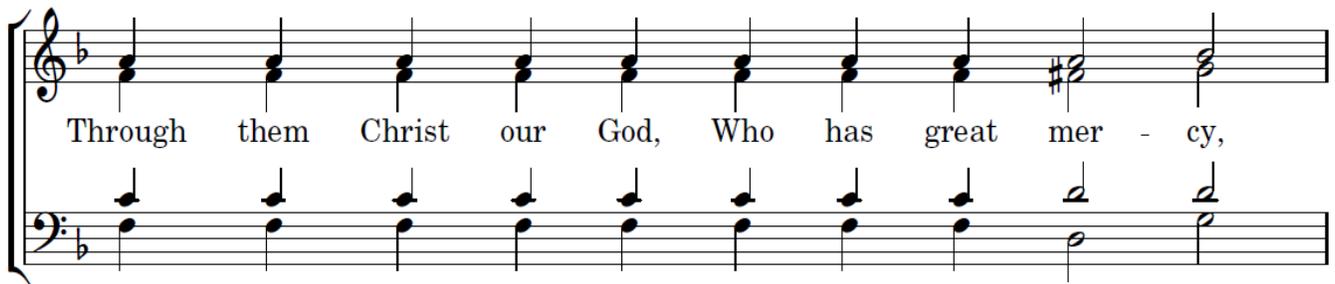
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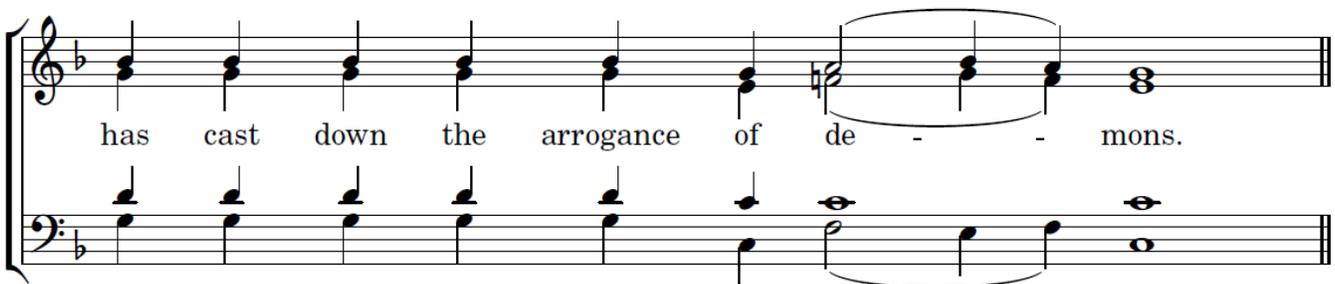
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v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

With what spiritual songs shall we praise Peter and Paul?
 They have silenced the sharp tongues of the godless.
 They are awesome swords of the Spirit.
 They are the adornment of Rome;
 they have nourished the whole world with the Word of God.
 They are the living tablets of the New Testament written by the hand of God.//
 Christ, Who has great and rich mercy, has exalted them in Zion.

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v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 4

(by John the Monk)

Three times Christ asked Peter: "Do you love me?"

In this way Christ set aright the threefold denial.

Therefore Simon cried out to the One Who sees all hidden things:

"Lord, You know all things, You understand all things.

You know that I love You!"

Then the Savior said to him:

"Feed my sheep, feed my chosen ones,

feed my lambs, whom I have acquired for salvation by My own blood!"//
 O blessed Apostle, pray that He may grant us great mercy!

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now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4

(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The Prophet David was a Father of the Lord through you, O Virgin.
 He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonders in you:
 “At Your right hand stood the Queen,”
 Your Mother, the mediatrix of life,
 since God was freely born of her without a father.
 He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,
 so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder
 and brought it to His Father, joining it to the heavenly pow’rs.//
 Christ who has great and rich mercy has saved the world, O Theotokos.

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has saved the world, O The - o - to - - - kos!

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings

1 Peter 1:3-9 (*Apostles Peter and Paul*)

1 Peter 1:13-19 (*Apostles Peter and Paul*)

1 Peter 2:11-24 (*Apostles Peter and Paul*)

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First Catholic Epistle of Peter. (*1 Peter 1:3-9*)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that does not fade away. It is reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are protected through faith for a salvation which is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, although for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials. This way, may the demonstration of your faith (which is more precious than gold that perishes even though it is tested by fire) be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ! Even though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with unspeakable joy and glory. And so you are receiving the result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First Catholic Epistle of Peter. (*1 Peter 1:13-19*)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: My Beloved, prepare your minds for action; be sober and set your hope fully on the grace that is brought to you by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Be children of obedience and do not conform yourselves to your former lusts as in the days of your ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, you yourselves should also be holy in every aspect of your life, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." If you call on him who judges without discrimination according to everyone's work as Father, spend your lives as exiles here on earth, in reverent fear. Know that it was not with corruptible things (such as silver or gold) that you were redeemed from the useless

way of life handed down to you by your forefathers. Instead, it was with the precious blood of a blameless and pure lamb, the blood of Christ!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First Catholic Epistle of Peter. (1 Peter 2:11-24)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: My beloved, I beg you as exiles and pilgrims in this world to abstain from carnal lusts which are at war against the soul. Live righteous lives among the nations so that if people accuse you of being evildoers, they may, by your good works which they see, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore, for the Lord's sake, submit yourselves to every human institution: to the emperor as supreme law-giver, or to governors as commissioned by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God: that by doing good you should silence the ignorance of those who are foolish. Be free, but do not use your freedom as a cloak of wickedness, but rather as bondservants of God.

Honor everyone. Love the family of brethren. Fear God. Honor the king. Slaves, be in subjection to your masters with full reverence, not only to the good and kind, but also to the wicked. Truly, it is worthy of praise if someone endures pain and suffers unjustly because of conscience toward God. But what glory is there if when you sin, you patiently endure a beating? However, if you patiently endure suffering when you do good, this is worthy of praise with God. You were called to this, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example so that you should follow in his steps. Yet he did not sin, "neither was deceit found in his mouth" and when he was cursed, he did not curse back. When he suffered, he did not threaten, but committed himself to the one who judges righteously. In his body, he bore in himself our sins on the tree, so that having died to sins, we might live to righteousness.

Then, Litany of Fervent Supplication (p. 18)

Aposticha

Idiomela

(by Andrew of Crete)

Tone 1

O glorious Apostle Paul,
who can describe your bondage and tribulations in the cities?
Who can speak of your endless toil and effort for the Gospel of Christ?
You labored to gain all mankind, and lead them into Christ's holy Church.
Pray that she may guard your true confession to the ends of the world, //
O Paul, Apostle and teacher of the churches!

The musical score is written for a single voice in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "O glo - ri - ous A - pos - tle Paul, who can describe your bondage and tribulations in the ci - ties? Who can speak of your endless toil and effort for the Gos - pel of Christ?" The melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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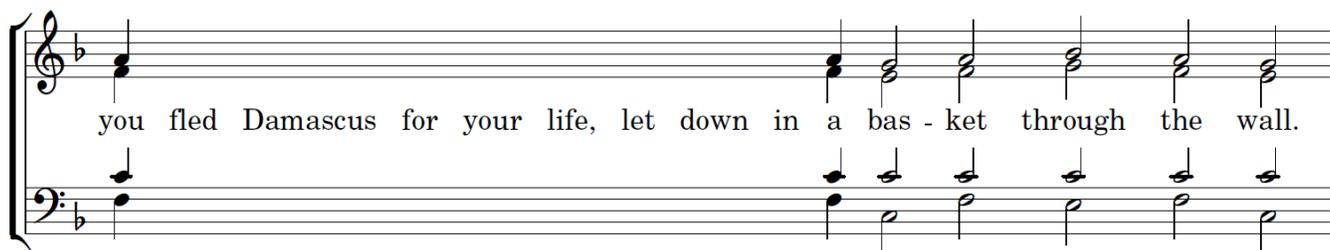
v. Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.

O glorious Apostle Paul,
 who can describe your bondage and tribulations in the cities?
 You kept vigil in hunger and thirst; cold, naked and weary;
 you fled Damascus for your life, let down in a basket through the wall.
 Your back was orn by rods,
 you were stoned, you were kept a prisoner.
 You were shipwrecked, cast adrift in the open sea.
 Truly you are a spectacle for Angels and for men.
 You endured all these things for Jesus Christ, Who strengthened you,
 that you might win the whole world for Him.
 We entreat you, as we faithfully keep your memory://
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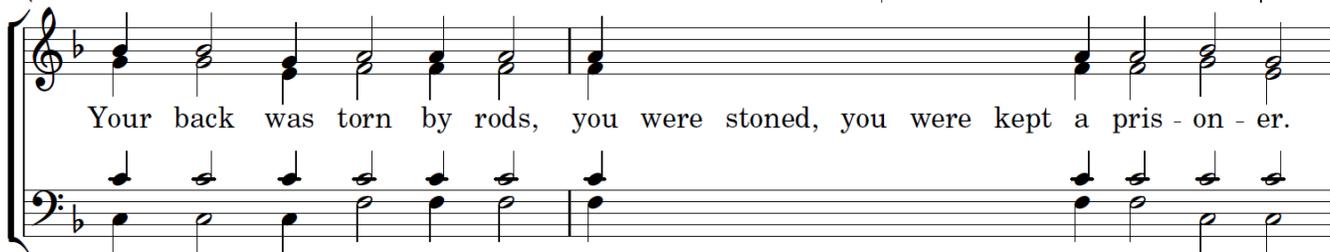
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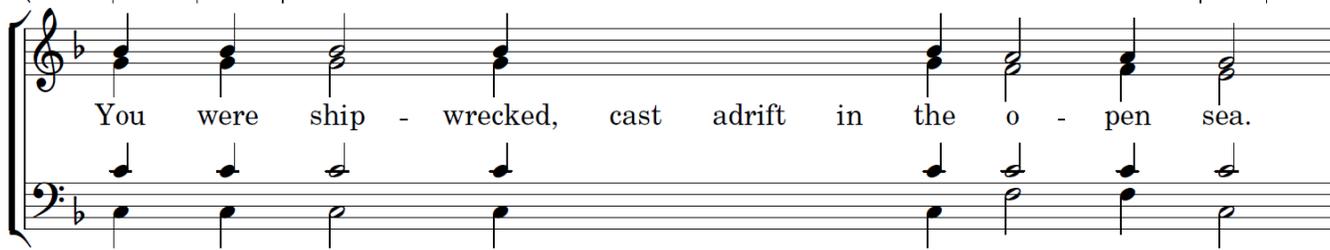
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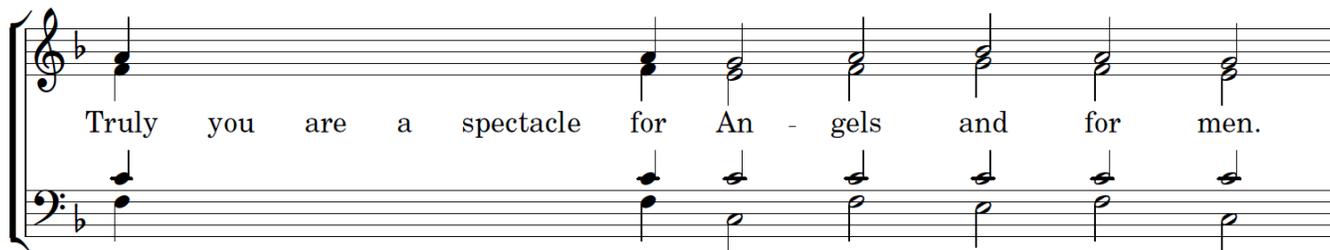
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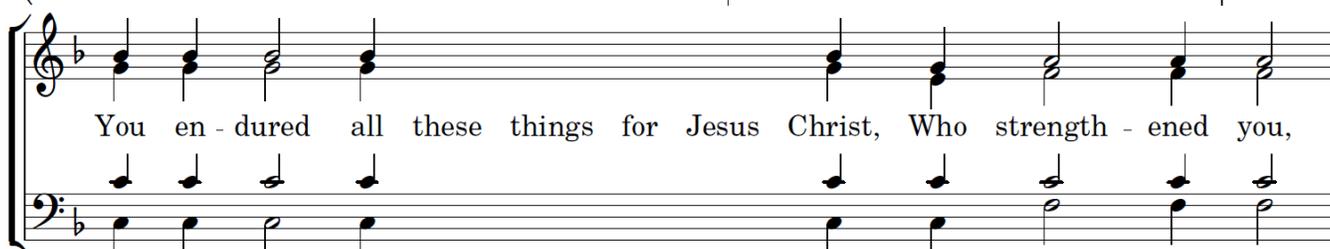
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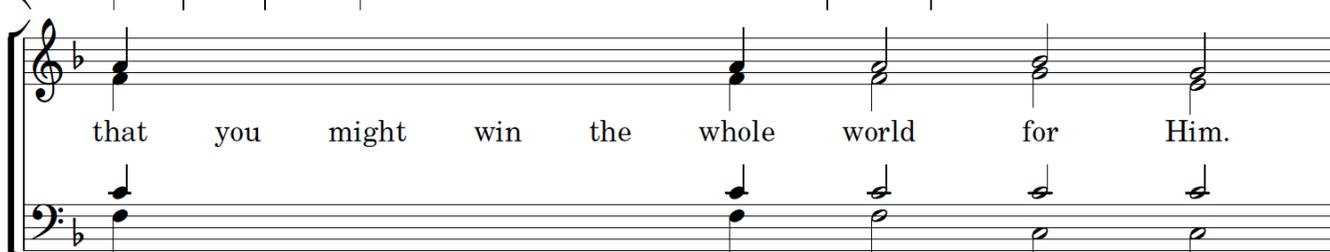
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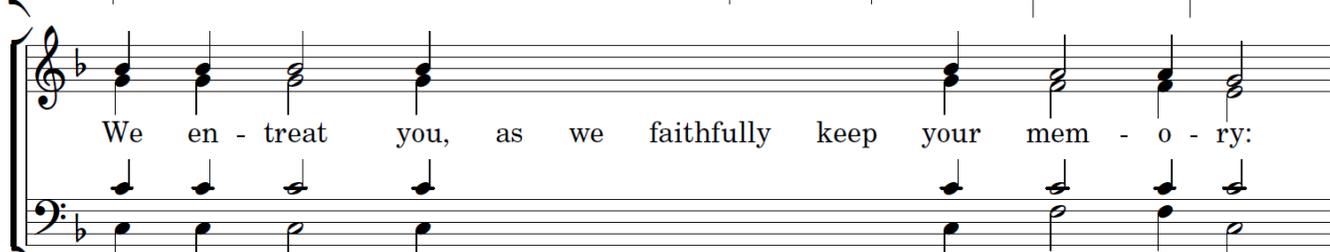
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v. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Let us praise Peter and Paul, the two great stars of the Church.
 They shine brighter than the sun in the sky of faith.
 Let the nations follow the rays of their preaching,
 and be led from ignorance to the knowledge of God!
One was nailed to the Cross
 and received the keys of the Kingdom from Christ in heaven.
 The other, beheaded by the sword, departed to the Savior,
 and is worthily counted blessed.
 Together they proclaim to Israel:
 "He Who was stretched out on the Cross is the Lord of all!"
 By their prayers, O Christ our God,
 strengthen the Orthodox Faith and destroy our enemies,//
 as you are the Lover of mankind!

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as you are the Lov - er of man - kind!

In the Sixth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6

(by Ephrem of Karia)

A joyful feast dawns upon the earth today:
 the memorial of Peter and Paul,
 the wise leaders of the Apostles.

Let Rome rejoice and be glad with us!
Let us keep feast, O brethren, in songs and hymns!
Rejoice, Apostle Peter, true friend of Christ our God!
Rejoice, beloved Paul, herald of the faith and teacher of the universe!
You have boldness before him, O chosen pair; //
pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

A joyful feast dawns upon the earth to-day: the memorial of Pe - ter and Paul,

the wise leaders of the A - pos - tles. Let Rome rejoice and be glad with us!

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Tone 6

(Theotokion)

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,
 was born of you, O most pure Virgin.
 By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.
 Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!
 Rejoice, O celestial Joy!
 Rejoice, O Lady://
 the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord, was born of you, O most pure Vir - gin!

By accepting my nature He freed Adam from his an - cient curse!

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mo - ther of God!

Rejoice, O ce - le - stial joy! Re - joice, O La - - - dy,

the protection, intercession and sal - va - tion of our souls!

Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 4

Troparion

First-enthroned of the Apostles,
and teachers of the universe:
entreat the Master of all
to grant peace to the world, //
and to our souls great mercy!

Soprano
Alto

First - enthroned of the A - pos - tles, and teachers

Tenor
Bass

of the u - ni - verse: Entreat the Mas - ter of all

to grant peace to the world, and to our souls

great mer - cy!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Amen.*

Tone 4

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by angels,
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man, //
saving our souls from death.

Soprano
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Then, the dismissal (p. 26)

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 2

Kontakion

O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest
 and to the enjoyment of Your blessings
 the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles,
 for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice,//
 for You alone know what lies in the hearts of men.

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

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 for You a - lone know what lies in the hearts of men.

(then, p. 83)

Tone 8

Prokeimenon

Priest: Let us attend! +Peace be unto all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Reader: In the Eighth Tone, Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Choir: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to

the ends of the u - ni - verse.

Reader: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Choir: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to

the ends of the u - ni - verse.

Reader: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, ...

Choir: ... and their words to the ends of the universe!

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Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (193) 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 (*Apostles*)

Reader: The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, if anyone is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am bold as well. Are they Hebrews? So am I! Are they Israelites? So am I! Are they Abraham's seed? So am I! Are they Christ's servants? I am even more so (I speak as a fool)! I was in far more labors, beaten countless times, far more often in prisons, and often close to death.

Five times, I was beaten with stripes (forty times minus one) from the Jews. Three times, I was beaten with rods. Once, I received a stoning. Three times, I suffered shipwreck and was for a night and a day in

the open sea. I have been in travels often, in danger from rivers, robbers, from my countrymen, from the Gentiles; in danger in the city, in the wilderness, at sea, among false brothers; in toil and hardship, in vigils often, in hunger and thirst, often fasting, and in cold and nakedness.

Besides those things which are external, there is something that comes upon me daily: anxiety for all the Churches. If anyone is weak, do I not feel weak too? If anyone stumbles, do I not burn with indignation? But if I must boast, I will boast about those things that have to do with my weakness. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who is blessed unto the ages, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor of King Aretas guarded the city, desiring to arrest me. But I was let down in a basket along the wall through a window, and this is how I escaped from his hands.

Without a doubt, it is not profitable for me to boast, but I will now discuss visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up into the third heaven (whether it was in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows). Yes, I know such a man (whether in the body, or outside of the body, I do not know; God knows), how he was caught up into Paradise, and heard ineffable words, which it is not lawful for anyone to utter. On behalf of such a person, I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in my weaknesses. If my intention is to boast, I will not be foolish: I will speak the truth. But now, I shall stop, so that no one may think more of me than what is seen in me or heard from me. Because of the tremendous greatness of these revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan that torments me, so that I would not be too exalted. Concerning this thing, I begged the Lord three times that it might depart from me, but he replied to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." And so, it is with joy that I would rather find glory in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me.

Priest: + Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 1

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 1st Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: God is glorified in the council of the saints.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (67) Matthew 16:13-19 (*Apostles*)

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Matthew**.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: At that time, when Jesus arrived in the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked a question to his disciples, saying, "Who do people say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Jesus then said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. I also tell you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Sermon

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Communion Hymn

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!