

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 2

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

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

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up of my hands be an evening sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord.

Reader: (Reads text from service book)

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

Come, let us worship the Word of God
begotten of the Father before all ages,
and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!
Having endured the Cross,
He was buried as He himself desired.//
And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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and in - car - nate of the Vir - gin Ma - ry! Having en - dured the Cross

He was buried as He Him - self de - sired!

And, having risen from the dead, He saved me an err - ing man.

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

Christ our Savior
nailed to the Cross the against us,
He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//
We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

Christ our Sa - viour nailed to the Cross the bond a - gainst us,

He void - ed it and destroyed the do - min - ion of death!

We fall down before His Resurrection on the third ___ day!

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

With the Archangels
 let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!
He is our Savior, our Redeemer.
 He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//
 to judge the world which He made.

With the arch - an - gels let us praise the resur - rec - tion of Christ!

He is our Sa - viour, our Re - deem - er! He is coming with awesome glory

and mighty po - wer to judge the world which He made!

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

The Angel proclaimed You
 the crucified and buried Master.
 He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay!
 He is risen as He said,
 for He is almighty."
 We worship You, O only immortal One.//
 Have mercy on us O Christ, the Giver of life!

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see the place where He lay! He is ri - sen as He said

for He is Al - migh - ty." We wor - ship You, O only Im - mor - tal One.

Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Gi - ver of life.

v. (6) *In the Fourth Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

Tone 4

(for Ven. Euthymius)

(As one valiant among the martyrs)

*(Note: pronounced **ev - THEE - mi - us**)*

You traveled the narrow path with an untroubled spirit,
aiming for the things which lead to life.

You are the boast of ascetics, O Euthymius,
steadfastly trampling the pursuing demons.

Therefore you were counted worthy to be an heir of the Kingdom of Heaven//
where you delight in unending beauty.

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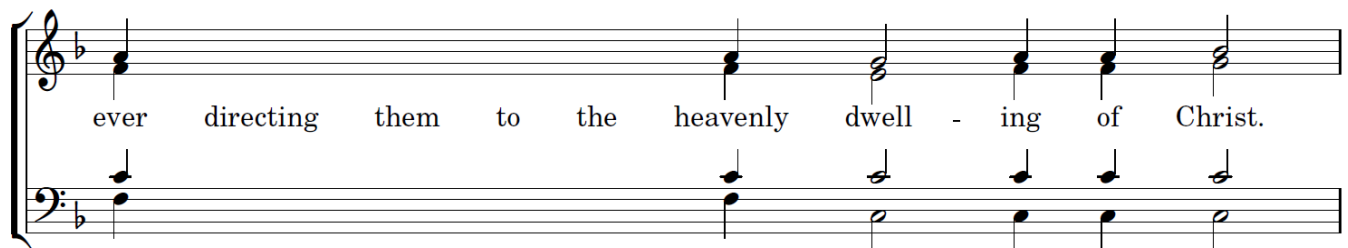
where you delight in un - end - ing beau - - ty.

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

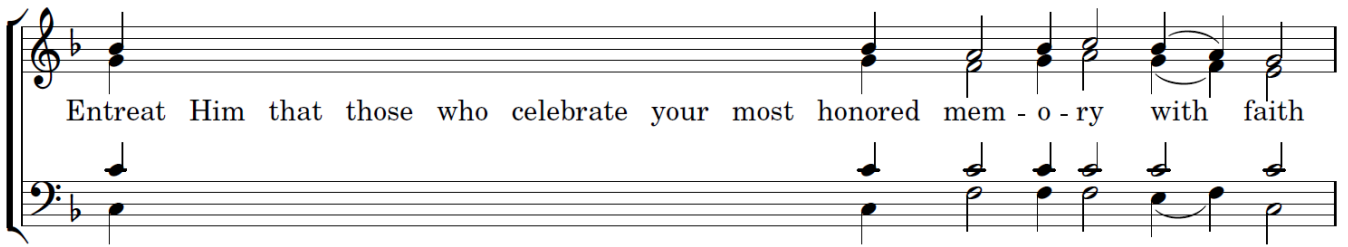
Your radiant light astonished the Angels
 and openly alarmed the savage demons.
 You adorned the assemblies of faithful with splendor,
 ever directing them to the heavenly dwelling of Christ.
 Entreat Him that those who celebrate your most honored memory with faith//
 may be delivered from corruption and misfortunes!

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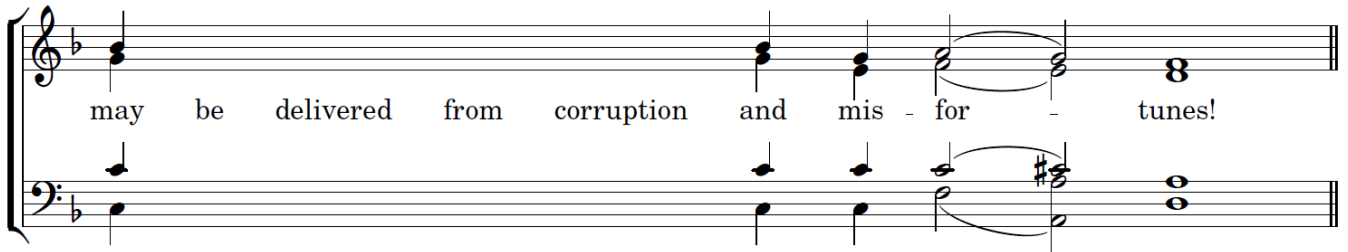
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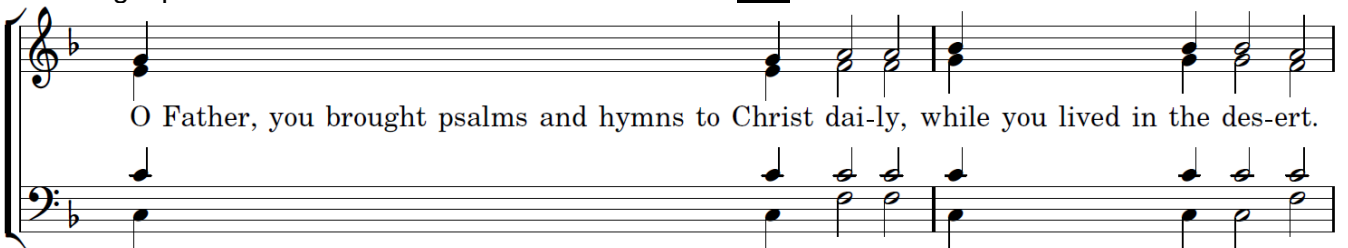
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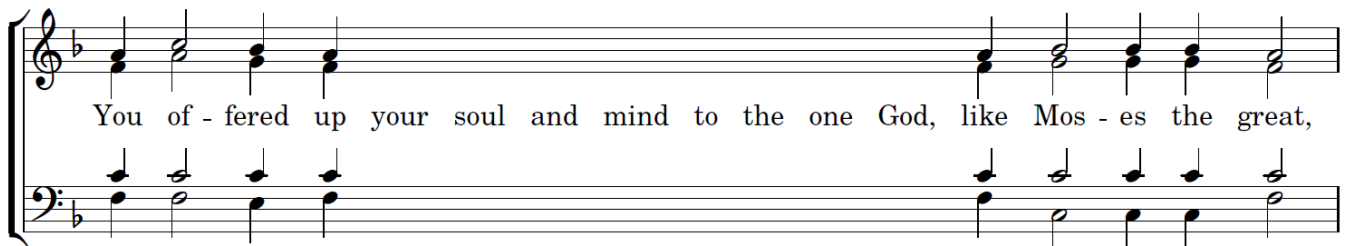
may be delivered from corruption and mis - for - tunes!

v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

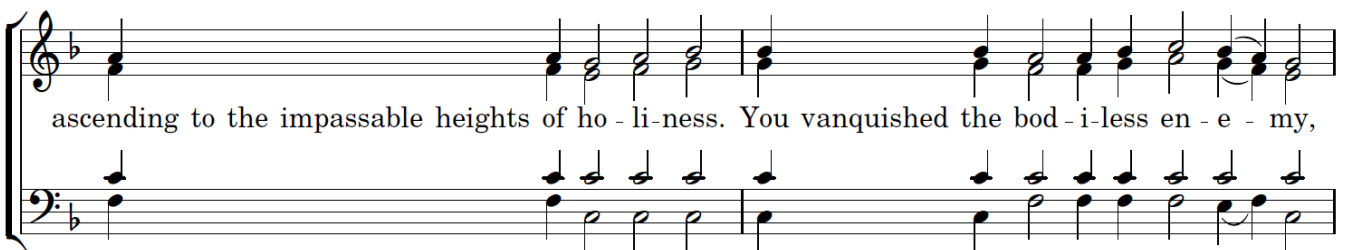
O Father, you brought psalms and hymns to Christ daily,
 while you lived in the desert.
 You offered up your soul and mind to the one God, like Moses the great,
 ascending to the impassable heights of holiness.
 You vanquished the bodiless enemy,//
 becoming a pure habitation and instrument of the Divine Spirit.



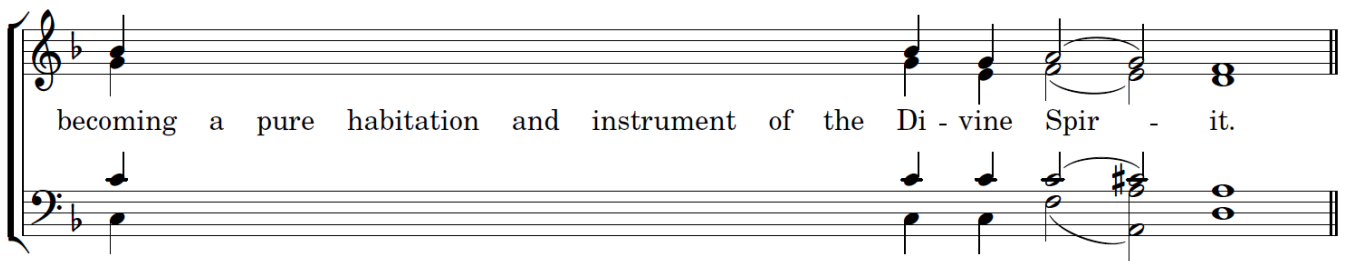
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ascending to the impassable heights of ho - li-ness. You vanquished the bod - i-less en - e - my,



becoming a pure habitation and instrument of the Di - vine Spir - it.

v. (3) *In the Same Tone, For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Tone 4

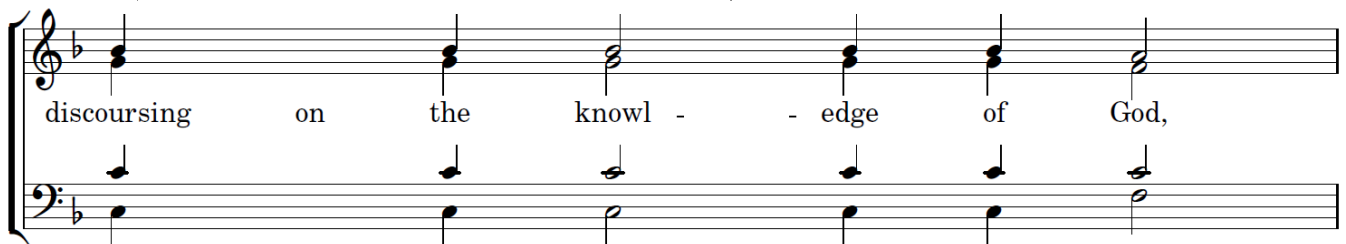
(for St. Lucian)

(You have given a sign)

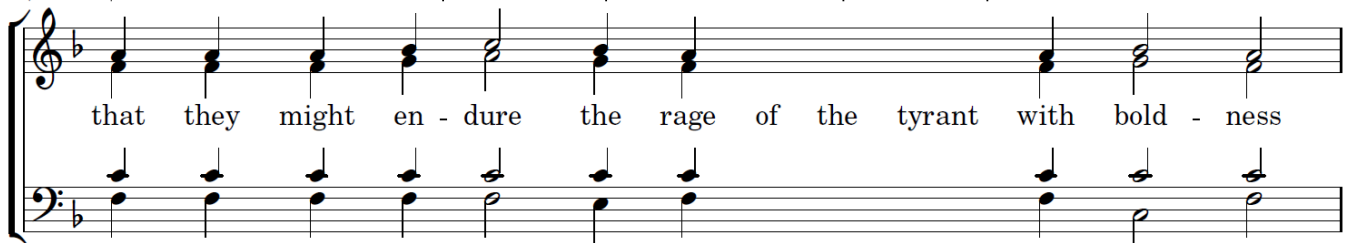
You strengthened the faithful, enriching their faith,
 discoursing on the knowledge of God,
 that they might endure the rage of the tyrant with boldness
 for the sake of the incorruptible life to come.
 Therefore today we call you blessed, O glorious Lucian,//
 as we celebrate your divine memory.



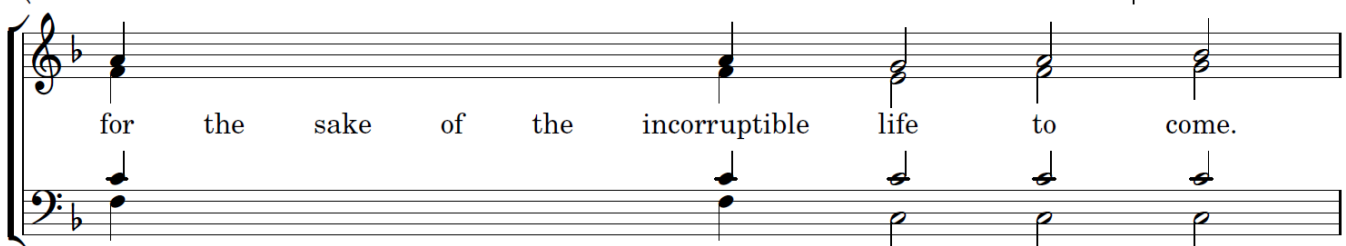
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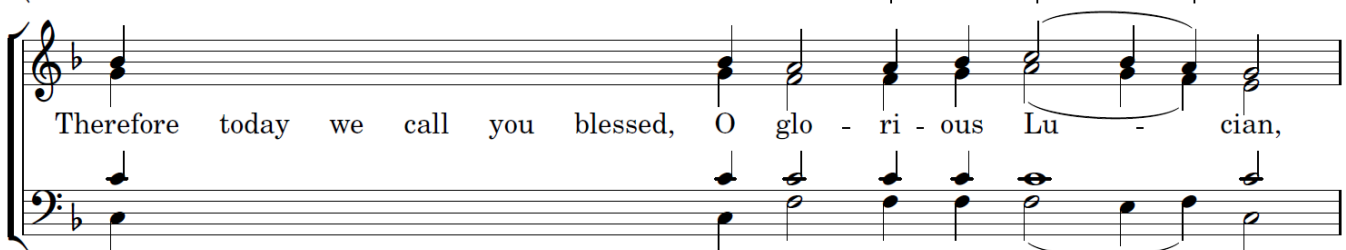
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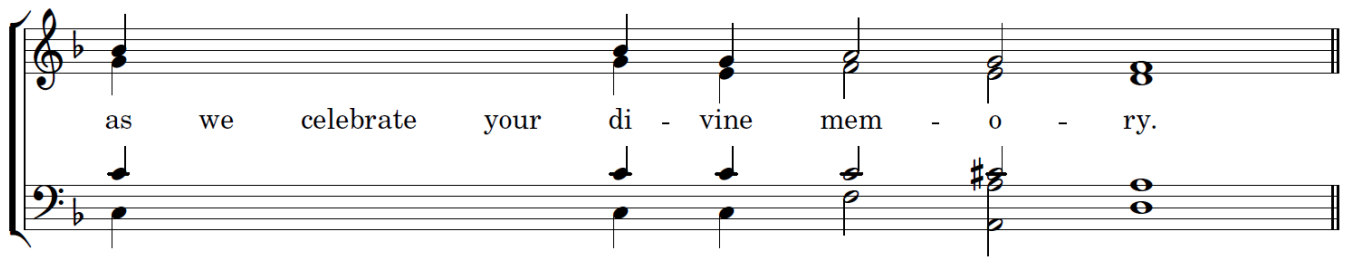
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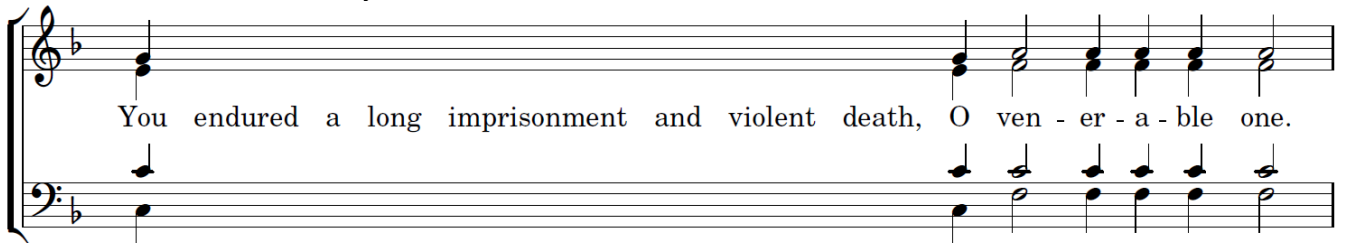
v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

You endured a long imprisonment and violent death, O venerable one.

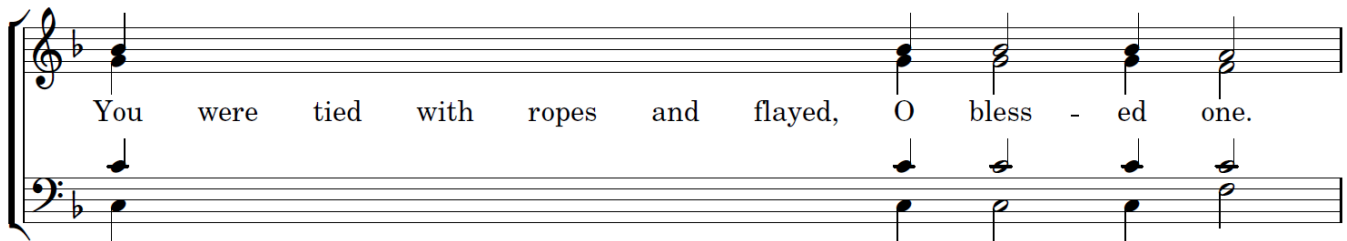
You were tied with ropes and flayed, O blessed one.

Weakened by long thirst and cruel starvation,
you openly received heavenly food.//


You were an invincible martyr, O valiant athlete of Christ!



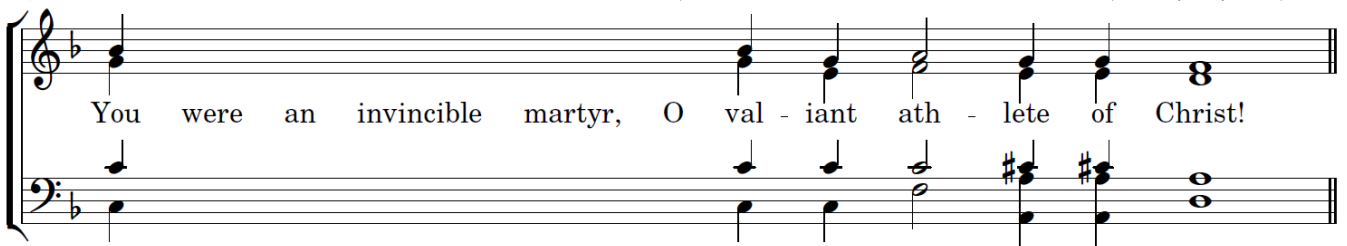
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v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

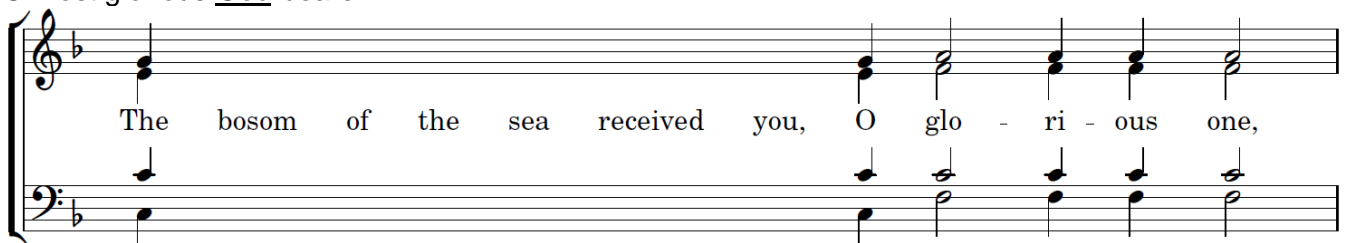
The bosom of the sea received you, O glorious one,

and, like Jonah of old, gave you over to the dry land.

With the help of wild beasts you gained an honorable burial.

You are a divine source of healings, a chosen prince of martyrs,
the foundation of the Church and intercessor for our souls,//

O most glorious God-bearer!



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and, like Jonah of old, gave you over to the dry land.

With the help of wild beasts you gained an honorable bur - i - al.

You are a divine source of healings, a chosen prince of mar - tyrs,

the foundation of the Church and in-ter-ces-sor for our souls, O most glo-ri-ous God-bearer!

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

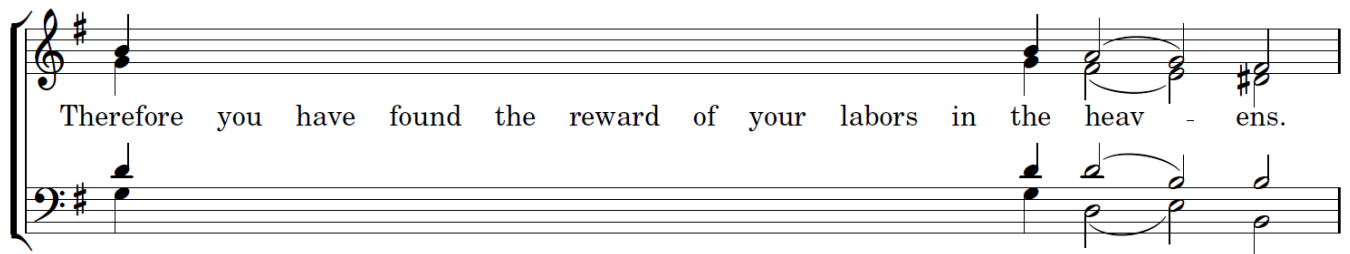
Tone 6

(for Ven. Euthymius)

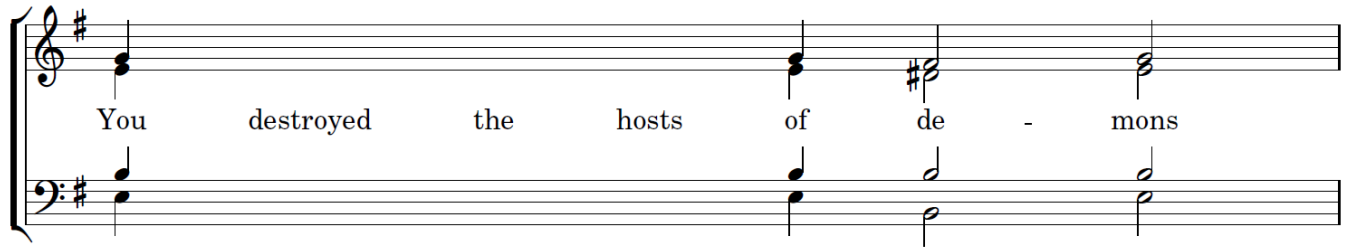
The sound of your teachings has gone out into all the earth,
 O venerable Father Euthymius.
 Therefore you have found the reward of your labors in the heavens.
 You destroyed the hosts of demons
 and reached the ranks of Angels, whose life you blamelessly followed.
 Since you have boldness before Christ our God, //
 entreat peace for our souls!

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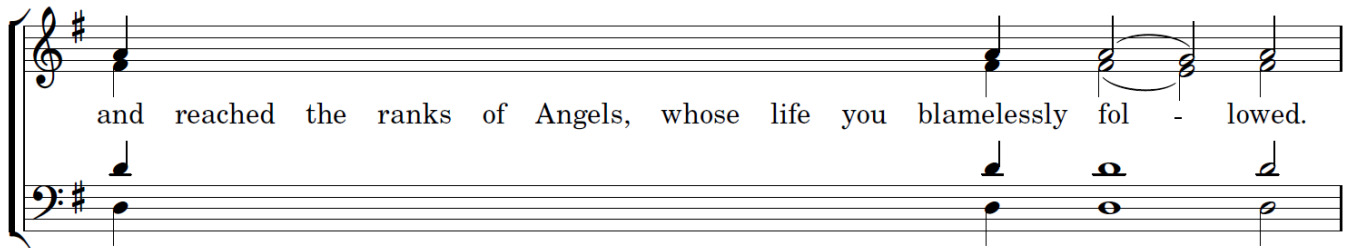
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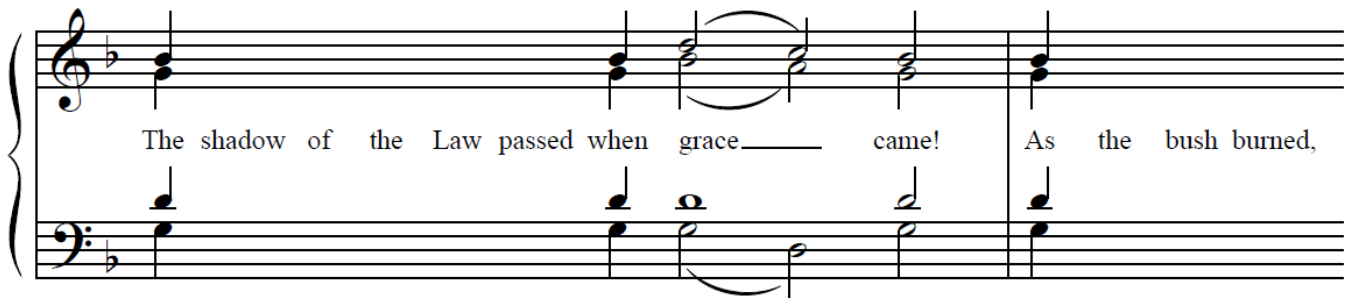
Since you have boldness before Christ our God, entreat peace for our souls!

In the Second Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.


Tone 2

(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;
 as the bush burned, yet was not consumed,
 so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.
 The righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame//
 Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.



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Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

Aposticha – Tone 2

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
has enlightened the whole universe,
recalling Your creation.//
Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Sa - viour, has enlightened the whole un - i - verse

re - call - ing Your cre - a - tion. Glory to You, O Al - migh - ty Lord!

The musical score consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. Each system has a treble and bass clef staff. The first system covers the lyrics 'Your Resurrection, O Christ our Sa - viour, has enlightened the whole un - i - verse'. The second system covers 're - call - ing Your cre - a - tion. Glory to You, O Al - migh - ty Lord!'. The music is in a minor key and features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with some melodic lines in the right hand.

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree O Savior,
By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.
You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection.//
O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the tree, O Sa - viour.

By Your burial You mortified the ma - jes - ty of death. You have

enlightened our race by Your Re - sur - rec - tion. O Giver of Life, Christ

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our God, glo - ry to You.

v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,
 You restored the beauty of Your creatures.
 The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with a spear.
 The Hebrews not knowing Your power
 asked that Your tomb might be sealed,
 but through the mercy of Your compassions,
 You accepted the tomb
 and rose on the third day!!
 O Lord, glory to You!

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You ac-cept-ed the tomb and rose on the third day. O Lord, glo - ry to You!

v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

O Christ, the Giver of life,
 for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,
 descending into Hades as the Mighty One
 to save those who awaited Your coming,
 granting him the life of paradise instead of hell.
 Grant also to us who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day//
 cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

O Christ, the Gi - ver of Life, for the sake of the dead You

voluntarily en-dured death de - scen - ding into Hades as, the migh - ty one

to save those who awaited Your com - ing, granting Him the life of paradise

in- stead of hell, grant also to us who glorify Your Resurrection on the

third day cleansing of our sin and great mer - - - cy.

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

Tone 5

(for Ven. Euthymius)

O venerable Father,
 you did not give sleep to your eyes nor slumber to your eyelids
until you freed your soul and body from the passions,
preparing yourself to be a dwelling-place of the Spirit.
 Christ, coming with the Father, made His dwelling in you.
 Since you are a favorite of the consubstantial Trinity,
 great preacher, Euthymius our father,//
 ever pray on behalf of our souls!

O ven-er-a-ble Fa-ther, you did not give sleep to your eyes nor slumber to your eye-lids

un-til you freed your soul and body from the pas-sions,

pre-par-ing yourself to be a dwelling-place of the Spir-it.

Christ, coming with the Father, made His dwell-ing in you.

Since you are a favorite of the con-sub-stan-tial Trin-i-ty,

great preach - er, Euthymius our fa - ther, ever pray on be - half of our souls!

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

Tone 5

(Theotokion)

(Theotokion – Tone 5)

O Most precious Virgin,
 you are the gate, the Temple,
 the Palace, and the Throne of the King.
 From You, my Redeemer, Christ the Lord,
 appeared to those asleep in darkness.
He is the Sun of righteousness,
 Who desired to enlighten His image, whom He had created.
 Since you possess motherly boldness before Him, O all praised Lady,//
 pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

O most precious Vir - gin! You are the Gate, the Tem - ple, the Pal - ace

and the Throne of the King! From you, my Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Since you possess motherly boldness before Him, O all-praised Lady,". The system ends with a dashed line on the right.

pray un - ceas - ing - ly that our souls may be saved!

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

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 2

Troparion

(Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

When You descended to death, O Life Im - mor - - tal,
You slew Hades with the splendour of Your God - head! And when from the depths
You raised the dead, all the powers of hea - ven cried out:
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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 8

Troparion

(Ven. Euthymius)

(Troparion for St. Euthymius – Tone 8)

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.//
Therefore your spirit, venerable Euthymius, rejoices with the angels.

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

The im - age of God was truly preserved in you,

O Fa - ther, for you took up the Cross and fol - lowed

Christ. By so do - ing you taught us to dis - re - gard

the flesh for it pass - es a - way but to care in - stead

for the soul, since it is im - mor - tal. There - fore your

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

Tone 8

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

(Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 8)

For our sake You were born of the Virgin and endured crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death

revealing the Resurrection as God. Do not despise the work of Your hand!

Reveal Your love for man, O Merciful One and accept the Theotokos praying for us, // and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

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rec - tion as God, do not despise the work of Your hand!

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The-o - to-kos pray - ing for us! And save the de spair ing people, O our Sa-viour!

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)

(at the Divine Liturgy)

Tone 2

Troparion

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Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

The im - age of God was truly preserved in you,

Detailed description: This system shows the vocal parts for Soprano and Alto (top staff) and Tenor and Bass (bottom staff). The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "The im - age of God was truly preserved in you,". The vocal lines consist of quarter notes and half notes, while the piano accompaniment is primarily block chords.

O Fa - ther, for you took up the Cross and fol - lowed

Detailed description: This system continues the vocal parts. The lyrics are: "O Fa - ther, for you took up the Cross and fol - lowed". The musical notation includes a repeat sign in the piano part.

Christ. By so do - ing you taught us to dis - re - gard

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the flesh for it pass - es a - way but to care in - stead

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for the soul, since it is im - mor - tal. There - fore your

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spir - it, venerable Euthymius,* rejoices with the an - gels.

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Tone 4

Troparion

(St. Lucian)

(Troparion for St. Lucian – Tone 4)

Your holy martyr Lucian, O Lord,
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God.
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through his intercession, save our souls!

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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Tone 2

Kontakion

(Ven. Euthymius)

(Kontakion for St. Euthymius – Tone 2)

Crossing dry-shod through the storms of life,
venerable and divinely wise Euthymius,
you mightily drowned the bodiless foe in the streams of your tears;
you received the gift of miracles to heal all sufferings.//
Unceasingly pray for us all!

Soprano
Alto

Cross - ing dry - shod through the storms of life,

Tenor
Bass

venerable and divinely wise Eu - thy - mi - us,*

you might - ily drowned the bodiless foe in the streams

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all suf - fer - ings. Un - ceas - ing - ly pray for us all.

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

Tone 2

Kontakion

(St. Lucian)

(Kontakion for St. Lucian – Tone 2)

We honor you with hymns of glory,

Lucian, the radiant star.

First, you became radiant by detachment from the things of this world,

then you were raised up by your struggle.//

Unceasingly pray for us all!

Soprano
Alto

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Tenor
Bass

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by detachment from the things of this world; then you

were raised up by your strug - gle. Un - ceas - ing - ly

pray for us all.

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

(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 2)

Hades became afraid, O almighty Savior,

seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!

The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, //

and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

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see - ing the miracle of Your Re - sur - rec - tion from the tomb!

The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and re-joiced with You!

And the world, O my Sa-viour prais-es You for - e - ver.

(then, p. 83)

*Prokeimenon, Tone 2**Deacon:* Let us attend! *Priest:* † Peace to all!*Reader:* And with your spirit!*Deacon:* Wisdom!*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.*People:* The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation, my salvation.

The Lord is my strength and my song. He has be - come my

sal - va - tion, my sal - va - tion.

Reader: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.*People:* The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation, my salvation.

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He has be - come my sal - va - tion, my sal - va - tion.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, 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 to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 2

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 2nd Tone: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel – (35) Luke 8:5-15

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

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

Priest: The Lord said this parable: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was sowing, some seed fell along the wayside; it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky devoured it. Other seed fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew, it withered away because it had no moisture. Other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. Other fell into the good ground, grew, and brought forth fruit a hundred times." As he said this, he exclaimed, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Then his disciples asked him, "What does this parable mean?"

Jesus replied, "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest, it is given in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now this is what the parable means: The seed is the word of God. Those along the wayside are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rock are those who receive the word with joy when they hear. But they have no root; they believe for a while, then fall away in time of temptation. What fell among the thorns is those who have heard, and as they go on their way, they are choked with worries, wealth, and the pleasures of life; and they bring no fruit to maturity. As for the seed that fell in the rich soil, this is those who have heard the word with an honest and good heart, who retain it and bring forth fruit with endurance.

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

Sermon

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