#### "Lord I Call..." - Tone 6

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

Lord, I call upon You, <u>hear</u> me! <u>Hear</u> me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon You, <u>hear</u> me! Receive the <u>voice</u> of my prayer, when I <u>call</u> upon You!// Let my <u>prayer</u> arise in Your sight as <u>incense</u>, and let the lifting <u>up</u> of my hands be an evening <u>sacrifice!//</u> Hear <u>me</u>, O Lord!



Reader: (Reads text from service book)

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

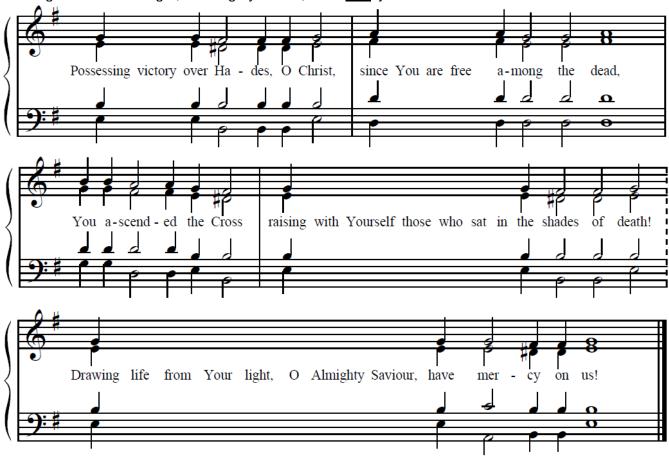
Possessing victory over Hades, O Christ,

since You are free among the dead,

You ascended the Cross

raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//

Drawing life from Your light, O Almighty Savior, have mercy on us!



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

Today Christ tramples on death,

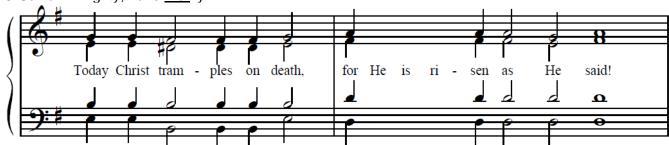
for He is risen as He said!

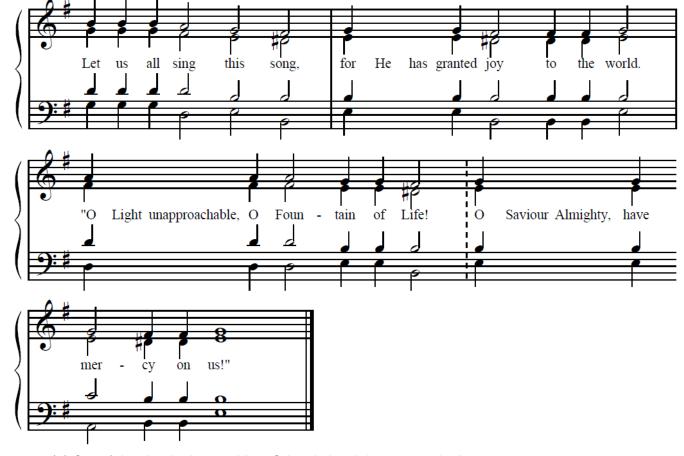
Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

"O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

O Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!"





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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, for You are in all creation?

In heaven You dwell!

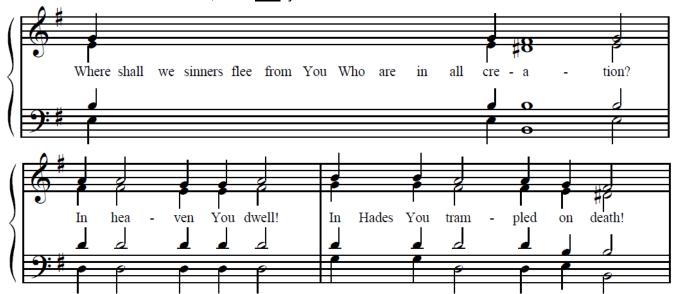
In Hades You trampled on death!

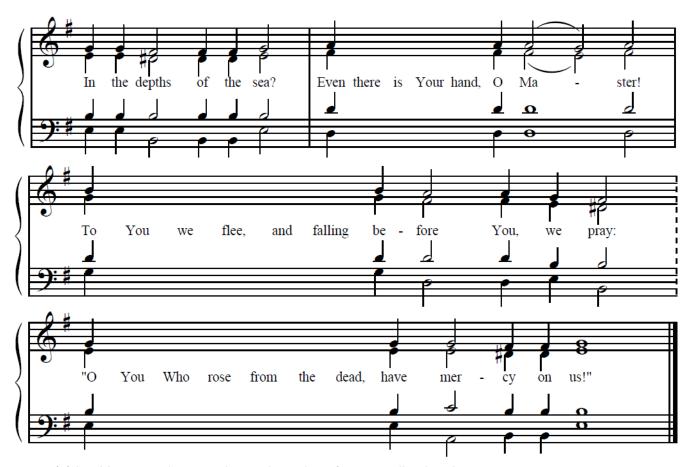
In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Your hand, O Master!

To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://

"O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!"





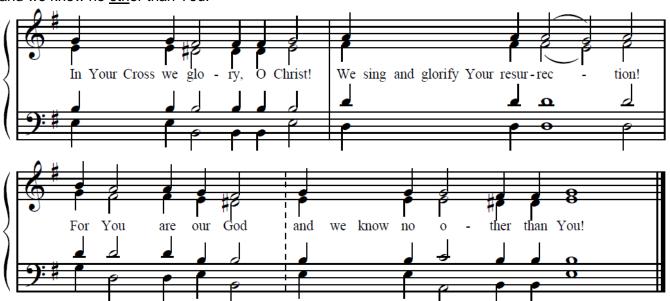
v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.

We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.

For You are our God,//

and we know no other than You.



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

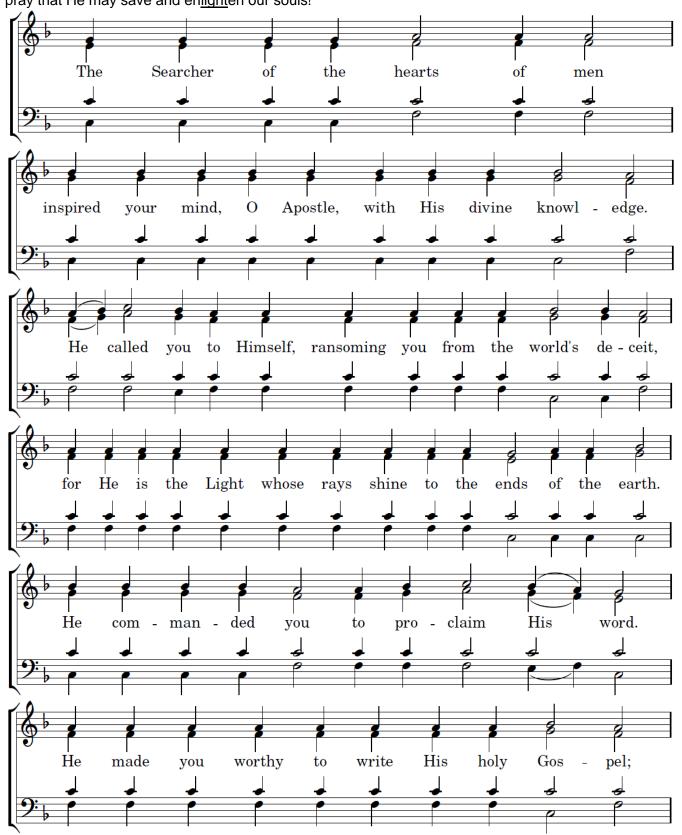
Tone 4 (for St. Matthew) (Called from on high)

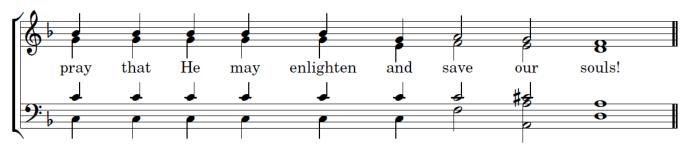
The Searcher of the hearts of men inspired your mind, O Apostle, with His divine knowledge.

He called you to Himself, ransoming you from the world's deceit,

for He is the Light whose rays shine to the ends of the earth.

He commanded <u>you</u> to pro<u>claim</u> His word. He made you worthy to write His holy <u>Gos</u>pel;// pray that He may save and en<u>light</u>en our souls!





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.

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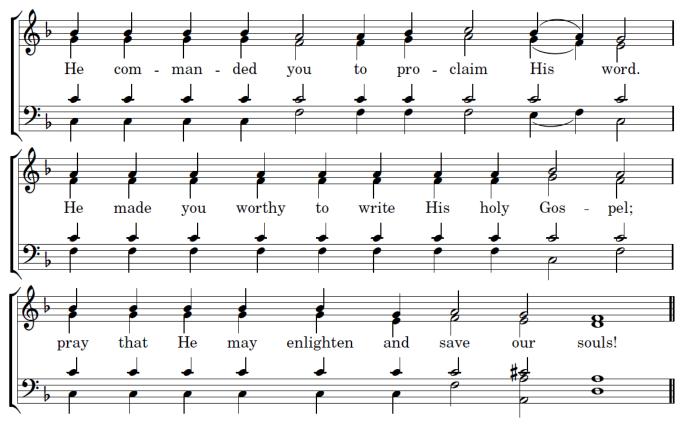
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He commanded you to proclaim His word.

He made you worthy to write His holy Gospel;//

pray that He may save and enlighten our souls!





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

Once a publican, now a disciple,

you accepted the urgent call of the Eternal Word,

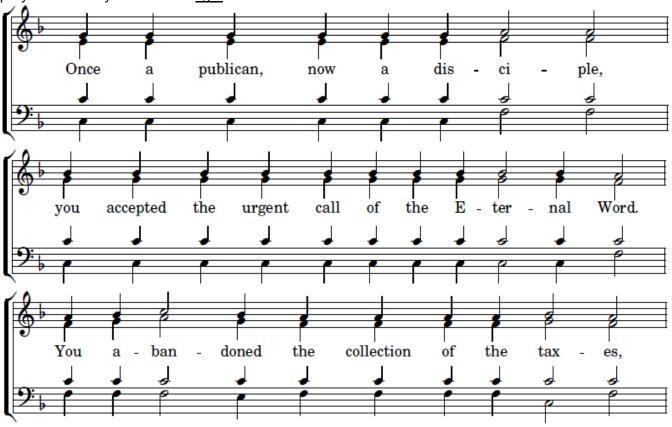
and abandoned the collection of the taxes,

eager for the promise of communion in His Kingdom;

you cast away the raging tumult of this life,

and now you behold His glory face to face;//

pray that He may save and enlighten our souls!





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

In days of old, as the earth lay waste in evil,

the prophet Daniel was endowed with clearness of sight.

He beheld a stone, cut without human hands from a mountain:

a stone that ground the riches of earthly kingdoms to dust.

In the fullness of time this all-wise Lord came down to earth.

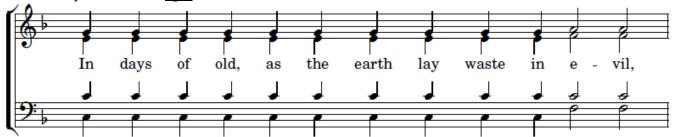
Passing by the customs-house, He chose you to be His herald;

He called you, who once served an earthly kingdom,

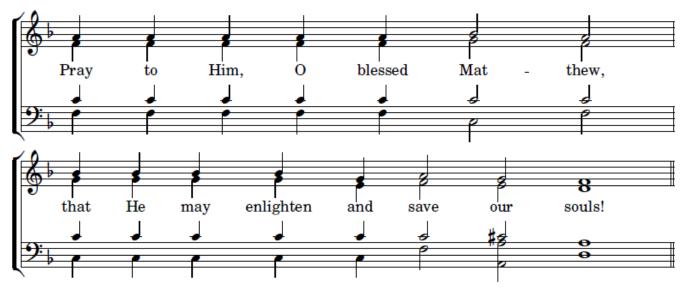
to serve Him, the Light of the world.

Pray to Him, O blessed Matthew,//

that He may save and enlighten our souls!







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

When the sinless Light came in the flesh, as He Him<u>self</u> willed, scattering the darkness of <u>ig</u>norance,

then you, O servant of the most divine will,

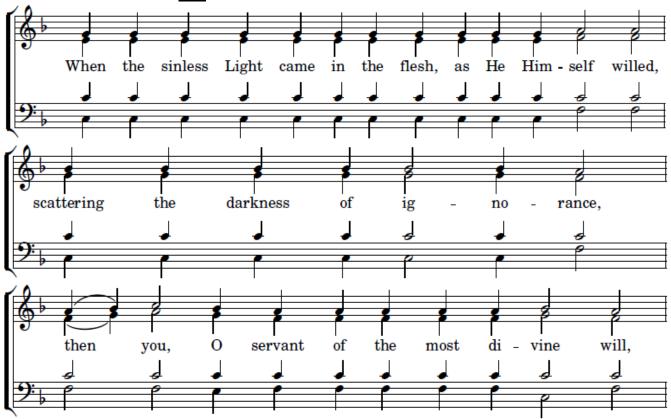
followed in response to His life-giving command.

As a most divine keeper of His will in a manner beyond understanding,

you, O Matthew, became a beacon of the Church

and a dwelling-place of Christ.//

Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!





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

Burning up deception with a fiery tongue,

you, O most wise Matthew, were highly exalted.

After receiving the Comforter, Whose coming enlightened you,

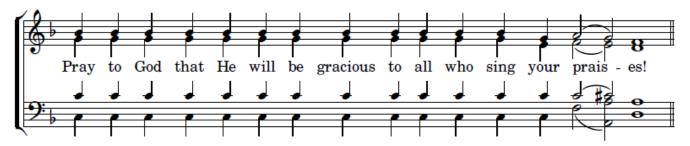
you spoke to the people of the majesty of the Almighty One,

bringing amazement to the minds of those who heard your words.

Now your proclamation has gone out into all the earth, O divinely inspired Apostle.//

Pray to God that He will be gracious to all who sing your praises!





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

Tone 4 Idiomelon (for St. Matthew)

You were called by Christ to heavenly dis<u>ci</u>pleship, and you followed Him eagerly, O <u>chos</u>en of God.

forsaking overnight all enslavement to the cares of this life.

Obediently you accepted wisdom worthy of the Kingdom on high,

and abandoned the passing glory of your former life in the world,

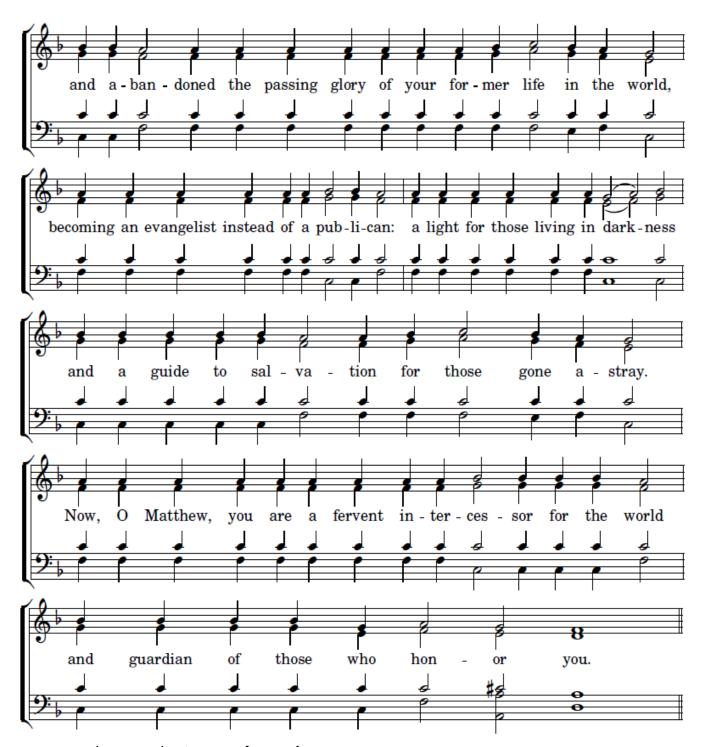
becoming an evangelist instead of a <u>publican</u>:

a light for those living in darkness

and a guide to salvation for those gone astray.

Now, O Matthew, you are a fervent intercessor for the world// and guardian of those who honor you.





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

(Theotokion – Dogmatikon) Tone 6

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin? Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

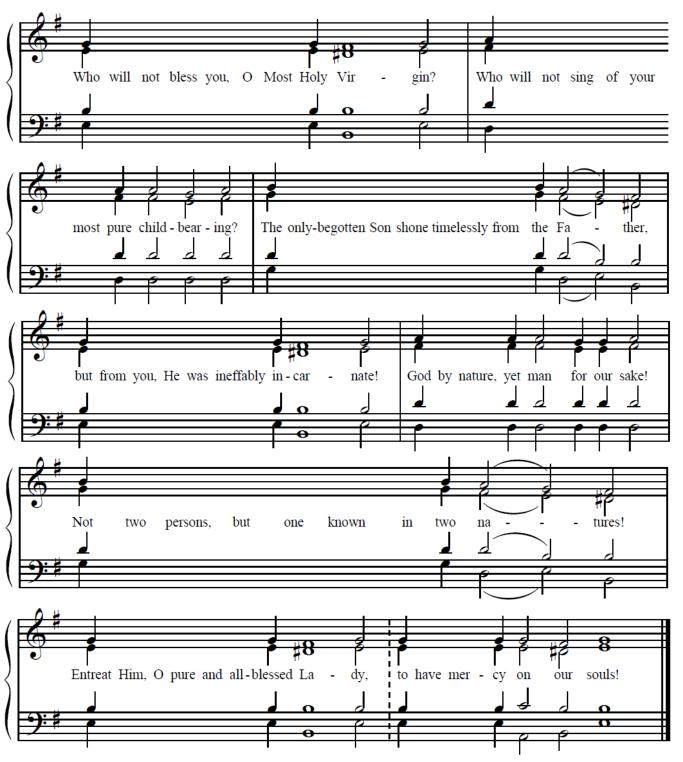
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature yet Man for our sake,

Not two persons but One known in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!



Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three readings

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Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First General Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter. (1 Peter 1:1 – 2:6)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect who are living as exiles, scattered in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. This is according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, so that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with his blood. Grace be to you and may peace be multiplied!

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. About this salvation, the prophets (who prophesied of the grace that would come to you) did much research and investigation. They were investigating the time and circumstances that the Spirit of Christ (which was in them) pointed to by predicting the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow them. They received revelation that they were servants of these things not for themselves but for you. These [things] have now been announced to you by those who preached the Good News by the Holy Spirit sent out from heaven, and [even the] angels desire to gaze upon these things.

Therefore, 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! He was foreknown even before the foundation of the world but he was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him, you believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope might be in God.

Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth through the Spirit, love one another with a pure heart, in sincere brotherly affection, and fervently! You have been born again, not of corruptible but of incorruptible seed, through the word of God which lives and remains forever. Truly:

All flesh is like grass.

and all of man's glory like the flower in the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls; but the word of the Lord endures forever.

This is the word of the Good News which was preached to you.

Therefore, putting away all wickedness, deceit, hypocrisies, envies, and all evil speaking, as newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, so that you may grow by it in [your] salvation. If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious, come to him who is a living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious. You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, in order to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

As the Scripture has it:

Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, chosen and precious: Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed.

For you who believe, this brings honor, but for those who are disobedient:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,

and:

a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.

Indeed, they stumble at the word and are disobedient, which is what they were laid aside for. But you are

a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First General Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter. (1 Peter 2:21 – 3:9)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: My beloved. Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an expense.

Reader: My beloved, 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; and "by his wounds you were healed." Indeed, you were going astray like sheep, but now, you have returned to the shepherd and overseer of your souls.

In the same way, wives, be in subjection to your own husbands. This way, even if they do not obey the word, they will be won by the behavior of their wives without a word, seeing your pure and reverent attitude. Your beauty should not only consist in external ornaments and hairstyles, golden jewelry, or fine clothing. Instead, let it be in the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. This is how the holy women of the past hoped in God and also adorned themselves. They were submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord." You are now her children if you do what is good and do not give in to fear.

In the same way, you husbands should live with your wives according to knowledge, giving them honor as to the weaker vessel and also as joint- heirs of the grace of life. This way, your prayers will not be hindered.

Finally, all of you be like-minded, compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, polite, not giving back evil for evil or insult for insult. Instead, give back blessing, knowing that you are called to do this, so that you yourselves may inherit a blessing.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First General Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter. (1 Peter 4:1 – 11) Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: My beloved, as Christ suffered for us in the flesh, equip yourselves with the same mind; for anyone who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin. Thus you should no longer live the rest of your time in the flesh for human lusts but to do God's will. Truly, you have spent enough of your past lifetime fulfilling the will of non-believing Gentiles. We used to live in indecency, lusts, excess drinking, orgies, riotous behavior, and abominable idolatries. They think it is strange that you no longer run with them into the same abusive lifestyle, and they speak evil of you. However, they will give an account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead! For this reason, the Good News was preached even to the dead, so that they might in the flesh undergo the judgment that faces all human beings, but then live in the spirit as to God.

The end of all things is near! Therefore, be clear-minded, self-controlled, and sober in prayer. And above all things, be committed to your mutual love because love will cover a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another, without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve each other, as good stewards of the grace of God in its various forms. If anyone speaks, let it be as the very words of God. If anyone serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

Then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)

### Aposticha - Tone 6

Your Resurrection, O Christ our <u>Savior</u>, the Angels in <u>heaven sing!</u> Enable <u>us</u> on earth// to glorify You in <u>purity</u> of heart!

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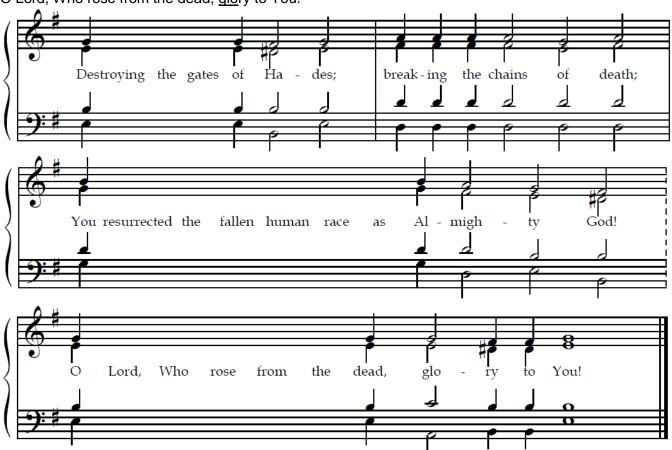
v: The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Destroying the gates of <u>ha</u>des,

breaking the chains of death,

You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!



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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,

Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.

The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,

"Woe to us, O Savior!

How do You deign to descend to death?

What place can hold Your life bearing body?

Come to us as You promised!

Take away our wailing and tears!"

Then the Angel appeared to them:

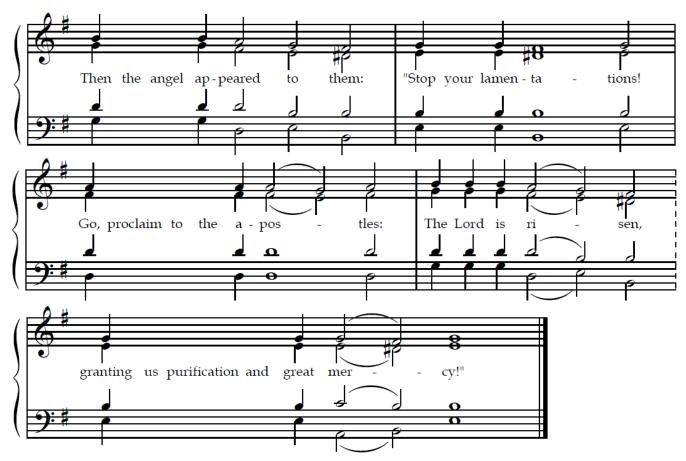
"Stop your lamentations!

Go, proclaim to the Apostles:

'The Lord is risen,//

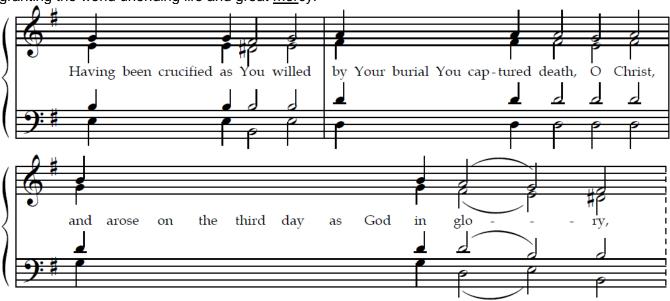
granting us purification and great mercy!"

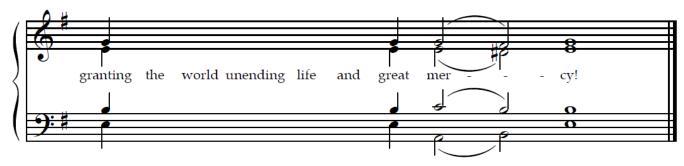




v: Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

Having been crucified as <u>You</u> willed, by Your burial You captured <u>death</u>, O Christ, and rose on the third day as God in <u>glory</u>,// granting the world unending life and great <u>mercy</u>!





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

# Tone 6 (for St. Matthew)

The full stature of goodness is made manifest in you, O blessed Matthew:

in the fullness of time you abandoned the occupation of an evil age,

soaring as an eagle to the heights of righteousness;

you have filled the earth with the wisdom hidden from all eternity,

following fervently in the footsteps of Christ;

you have borne the Gospel of peace, life, and salvation to men,

filling with divine commandments those who hunger after righteousness.

O blessed guide, well-pleasing to the Creator,//

pray for us who bless your memory!





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

### Tone 6 (Theotokion)

(Theotokion - Tone 6)

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

was born of you, O most pure Virgin.

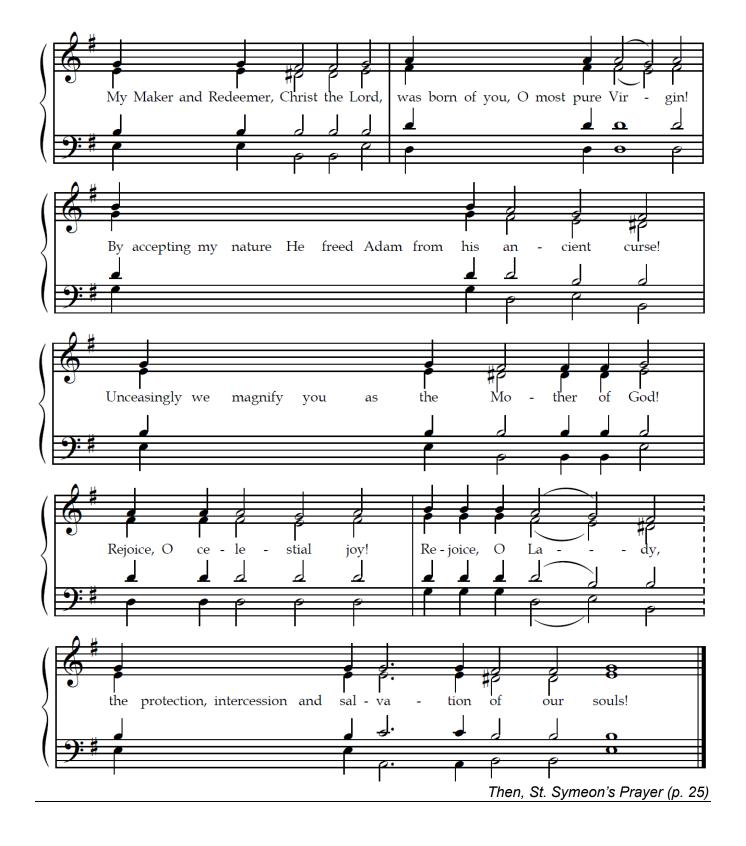
By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!

Rejoice, O celestial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!



Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;

the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Your grave,

seeking Your most pure body.

You captured Hades,

not being tempted by it.

You came to the Virgin, granting life.//

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

(Troparion for the Apostle – Tone 3)

With zeal you followed Christ the Master,

Who, in His goodness, appeared on earth to mankind.

Summoning you from the customs house,

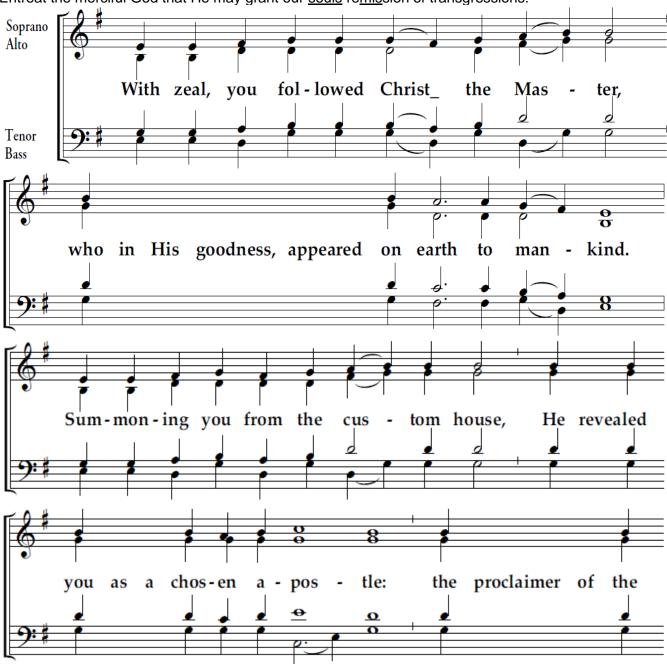
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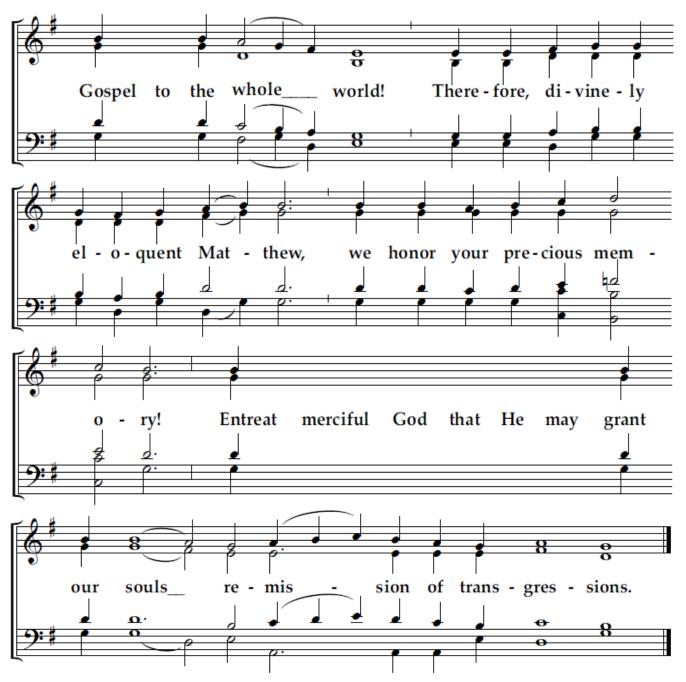
the proclaimer of the Gospel to the whole world.

Therefore, divinely eloquent Matthew,

we honor your precious memory.//

Entreat the merciful God that He may grant our souls remission of transgressions!





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# Tone 3 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

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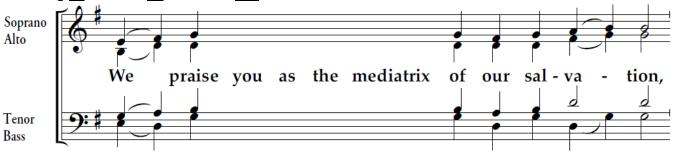
We praise you as the mediatrix of our salvation,

Virgin Theotokos.

For your Son, our God, Who took flesh from you,

accepted the Passion on the Cross,//

delivering us from corruption as the Lover of Man.





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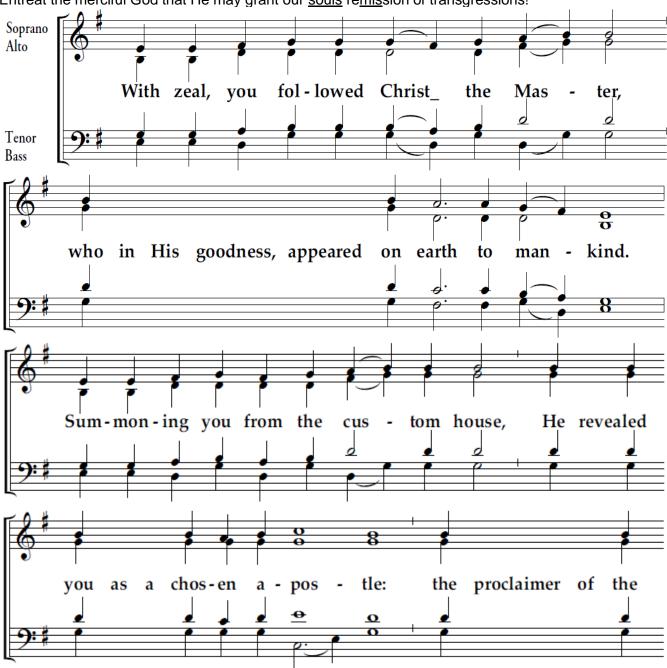
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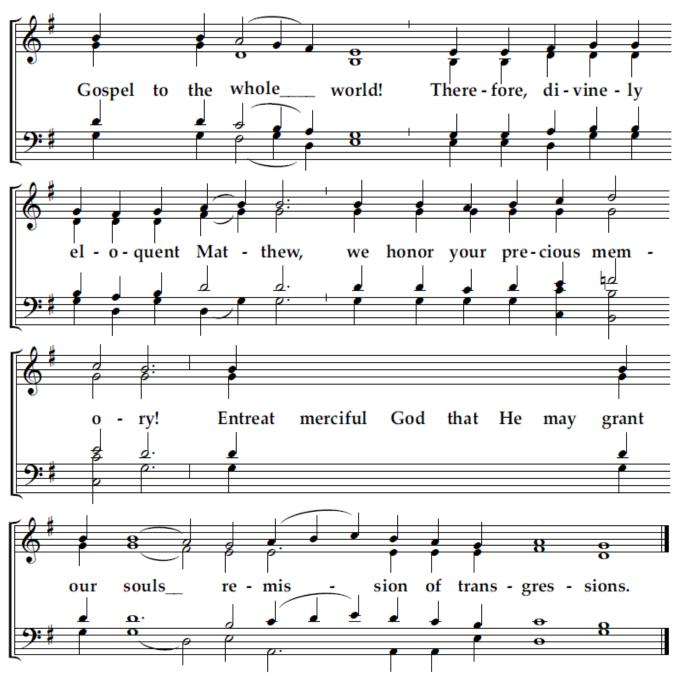
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Tone 4 Kontakion (St. Matthew)

(Kontakion for the Apostle – Tone 4)

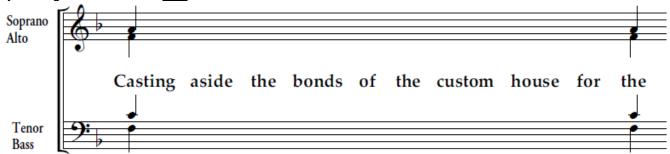
Casting aside the bonds of the customs house for the yoke of justice,

you were revealed as an excellent merchant, rich in wisdom from on high.

You proclaimed the word of truth

and roused the souls of the slothful//

by writing of the hour of Judgment.





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Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

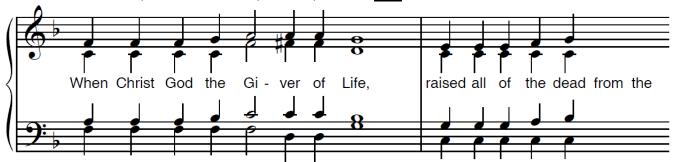
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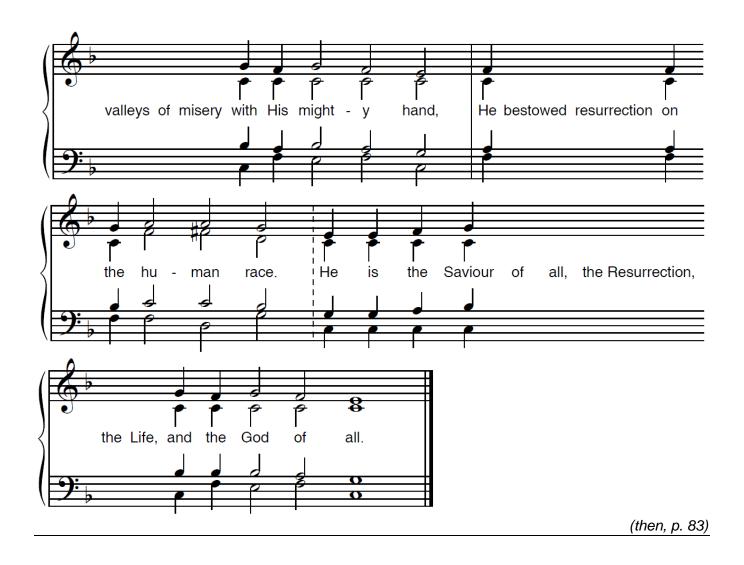
When Christ God the Giver of Life,

raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,

He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//

He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.





Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Deacon: Let us attend! Priest: † Peace to all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 6<sup>th</sup> Tone: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

People: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!



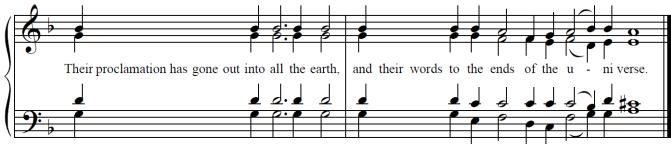
Reader: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

People: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!



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

*People:* Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe.



Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle - (220) Ephesians 2:4-10 and (131) 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (St. Matthew)

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, God who is rich in mercy, on account of his great love by which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved! God raised us up with him, and granted us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come, he might show the overflowing treasure of his grace in kindness toward us, in Christ Jesus.

Yes, by grace you have been saved through faith, and not by yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, so that no one would boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we should walk in them.

Brothers and sisters, I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we are made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and people.

We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You have honor, but we have dishonor. Even to this present hour, we hunger and thirst, we are naked, beaten, and

we wander from place to place! We work hard, with our own hands. When people curse us, we bless in return. When we are persecuted, we endure.

When we are defamed, we try to conciliate. We are made as the filth of the world, as the dirt wiped off by all, even until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For although you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers. For in Christ Jesus, I became your father through the Good News. I beg you therefore, be imitators of me.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Tone 6

Alleluia: Tone 6

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 6th Tone: Alleluia! He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the 1st Tone, The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the

congregation of the saints.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel – (53) Luke 10:25-37 and (30) Matthew 9:9-13 (St. Matthew)

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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:* At that time, an expert in the law stood up and put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

The man answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes and beat him. Then they went away, leaving him half dead. By chance, a certain priest was going down that way. But when the priest saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite also came to the place, but when he saw the beaten man, he also passed by on the other side. Now a certain Samaritan was traveling and arrived at the spot where the man was. When the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he was moved with compassion, came to him, and wrapped his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He placed the man on his own animal and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he was leaving, he took out two denarii and gave them to the host, saying to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will pay you back when I return.' Now which one of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"

The lawyer replied, "The one who showed mercy on him!" Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." At that time, as Jesus was passing by from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax collection office. Jesus said to him, "Follow me," and the man got up and began to follow him. It so happened that as Jesus was sitting in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came in and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

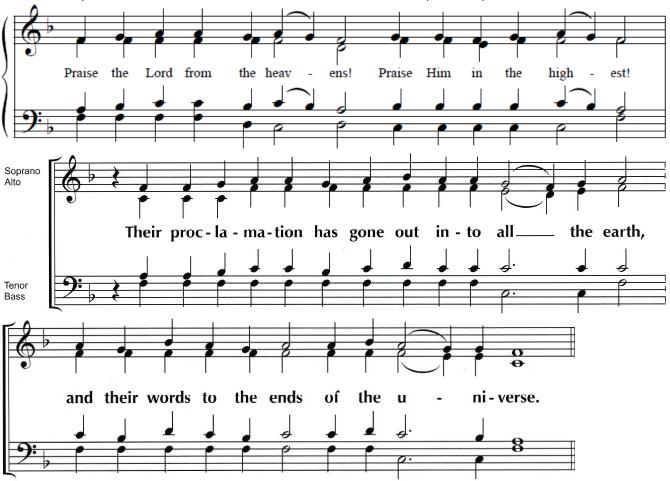
When Jesus heard it, he told them, "Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick do. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

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

Sermon (then p. 89)

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



- 1. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.
- 2. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
- 3. In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber.
- 4. The law of the Lord is perfect reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
- 5. The precepts of the Lord are right rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
- 6. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

