

VESPERS PROPERS FOR MAY 7TH, 2020

from the Menaion

¹Postfestive Day of Mid-Pentecost



The appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens at the third hour of the day in Jerusalem, before the Emperor Constantius. (357)

The holy martyr Acacius at the mountain of Skete in Egypt, who, it is said, was a deacon of the Church at Rome. At the time of the emperor Theodosius, he withdrew into solitude. There, perfected in all the virtues, he returned his spirit to God. (303)

Psalm 140 (*Tone 4*)

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O Lord, I have cried
to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I call up - on you.
Hear me, O Lord! Let my pray'r ascend to you like in - cense
and the lifting up of my hands like an eve-ning sac - ri - fice. Hear
me, O Lord!

Continue with Psalm 140: "O Lord, set a guard before my mouth..." (p.9).

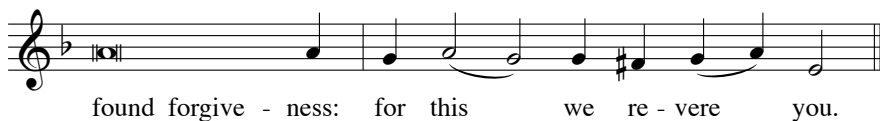
Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

3 stichera from the Pentecostarion:

Cantor - (Tone 4):

(on 6)

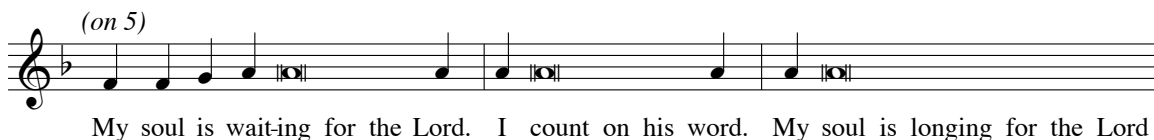
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive? But with you is



(6) (5) Sticheron

Today the godly multitude of the faithful rejoices, * for the heavenly Cross appears to the ends of the world, * illumining the firmament with unapproachable light, * makes the air brilliant and adorns the face of the earth. * The Church of Christ hymns it with divine songs, * worshipping it with veneration, * and the divine and all-wondrous Cross preserves it from on high. * By its power we are strengthened; * wherefore, let us approach the Master, saying: ** Grant peace to the world and enlighten our souls!

Cantor:



Repeat: *"Today the godly multitude..."*

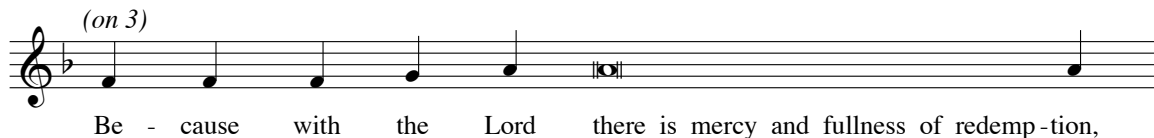
Cantor:



(4) (3) Sticheron

The all-precious and glorious Cross has been seen today * as a most honorable ladder * leading up from earth to the heavens * for those who venerate it with steadfast faith. * All nations rejoice, * hastening fervently to baptism, * and the Church adorns itself in godly manner like to a bride; * for that which the Jews sought to hide * shines forth from on high in the air ** and saves those who approach it with faith.

Cantor:





Is - rael indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Repeat: *The all-precious and glorious Cross...*"

Cantor:

(on 2)



Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

(2) (1) Sticheron

From on high there has appeared * the rod of divine power, * the Cross sent to us in Sion, wholly illumined by grace and boundless light. * The heavenly Cross of our crucified God has shone forth * above glorious Golgotha, * proclaiming to all that salvation has come to the world through His sufferings. * And bowing down before it * we chant unceasingly and ask with faith * that He grant peace to the world ** and save our souls.

Cantor:

(on 1)



Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

Repeat: *"From on high there has appeared..."*

Cantor - (Tone 6):



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it.

Doxastikon

The heavens have proclaimed Your glory, O Lord, * the awesome sight of Your Cross, * and all the earth has bowed down with fear. * And we, rendering up glorification, cry out to You with thanksgiving: * In that You as God are dispassionate, * You have deigned to suffer for us in the flesh of Your own will. ** Save the people whom You have acquired by Your own blood.

Cantor - (Tone 2):



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

Doxastikon

When You came to the Temple, O Christ, in the middle of the Feast, * You taught the people, saying: * Whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, he shall live. * The Pharisees and Sadducees and Scribes were enraged and cried: * Who is this man to utter blasphemies? * They did not understand that You are our God, ** glorified with the Father and Spirit before the ages. Glory to You!

Continue with "Wisdom..." and the Hymn of the Evening (p. 12)

The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 13-15).

Aposticha

The aposticha are from the Pentecostarion:

(Tone 3)

Aposticheron:



O Christ, who dark-ened the sun by your pas-sion, and en-light-ened all creation



by your res-ur-rec-tion, ac-cept our eve-ning pray'r; for you love us all.

Cantor: Through all the world their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the earth.

Aposticheron:



Your teach-ing has gone forth to all the earth, O ho-ly A-pos-tles.



You have destroyed the captive pow'r of i-dols by pro-claiming



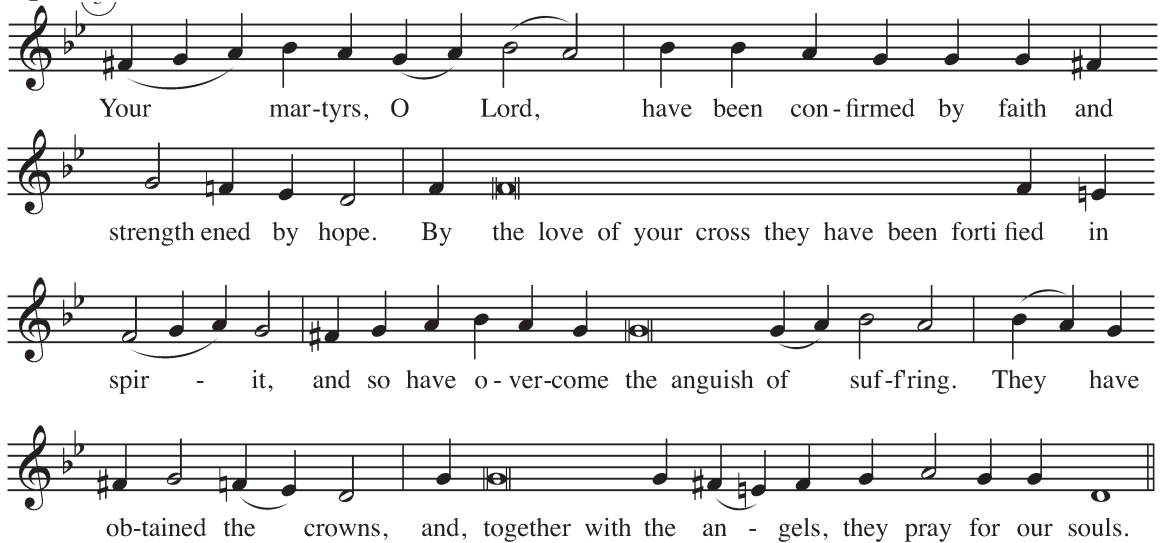
the knowl-edge of God. This is your good work, O ho-ly Ones.



For this we praise and glo-ri-fy your mem-o-ry.

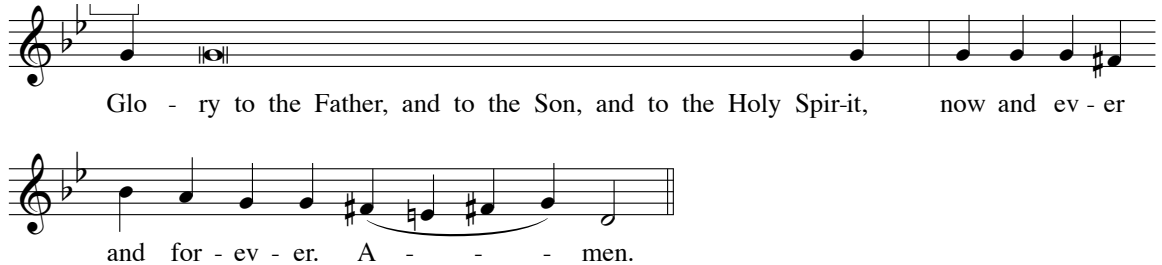
Cantor: God is to be feared in his holy place. He is the Lord, the God of Israel.

Aposticheron:



Your mar-tyrs, O Lord, have been con-firmed by faith and strengthened by hope. By the love of your cross they have been forti-fied in spir-it, and so have o-ver-come the anguish of suf-fring. They have ob-tained the crowns, and, together with the an-gels, they pray for our souls.

Cantor (Tone 3):



Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

Doxastikon

In the middle of the Feast * let us glorify Him who worked salvation in the middle of the earth. * The Life was hanging on the tree between two thieves. * He was silent with the one who blasphemed, * but the one who believed heard: * Today you will be with Me in Paradise. * He descended into the tomb, destroying Hades ** and He arose on the third day, saving our souls.

Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 21).

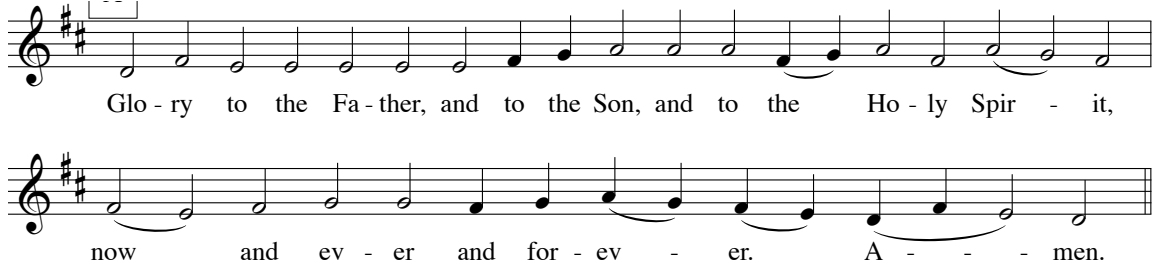
Troparia

Troparion - Tone 8



The sign of your cross ap - peared in a daz - zling glow
more ra - diant than the sun. O Sav - ior, you stretched it
from the ho - ly moun - tain to the place of Cal - va - ry,
man - i - fest - ing in this way the pow - er you have giv - en to it.
Pre serve our ci - vil au - thor - i - ties in strength and es - tab - lish our
coun - try in peace through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos.

Cantor (Tone 8):



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Troparion of Mid-Pentecost - Tone 8:

In the mid-dle of the feast, quench the thirst of my soul with streams
of de-vo-tion. For you, O Sav-ior, have ex-claimed to all:
Let an-y-one who thirsts come to me and drink.
O Christ our God, Foun-tain of Life, glo-ry to you!

Continue with the Litany of Daily Vespers (p.23) and then the Dismissal (p. 24).

¹Format 24: Weekdays during the Paschal Season