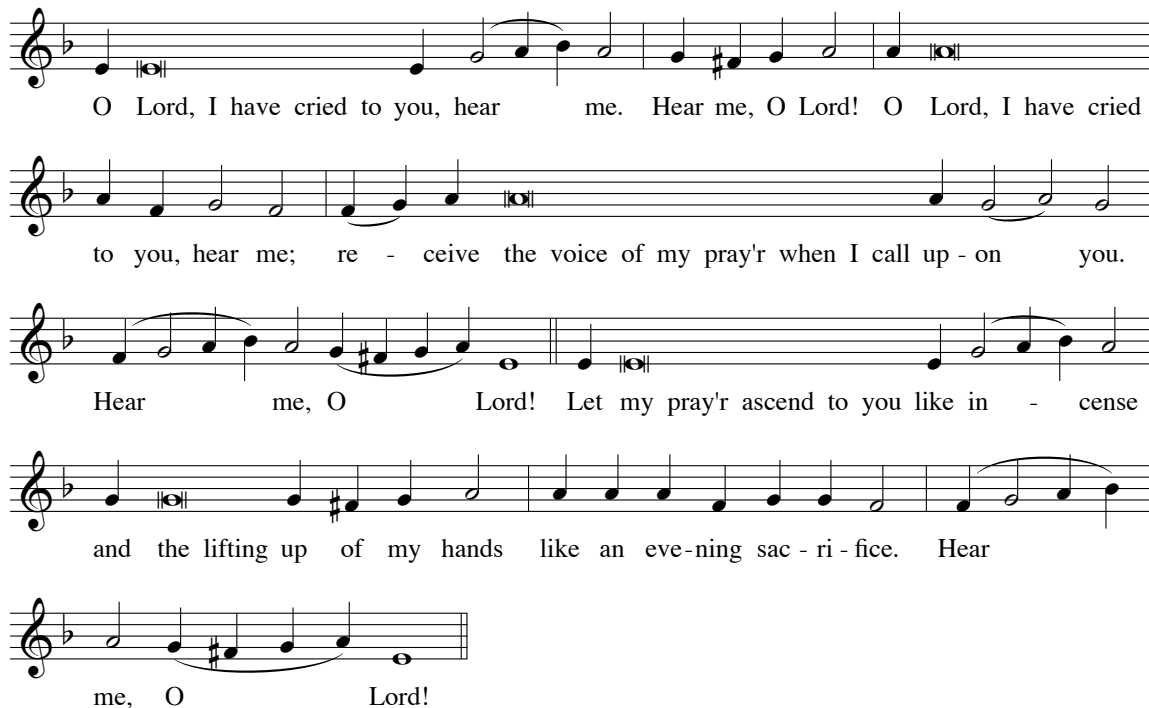


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from the Menaion

¹**The holy martyr Isadore**, on the island of Chios, put to death by the emperor Decius. His final words were, "Even if you kill my body, you have no power over my soul. I have the true and living God, Jesus Christ, who lives in me and will be with me at my death; and I am in him and shall remain in him, and will not cease to confess his holy name while the spirit remains in my body." (251)

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!

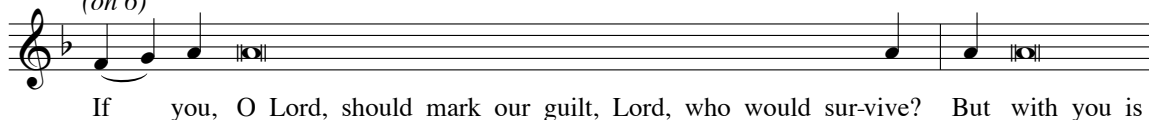
Continue with Psalm 140: "O Lord, set a guard before my mouth..." (p.9).

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

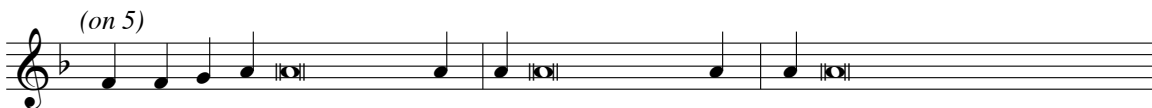


found forgive - ness: for this we re - vere you.

(6) Sticheron

Christ met the Samaritan woman by the well. * Though He asked for water, He thirsted for her salvation. * He knew everything she had done. * She gave Him a drink and drew living water, the fullness of joy. * She proclaimed to all in her town: * Behold, the Messiah foretold in the Law of old * has appeared clothed in humanity. ** He has unveiled all my hidden thoughts.

Cantor:



My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord



more than watch - man for day - break.

(5) Sticheron

Behold, the anointed Messiah has appeared on earth. * The Samaritan woman proclaimed to the town: * It was written in the Law of old * that a great prophet would come, both God and man. * He knew all my deeds. * He uncovered everything hidden in the depths of my heart. * The whole town ran and saw the truth of her words. ** They marveled, confirmed in faith by the sight.

Cantor:



Let the watch - man count on day-break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

(4) Sticheron

Once at the sixth hour, O Master, * our first mother saw You walking in Paradise. * Now her daughter, at the same hour, sees You, O Fountain of life, * sitting at the well, asking her for water to drink. * You are the Fountain of living water. * Her thirst was quenched by drinking of your life-bearing streams. * She proclaimed to those in the town: ** Come! Drink from the river of abundance.

3 stichera for the holy martyr Isadore from the Menaion:

Cantor:

(on 3)

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,

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

(3) Sticheron

Lacerated with wounds, * you stripped away the skin garments of mortality, * and arrayed in the vesture and splendid purple robe of incorruption, * you quickly approached the Tree of life, * truly receiving life indestructible and endless, O glorious one. * And, as you now delightest therein, ** preserve those who hymn you.

Cantor:

(on 2)

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

(2) Sticheron

Burning with the zeal of piety, O martyr Isidore, * you entered into the tribunal, * ardently accepting suffering, * and received the crown of victory; * and, adorned with divine teachings against falsehood, * and fortified by the armor of the Cross, * you casted down the lying tyrant, ** showing yourself to be a crown-bearer.

Cantor:

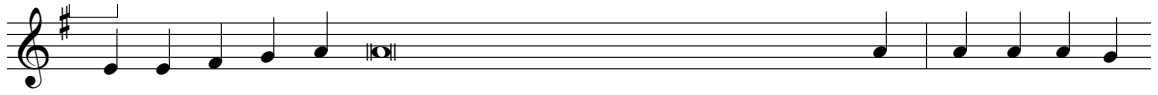
(on 1)

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

(1) Sticheron

Truly the sufferings of the martyrs have transcended * all manner of laudation, * discourse and thought; * for, steadfast pillars of piety, * though clad like us * in mortal and passion-plagued bodies, * the glorious ones braved the fire * and triumphed over wounds, ** as though suffering in someone else's bodies.

Cantor - (Tone 1):



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er



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

Doxastikon

At the sixth hour, You came to the well, O Fountain of Wonders, * to ensnare the fruit of Eve; * for at the very hour, * she had been driven from Paradise by the guile of the serpent. * When the Samaritan woman came to draw water, * You said to her, O Savior: * Give Me water to drink, and I will give you waters of eternal life. * And the woman hastened to the city and proclaimed to the people: ** Come and see Christ the Lord, the Savior of our souls.

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 4)

Aposticheron:



O Lord, you battered down the gates of Ha - - - des, and by your death you

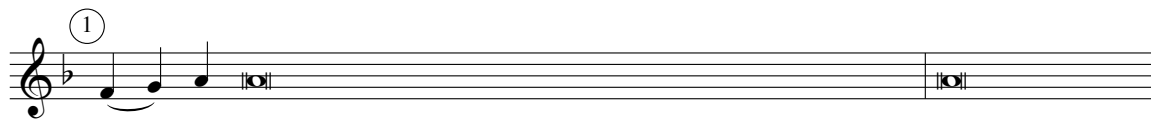


dis - solved Death's do - min - ion. You freed the human race from cor - rup - tion,



grant - ing life, incorruption, and great mer - - - cy to the world.

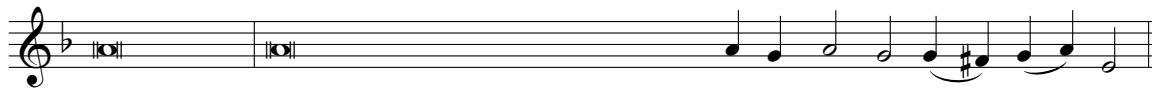
Cantor:



To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; my eyes, like the



eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. Like the eyes of a servant on the hands of



her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mer - cy.

Aposticheron:



O Christ, you have en - light - ened the choir of the apostles with the



Ho - ly Spir - it. On their be - half, O God, wash a - way the filth of our sins,



and have mer - cy on us.

Cantor:



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too

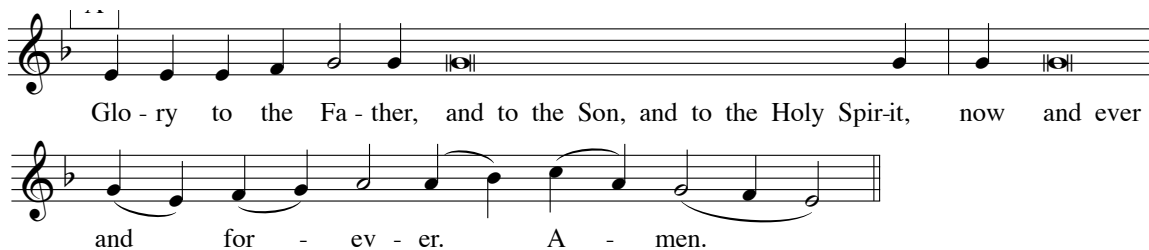


full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's dis - dain.

Aposticheron:

O Saints who have the boldness to approach the Savior, * pray without ceasing for us sinners, * asking remission for our sins ** and mercy for our souls.

Cantor (Tone 2):



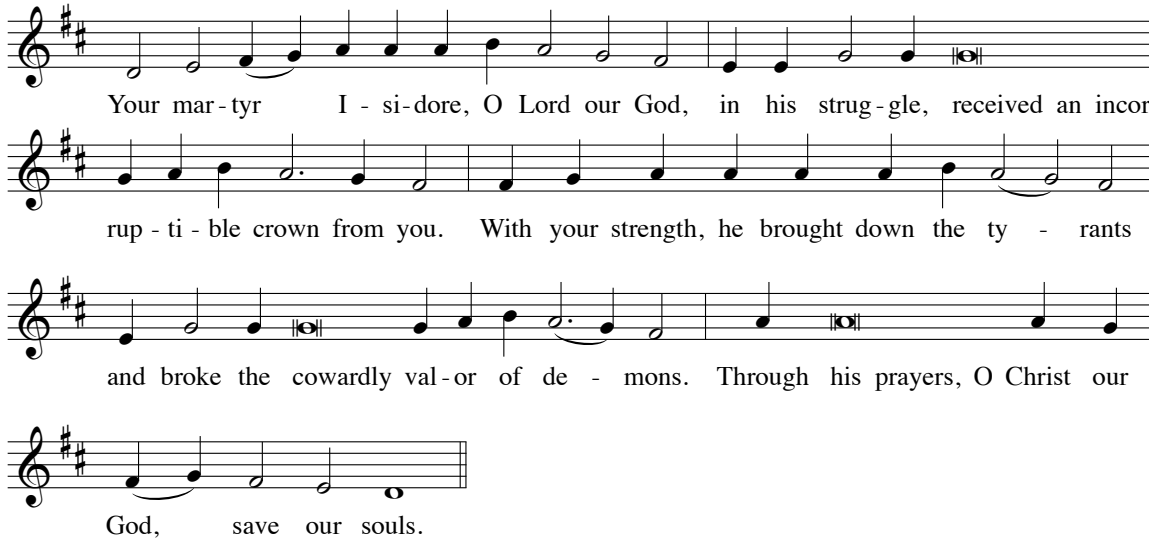
Doxastikon

When the Lord came to the well of Jacob, * the Samaritan woman entreated Him, saying:
* Give me the water of faith, O Giver of life, * that I may obtain the waters of baptism,
joy, and salvation. ** O Lord, glory to You!

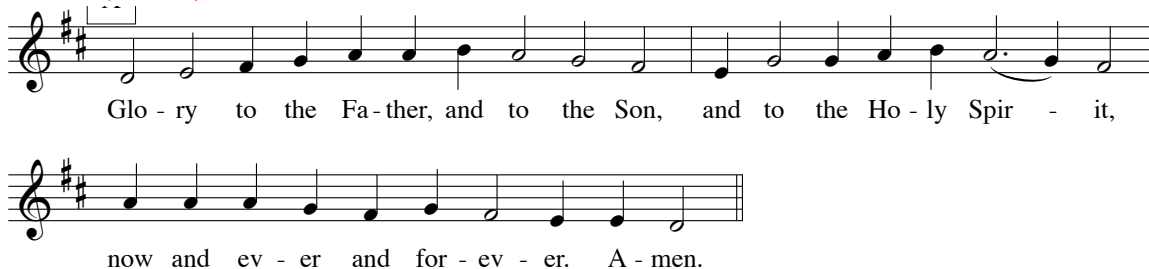
Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 21).

Troparia

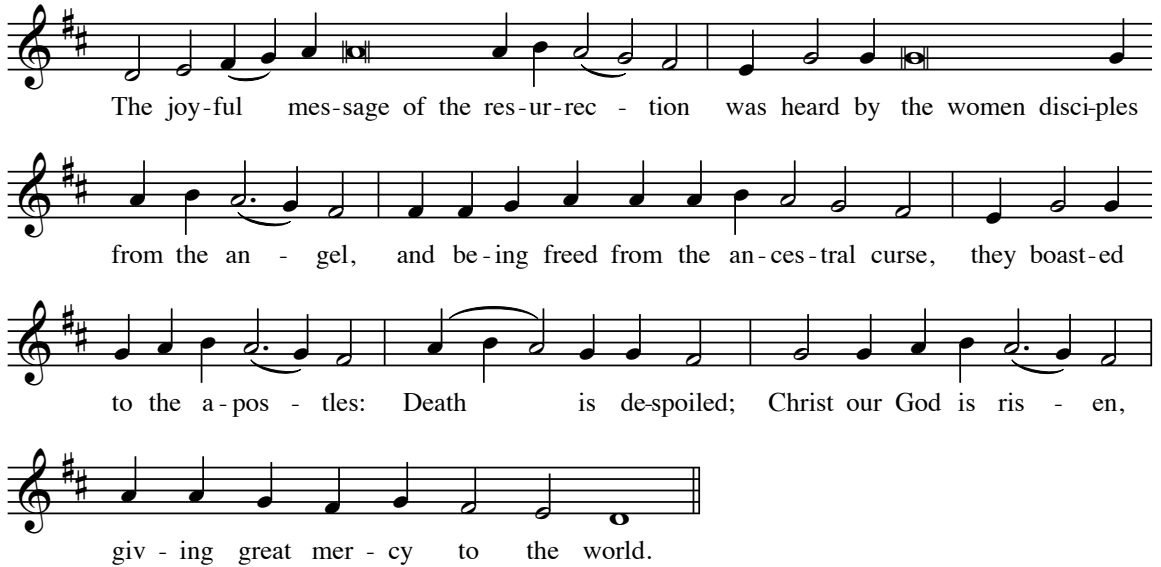
Troparion - Tone 4



Cantor (Tone 4):



Troparia of the Resurrection - Tone 4:



The joy-ful mes-sage of the res-ur-rec - tion was heard by the women disci-ples
from the an - gel, and be-ing freed from the an-ces-tral curse, they boast-ed
to the a-pos - tles: Death is de-spoiled; Christ our God is ris - en,
giv - ing great mer - cy to the world.

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

¹Format 24: Weekdays during the Paschal Season