

VESPERS PROPER

THE LEAVE-TAKING OF PENTECOST¹

Psalm 140 (*Tone 1*)

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 as - cend to you like in - cense and the lift - ing 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

6 stichera for Pentecost from the Pentecostarion:

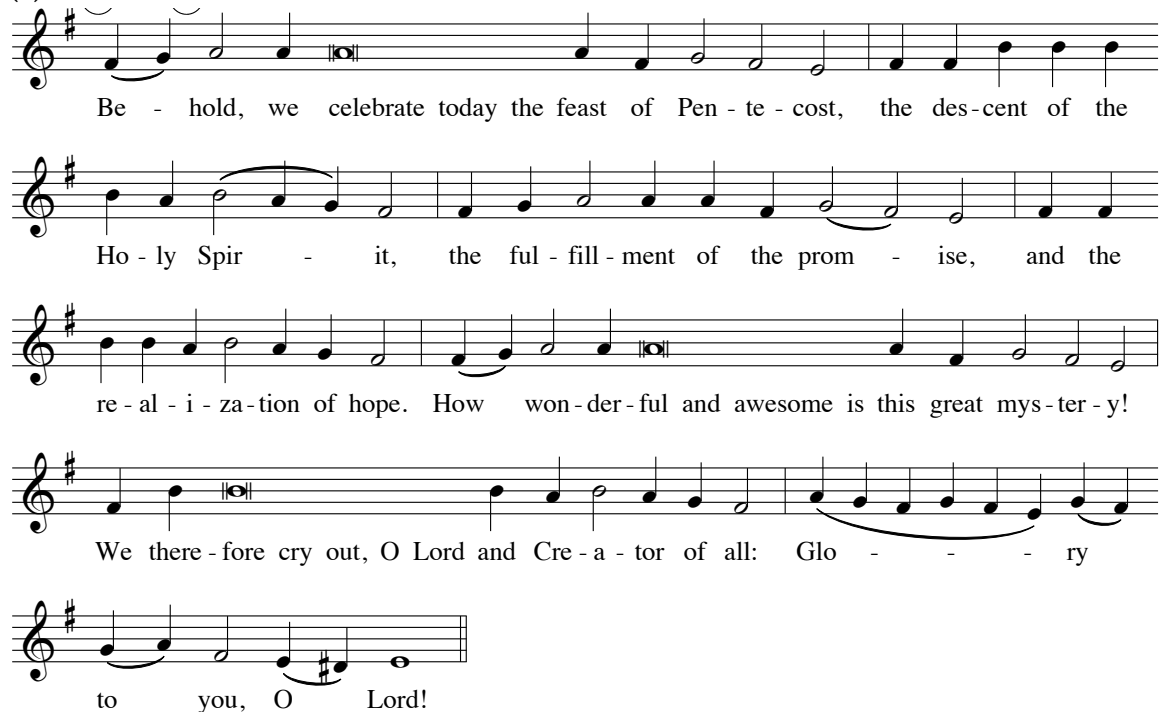
Cantor - (Tone 1):

(on 6)



If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive? But with you is found for-give - ness: for this we re - vere you.


(6) Sticheron



Be - hold, we celebrate today the feast of Pen - te - cost, the des-cent of the Ho - ly Spir - it, the ful - fill - ment of the prom - ise, and the re - al - i - za - tion of hope. How won - der - ful and awesome is this great mys - ter - y! We there - fore cry out, O Lord and Cre - a - tor of all: Glo - - - ry to you, O Lord!

Cantor:

(on 5)



My soul is wait-ing for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the



Lord more than watch-man for day - break.

(5) Sticheron



You re-newed your dis-ci-ples, O Christ, by giv-ing them a va-ri-e-ty of tongues



with which to pro-claim that you are the im-mor-tal God, the Word who be-stows



great mer - cy on our souls.

Cantor:

(on 4)



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

(4) Sticheron



The Ho-ly Spir-it pro-vides ev-'ry gift; he in-spires prophecy and per-fects the



priest - hood; he grants wis-dom to the il - lit - er - ate; makes sim - ple fishermen



become wise the-o-lo - gians, and es-tab-lish-es perfect order in the as-sem-bly



of the Church. There-fore, O Com-fort - er, e-qual in na-ture and majesty with the

Cantor – (Tone 2):

(on 3)

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in - deed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

(3) Sticheron

We have seen the true light; we have re-ceived the heav-en - ly Spir - it;

we have found the true faith; and we wor - ship the un-di - vid - ed Trin - i ty;

for the Trin - i - ty has saved us.

Cantor:

(on 2)

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The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Praise the Lord, all you na - tions; ac-claim him all you peo - ples!'.

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

(2) Sticheron

You have shown us, O Sav - ior, the way to sal - va - tion through the proph - ets;

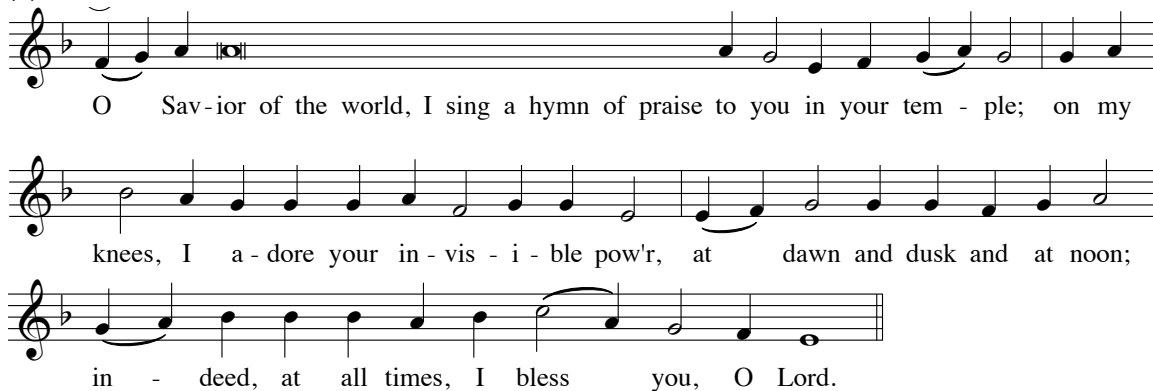
and the grace of your Ho-ly Spir-it has shone up-on us through the a-pos - tles.



Cantor:



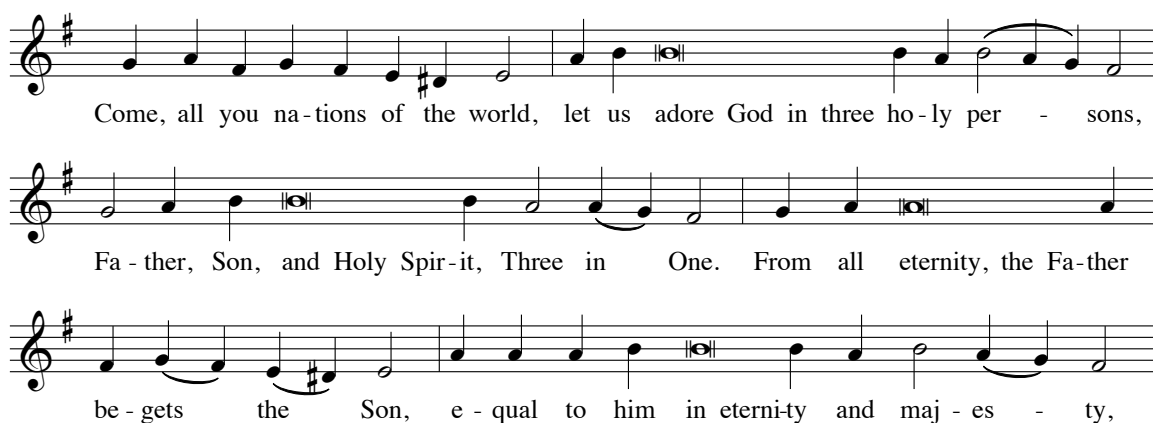
(1) Sticheron

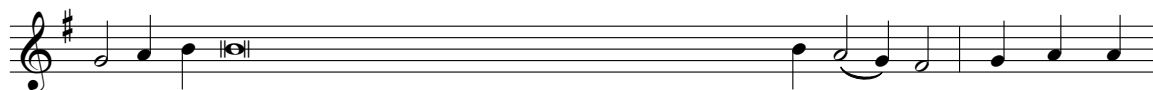


Cantor - (Tone 8):



Doxastikon





e - qual al - so to the Holy Spirit, glorified with the Son in the Fa - ther, three per - sons,



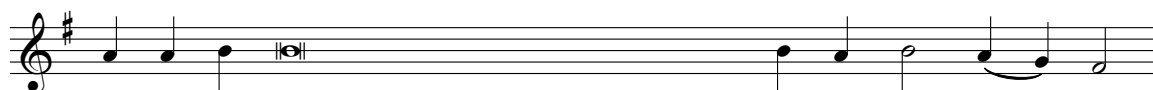
and yet a single power and es - sence and God - - - head. In deep adoration



let us cry out with joy to God: Ho - ly is God, who made all things



through the Son with the co - op - eration of the Ho - ly Spir - it.



Ho - ly is the Mighty One through whom the Father is re - vealed to us,



and through whom the Holy Spir - it came to the world. Ho - ly the Im - mor - tal One, the



Spir - it and Com - fort - er who pro - ceeds from the Father and re - pos - es



in the Son. All - ho - ly Trin - i - ty, glo - ry to you!

Cantor - (Tone 7):



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

Dogmatikon



O The - o - to - kos, we know that your maternity is su - per - nat - 'ral, but how
you remain a virgin, we can nei - ther know nor say. No tongue can ex - plain
the wonder of your giv - ing birth, for your con - cep - tion is a pa - ra - dox, O
pure one, and the way you gave birth is in - com - pre - hen - si - ble.
For when - ev - er God wills, the order of nature is o - ver - turned. There - fore, we
all recognize you as the Moth - er of God, and we fer - vent - ly be - seech you:
In - ter - cede for the sal - va - tion 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 6 samohlasen

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O Lord, the Gentiles were un - a - ware of the Ho - ly Spir - it's pow'r
that had come down up - on the a - pos - tles; they thought the many tongues
were an effect of drunk - en - ness. But we who are strengthened by them cry out
cease - less - ly: O Lover of Mankind, take not your Ho - ly Spir - it a - way
from us.

Cantor:

A pure heart create for me, O God; put a stead - fast spir - it with-in me.

Aposticheron:

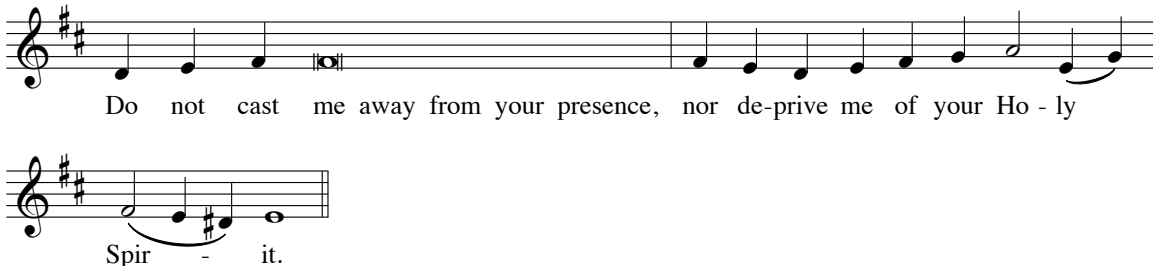
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O Lord, the descent of your Holy Spirit on your a - pos - tles made them speak a
va - ri - e - ty of tongues, When the un - believers wit - nessed this mar - vel
they took it for drunk - en - ness, when, in fact, it was a cause of salvation to the



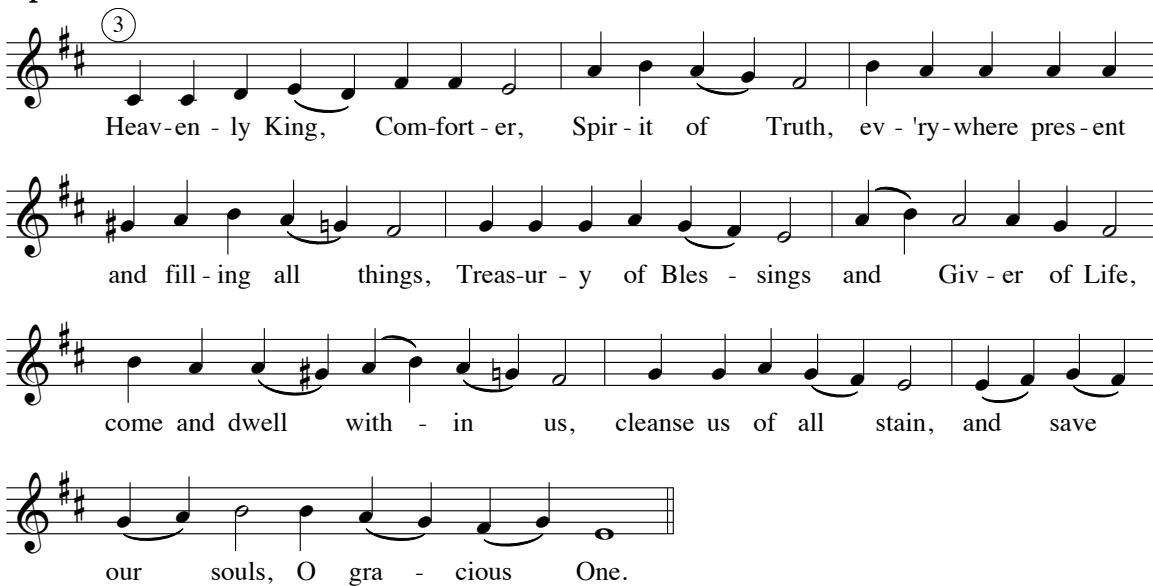
faith - ful. We be - seech you, therefore, O Lov - er of us all,
to make us worthy of the rev-e - la - tion of this Spir - it to us.

Cantor:



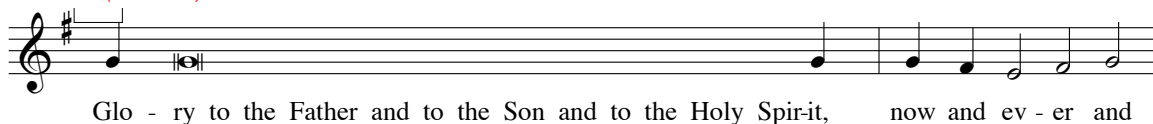
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor de-priv-e me of your Ho - ly
Spir - it.

Aposticheron:



Heav-en - ly King, Com-fort - er, Spir - it of Truth, ev - 'ry-where pres-ent
and fill - ing all things, Treas-ur - y of Bles - sings and Giv - er of Life,
come and dwell with - in us, cleanse us of all stain, and save
our souls, O gra - cious One.

Cantor (Tone 8):



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 days of old, pride brought con - fu - sion to the tongues to the



build - ers of the Tow - er of Ba - bel, but now the diversity of tongues



en - light - ened the minds and gave knowl - edge for the glo - ry of God.



Then, God punished the im - pi - ous for their sin; now, Christ enlightened



fishermen through his Spir - it. Then, con - fu - sion of tongues was for the



sake of pun - ish - ment; now, there was variety so that voices could be



joined in har - mo - ny for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

Troparion

Troparion of Pentecost - *Tone 8*

Bless-ed are you, O Christ our God. You have shown the fish-er-men to
be all-wise, send-ing down up - on them the Ho - ly Spir - it.
Through them, you have caught the whole world in your net.
O Lov - er of us all, glo - ry to you!

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

¹Format 13: Otdaniye (Day of Dismissal) of a Feast of our Lord