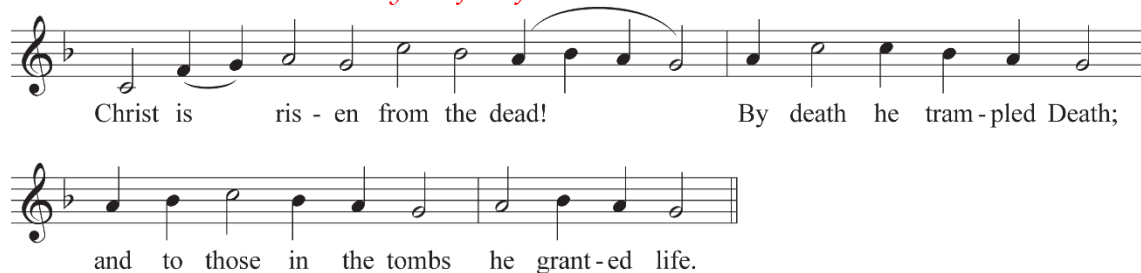


Matins Propers

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

in the Fifth Tone with the Eighth Resurrection Gospel
(on the 52nd Sunday since last Pentecost)

After "Glory to the holy, consubstantial...Amen." (page 1) the following is sung once by the celebrant and then twice by the faithful:



Matins then continues with "Glory to God in the highest..." on page 1

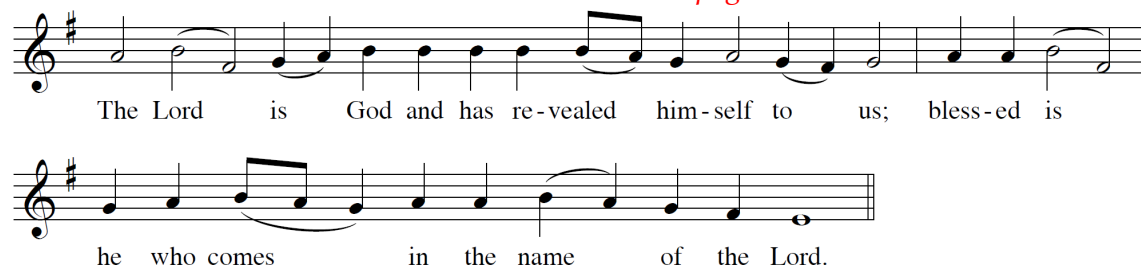
Hexapsalmos

*The reader chants only **Psalm 37** on page 2 followed by "Glory..." on page 6.*

Matins then continues with the Litany of Peace on page 7.

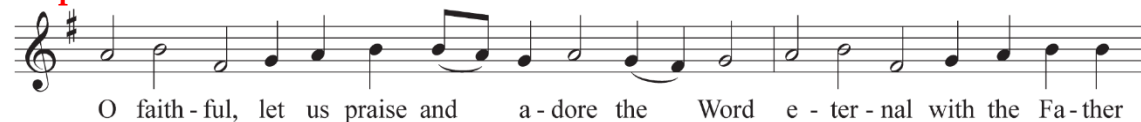
The Lord is God (page 9)

Tone 5



Troparia (page 9)

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 5



and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal - va - tion.
 For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf-fer death, and to
 raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous res - ur - rec - - - tion.

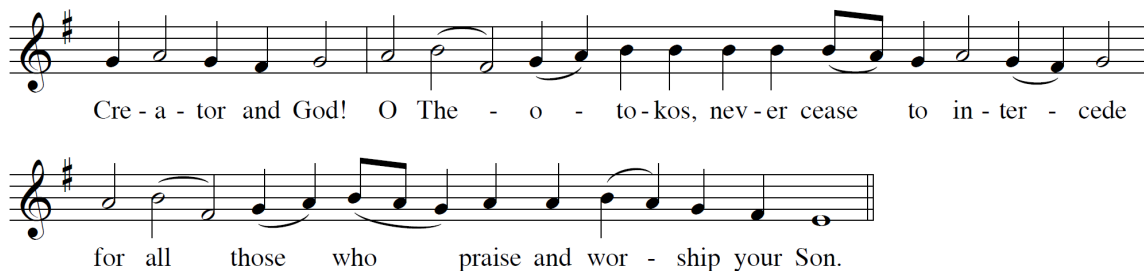
The repetition of this Troparion is omitted.

Cantor (Tone 5):

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.

Festal Theotokion – Tone 5

Re-joyce, Vir-gin, im - pas - sa - ble Gate - way of the Lord! Re-joyce,
 pro - tec - tive Wall of those who take re - fuge in you! Re-joyce, peace-ful
 Ha - ven un - trou - bled by storms! Re - joyce, O Vir - gin who has not
 known wed - lock, and yet has giv - en birth in the flesh to your



Kathismata (page 10)

People: Lord, have mercy (*three times*)
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Reader: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

From the 3rd Kathisma:

Psalm 16

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. From you may my judgment come forth. Your eyes discern the truth. You search my heart, you visit me by night. You test me and you find in me no wrong. My words are not sinful like men's words. I kept from violence because of your word, I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. Display your great love, you whose right hand saves your friends from those who rebel against them. Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings from the violent attack of the wicked. My foes encircle me with deadly intent. Their hearts tight shut, their mouths speak proudly. They advance against me, and now they surround me. Their eyes are watching to strike me to the ground, as though they were lions ready to claw or like some young lion crouched in hiding. Lord, arise, confront them, strike them down! Let your sword rescue my soul from the wicked; let your hand, O Lord, rescue me from men, from men whose reward is in this present life. You give them their fill of your treasures; they rejoice in abundance of offspring and leave their wealth to their children. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

People: Now and ever and forever. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory to you, O God! (*three times*)

Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 10.

Sessional Hymn (page 11)

the 1st hymn of the 1st Sessional Hymn from the Pentecostarion (Tone 5):

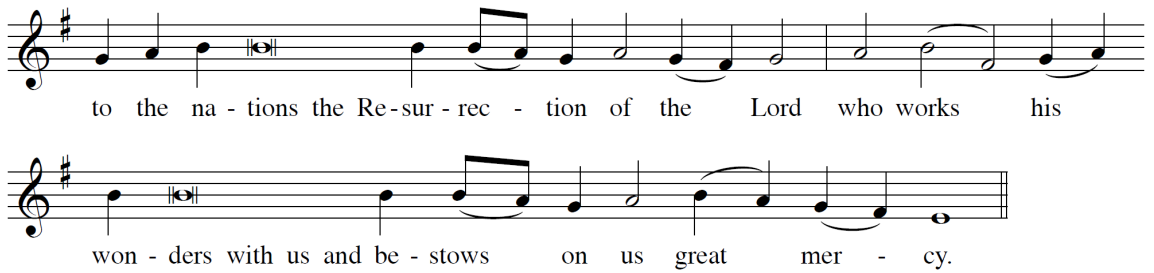
Let us praise the honored Cross of the Lord; let us ven-er-ate
his ho - ly bur - i - al with hymns; let us glo - ri - fy his
ho - ly Re - sur-rec - tion. For he raised the dead from the graves
be-cause he is God. He de-spoiled the might of Death and broke the pow-er
of Sa - tan, and he shed light on those who are in Ha - des.

Matins continues with Ps. 118 (p. 17) and then Hosts of Angels (p. 18).

Ἡπακοε (page 21)

Tone 5

The minds of the myrrh-bearing women were dazzled by the an-gel - ic vi - sion,
and their souls were il - lu - mined by the di - vine Res - ur - rec - tion.
There-fore they spoke to the a - pos - tles, say - ing: De-clare



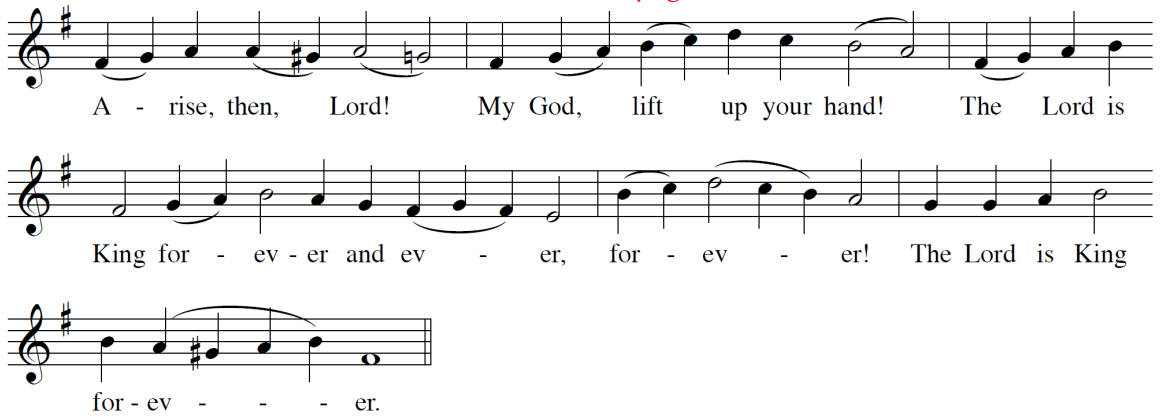
Stepenna *(page 21)*

The Stepenna (Gradual Hymns) are omitted.

Matins continues with the Prokeimenon (Let us be attentive!) on page 22.

Prokeimenon *(page 22)*

Psalm 9:12a, 33a, 8a, 2

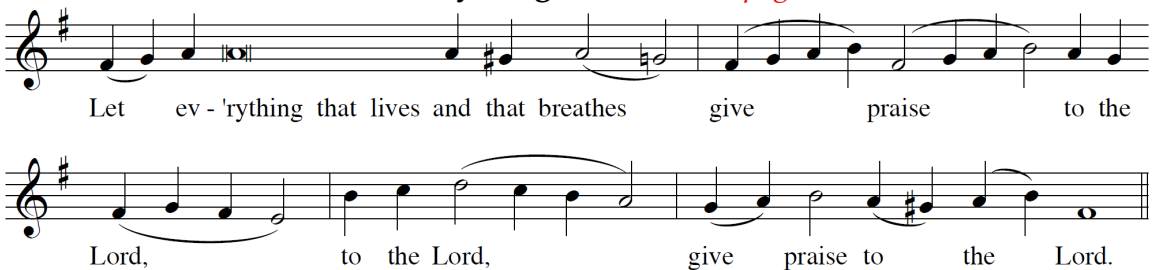


Deacon: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will recall all your wonders.

Matins continues with the Preparation for the Gospel on page 22.

Let everything that lives... *(page 22)*

Tone 5



The Preparation for the Gospel continues with "That we may be deemed..." on page 23.

The Eighth Resurrection Gospel is read (John 20: 11-18.).

*Matins continues with the Hymn of the Resurrection on p. 24
(the repetitions of this hymn are omitted).*

The usual stichera at Psalm 50 (p. 28) are sung.

The Canon (page 32)

*The faithful **come forward** to venerate the Gospel Book on the tetrapod.*

The Canon of Pascha and Odes 1- 4 are omitted.

The Canon of the Pentecostarion continues with Ode 5

Ode 5

Irmos

Tone 6

Come to the aid of my tor-ment-ed soul which is con-tin-ual-ly
seized by the darkness of pas-sions; en-light-en me with your rays,
O Sun of Jus-tice, so that your light may il-lu-mine my dark-ness.

Refrain

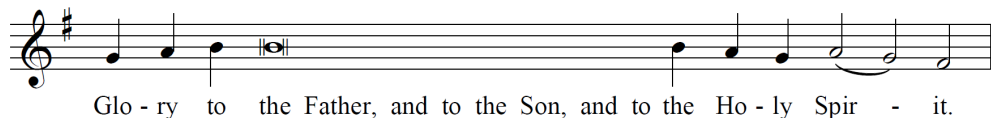
Glo-ry to your ho-ly Re-sur-rec-tion, O Lord.

You are raised upon the Cross to lift up all mortals, O God of mercy. You crushed our enemy, the serpent, to give life to the work of your hands, for you are the only God of the universe. *Refrain*

You freely suffered death and were placed in the tomb; you emptied the kingdom of Hades, O Lord and immortal King, and by your holy Resurrection you raised the dead with you. *Refrain*

You accomplished great wonders on earth, O Lord, and you were put to death by the impious ones; but you, O Lord, the only all-powerful One, resurrected from the dead as you promised. *Refrain*

Giving light to the one who had no earthly eyes, you also enlightened the eyes of his heart; and when he recognized you as his Creator, you led him to glorify the God of love who is seen in the flesh.



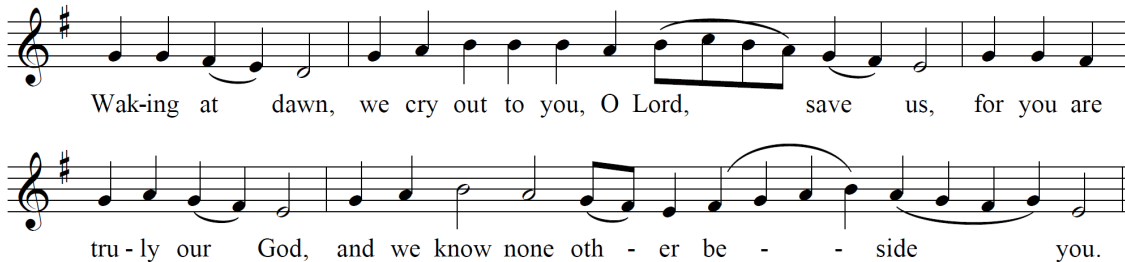
O faithful, with one heart let us glorify the triple Unity and the unique Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God and the Creator of the universe.



O Virgin and most pure Mother, how did you conceive without knowing man? How did you feed the One who feeds the world? God alone understands this, for he is the One who caused it to be

Katavasia

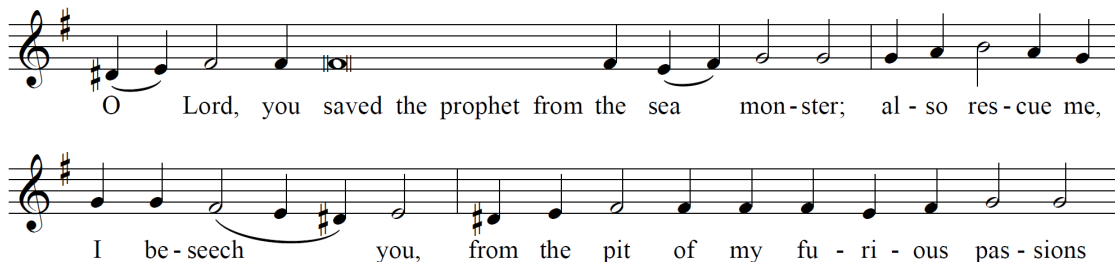
Tone 5 samopodoben

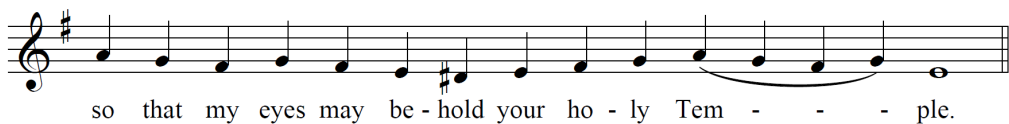


Ode 6

Irmos

Tone 6





Refrain



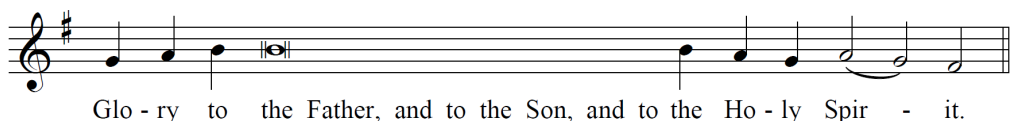
O Lord, you were crucified between two thieves; now deliver from the plunder of passions those who with one voice praise your Crucifixion and holy Resurrection. *Refrain*

Your body was placed in the tomb, O Christ, the Giver of life to all the dead; but you resurrected, O Lord and Word, and by your divine power you emptied all the graves.

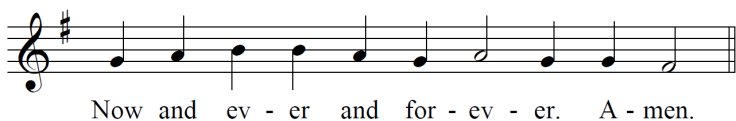
Refrain

After your Resurrection, O Christ, you said to your friends: Remain in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high with an invisible protection. *Refrain*

You made mud and smeared it on the eyes of the man born blind; and you let him contemplate, O Word of God, the ineffable power by whom the world was saved.



O unity of three Persons, the unbegotten Father, the only Son, and the Spirit who proceeds eternally, O unique Power of the thrice-holy Lord, save the people who are your own.



Who can explain your wonders, O Virgin immaculate? For you gave birth according to the flesh in a marvelous manner, O pure Virgin, to the One who saves the world from all iniquity.

Katavasia

Tone 5 samopodoben

The a - byss sur - round-ed me; the sea mon-ster held me as in a tomb;
I cried out to you, O Lov - er of us all, and your right hand
saved me, O Lord.

Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 33.

Kontakion & Ikos (page 34)

From the Pentecostarion for the Man Born Blind (Tone 4):

With eyes that are spiritually blind I come to you, O Christ; and, like the
man who was blind since birth, I cry out to you with re - pent - ance:
You are a shining light to those in dark - ness.

Ikos: Give me to drink of your boundless wisdom and of heavenly knowledge, O Christ, For you are the light of those in darkness and the guide of those who have lost their way. Thus I will clearly recount what the Holy Book teaches in the Gospel of peace, about the miracle you performed for the blind man. He had been in darkness from his birth, and he received from you both physical and spiritual sight, and cried out in faith:

You are a shining light to those in dark - ness.

Ode 7

Tone 6

Irmos



The blaz-ing flames were overcome by the pray'r of the youths, and the fur-nace
cov-ered with dew was the wit-ness of this; for it nei-ther burned nor con-sumed
those who praised the God of our fa - - - thers.

Refrain



Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord.

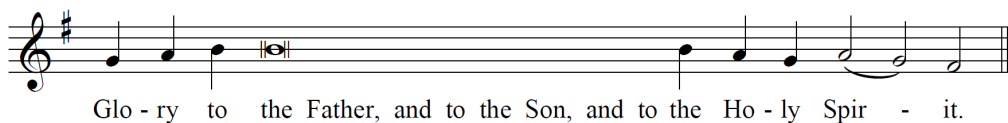
When you were raised upon the Cross, O Lord, the sun was darkened, the earth, trembled, all creation was shaken, and the dead were raised from their tombs. *Refrain*

O King, when you were raised from the dead, you also awakened the souls who were asleep; they glorified your sovereign power with which you broke the chains of Death.

Refrain

The myrrh-bearing women hastened together early in the morning, but when they learned of your Resurrection, O Lord, they rejoiced with the divine apostles; through their prayers grant us the forgiveness of our sins. *Refrain*

You smeared the eyes of the blind man with some mud, and you ordered him to go to Siloam; having washed, he recovered his sight, and he glorified you, O Christ, the supreme King of the universe.



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

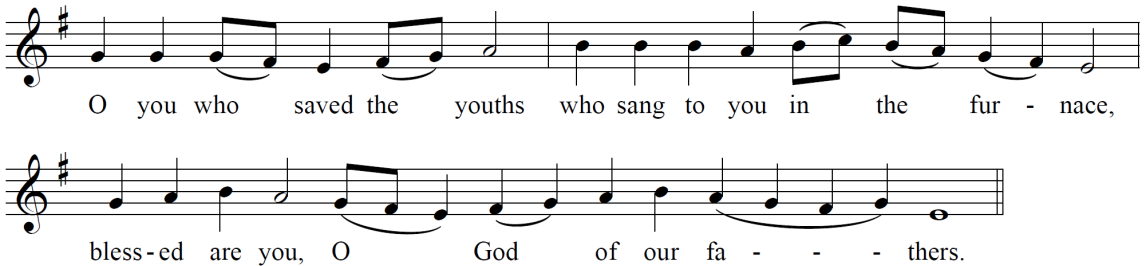
Let us praise the Father without beginning, the co-eternal Son, and the Spirit of truth:
Holy, holy, holy are you, o our God, Creator and King of the universe.



You remained both virgin and holy after giving birth; for you brought our God into the world, and his power renews all. Implore him unceasingly for our salvation.

Katavasia

Tone 5 samopodoben

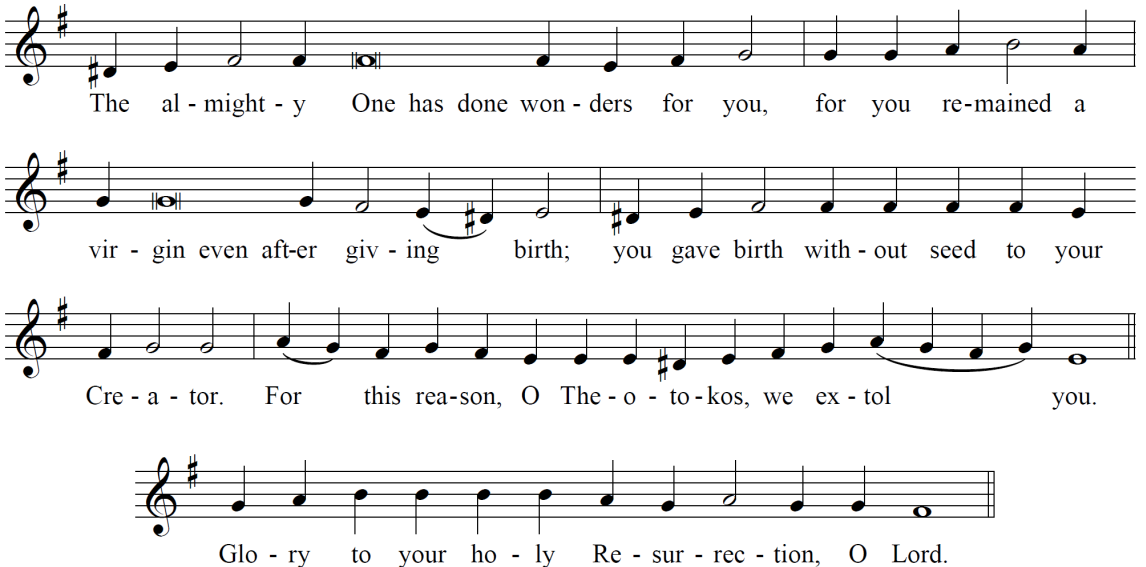


*Ode 8 is omitted and Matins continues with "Let us greatly extol..." on page 34.
The Cantic of the Theotokos is **not** sung and the Canon continues with Ode 9.*

Ode 9

Irmos

Tone 6

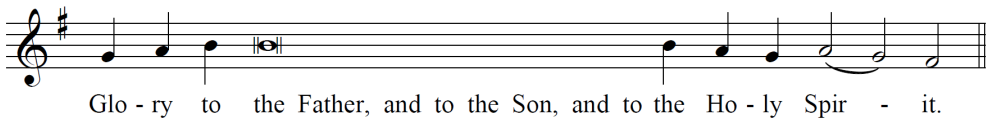


You were nailed to the Cross, O christ our God; you conquered the powers of the enemies; you wiped out the ancient curse. For this reason, O Lord, we extol you. *Refrain*

O Word, when Hades saw you descend to its depths, it was seized with fright, and it set free all the dead who recognized the strength of your divine power; and joining with them, we extol you. *Refrain*

Seeing him perform miracles and wondrous signs, the people were filled with jealousy and put to death the One who despoiled Hades by his Resurrection and who raised all the dead by his power. *Refrain*

You resurrected from the dead according to your word, and you appeared to your disciples after your Resurrection, O Giver of life; you performed miracles and gave sight to the blind. With them we extol you through the ages.



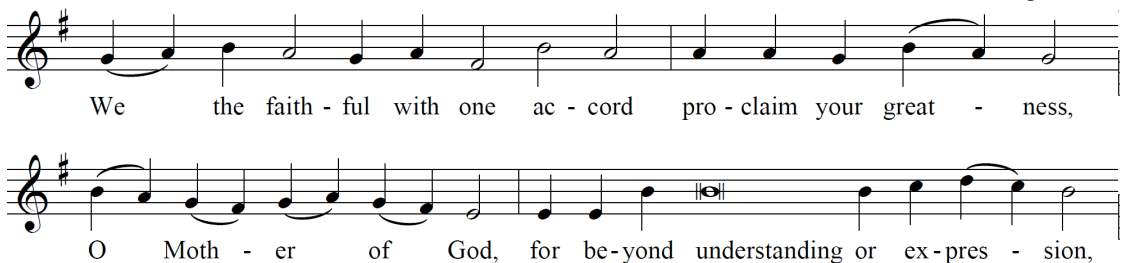
The Father is Light, the Son also is Light, and the Spirit of truth is Light; O indivisible Light in which three flames are united, I praise and glorify the divine King of all creation.

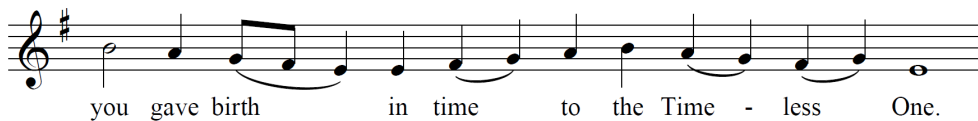


O holy Virgin, you have appeared as more spacious than the heavens; you bore the God whom no flesh could contain; and you gave birth to him for the redemption of all the faithful who extol you.

Katavasia

Tone 5 samopodoben





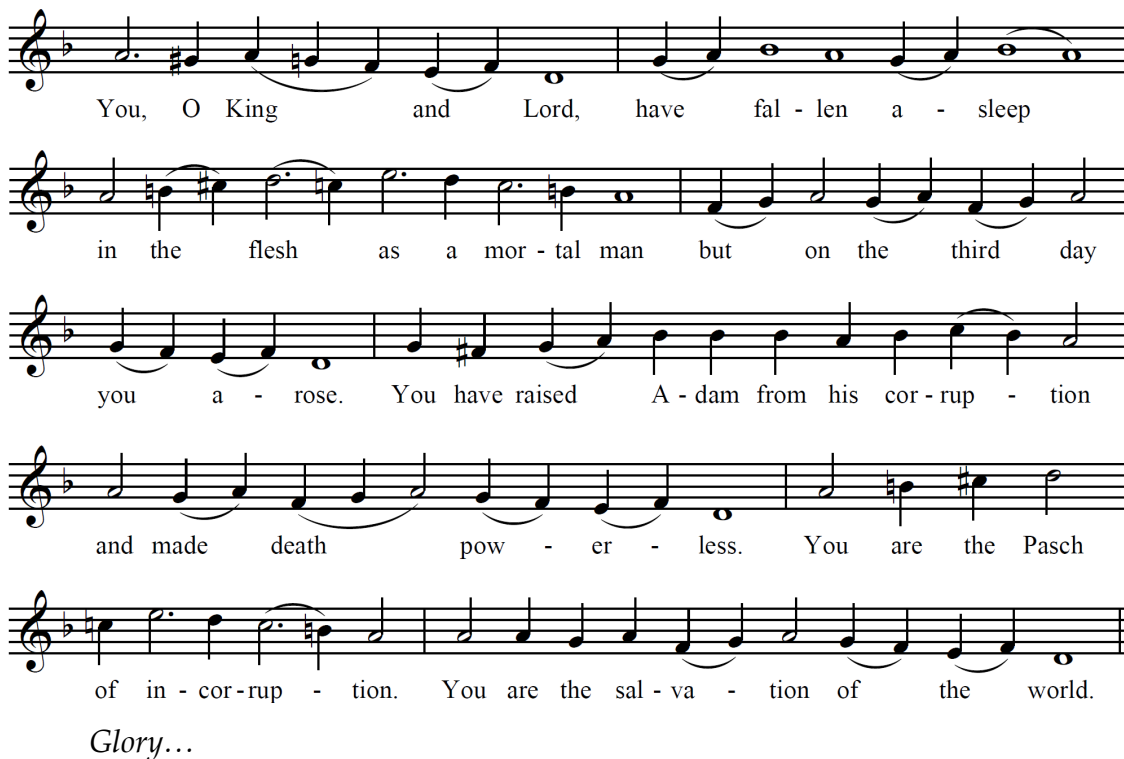
Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 36.

Holy is the Lord our God *(page 37)*

Tone 5



Hymn of Light *(page 37)*



Enlighten the eyes of my soul, blinded by the gloom of sin, O Lord. Anoint them with humility, O compassionate One, and wash me with tears of repentance.

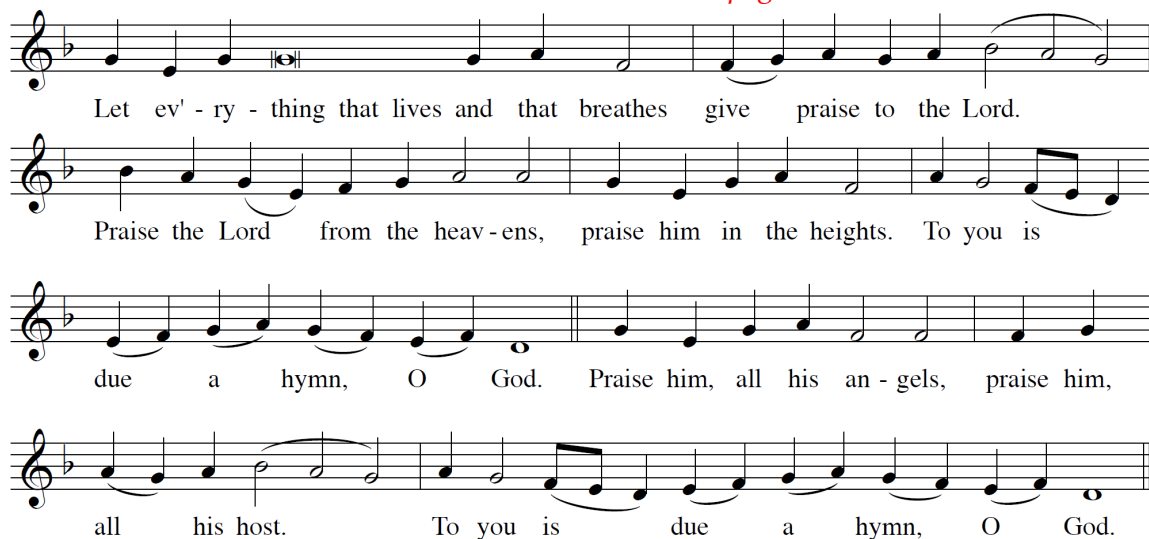
Now and ever...

As he went on his way, Jesus the Lord who saves us met a man struck with blindness from his birth. Moistening the dust of the earth with his saliva, Christ made some mud to anoint the eyes of the Blind Man. Then he sent him to Siloam to wash in the pool; when he had washed, the Blind Man returned, and he saw the brightness of your light, O Christ.

Matins continues with the Psalms of Praise.

Psalms of Praise (page 38)

Tone 5



Let ev' - ry - thing that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the heights. To you is

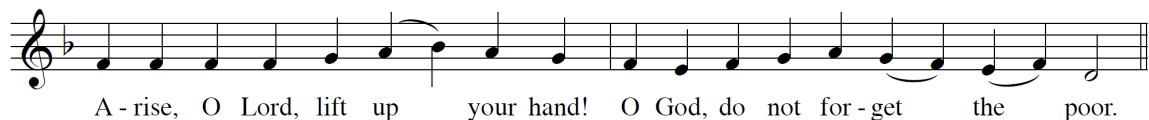
due a hymn, O God. Praise him, all his an - gels, praise him,

all his host. To you is due a hymn, O God.

The Psalms of Praise continue with "Praise him, sun and moon..." on page 38.

Stichera (page 40)

Cantor (Tone 5):



A - rise, O Lord, lift up your hand! O God, do not for - get the poor.

O Lord God, who shall proclaim your daz - zling won - ders? Or who shall declare
your di-vine mys - te-ries? For you were willingly in-car - nate for our sakes,
man - i - fest - ing the might of your pow - er. By your cross you opened par - a dise
to the thief; by your death you crushed the bars and bolts of Ha - des;
and by your Resurrection you enriched all cre - a - tion. There-fore, O
com-pas - sion - ate One, glo - ry to you!

The 2nd usual Sunday verse is not used. In its place, the following:

Cantor (Tone 8): Turn and show me your mercy;
show justice to your friends.

Sticheron of the Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Tone 8

(B)

In your mer - ci - ful lov - ing-kind - - - ness you took flesh for us, O

Christ our God. You gave light to a man who, from his mother's womb, lived in

dark - ness. How bound-less is your com-pas - - - sion! You a-noint-ed

his eyes with the mud your fin-gers had mold - - ed and made him worthy

to be flooded with light di - vine. So now enlighten us, O Giv - er of light;

il - lu - mine our spirit-ual per-cep - - tions, for you a - lone are the

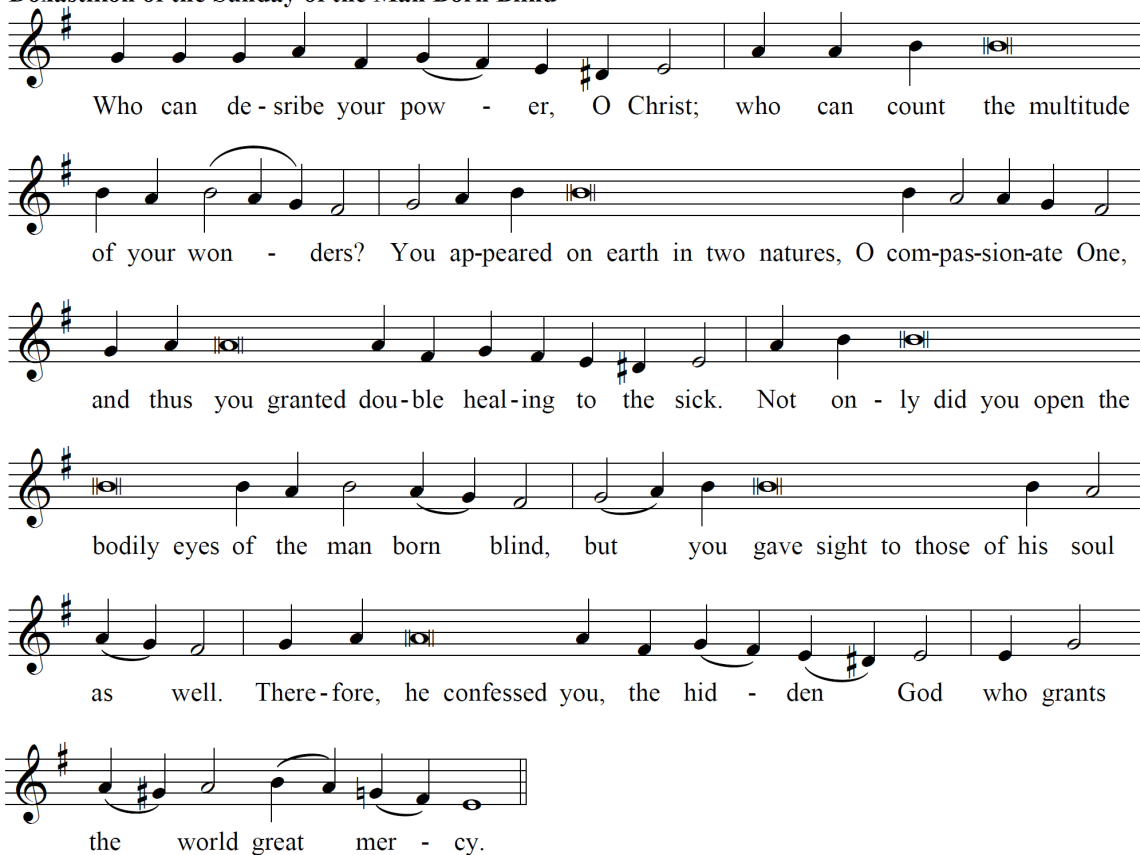
Foun - tain of grace.

Cantor (*Tone 8*):

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

Doxastikon of the Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Tone 8



Who can de - scribe your pow - er, O Christ; who can count the multitude
of your won - ders? You ap-peared on earth in two natures, O com-pas-sion-ate One,
and thus you granted dou-ble heal-ing to the sick. Not on - ly did you open the
bodily eyes of the man born blind, but you gave sight to those of his soul
as well. There-fore, he confessed you, the hid - den God who grants
the world great mer - cy.

Matins continues with "Now and ever..." & the Theotokion for normal Sundays on p. 41.