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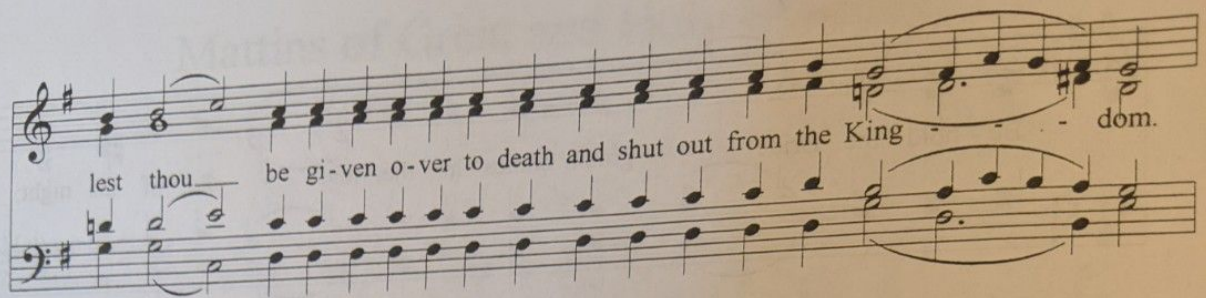
Be - hold the Bride - groom comes in the mid - dle of the night,

and bles - sed is the ser - vant whom He shall find wat - ching.

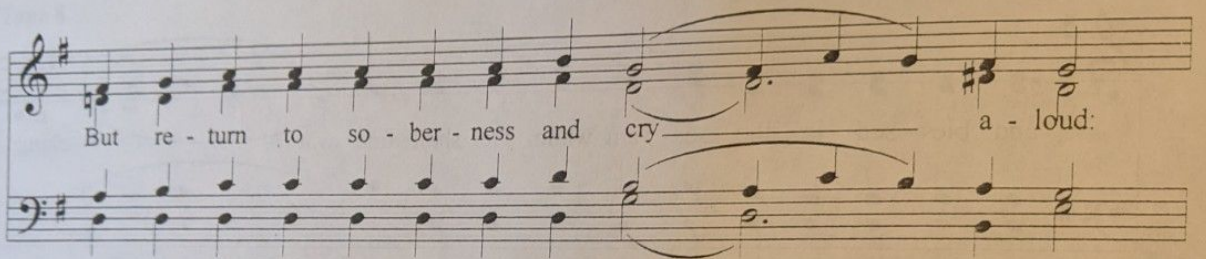
but un - wor - thy is he whom He shall find in sloth - ful - ness.

Be - ware, then, O my soul, and be not o - ver - come by sleep,

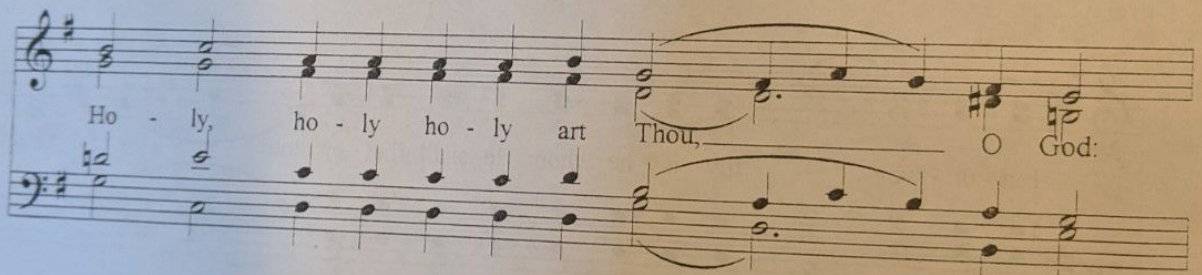
[Slavonic]



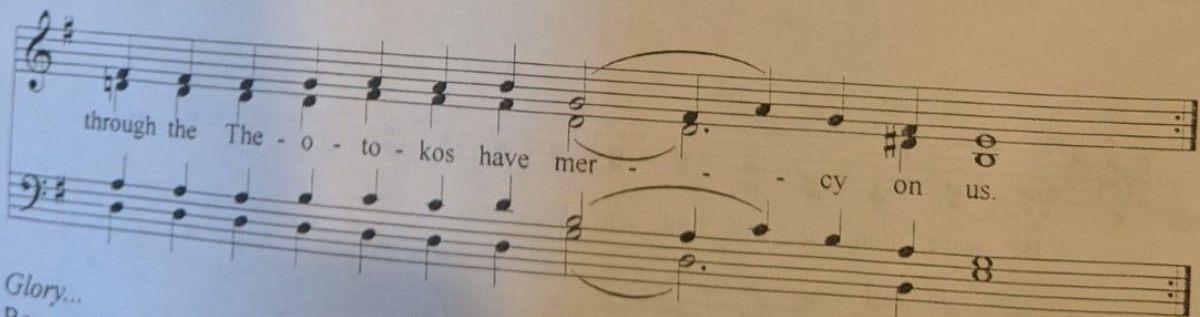
lest thou be gi-ven o-ver to death and shut out from the King - dom.



But re - turn to so - ber - ness and cry a - loud:



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly art Thou, O God:



through the The - o - to - kos have mer - cy on us.

Glory...

Repeat: 'Behold the Bridegroom...' [Slavonic]

Both now...

Repeat: 'Behold the Bridegroom...'

- After 1st reading of the Psalter, **Sessional Hymn in (troparion) tone 1:**

Today the Holy Passion shines forth upon the world
 With the light of salvation;
 For Christ in His love hastens to His sufferings.
 He who holds all things in the hollow of His hand
Consents to be hung upon the Tree.
 That He may save mankind.

Glory... both now...

Repeat 'Today the Holy Passion...'

- After 2nd reading of the Psalter, **Sessional Hymn in tone 1:**

Ô Judge invisible,
 How art Thou made visible in the flesh?
How dost Thou now draw near to be slain by lawless men,
 Condemning by Thy Passion our own condemnation?
Therefore with one accord, O Word,
 We ascribe praise, majesty and glory to Thy power.

Glory... both now...

Repeat 'O Judge invisible...'

- After 3rd reading of the Psalter, **Sessional Hymn in tone 8:**

The first-fruits of the Lórd's Pásson fill this present day with light.
 Come then, all who love to keep the feast, and let us welcome it with songs.
 For the Créator draws néar to undergo the Cross;
 He is questioned, béaten, and brought to Pilate for judgement;
 A servant strikes Him on the face, and all this He endures that He may save mankind.
 Therefore let us cry aloud to Him:
 O Christ our God who lovest mán, grant remission of sins to those who venerate in faith
 Thy Holy Passion.

Glory... both now...

Repeat 'The first-fruit...'

Gospel reading.

Psalm 50.

Prayers

Lord have Mercy x 12 (Lenten melody)
Three-canticle Canon by St. Cosmas in tone 2:
Irmos of Canticle 1

Common Chant

Let us sing - to the Lord who by His di - vine com - mand

dried up the bil - lo - wing sea where none might walk,

and through it *led* ~~lead~~ the peo - ple of Is - ra - el on foot:

for He has been great - ly glo - ri - fied.

Sing twice.
Repeat as katavasia.

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Irmos of Canticle 8

The un - wea - ried fire, fed with end - less fuel, drew back in fear

be - fore the pure bo - dies and pure souls of the ho - ly Chil - dren;

and as the un - dying flame de - creased in strength,

they sang an e - ver las - ting song:

O all ye works, praise ye the Lord and e - xalt Him a - bove all for e - ver.

Sing twice.

Repeat as katavasia.

No Magnificat.

Nika

Irmos of Cantic 9:

Thou hast mag - ni - fied, O Christ, the The - o - to - kos who bore Thee:

from her, O our Cre - a - tor, hast Thou ta - ken a bo - dy of like pas - sions to our own,

and so hast set us free from all our ig - no - rance.

There - fore with all ge - ne - ra - tions we call her bles - sed and we mag - ni - fy Thee.

Sing twice.
Repeat as katavasia.

Exapostilarion 'I see Thy bridal chamber...' (by small choir).

[by clergy or male choir]

Praises

Psalm 148 (read) on 4.

Tone 1

Vs.: Praise Him for His mighty acts,

praise Him according to the mul - ti - tude of His great - ness.

As the Lord went to His voluntary Passion,
He said to His apostles on the way:
'Behold, we go up to Jerusalem,
And the Son of man shall be betrayed, as it is written of Him.'
Come, then, and let us also journey with Him, purified in mind;
Let us be crucified with Him and die for His sake to the pleasures of this life,
That we may also live with Him and hear Him say:
'No longer do I ascend to the earthly Jerusalem to suffer,
But I ascend to My Father and your Father,
And to my God and your God;
And I shall raise you up to the Jerusalem on high in the Kingdom of heaven'.

Vs.: Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, / praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Repeat 'As the Lord...'

Tone 5

Vs.: Praise Him with timbrel and dance

praise Him with strings and flute.

We have come, O faithful, to the saving Passi^on of Christ our God:
Let us glorify His ineffable forbearance,
That in His tender mercy He may also raise us up who have b^een slain by sin,
For He is good and loves mankind.

Vs.: Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.
Let ev'ry breath praise the Lord.

Repeat 'We have come...'

Re.: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Lord, as Thou camest t^o Thy Passion,
Thou hast strengthened the faith of Thy disciples,
Taking them aside aⁿd saying to them:
'How have ye forgotten wh^at I told you before?
According to the Scriptures, it cannot be that a prophet should be killed save in Jerus
Now is the time at hand, of which I spake to you:
For see, I am betrayed into the hands of sinners;
They shall mock Me and nail Me to the Cross and deliver Me up for burial,
With loathing looking oⁿ Me as a corpse.
Yet be o^f good courage:
For on the third day I shall rise,
Bringing joy and life eternal to the faithful.

* Lesser Doxology
Litany
Aposticha:

Tone 5:

O Lord, the mother of the sons of Zebedee,
Not understanding the hidden mystery of Thy dispensation,
Asked Thee to give the honours of a temporal kingdom to her sons.
But instead of this Thou hast promised Thy friends that they should drink the cup of c
And Thou hast said that Thou wouldest drink this cup before them,
To cle^anse m^en from their sins.
Therefore we cry aloud to Thee: O salvation of our souls, glory to Thee.

Vs.: We were filled in the morning with Thy mercy, O Lord, and we rejoiced and were glad. In all our days, let us be glad: for the days wherein Thou hast humbled us, for the years wherein we have seen evil. And look upon Thy servants, and upon Thy works,

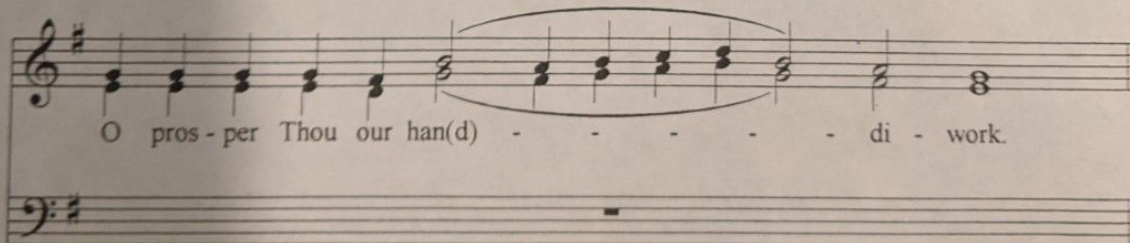


O Lord, teaching Thy disciples to think perfect thoughts,
 Thou hast said to them:
 'Be not like the Gentiles, who exercise dominion over those who are less strong.
 But it shall not be so among you, My disciples,
 For I of mine own will am poor.
 Let him, then, who is first among you be the minister of all.
 Let the ruler be as the ruled, and let the first be as the last.
 For I Myself have come to minister to Adam in his poverty,
 And to give my life as a ransom for the many who cry aloud to Me: Glory to Thee'.

1 syllable

Vs.: And let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper Thou the work of our hands,

Tone 8:



O brethren, let us fear the punishment of the fig tree,
 Withered because it was unfruitful;
 And let us bring worthy fruits of repentance unto Christ,
 Who grants us His great mercy. // end

Re.: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The serpent found a second Eve in the Egyptian woman,
And with words of flattery he sought to make Joseph fall.
But, leaving his garment behind him, Joseph fled from sin;
And like the first man before his disobedience,
Though naked he was not ashamed.
At his prayers, O Christ, have mercy upon us.

Trisagion Prayers

eveny → In the name of the Lord, Father, Bl

Prayer of St. Ephraim

O God, cleanse me, a sinner 12x

Dismissal

Glory to Thee, O Christ etc.