

Stichera at the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Wednesday of Holy Week

At Lord I have cried we sing 1 stichera in Tone Six and the Glory Now and Ever in the same tone:

O Lord I have cried un - to You: Hear me!

Hear me, O Lord! O Lord I have cried

un - to You: Hear me! Re - ceive the voice

of my prayer when I call up - on You:

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer be set forth in Your sight as in - cense

and let the lift - ing up of my hands be an

eve - ning sa - cri - fice. Hear me,

O _____ Lord!

Verse:

For He has made His mer - cy to pre - vail ov - er us
 and the truth _____ of the Lord en - dures for -
 ev - er.

Stichera:

To - day Christ comes to the house of the
 Pha - ri - see, and the sin - ful wo - man draws
 near and falls at His feet cry - - ing,
 "Be - hold I am sunk _____ in _____ sin,

filled with dis - pair be - cause of the things
 that I have done, yet I am not re - ject -
 ed by Your love. Grant me, Lord, for -
 give - ness of my sins, and
 save me!"

Glory Now and Ever Verse:

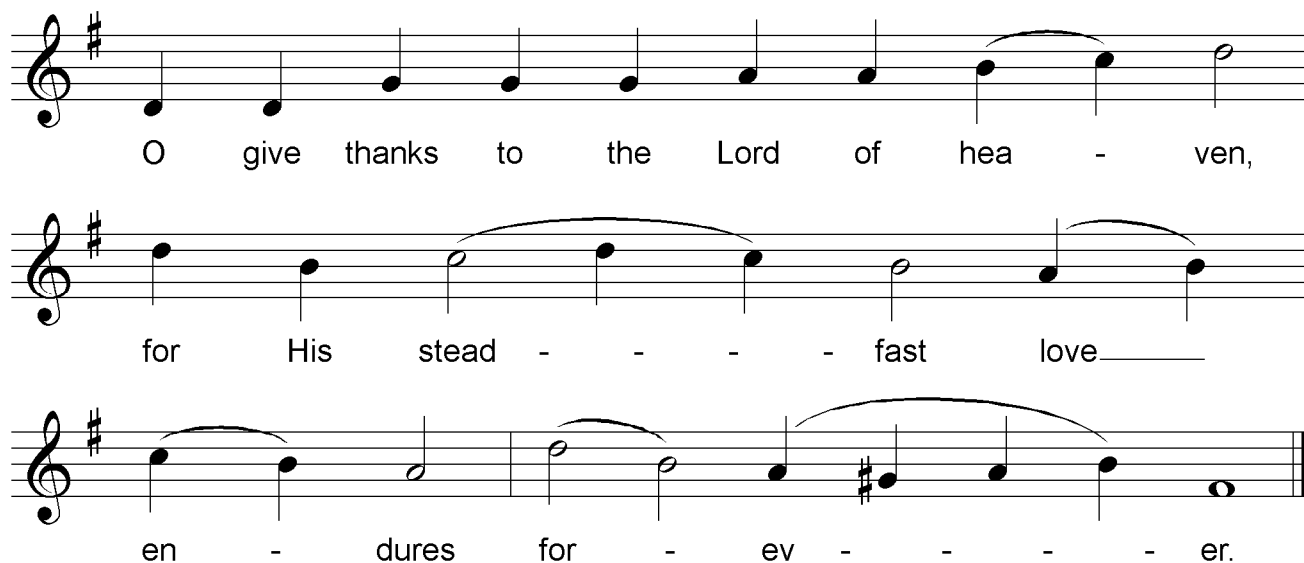
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
 Spi - rit: now and ev - er and for - ev - er.
 A - - - men.

Stichera:

The pros - ti - tute spread out her hair be -
fore You, O Mas - ter, while Ju - das stretched
out his hand to the trans - gres - sors:
She to re - ceive for - give - ness, he to
re - ceive mon - ey. There - fore we cry
out to You Who were sold and set us free:
"O Lord, glo - ry to You!"

Prokimens and Old Testament Readings Wednesday of Holy Week

First Prokimen in Tone 4



O give thanks to the Lord of hea - ven,
for His stead - - - fast love
en - dures for - ev - - - er.

The First Old Testament Reading Exodus 2:11-22

One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together; and he said to the man that did the wrong, "Why do you strike your fellow?" He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known." When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh, and stayed in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. The shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. When they came to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come so soon today?" They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and even drew water for us and watered the flock." He said to his daughters, "And where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. She bore a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."

The Second Prokimen in Tone 4

Your stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er,
O Lord, do not for - sake
the work of Your hands.

The Second Old Testament Reading Job 2:1-10

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. And the Lord said to Satan, "Whence have you come?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you moved me against him, to destroy him without cause." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. But put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face." And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord, and afflicted Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Gospel Reading **Matthew 26:6-16**

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head, as he sat at table. But when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for a large sum, and given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.