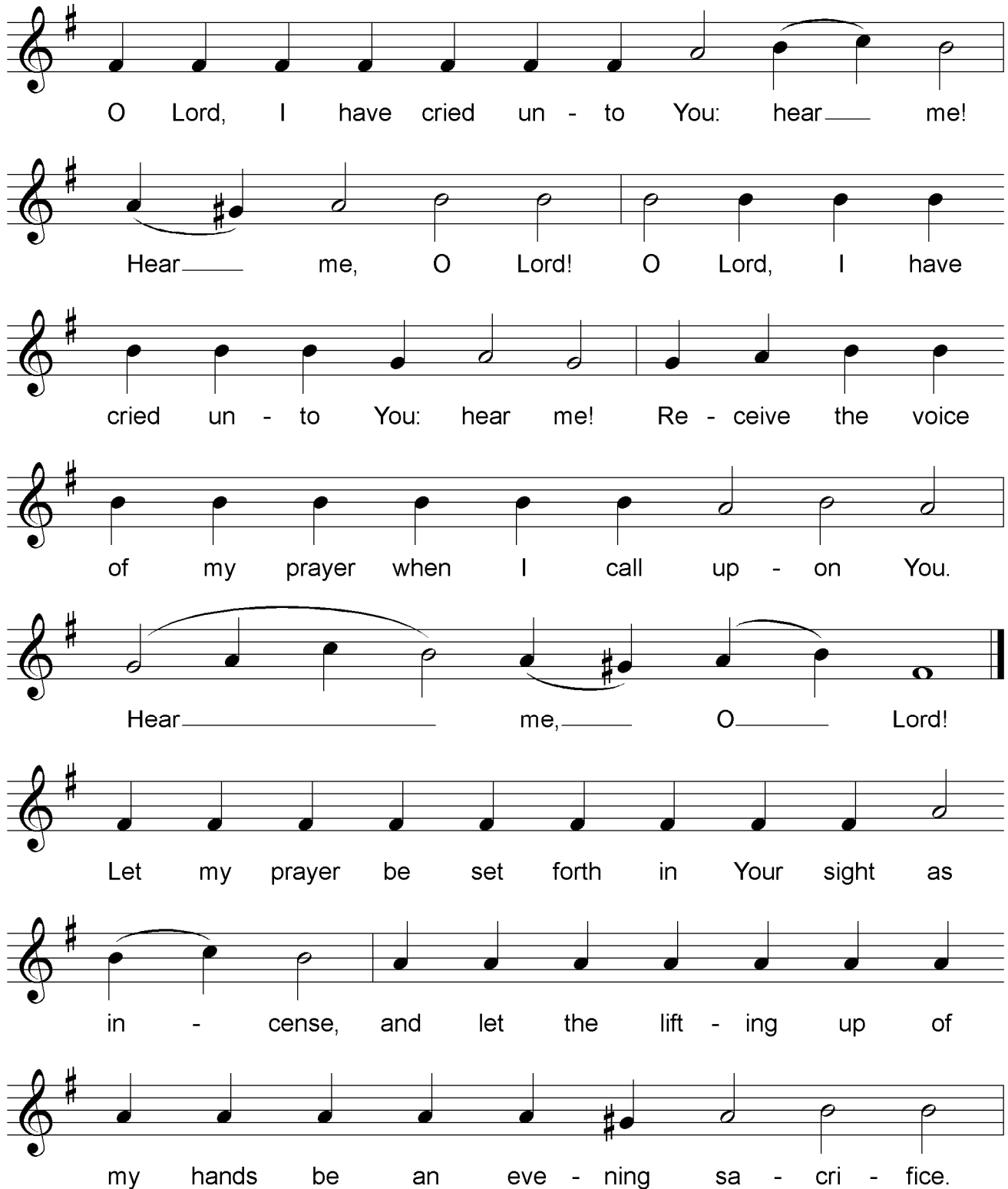


Stichera at the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Wednesday of the Third Week of Great Lent

At Lord I have cried we sing 3 stichera, two in Tone Four and one in Tone Six:
Tone 4



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 with the Lord there is mer - cy and with Him
 plen - te - ous re - demp - tion and He shall re - deem
 Is - ra - el from all his i - ni - qui - ties.

Stichera:

As the pro - di - gal son I have was - ted
 the rich - es which the Fa - ther gave _____ me.
 Now I am des - ti - tute and dwell in
 the land of the wick - ed; in my thought -

less - ness I have be - come like the an - i - mals

with - - - out un - der - stand - - - ing,

and I am stripped of all God's — grace.

But re - turn - ing I cry to You, the com -

pas - sion - ate and mer - ci - ful Fa - ther:

"I have sinned re - ceive me in re - pen -

tance, O God, and — have mer - cy

on me!"

Verse:

O praise the Lord all na - tions, praise Him
all you peo - - - ples.

Stichera:

O mar - tyrs of the Lord, liv - ing sa -
cri - fi - ces, spi - ri - tual burnt of - fer - ings,
per - fect vic - tims sa - cri - ficed to God
sheep that know God and are known by Him,
Whose flock no wolf can en - - - ter:
pray that we be led with you to feed

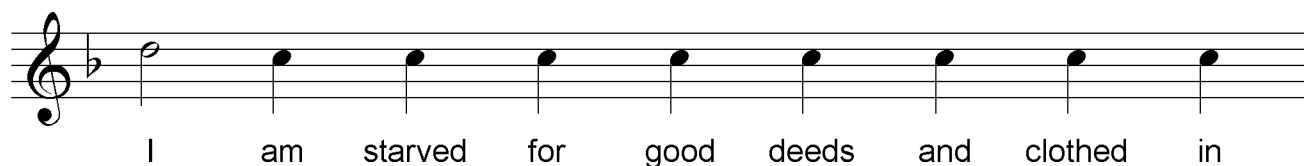
by the wa - ters of rest.

In Tone 6
Verse:

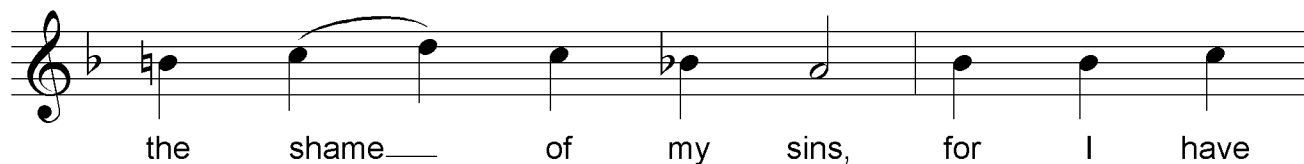
For He has made His mer - cy to pre - vail ov - er us
and the truth of the Lord en - dures for -
ev - er.

In Tone 6
Stichera:

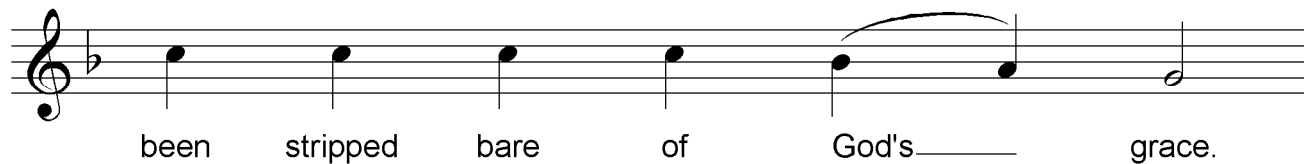
Like the pro - di - gal son I have jour - neyed
in - to a far coun - try of wick - ed - ness,
and I have was - ted in ev - il the wealth
You gave me, O com - pas - sion - ate Fa - ther!



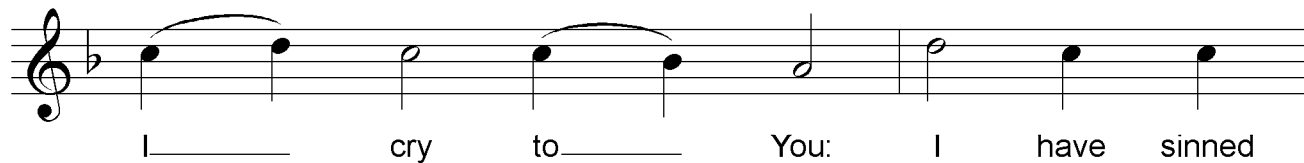
I am starved for good deeds and clothed in



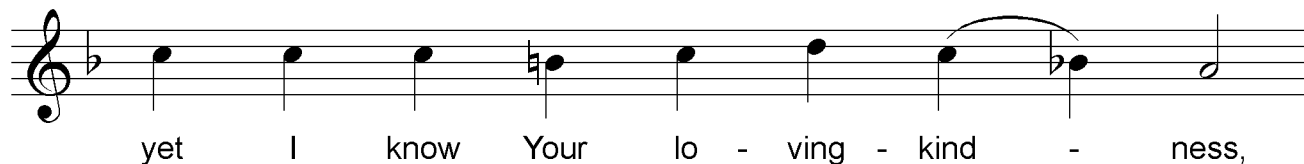
the shame of my sins, for I have



been stripped bare of God's grace.



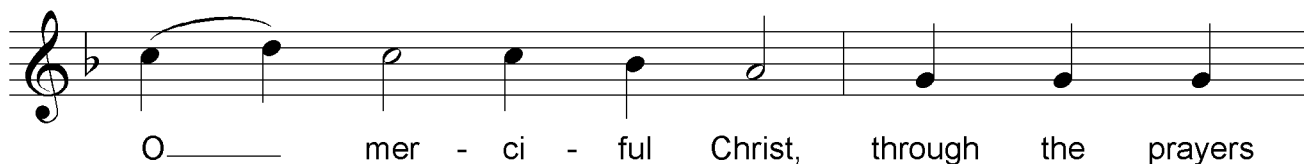
I cry to You: I have sinned



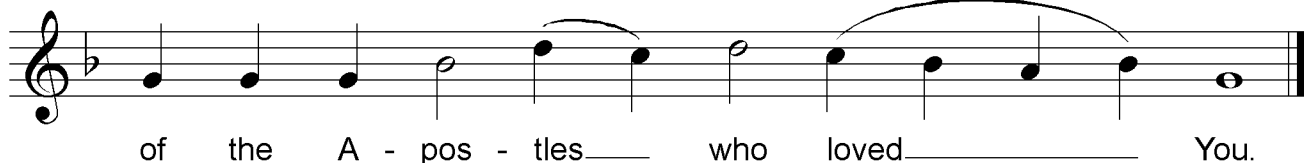
yet I know Your loving-kindness,



accept me as one of Your hired servants,



O merciful Christ, through the prayers



of the Apostles who loved You.

Verse Glory Now and Ever:

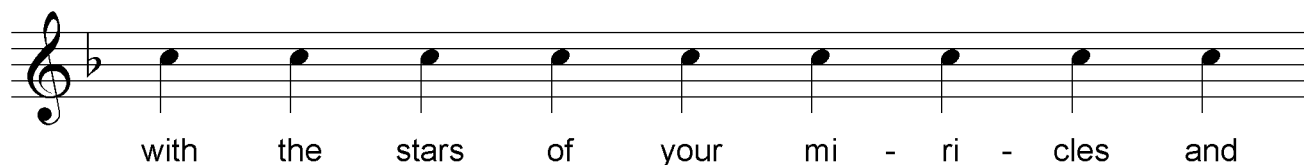
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
Spi - rit: now and ev - er and for - ev - er. ———
A - - - men.

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major. The first staff contains a sequence of 14 quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3. The second staff contains a sequence of 10 notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (half), E4 (half), D4 (half). The third staff contains three notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (half), followed by a double bar line.

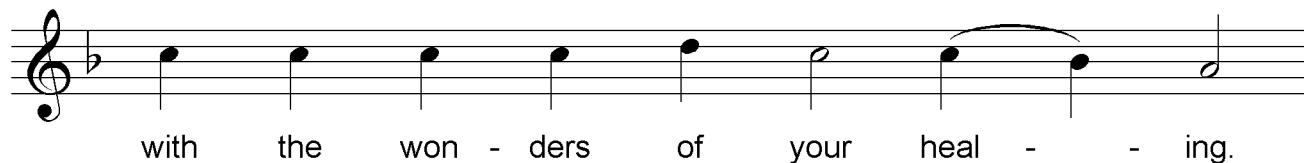
Stichera:

O A - pos - - - tles ——— of the Lord,
you are the lights for the whole ——— world,
be - ne - fac - tors who lead to sal - -
va - tion; like the hea - vens you de - clare
the glo - ry of God, you are a - dorned

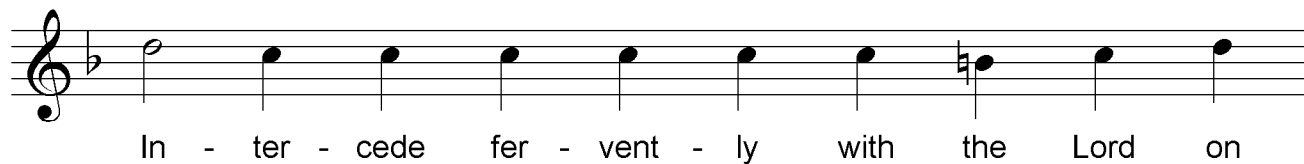
The musical notation consists of five staves in G major. The first staff contains 10 notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The second staff contains 10 notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The third staff contains 10 notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The fourth staff contains 10 notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The fifth staff contains 10 notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.



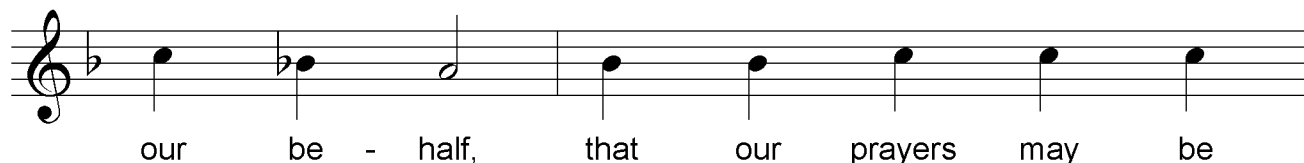
with the stars of your mi - ri - cles and



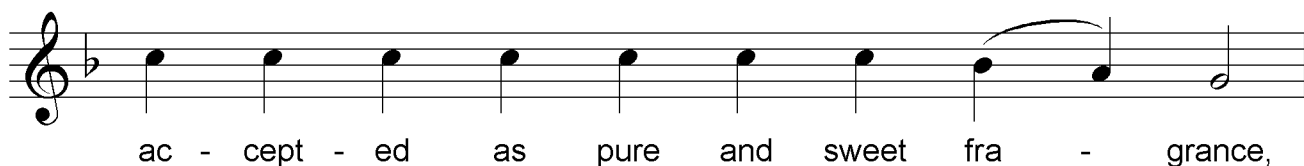
with the won - ders of your heal - - ing.



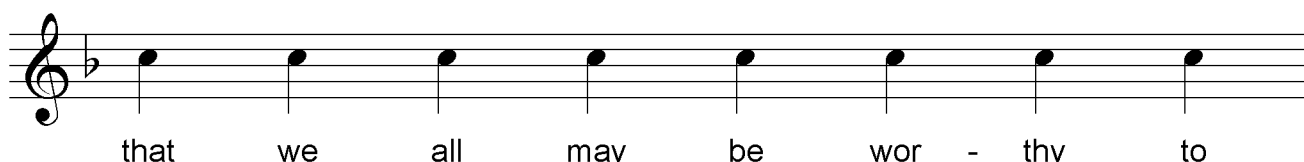
In - ter - cede fer - vent - ly with the Lord on



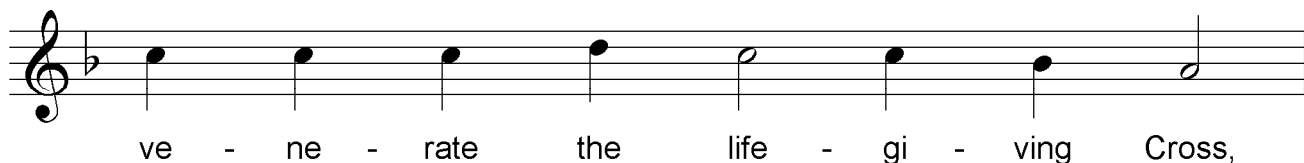
our be - half, that our prayers may be



ac - cept - ed as pure and sweet fra - grance,




that we all may be wor - thy to



ve - ne - rate the life - gi - ving Cross,



and to look up - on it with _____ rev - er - ence,



O Sa - vior, as we hon - or this Your Cross,

in Your love for us, send down
Your mercy!

Prokimens and Old Testament Readings Wednesday of the Third Week of Great Lent

The First Prokimen in Tone 4

I trust in the mer - cy of God
for - ev - - - er and ev - er,
for - ev - er and ev - - - - er!

The First Old Testament Reading Genesis 7:6-9

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark, to escape the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.

The Second Prokimen in Tone 4

When the Lord turns back the cap - ti - vi - ty
the cap - ti - vi - ty of His peo - ple
of _____ His _____ peo - - - ple.

The Second Old Testament Reading Proverbs 9:12-18

If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it. A foolish woman is noisy; she is wanton and knows no shame. She sits at the door of her house, she takes a seat on the high places of the town, calling to those who pass by, who are going straight on their way, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" And to him who is without sense she says, "Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.