

Stichera at the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Wednesday and Friday of the Fifth 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:

O my Be - ne - fac - tor, my De - liv - er - er
 and my Sa - vior, be _____ my heal - ing!
 cast me not a - way! Look up - on me
 as I lie in my trans - gres - sions,

and raise me up by Your al - migh -
 ty pow - - er, I con - fess my deeds
 and cry to You: Save me, O Lord, be - fore
 I per - - - ish com - plete - - ly!

Verse:

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

Stichera:

Like the fool - ish ser - - - vant, I have
 hid - den the ta - lent that was gi - ven me,

and bur - ied it in the ground, I have been
 con - demned as use - less, I no long - er
 dare to ask You for - give - ness. But in
 Your long - suf - fer - ing take pi - ty on me,
 that I al - so may cry to You: Save me,
 O Lord, be - fore I per - ish com -
 plete - ly!

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.

Stichera:

De - part - ing from Your di - vine com - mad - ments
 as from - Je - ru - sa - lem, and go - ing
 down to the pas - sions of Je - ri - cho,
 I was led a - stray by the false glo - ry
 of the cares — of this life. I fell a - mong
 the thieves of my own thoughts; they stripped me of

the robe of son - ship that was mine by grace,

and now I lie wound - ed, al - most

with - out the breath of life. The priest drew near

and saw my bo - dy but took no heed,

The Le - vite looked at it with loath - ing and

passed by on the o - ther side but You,

O Lord, Who took flesh from the Vir - gin in

a way be - yond un - der - stand - ing;

You have, of Your own free will, poured out blood and


wa - ter from Your side for my sal - va - tion,
 and as with oil You have a - noint - ed me
 O Christ, my God! Bind up my wounds with lin - en,
 and in Your com - pas - sion bring me to Your
 Hea - ven ly King - - - - dom!

In Tone Two
 Glory Now and Ever Verse:

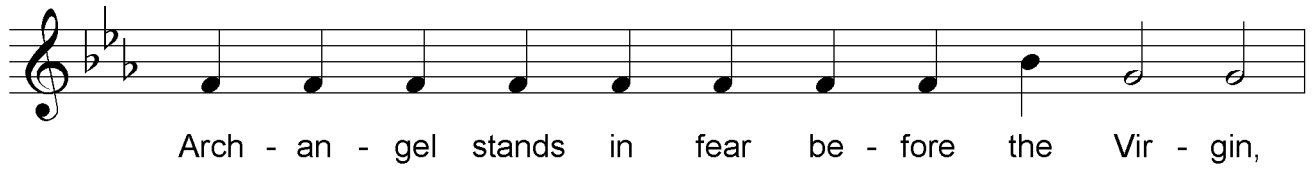
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to
 the Ho - ly Spi - rit, now and ev - er
 and for - ev - er. A - - - - men.

Stichera:

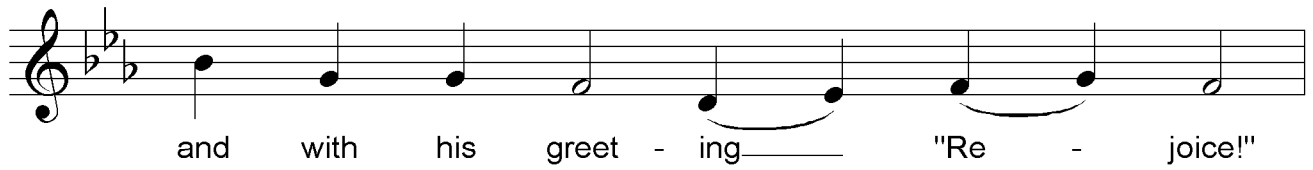
To - day is re - vealed the mys - ter - y that
is from all e - ter - ni - ty. The
Son of God be - comes the Son of Man,
that shar - ing in what is worse, He may make
me share in what is bet - - ter.
of old A - dam was de - ceived: he sought
to be - come God but failed in his at - tempt.
Now God be - comes man that He may make
A - - dam di - vine. Let cre - a - tion



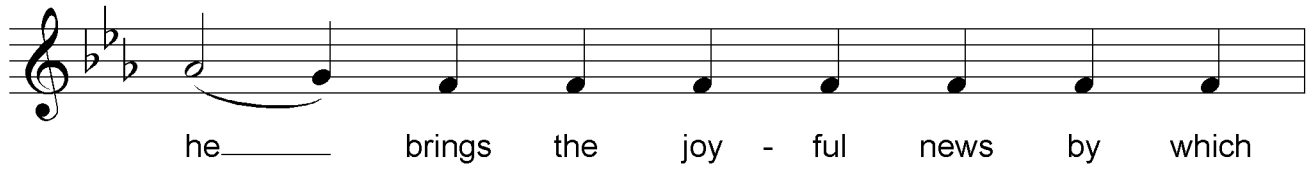
re - jice let nature ex - ult; for the



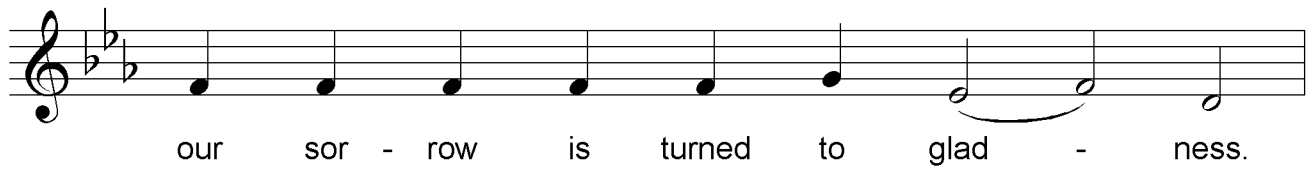
Arch - an - gel stands in fear be - fore the Vir - gin,



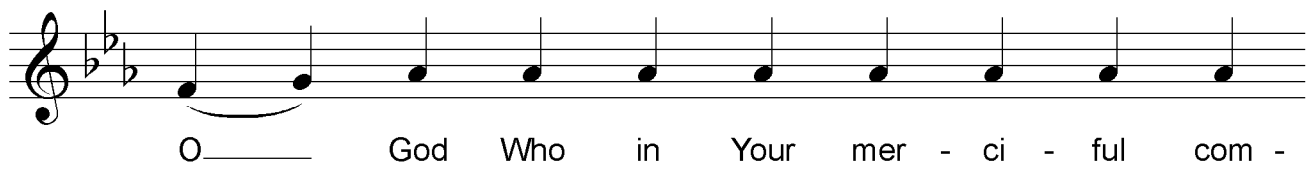
and with his greet - ing "Re - jice!"



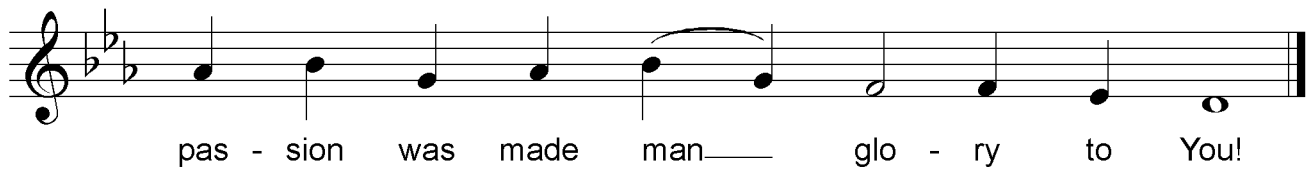
he brings the joy - ful news by which



our sor - row is turned to glad - ness.



O God Who in Your mer - ci - ful com -



pas - sion was made man glo - ry to You!

Prokimens and Old Testament Readings

Wednesday and Friday of the Fifth Week of Great Lent

Fifth Wednesday - 1st Prokimen in Tone 4

O Lord, _____ God of _____ ven - - gence

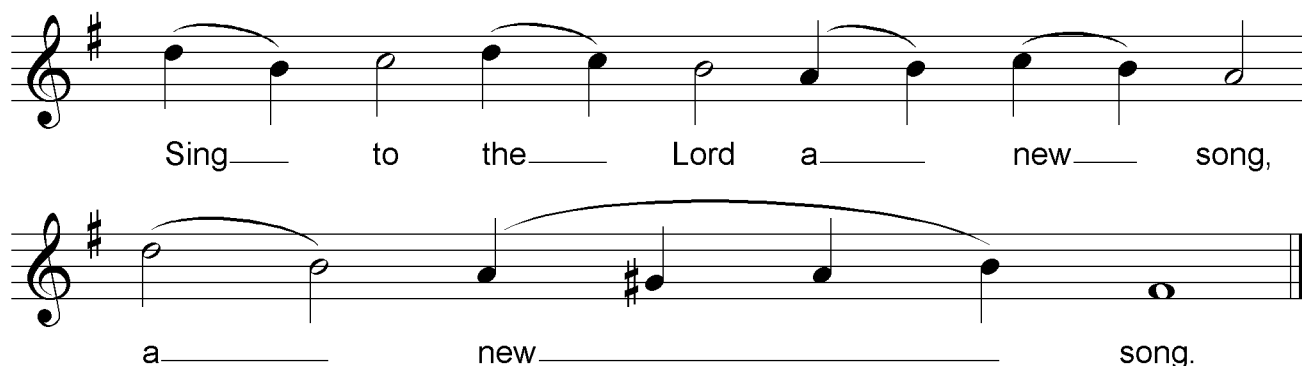
show _____ Your - self. Show _____ Your - - - self.

Fifth Wednesday - The First Old Testament Reading Genesis 17:1-9

In those days, When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. And I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

Fifth Wednesday - 2nd Prokimen in Tone 4

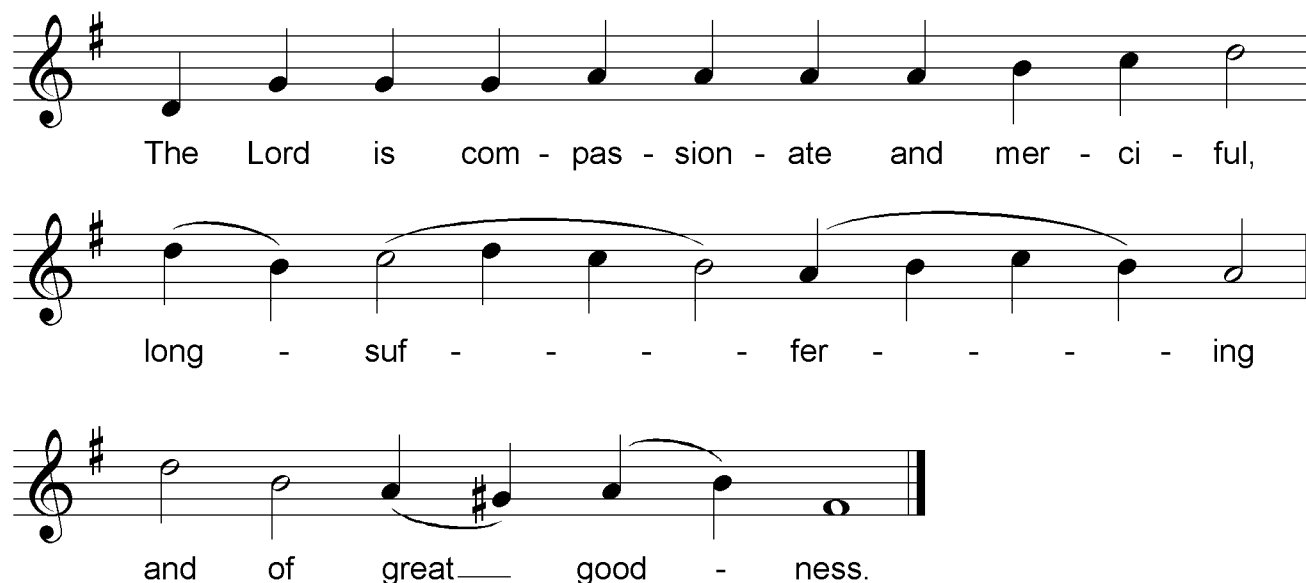
Sing to the Lord a new _____ song.



**Fifth Wednesday - The Second Old Testament Reading
Proverbs 2:1-22**

A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother. Folly is a joy to him who has no sense, but a man of understanding walks aright. Without counsel plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed. To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is! The wise man's path leads upward to life, that he may avoid Sheol beneath. The Lord tears down the house of the proud, but maintains the widow's boundaries. The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord, the words of the pure are pleasing to him. He who is greedy for unjust gain makes trouble for his household, but he who hates bribes will live. The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous. The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the bones. He whose ear heeds wholesome admonition will abide among the wise. He who ignores instruction despises himself, but he who heeds admonition gains understanding. The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and humility goes before honor. The plans of the mind belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. Every one who is arrogant is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished. By loyalty and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil. When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice. A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

Fifth Friday - 1st Prokimen in Tone 4



The Lord is com - pas - sion - ate and mer - ci - ful,
long - suf - fer - ing
and of great good - ness.

Fifth Friday - The First Old Testament Reading Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; and he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram,

caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord will provide; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Fifth Friday - 2nd Prokimen in Tone 4

O Lord how man - i - fold are Your works!
 In_____ wis - dom You have made_____ them_____ all,
 in wis - dom have You made_____ them_____ all.

**Fifth Friday - The Second Old Testament Reading
 Proverbs 17:17-18:5**

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. A man without sense gives a pledge, and becomes surety in the presence of his neighbor. He who loves transgression loves strife; he who makes his door high seeks destruction. A man of crooked mind does not prosper, and one with a perverse tongue falls into calamity. A stupid son is a grief to a father; and the father of a fool has no joy. A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones. A wicked man accepts a bribe from the bosom to pervert the ways of justice. A man of understanding sets his face toward wisdom, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth. A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him. To impose a fine on a righteous man is not good;

to flog noble men is wrong. He who restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent. He who is estranged seeks pretexts to break out against all sound judgment. A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion. When wickedness comes, contempt comes also; and with dishonor comes disgrace. The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a gushing stream. It is not good to be partial to a wicked man, or to deprive a righteous man of justice.