

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

At Lord I have cried we sing 3 stichera in Tone Five:

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 sac - ri - 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
out of all his i - ni - qui - ties.

Stichera:

I am rich - in pas - sions and clothed in the
de - ceit - ful robe of hy - po - cri - sy,
and I re - joice in the sins of self - in -
dul - - - gence, there is no li - mit

to my lack of love. I neglect my spi -

ri - tual un - der - stand - ing, that ——— lies

at the gate of re - pen - - - - tance,

starved of all good things, sick through lack of care.

O Lord, make me like La - za - rus poor in sin,

that I may not be tor - men - ted in the flame

that shall ne - ver be ex - tin - - - - guished,

and ——— pray in vain for a fin - ger to

be dipped in wa - ter and laid up - on my tongue.

But in Your love for man make me dwell with
the Pa - tri - arch A - - - bra - ham.

Verse:

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

Stichera:

When You were jour - ney - ing in the flesh,
O Je - sus, on the o - ther side of the
Jor - - - dan, You— said to Your
com - pan - ions: "My friend La - za - rus

is al - read - y dead, and now has

been com - mit - ted to the grave.

But for your sake I re - jice my friends,

for by this you shall learn that I kown all things,

since I am God, in - se - per - a - ble from

the Fa - - - ther, though I

am man. Let us go then to bring him

back to life, that death may feel the

de - feat and to - tal de - struc - - - tion

that I bring up - on it, be - stow - ing
my great mer - cy on the world.

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:

O faith - ful let us fol - low the ex -
am - ple of Mar - tha and Ma - ry,
as in - ter - ces - sors let us send to
the Lord our acts of right - eous - ness,

that He may come to raise from the dead

our spi - ri - tual un - der - stand - ing,

which lies dead with - in the tomb of ne - gli - gence,

hav - ing no feel - ing of the fear of

God and no vi - tal en - er - - - gy.

So — let — us — cry: "Mer - ci - ful

Lord, once by Your fear - ful au - tho - ri - ty

You raised up Your friend La - za - - - rus,

so now give life to us — all,

and grant us Your great — mer - - cy!"

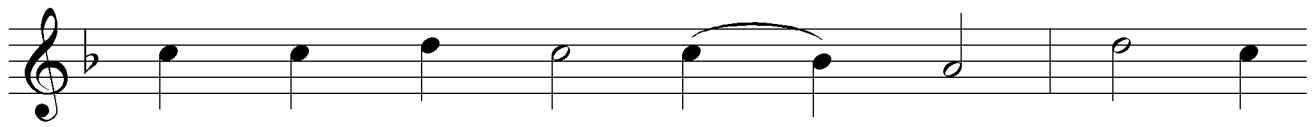
In Tone Six

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:


La - za - rus has now been two days in the tomb,
and he sees the dead from all the a - ges.
There he be - holds the sights of ter - - - - - ror,
the pri - son - ers of death, a mul - ti -



tude that no one can count. His sis -



ters weep bit - ter - ly, look - ing up - on



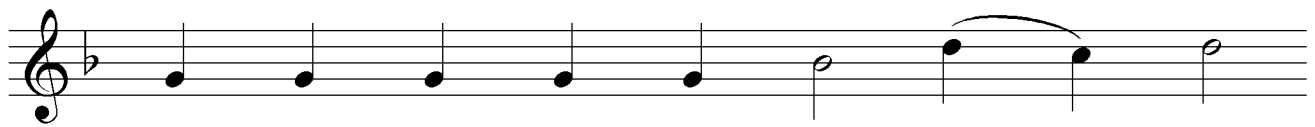
his tomb, but Christ comes to bring His friend



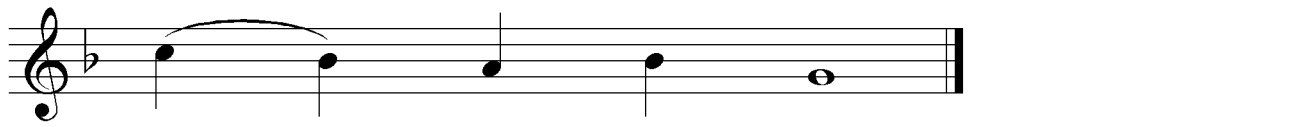
to life, that a sin - gle hymn of praise



may be of - fered up with one ac - cord by all:



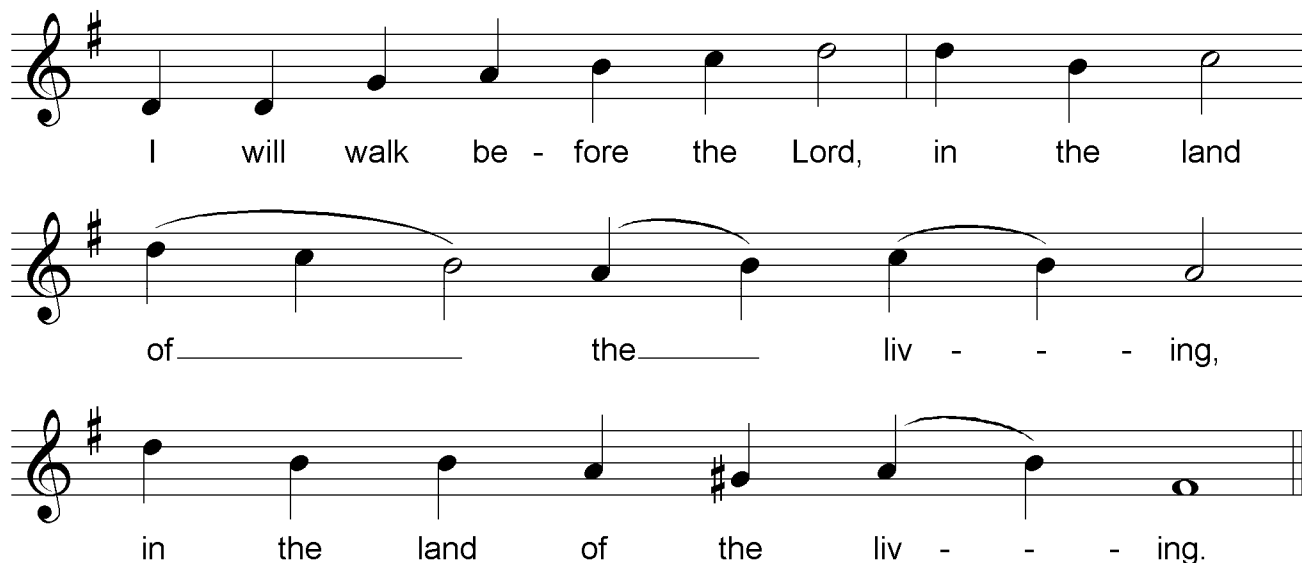
"Bles - sed are You, O Sa - vior, have



mer - - - cy on us!"

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

The First Prokimen in Tone 4



I will walk be - fore the Lord, in the land
of _____ the _____ liv - - - ing,
in the land of the liv - - - ing.

The First Old Testament Reading Genesis 43:26-31

When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which they had with them, and bowed down to him to the ground. And he inquired about their welfare, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" They said, "Your servant our father is well, he is still alive." And they bowed their heads and made obeisance. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!" Then Joseph made haste, for his heart yearned for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there. Then he washed his face and came out; and controlling himself he said, "Let food be served."

The Second Prokimen in Tone 4

I will of - fer my prayers to the Lord
in the pre - sence of all His peo - ple,
of all His peo - - - ple.

The Second Old Testament Reading Proverbs 21:23-22:4

He who keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble. “Scoffer” is the name of the proud, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride. The desire of the sluggard kills him for his hands refuse to labor. All day long the wicked covets, but the righteous gives and does not hold back. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; how much more when he brings it with evil intent. A false witness will perish, but the word of a man who hears will endure. A wicked man puts on a bold face, but an upright man considers his ways. No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel, can avail against the Lord. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord. A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all. A prudent man sees danger and hides himself; but the simple go on, and suffer for it. The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.