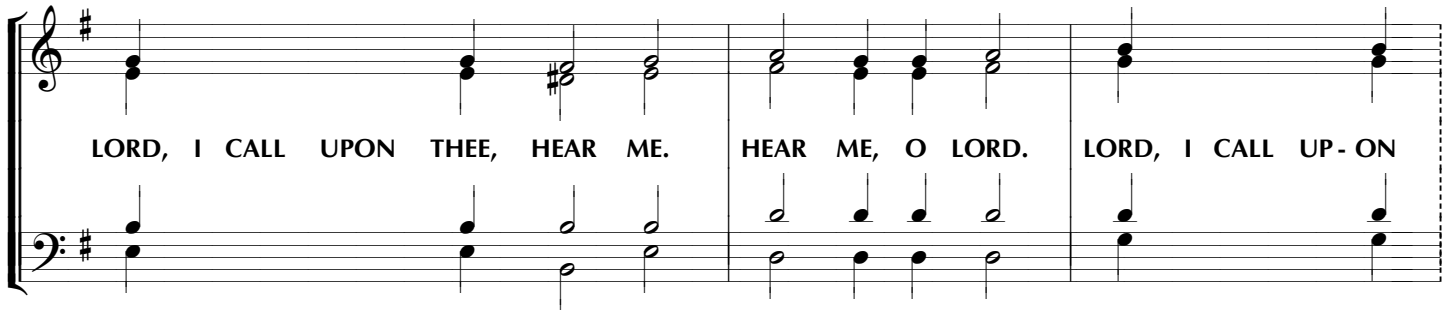


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Vespers

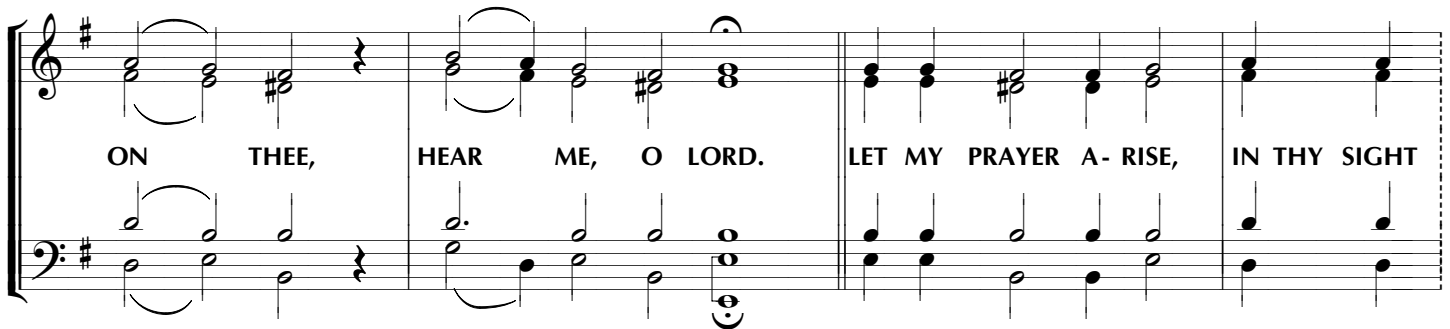
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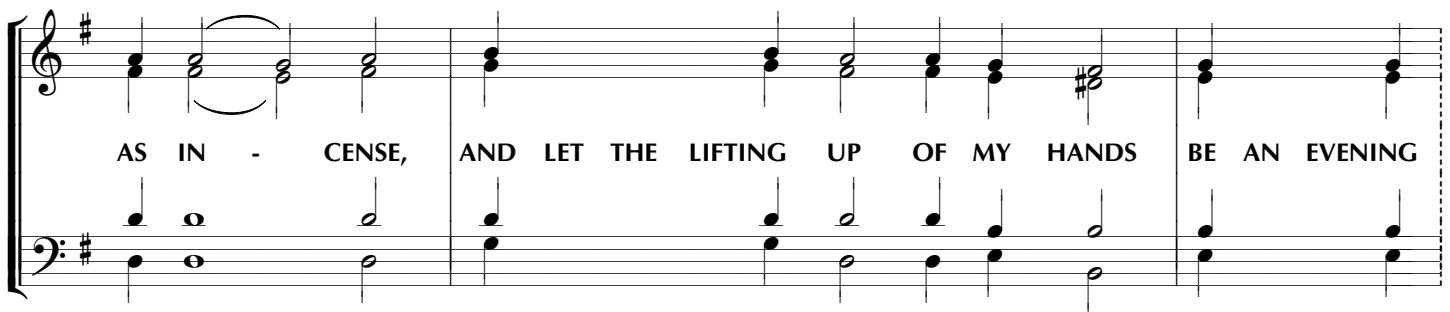
LORD, I CALL UPON THEE, HEAR ME. HEAR ME, O LORD. LORD, I CALL UP-ON



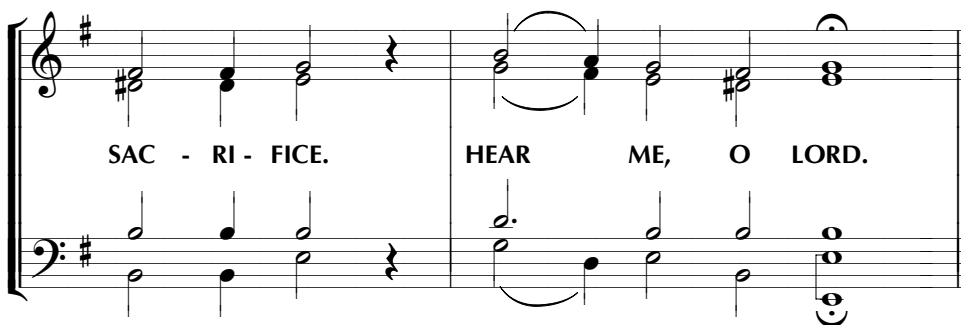
THEE, HEAR ME. RE-CEIVE THE VOICE OF MY PRAYER; WHEN I CALL UP-



ON THEE, HEAR ME, O LORD. LET MY PRAYER A-RISE, IN THY SIGHT



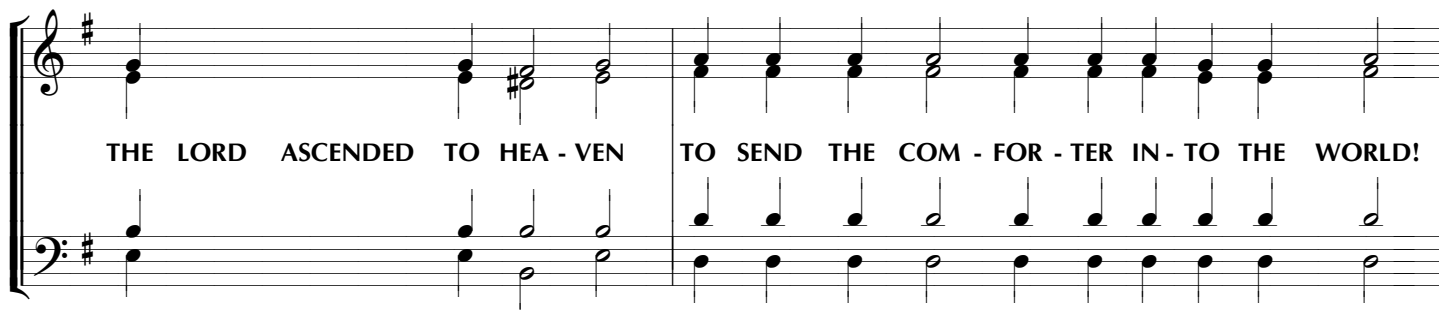
AS IN - CENSE, AND LET THE LIFTING UP OF MY HANDS BE AN EVENING



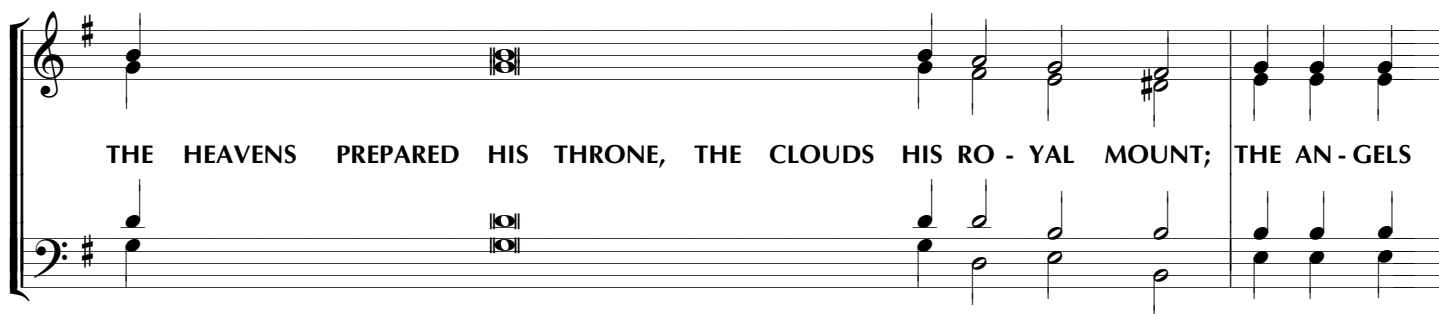
SAC - RI - FICE. HEAR ME, O LORD.

10. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!
9. The righteous await me, for Thou will deal bountifully with me.

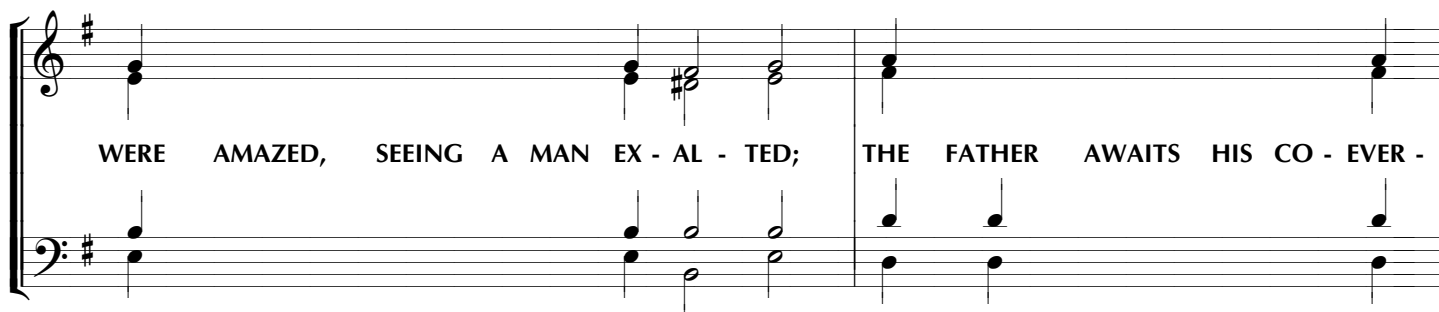
Verse 10 and 9



THE LORD ASCENDED TO HEA - VEN TO SEND THE COM - FOR - TER IN - TO THE WORLD!



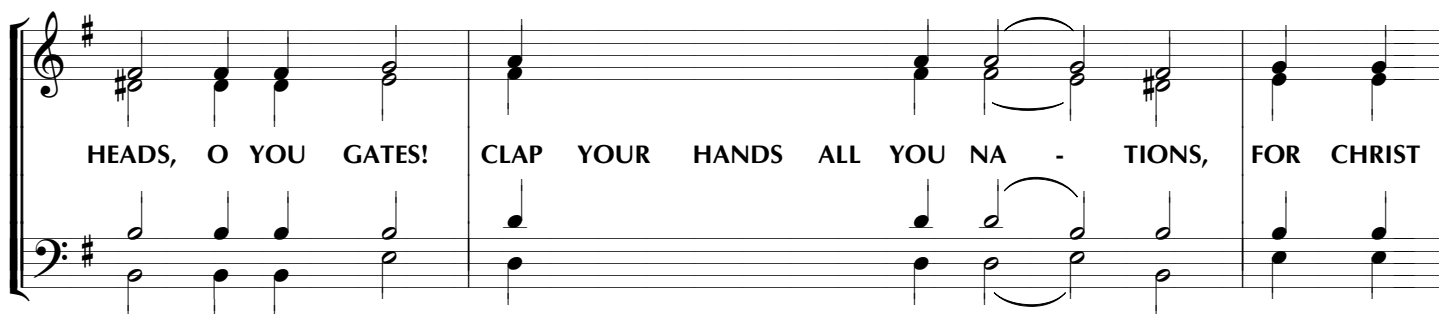
THE HEAVENS PREPARED HIS THRONE, THE CLOUDS HIS RO - YAL MOUNT; THE AN - GELS



WERE AMAZED, SEEING A MAN EX - AL - TED; THE FATHER AWAITS HIS CO - EVER -



LAST - ING SON, THE HOLY SPIRIT COMMANDS THE AN - GELS! LIFT UP YOUR



HEADS, O YOU GATES! CLAP YOUR HANDS ALL YOU NA - TIONS, FOR CHRIST

HAS AS - CEND - ED TO WHERE HE WAS BE - FORE. TWICE

8. Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.
7. Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Verses 8 and 7

THE CHERUBIM WERE AMAZED BY THINE A - SCEN - SION THEY BEHELD THE GOD OF

AN - GELS AS - CEND - ING THE CLOUDS! WE GLO - RI - FY THEE, FOR THY MERCY IS

GOOD! O LORD, GLO - RY TO THEE! TWICE

6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.
5. For Thy name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word, my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Verses 6 and 5

WE PRAISE THE LIKENESS OF THINE AP - PEAR - ANCE, SEEING THINE ASCENSION

UP-ON THE MOUNT, O CHRIST; THE SPLENDOR OF THE FATHERS GLO - RY, WE

BOW IN WORSHIP BEFORE THY PAS - SION WE HONOR THY RE - SUR - REC - TION!

WE GLORIFY THY GLORIOUS AS - CEN - SION! O LORD, HAVE MER - CY ON US!

TWICE

4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.
 3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Verses 4 and 3

SEEING THINE ASCENSION, O GIV - ER OF LIFE, THE APOSTLES MOURNED AND WEPT:

MASTER, DO NOT LEAVE US THY SERVANTS, AS OR - PHANS, WHOM THOU HAS

LOVED IN THY COM - PAS - SION! BUT SEND DOWN ON US THY HOLY SPIRIT, AS

THOU DID PRO - MISE WHO WILL IL - LU - MINE OUR SOULS. TWICE

2. Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise Him, all peoples.

1. For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Verses 2 and 1

AFTER FULFILLING THE MYSTERY OF THY DIS - PEN - SA - TION, THOU DID ASCEND

BEFORE THY DIS - CI - PLES, THOU DID HUMBLE THY - SELF FOR MY SAKE! NOW

THOU HAS RETURNED TO THE PLACE THOU DID NOT LEAVE! SEND DOWN UPON

TWICE

US THY MOST HOLY SPIR - IT WHO WILL IL - LU - MINE OUR SOULS.

Glory, now and ever in the same tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

WITHOUT LEAVING THE FA - THER'S BOS - OM, HAVING LIVED WITH MEN AS A MAN;

TODAY THOU HAS ASCENDED IN GLO - RY FROM THE MOUNT MERCIFULLY RAISING

OUR FALLEN NATURE, ENTHRONING IT WITH THE FA - THER ON HIGH THE ANGELIC

HOSTS WERE AMAZED WITH AWE SEEING THY GREAT LOVE FOR MAN! WITH THEM

WE GLORIFY THY CON - DE - SCEN - SION TO US! WITH THEM WE GLORIFY THINE

AS - CEN - SION FROM US! BY IT THOU DID FILL THY DISCIPLES AND THY

MO - THER WITH GREAT JOY! BY THEIR PRAYERS, AND THROUGH THY GREAT

MER - CY MAKE US, THY CHOSEN PEO - PLE WOR - THY OF THIS JOY!

O GLADSOME LIGHT
 PROKIMENON OF THE DAY

GREAT VESPERS OF ASCENSION

Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah (2:2-3)

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah (62:10 to end; 63:1-3;7-9)

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughters Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken." "Who is this that comes from Edom, from Bozrah in garments stained crimson? Who is this so splendidly robed, marching in his great might?" "It is I, announcing vindication, mighty to save." "Why are your robes red, and your garments like theirs who tread the wine press?" "I have trodden the wine press alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their juice spattered on my garments, and stained all my robes." I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Reading from the Prophecy of Zechariah (14:1; 4:8-11)

See, a day is coming for the Lord, when the plunder taken from you will be divided in your midst. On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives, which lies before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley; so that one half of the Mount shall withdraw northward, and the other half southward. On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it shall continue in summer as in winter. And the Lord will become king over all the earth; on that day the Lord will be one and his name one. The whole land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. But Jerusalem shall remain aloft on its site from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the former gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. And it shall be inhabited, for never again shall it be doomed to destruction; Jerusalem shall abide in security.

Taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible

Litiya

Tone 1

BE - ING AS - CEND - ED UP IN - TO HEA - VEN, WHENCE AL - SO THOU HAD COME DOWN,

LEAVE US NOT COM - FORT - LESS, O LORD. BUT LET THY SPIR - IT COME, BEAR -

ING PEACE UN - TO THE WORLD, AND SHOW THE WORKS OF THY MIGHT UP - ON

THE SONS OF MEN, O LORD WHO LOV - EST MAN - KIND.

Glory, now and ever in the 4th tone: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

WHEN THOU DID ASCEND IN GLORY, O CHRIST GOD THE DISCIPLES BEHELD

THE CLOUDS RAIS - ING THEE WITH THY FLESH THE GATES OF HEA - VEN RE - CEIVED

THEE. THE ANGELS REJOICED: LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O YOU GATES. AND THE

KING OF GLO - RY SHALL EN - TER. THE DISCIPLES CRIED: DO NOT

LEAVE US, O GOOD SHEP - HERD. BUT SEND DOWN UPON US THY HO - LY SPIR - IT

WHO WILL GUIDE, CONFIRM, ILLUMINE AND SANC - TI - FY OUR SOULS.

Aposticha

Tone 2
Verse 1

BY THY NATIVITY THOU DID RE - VEAL THY - SELF BY THY SUFFERINGS IN THE

FLESH THOU DID A - RISE FROM THE DEAD TRAMP - LING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH

THOU DID ASCEND IN GLORY, FILL - ING ALL THINGS THOU DID SEND US THY

DI - VINE SPIR - IT THAT WE MAY PRAISE AND GLORIFY THY DI - VIN - I - TY.

VERSE: Clap your hands all peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Verse 2

WHEN THE ANGELS BEHELD THEE ASCENDING FROM THE MOUNT OF OL - IVES,

O CHRIST. THEY CRIED, ONE TO A - NO - THER: WHO IS THIS? HE IS STRONG AND

MIGHTY, HE IS MIGHTY IN BAT - TLE. HE IS TRULY THE KING OF GLO - RY.

BUT WHY ARE HIS VEST - MENTS SCAR - LET? HE IS FROM BOSRAH WHICH IS TO

SAY THE FLESH. THOU AS GOD, DID SIT ON THY RIGHT HAND OF MA - JE - STY.

THOU DID SEND US THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE AND SAVE OUR SOULS.

VERSE: God has gone up with a shout! The Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

Verse 3

O CHRIST GOD, THOU DID ASCEND IN GLO - RY FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES,

BEFORE THY DIS - CI - PLES. THOU DID SIT ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FA - THER.

O THOU WHO FILLS ALL THINGS WITH THY DI - VI - NI - TY. THOU DID SEND

TO THY DISCIPLES THE HO - LY SPIR - IT WHO ILLUMINES, CONFIRMS, AND SANC -

TI - FIES OUR SOULS.

Glory, now and ever in the 6th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6

GOD HAS GONE UP WITH A SHOUT, THE LORD WITH THE SOUND OF A TRUM -

PET, IN ORDER TO RAISE THE FALLEN IMAGE OF A - DAM, AND

TO SEND THE COMFORTING SPIR - IT WHO WILL SANC - TI - FY OUR SOULS.

Troparion

Tone 4

O CHRIST GOD, THOU HAS ASCENDED IN GLO - RY, GRANT - ING JOY TO THY

DISCIPLES BY THE PROMISE OF THE HO - LY SPIR - IT. THROUGH THE BLESS - ING THEY

WERE AS - SURED THAT THOU ART THE SON OF GOD, THE RE - DEE - MER OF

THE WORLD.

During the Liturgy on the feast and also on the Sunday after the feast, this Troparion replaces "We have seen the True Light".