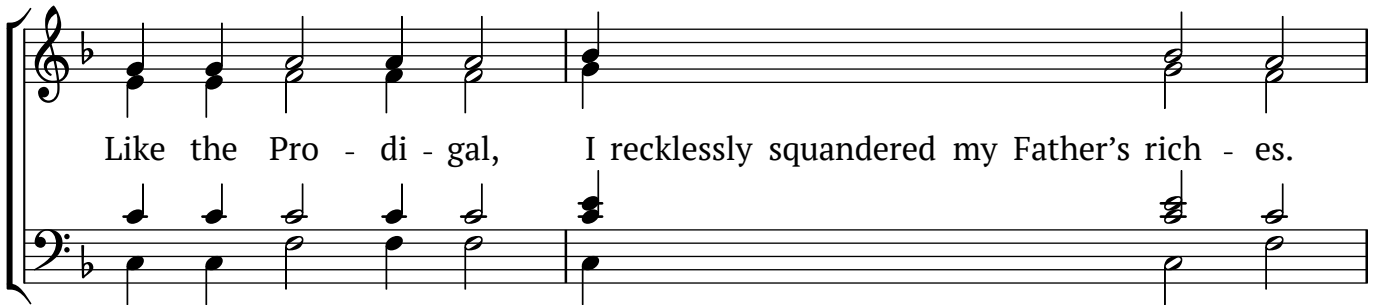
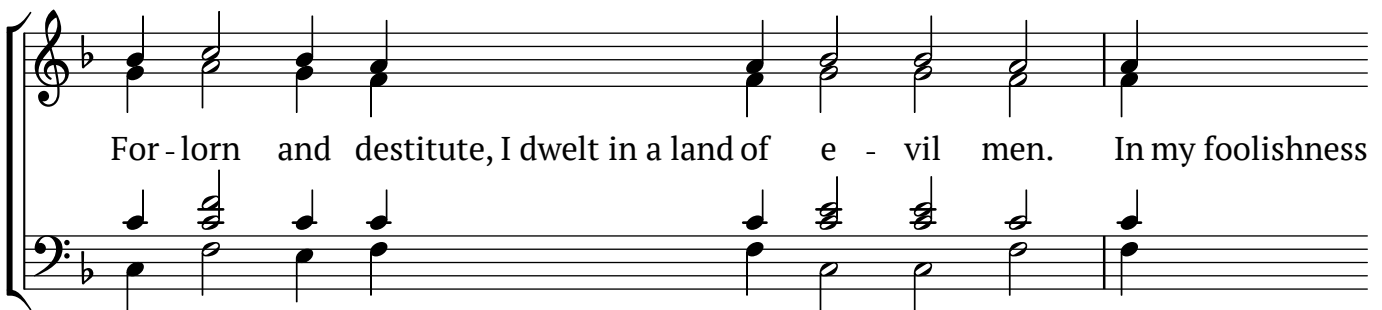


Verses at “Lord, I call”
Wednesday of the third week of the Great Fast
In the fourth tone

10. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name.



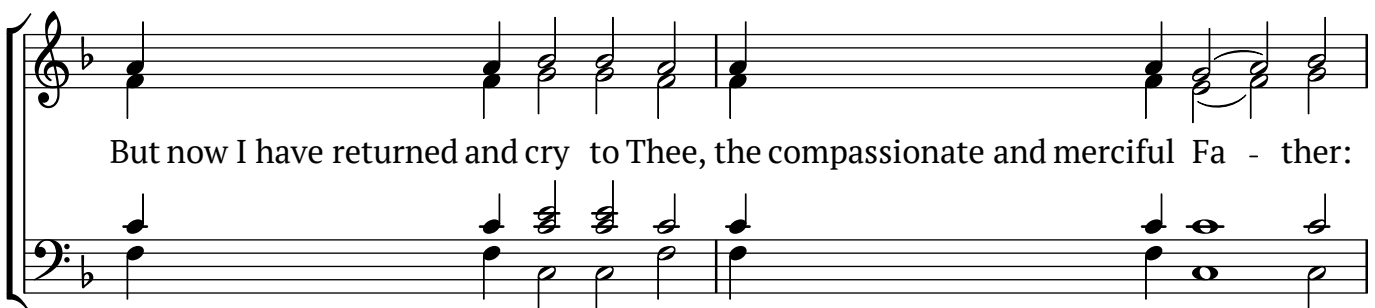
Like the Pro - di - gal, I recklessly squandered my Father's rich - es.



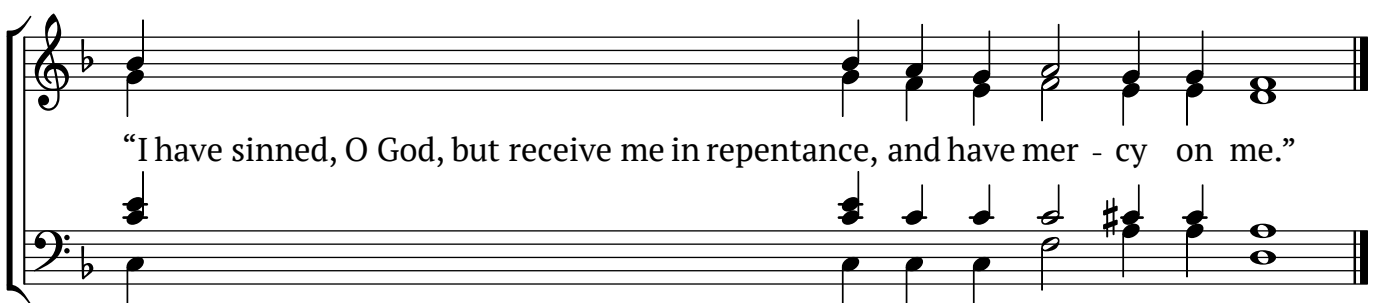
For - lorn and destitute, I dwelt in a land of e - vil men. In my foolishness



I became like the sense - less beasts, stripped of all di - vine grace.



But now I have returned and cry to Thee, the compassionate and merciful Fa - ther:



“I have sinned, O God, but receive me in repentance, and have mer - cy on me.”

9. The righteous will surround me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Repeat: “Like the Prodigal...”

For the Martyrs

8. Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.

O Mar - tyrs of the Lord, living sacrifices, spiritual o - bla - tions,

per - fect vic - tims, sheep who know God and are known by Him,

whose fold no wolf can en - ter: Pray that we too may graze with you

be - side still wa - ters.

For the Apostles, by Joseph
In the sixth tone, to the special melody "Having placed all their hope"

7. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

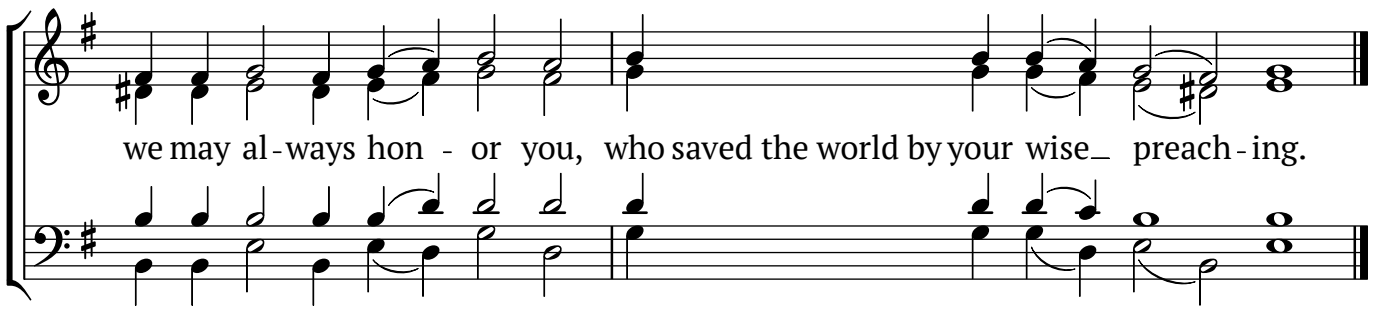
O A - pos - tles, eye - wit - ness - es of God, rays of light from the spi - rit - ual Sun:

en - treat Him to en - light - en our souls and deliver us from the dark night

of pas - sions. Pray that we may see the day of sal - va - tion.

By your prayers and in - ter - ces - sions may our hearts, which the Evil One

has wound - ed, be cleansed, so that, saved by faith,



we may al-ways hon - or you, who saved the world by your wise_ preach - ing.

6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

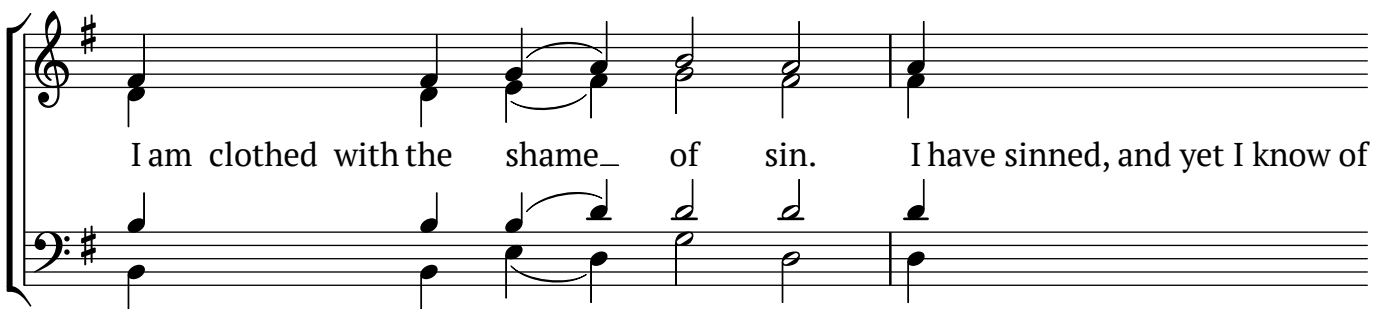


Like the Pro - di - gal I wandered off into an e - vil land.

I reck - lessly squandered the rich - es that Thou gav - est me, _



and now I pine with hunger, starved of good_ deeds. Stripped of divine grace,



I am clothed with the shame_ of sin. I have sinned, and yet I know of

Thy good - ness: receive me as one of Thy hired ser - vants,

O com-pas-sion-ate Christ, By the prayers of the Apostles, who loved Thee.

For the Apostles, by Theodore
In the sixth tone

5. For Thy name's sake I have waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

O Apostles of the Sa - vior, lights of the world, its benefactors and sa - viors,

like the heavens, you tell the glo - ry of God, adorned with stars of miracles

and signs of heal - ing. Fervently intercede before the Lord for us,

that He may accept our prayers as in - cense, and make us worthy

to behold and kiss the life giving Cross with fear. As we venerate Thy Cross,

O Sa - vior, send down on us great mercy in Thy love for man-kind.

Then four stichera from the Menaion. If the Menaion only gives three stichera, repeat the first.

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 plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.
2. Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all peoples.
1. For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

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

Then the Theotokion from the Menaion.