

# Vespers on Pentecost Sunday

(Kneeling Vespers)

Lord, I Call - Tone 4

*Obikhod*

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 LIFT - ING UP OF MY HANDS BE AN EVE -

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

**VERSES ON "LORD I CALL UPON THEE..."**

Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord, keep watch over the door of my lips!  
Incline not my heart to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men  
who work iniquity, and let me not partake of their delights!  
Let a good man strike or rebuke me in kindness, but let the oil of the wicked never  
anoint my head for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.  
When they are given over to those who shall condemn them, then they shall learn that  
the word of the Lord is true.  
As a rock which one cleaves and shatters on the land, so shall their bones be strewn at  
the mouth of Sheol.  
But my eyes are toward Thee, O Lord God; in Thee I seek refuge; leave me not  
defenseless!  
Keep me from the trap which they have laid for me, and from the snares of evildoers!  
Let the wicked together fall into their own nets, while I escape

I cry with my voice to the Lord, with my voice I make supplication to the Lord, I pour  
out my trouble before Him.  
When my spirit departs from me, Thou knowest my way!  
In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.  
I look to the right and watch, but there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge  
remains to me, no man cares for me.  
I cry to Thee, O Lord; I say Thou art my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.  
Give heed to my cry; for I am brought very low!  
Deliver me from my persecutors; for they are too strong for me!  
Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name.  
The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Out of the depths I cry to thee, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice!  
Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

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.
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 CONFIRMED ON US, AND THE TRUTH OF THE LORD  
ENDURES FOREVER.

Verses 1-2

TO - DAY THE NATIONS HAVE BEHELD WONDROUS THINGS IN THE CITY OF DA - VID,

WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED IN FIERY TONGUES AS THE DI - VINE LUKE

RE - CORDS: A SOUND AS OF MIGHTY RUSHING WIND FILLED THE HOUSE WHERE

THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WERE AS - SEM - BLED. THEY BEGAN UTTER - ING

STRANGE DOC - TRINES IN STRANGE WORDS, STRANGE TEACHINGS OF THE HO -

LY TRIN - I - TY. *Repeated*

Verses 3-4

THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS, IS, AND EVER SHALL BE WITHOUT BEGINNING, WITH - OUT

AND END, FOR - EVER UNITED AND NUMBERED WITH THE FA - THER AND THE SON. HE

IS LIFE, AND LIFE CRE - A - TING, THE LIGHT, AND THE GIV - ER OF LIGHT, GOOD

IN HIMSELF, THE FOUN - TAIN OF GOOD - NESS THROUGH WHOM THE FATHER IS

KNOWN AND THE SON GLO - RI - FIED. ALL ACKNOWLEDGE ONE POWER, ONE OR - DER,

ONE WORSHIP OF THE HO - LY TRIN - I - TY. *Repeated*

Verses 5-6

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS LIGHT AND LIFE, THE LIVING FOUNTAIN OF SPI - RI - TUAL

GIFTS: THE SPI - RIT OF WISDOM, THE SPIRIT OF UN - DER - STAND - ING. HE IS

GOOD, UPRIGHT, INTELLIGENT AND RUL - ING. HE PUR - I - FIES US FROM OUR

SINS. THE SPIRIT IS THE DE - I - FY - ING GOD; FIRE PRO - CEED - ING FROM FIRE

SPEAK - ING, ACT - ING, DIS - TRI - BU - TING GIFTS. BY THE SPIRIT THE PRO - PHETS,

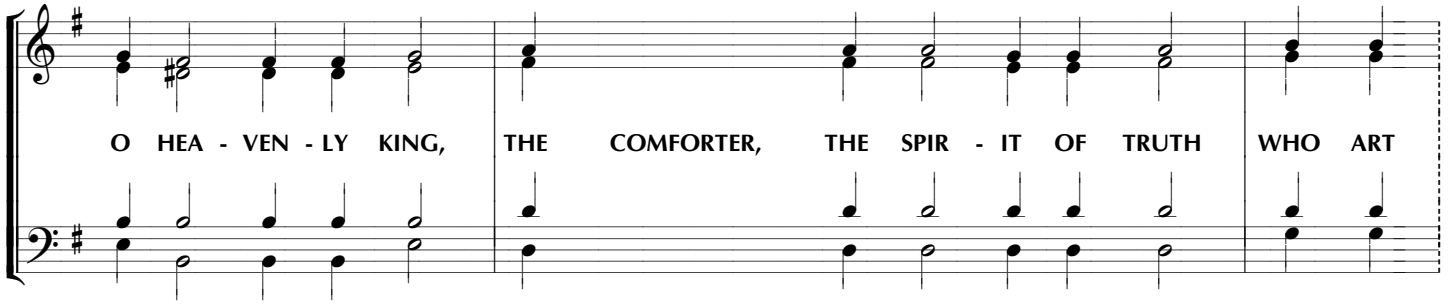
DI - VINE APOSTLES AND MAR - TYRS WERE CROWNED. STRANGE IS THIS RE - PORT,

STRANGE IS THIS SIGHT. FIRE IS DI - VI - DED FOR THE GRANT - ING OF GIFTS. *Repeated*

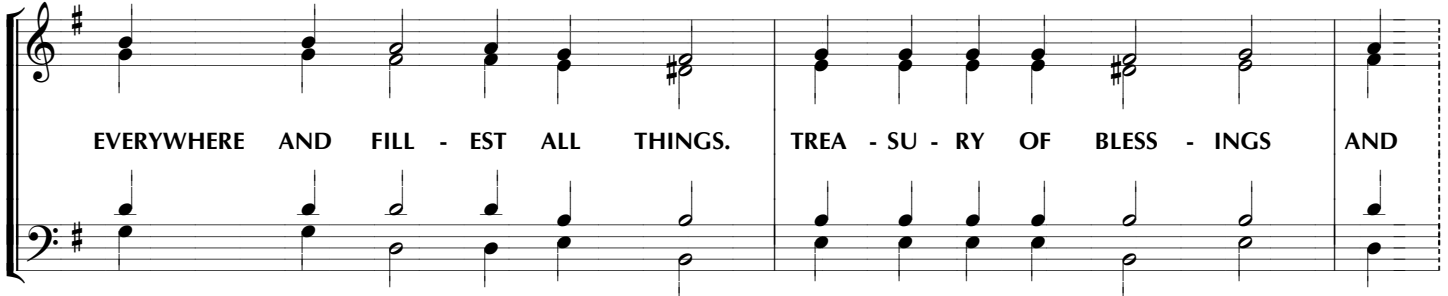
Reader:

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



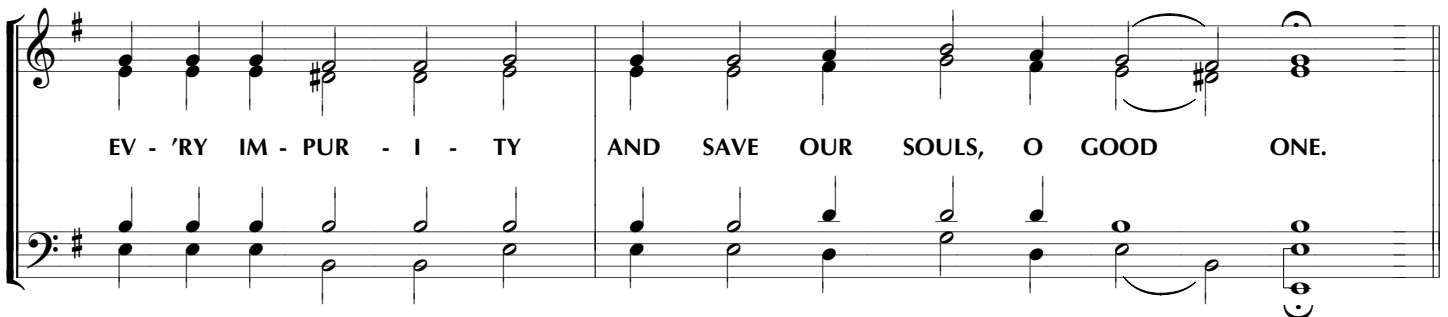
O HEA - VEN - LY KING, THE COMFORTER, THE SPIR - IT OF TRUTH WHO ART



EVERYWHERE AND FILL - EST ALL THINGS. TREA - SU - RY OF BLESS - INGS AND



GIV - ER OF LIFE, COME AND A - BIDE IN US AND CLEANSE US FROM



EV - 'RY IM - PUR - I - TY AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O GOOD ONE.

NEXT: O Gladsome Light

# The Great Prokimenon

*Znamenny Chant*  
*Tone 7*

WHO IS SO GREAT A GOD AS OUR GOD!

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody is composed of vertical chords, with the bass line providing a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

THOU ART OUR GOD WHO DOES WONDERS.

The second system continues the musical notation. It includes a fermata over the final chord of the phrase. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Sung before each of the kneeling prayers

LORD, HAVE MER - CY, LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MER - CY.

The third system of music is for a kneeling prayer. It features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody consists of vertical chords, and the bass line is simple. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

\* Other arrangements of the Great Prokimenon may be found on [www.PODOBEN.com](http://www.PODOBEN.com) in the Pascha Section for Mixed Chorus



Aposticha: Tone 3

Verse 1

NOW THE TONGUES HAVE BECOME A SIGN TO ALL! FOR THE JEWS, CHRIST'S

AN - CESTORS IN THE FLESH WERE FAITH - LESS, FAL - LEN FROM DI - VINE

GRACE. WE OF THE GENTILES HAVE BEEN GRANTED THE DI - VINE LIGHT. WE

HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE DISCIPLES' WORDS PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF

THE GOD OF ALL. WITH THEM LET US BEND OUR HEARTS WITH OUR KNEES. LET US

WOR - SHIP THE HO - LY SPIR - IT IN FAITH, BE - ING CONFIRMED BY THE SAV - IOR

OF OUR SOULS.

READER: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Verse 2

NOW THE COMFORTING SPIRIT HAS BEEN POURED OUT ON ALL FLESH, BE - GIN - NING

WITH THE CHOIR OF THE A - POS - TLES. HE HAS SPREAD HIS GRACE, COM - MU -

NI - CA - TING IT TO ALL THE FAITH - FUL. HE GIVES PROOF OF HIS MIGHTY DES - CENT

BY DISTRIBUTING THE FIE - RY TONGUES, TO THE DISCIPLES, FOR THE PRAISE

AND GLO - RY OF GOD. SO NOW THAT OUR HEARTS HAVE BEEN SPIRITUALLY EN -

LIGHT - ENED, STRENGTHENED IN FAITH BY THE HO - LY SPIR - IT, LET US PRAY

THAT OUR SOULS MAY BE SAVED.

**READER: Cast me not away from Thy face, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

Verse 3

NOW THE APOSTLES ARE CLOTHED WITH THE POWER OF CHRIST FROM ON HIGH, FOR

THE COMFORTER RE - NEWS THEM. HE IS RENEWED IN THEM BY A MYSTICAL

NEW - NESS OF UN - DER - STAND - ING. THEY PREACH TO US IN STRANGE AND EXALT - ED

VOI - CES, TEACH - ING US TO WORSHIP THE ETERNAL YET SIM - PLE NA - TURE

THE TRI - PERSONAL NATURE OF OUR BENEFACOR, THE GOD OF ALL! SO BE - ING

EN - LIGHTENED BY THEIR TEACH - ING, LET US WORSHIP THE FATHER WITH THE SON

AND THE SPIR - IT, PRAY - ING THAT OUR SOULS MAY BE SAVED.

READER: 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.

COME, LET US WORSHIP THE TRI - PERSON - AL GOD - HEAD, THE SON IN THE FA - THER

WITH THE HO - LY SPIR - IT THE FATHER TIMELESSLY BRINGS INTO BEING THE CO - REIGN -

ING AND CO - E - TER - NAL SON. THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS IN THE FATHER, GLO - RI - FIED

E - QUAL - LY WITH THE SON, ONE POWER, ONE SUBSTANCE, ONE GOD - HEAD! IN WOR -

SHIP - PING HIM, LET US ALL SAY: HO - LY GOD, WHO MADE ALL THINGS THROUGH

THE SON, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE SPIR - IT. HO - LY MIGHTY, THROUGH

WHOM WE KNOW THE FA - THER, THROUGH WHOM THE HOLY SPIR - IT CAME IN - TO THE

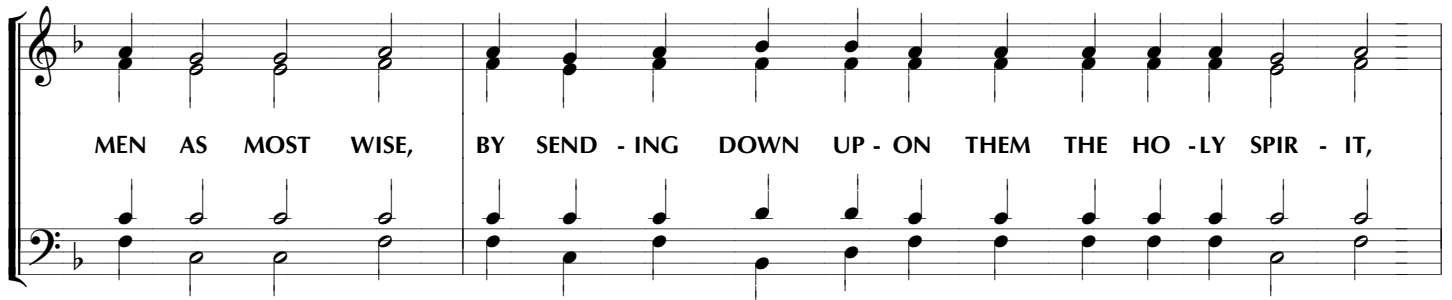
WORLD! HO - LY IMMORTAL, THE COMFORT - ING SPIR - IT, PRO - CEEDING FROM THE

FA - THER AND REST - ING IN THE SON. O HO - LY TRIN - I - TY, GLO - RY TO THEE.

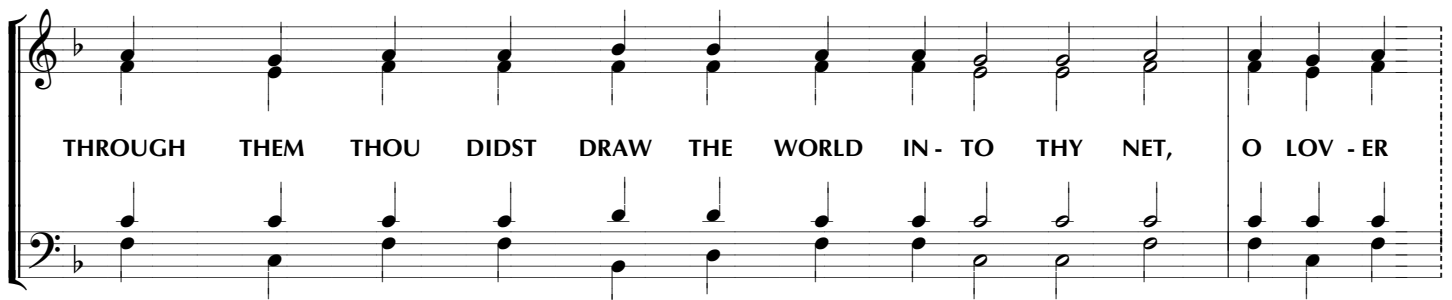
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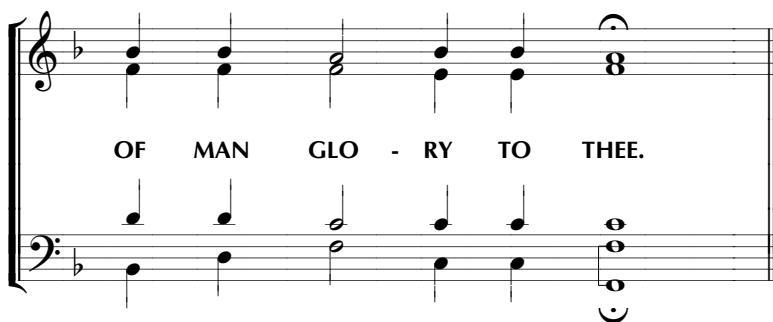
BLESS - ED ART THOU O CHRIST OUR GOD, WHO HAS RE - VEAL - ED THE FISH - ER -



MEN AS MOST WISE, BY SEND - ING DOWN UP - ON THEM THE HO - LY SPIR - IT,



THROUGH THEM THOU DIDST DRAW THE WORLD IN - TO THY NET, O LOV - ER



OF MAN GLO - RY TO THEE.