

(Sunday)

October 19: St. John of Kronstadt

Stichera on "Lord I have cried"

Tone 6, Special Melody "Having set all your hope..."

Optina Hermitage Melody*

(6) *Reader:* In the 6th tone, the special melody "Having set all your hope..."—
If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

I-descant
II-chant melody

For with Thee there is for - give - - - - - ness.

Hav - ing set a - side all the things — of this world, let us praise with

one — voice, the won - drous bea - - - - con of the land

of Russia and of the whole — world, — the good shep - herd,

*variant sung at Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY

the priest _____ John, who hath giv - en us a splendid model

of life _____ in Christ, who on earth was aflame with the spi - rit of prayer, _

and who re-ceived_ from the Lord a two-fold gift of heal - ing.

Through his prayers may Christ strengthen us in pi - e - ty, _ and show us

to be steadfast chil-dren of the Church, for the sal-va-tion of our souls.

(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My — soul hath — hoped — in the Lord.

With all thy heart — and mind, O bless — ed John, thou didst love

the life — in Christ. Thinking and doing all things to please — God, —

thy labors bore fruit a - bun - - - dant - ly through the grace

of the priest - - - hood, and at the Lord's Sup - - - per, —

as if in hea - - - ven, with en - rap - tured spi - - - rit

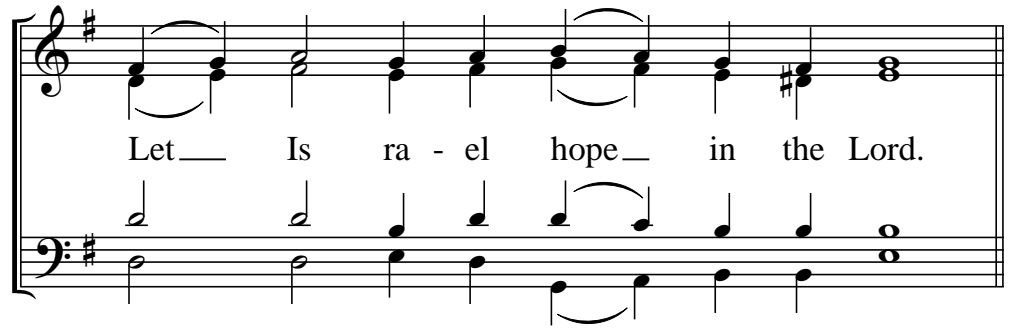
thou didst stand at the altar of the Lord from day _____ to - day _____

with tears of com punc - tion. And now, standing before the Holy Trinity

in the high - - - est, of - fer up in - ter - ces - - - sion, _____

that He grant peace _____ to the world and save _____ our souls.

(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch



Let — Is ra - el hope — in the Lord.



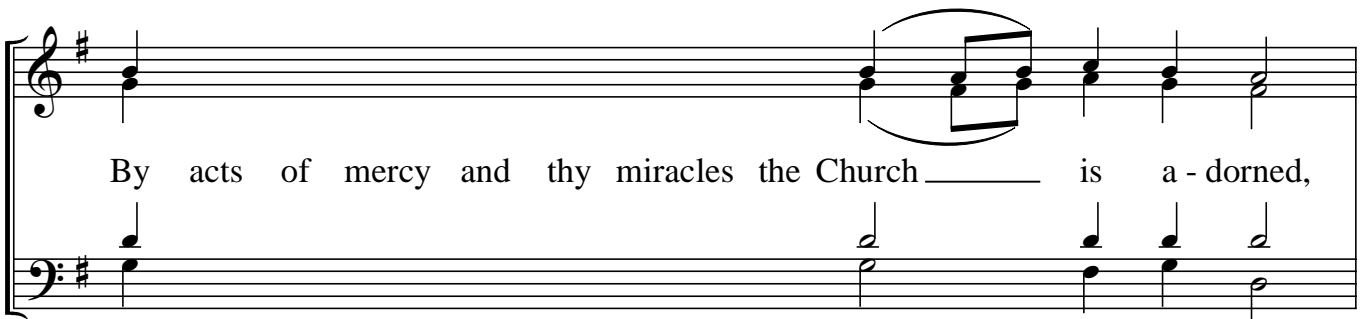
By the path of spiritual vigil-ance rev - er-ence, con-tem-pla-tion



of the mys-ter-ies of God, a-mend-ment of soul and rest - - in God,



thou didst attain unto the heavenly bri - dal cham - - - - ber. —



By acts of mercy and thy miracles the Church — is a - dorned,

by the pur - ity of thy life impiety is put _____ to shame,

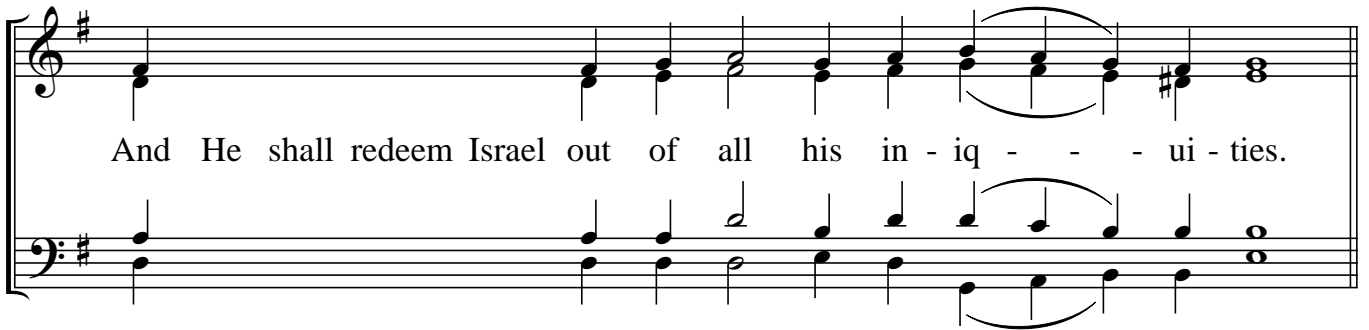
and by the words of thy writings the Faith _____ is con - firmed. _____

Where - fore, we en - treat _____ thee, O most _____ hon - ored John:

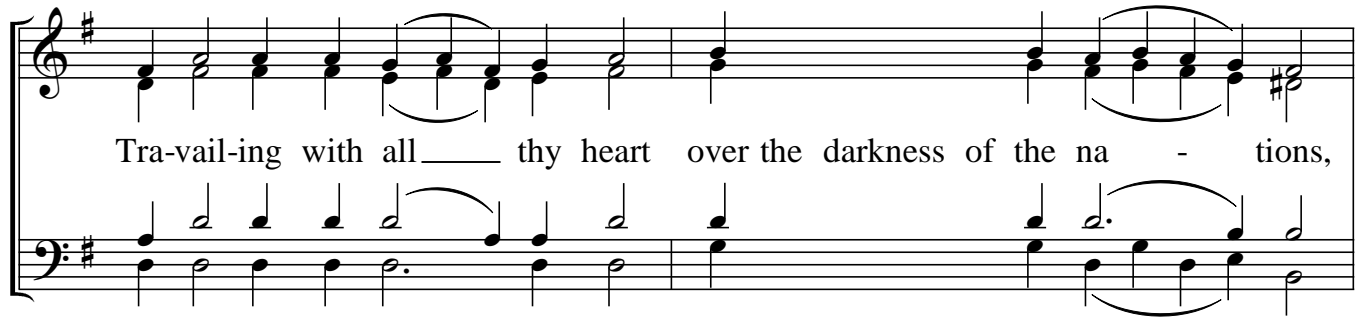
amid all our circumstances be thou _____ our guide, _____ that guid - ed and

guard - ed by thee, we may be vouchsafed the kingdom of hea - - ven.

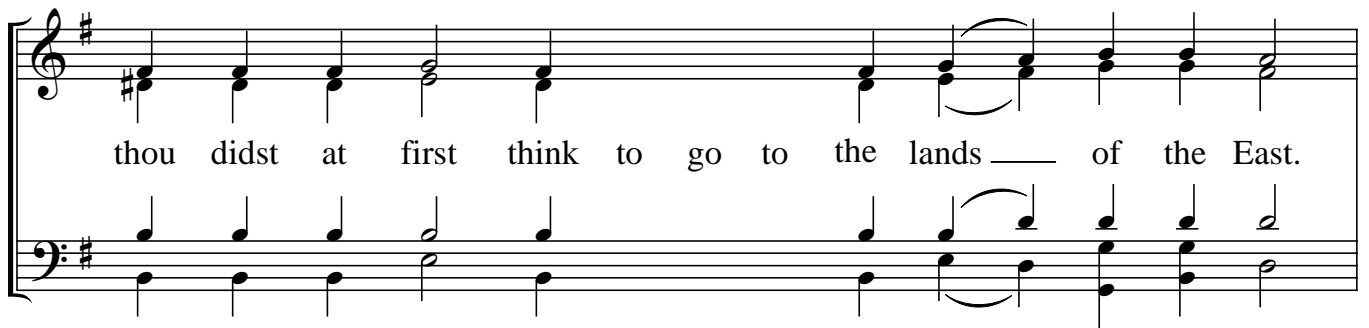
(3) *Reader:* For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;



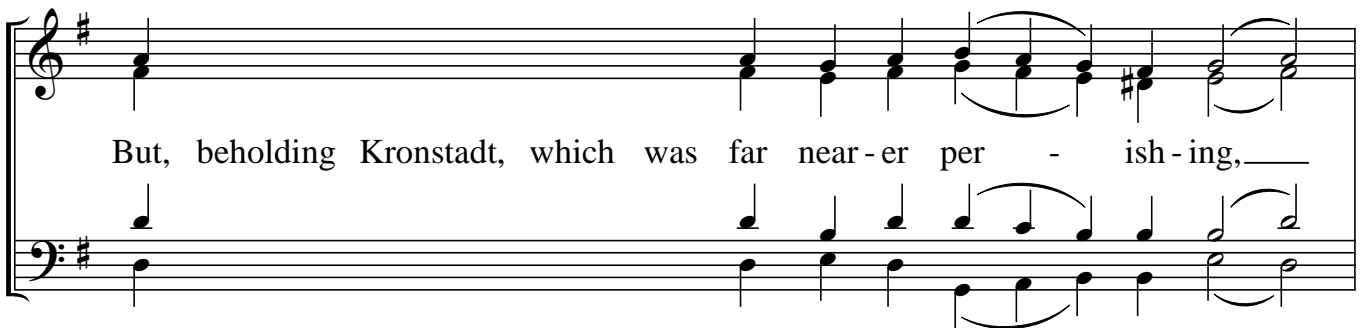
And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - iq - - - ui - ties.



Tra-vail-ing with all thy heart over the darkness of the na - tions,



thou didst at first think to go to the lands of the East.



But, beholding Kronstadt, which was far near - er per - ish - ing,



thou didst submit to a call from on high, which came once during sleep

through a vision of a tem - ple, O right - eous John. —

"I know," thou didst say, "the loftiness of the priest - - - hood,

yet, I hope — in God; for I know that He —

is my strength." — O the divine pow - er of love,

which doth draw us to Christ and strength - - - en us!

(2) *Reader:*
O praise the Lord
all ye nations:

Praise Him all ye peo - - - ples.

Mak-ing room for all in thy pas - tor-al heart, and con-strained

by the wounds inflicted upon the poor by pov - - - er - ty,

thou didst call all peo - ple by thy words and by thy writ - ings,

to build a house of in - dus-try, where - in the poor might find

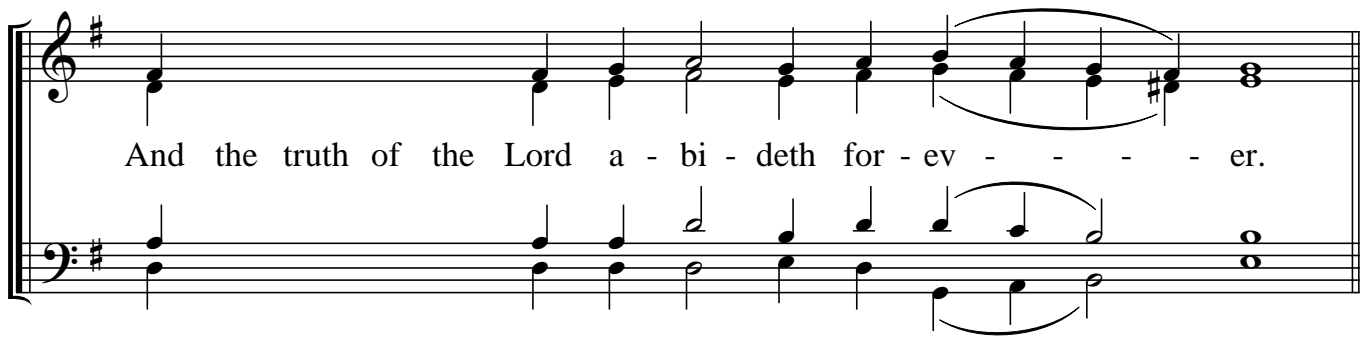
ref - - - uge. O teacher of good deeds worked by faith!

O nur - tur - er of the souls and bod - ies of the poor!

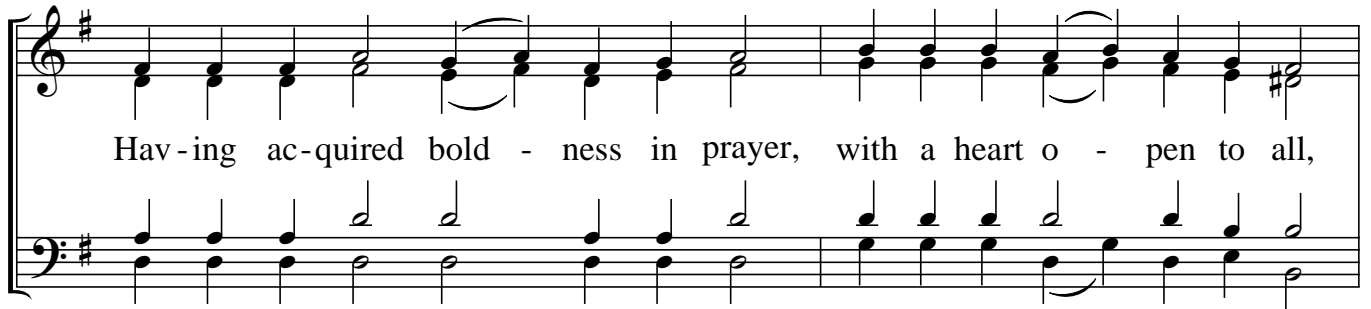
O John, joy of those who before were in de spair! Thy care for

such on earth was a likeness of thine intercession now in hea - ven.


(1) *Reader:* For He hath made his mercy to prevail over us,



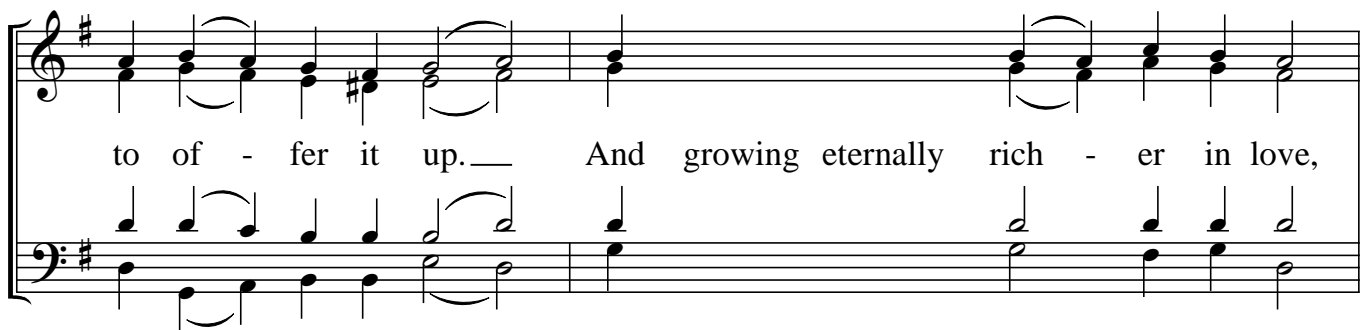
And the truth of the Lord a - bi - deth for - ev - - - er.



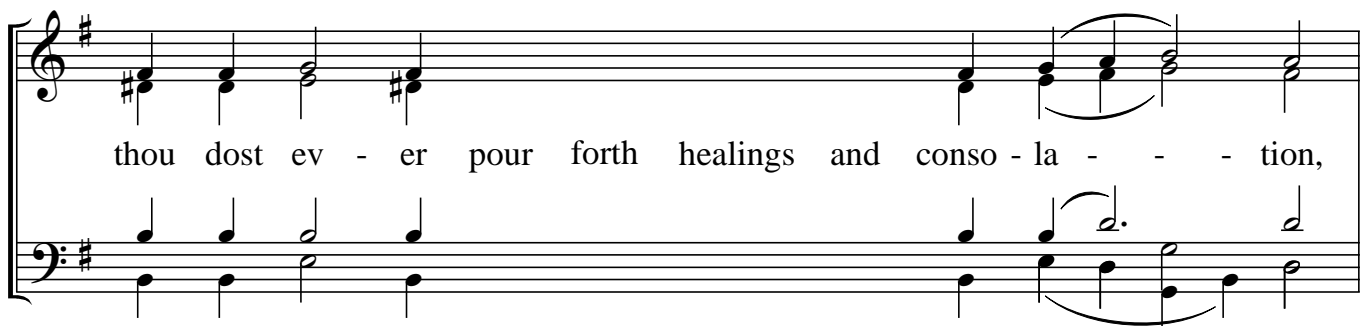
Hav - ing ac - quired bold - ness in prayer, with a heart o - pen to all,



full of com - pas - - sion, even after thy death thou dost not cease



to of - fer it up. — And growing eternally rich - er in love,



thou dost ev - er pour forth healings and conso - la - - - tion,

O John, thou joyful and speed - y help - - - er.

O thou who didst heal though the laying on of thy hand,

know - ing the needs of those who asked before a word was ut - tered,

intercede now invisibly for us who hymn thee as one who

liv - eth in Christ, awaiting thy help and as - sist - - - ance.