

Lenten Vespers on Sunday Evening

Stichera of Repentance, Tone 5

Kievan

(10) Reader: Bring my soul out of prison

II-chant melody

That I may con - fess _____ Thy name.

I-descant

I cease not from sin, O Lord, nor do I perceive the love Thou show-est me.

Van - quish my blindness, for Thou a - lone _____ art good,

and have mer - cy up - on _____ me.

(9) *Reader:* The righteous shall wait patiently for me

Un - til Thou shalt re - ward me.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff features a melodic line with a long note on 're' and a slur over 'ward me'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

O Lord, from fear of Thee I trem - ble, yet I cease not from do - ing e - vil.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with a slur over 'do - ing e - vil'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

When called to trial, who does not fear the judge?

The third system features a melodic line in the treble staff with a slur over 'the judge?'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

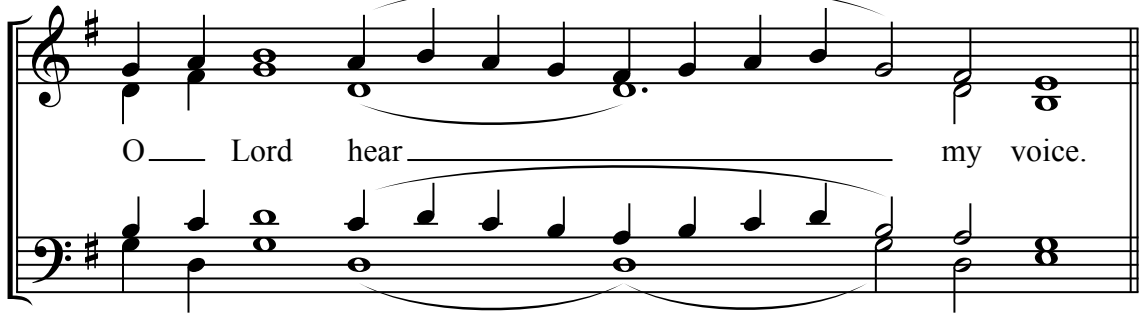
What man, desiring to be healed, angers the physi - cian as I do?

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with a slur over 'as I do?'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

Take pity on my weakness, O forbearing Lord, and have mer - cy up - on me.

The fifth and final system of the stichera. The treble staff has a melodic line with a slur over 'up - on me'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

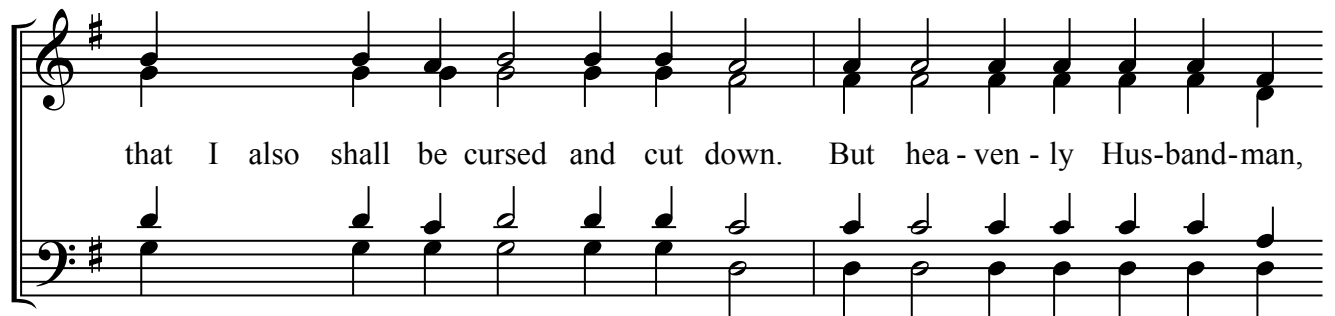
(8) *Reader:* Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;



O Lord hear my voice.



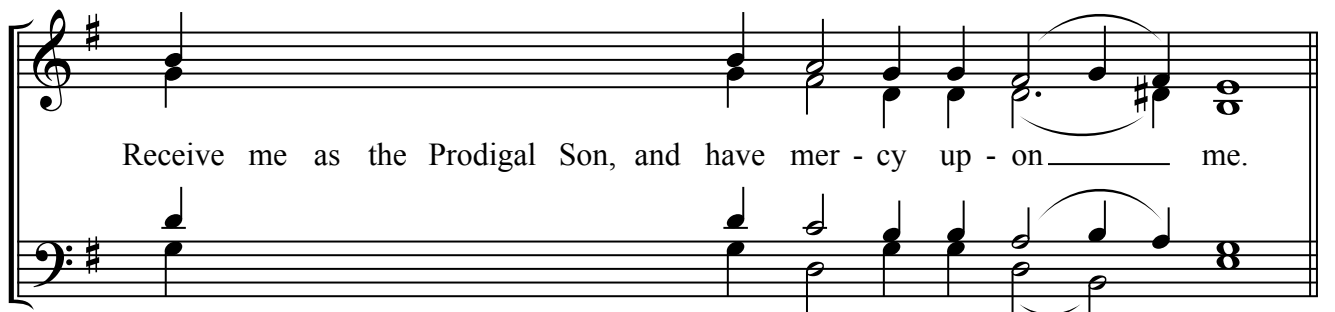
Woe is me, for I am like the bar-ren fig tree, and I fear



that I also shall be cursed and cut down. But hea-ven-ly Hus-band-man,



Christ my God, make my dry and bar-ren soul bear fruit.



Receive me as the Prodigal Son, and have mer-cy up-on me.

(7) *Reader:* Let Thine ears be attentive

To the voice of my sup - pli - ca - - - - - tion.

O Lord born of the Vir - gin, pass over my manifold trans - gres - sions

and wipe out all _____ my sins. Grant me the firm intent

to turn back un - to Thee, for Thou a - lone lov - est man - kind,

and have mer - cy up - on _____ me.

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