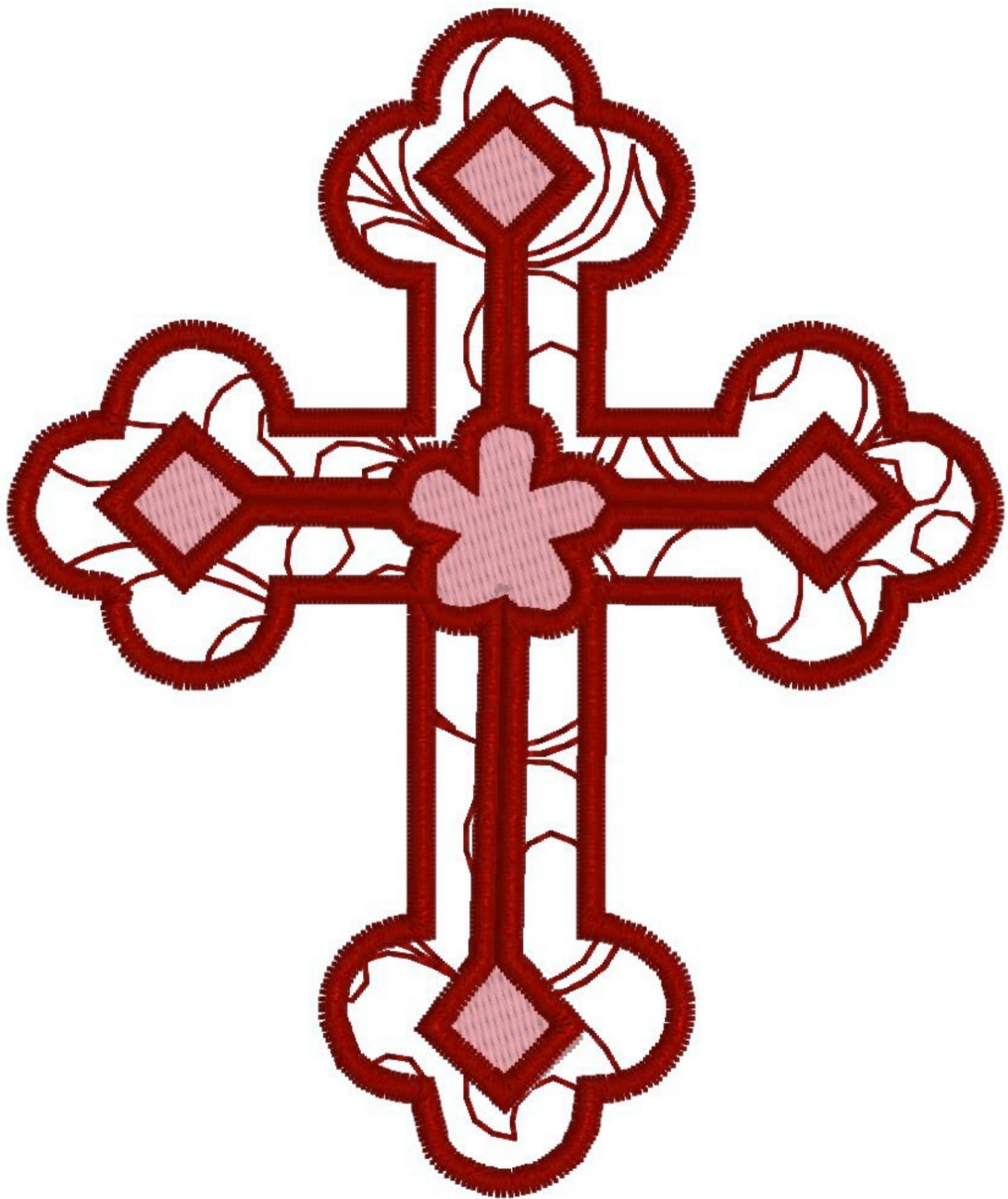


# Children's Vespers

East London Community



# Introductory prayers

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

Outside of Bright Season, the reader says:

Come, let us worship and fall down before God our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

During Bright Season, the reader says or chants:

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (THRICE)

## Vespereal Psalm (103)

Alto  
Bass

Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord O my soul. Bless the Lord

A  
B

O my soul. O Lord my God, You are ve - ry great, O Lord my God, You are ve - ry great

*O Lord my God, You are very great!*

*You make the springs gush water in the valleys; they flow between the hills, they give water for all the animals to drink; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.*

*By the streams the birds of the air have their homes - they sing among the branches.*

*You water the mountains with rain; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your work.*

Alto  
Bass

Glo - ry to You, O Lord, Who have made all things;

A  
B

Who have made all things, Glo - - ry to You

*You make the grass grow for the cattle, and plants for us to cultivate, bringing forth food from the earth, and wine to make our hearts glad, oil to make our faces shine, and bread to give us strength.*

*The trees of the Lord are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon which He planted.*

Alto  
Bass

In wisdom You have made all things, in wisdom You have made all things.

A  
B

Glo - ry to You, O Lord, Who have made all things;

A  
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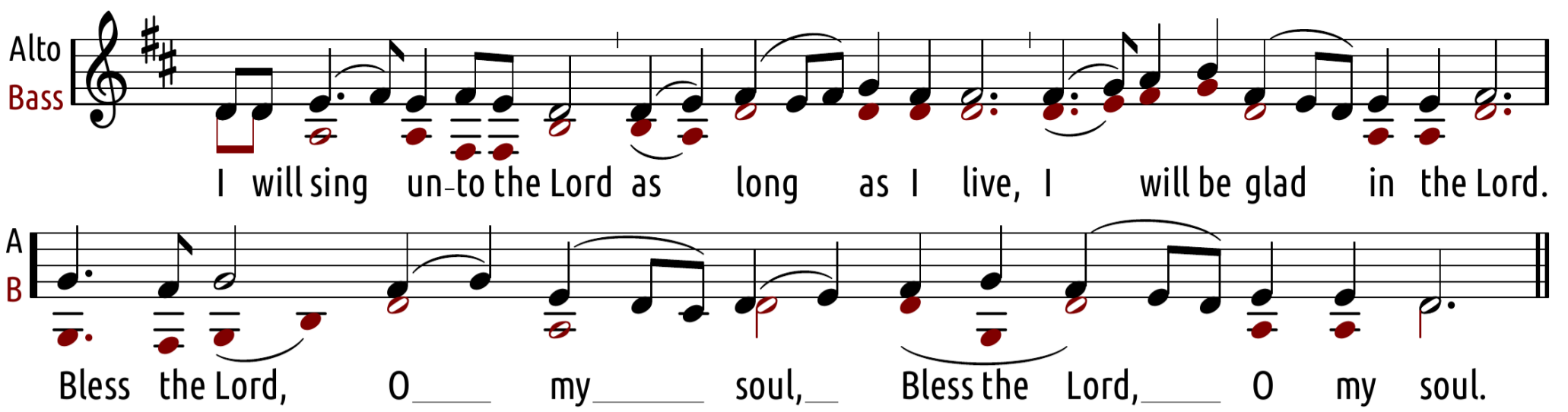
Who have made all things, Glo - - ry to You

*There the birds build their nests; the stork makes her home in the fir trees.*

*The high mountains are pastures for the wild goats; the badgers find shelter in the rocks.*

*You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun to mark the days.*

*You make it dark, and it's night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth.*



Alto  
Bass

I will sing un-to the Lord as long as I live, I will be glad in the Lord.

A  
B

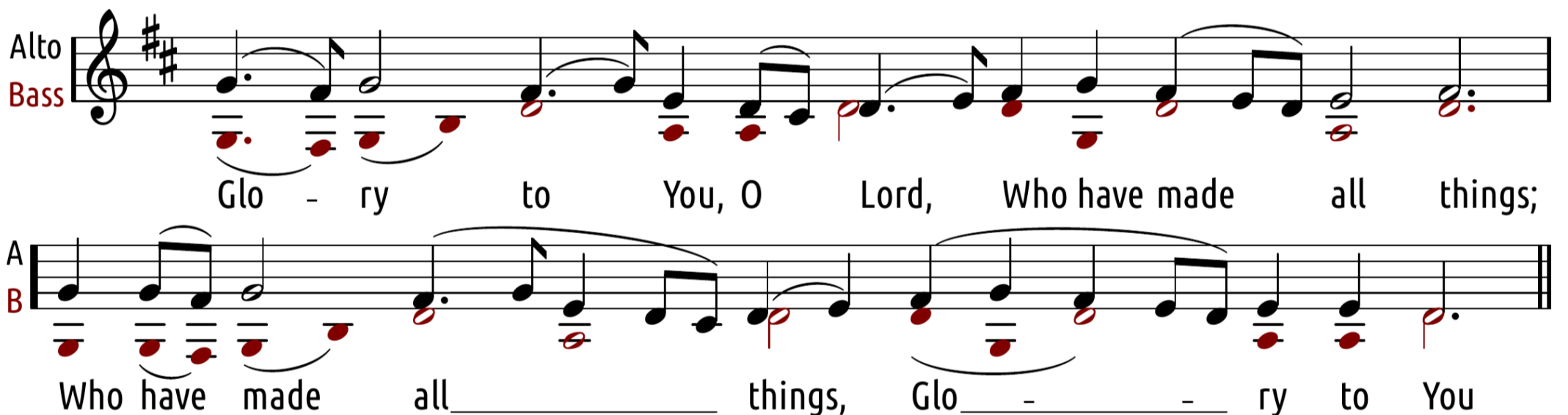
Bless the Lord, O my soul, Bless the Lord, O my soul.

*The young lions roar seeking their food from God.*

*When the sun rises, they return and lie down in their dens to rest.*

*Then we go off to our work until evening. There is the sea, great and wide,  
teeming with creatures beyond number - living things both large and small.*

*O Lord, how wonderful are Your works! In wisdom You made them all;  
the earth is full of Your creation.*



Alto  
Bass

Glo - ry to You, O Lord, Who have made all things;

A  
B

Who have made all things, Glo - ry to You

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia: Glory to thee, O God (thrice).

O our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

Lord have mercy (40 times)

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

# Lord I Have Cried

## Tone 1

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C F C F C d F C C F C F C F C/E F C g A d

1. /Lo/~rd, \I have cried unto \Thee, \he\ar \me!

2. //Hear /me, O \Lord!

1- //Lord, I have cried unto Thee, \hear \me!

2. /Give \ear to /the /voice \of my \prayer,

1. //whe/~n \I \cry un\to \Thee!

+ ///Hear \me, \O \Lord!

1. ///Le/~t \my prayer be \set /forth in \thy \sight

2. //as incense \be/fo/~re \thee

1. //and let the lifting \up of my \hands

2. /be an \eve/ning /sa\cri\fice!

+ //Hear \me, \O \Lord!

## Psalm 140 +141

- + Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a protecting door round about my lips.
- + Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sins.
- + With men that work iniquity; and I will not communicate with the choicest of them.
- + The just man shall correct me in mercy and shall reprove me; but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head.
- + For my prayer also shall still be against the things with which they are well pleased; their judges falling upon the rock have been swallowed up.
- + They shall hear my words, for they are sweet; as when the thickness of the earth is broken upon the ground, their bones are scattered by the side of hell.
- + But to Thee, O Lord, Lord, are mine eyes; in Thee have I put my trust, take not away my soul.
- + Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the traps of the workers of iniquity.
- + Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst I alone escape.
- + I cried unto the Lord with my voice, with my voice unto the Lord, did I make my supplication.
- + I poured out my supplication before Him; I showed before Him my trouble.
- + When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path.
- + In the way wherein I walked have they secretly laid a snare for me.
- + I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me.
- + Refuge failed me; no one cared for my soul.
- + I cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.
- + Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low.
- + Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.



V. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

**Tone 4** (for Sts. Joachim and Anna)

Tone 4

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a sequence of notes: a whole note C (labeled '1-'), a half note F (labeled '2-'), a quarter note C (labeled '3.'), a quarter note F, a quarter note C, a quarter note F, a quarter note C, and a quarter note F. The second staff continues with a whole note C (labeled '4.'), a half note F (labeled '5.'), a quarter note C (labeled '+'), a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note D. Chords C and F are indicated above the notes in the first staff, and C, G, A, and D are indicated above the notes in the second staff.

1. \Today Anna's spirit /leaps for joy.
2. /She exults, having attained her de\sire;
3. just as /her /namesake be\uelieved and was  
blessed with children in /days of \old,
4. she has borne the fruit of the promise, the divine \ble/~/ssing:
5. the all-pure Mary, who gave \bi/~rth /to \o\ur \God.
- + //From her the Sun has \risen to \those who sat in \darkness.

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

(repeat: Today Anna's spirit ...)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

# Evening Hymn Of Light

Alto  
Bass

O Je - sus Christ, thou gentle Light of the ho - ly Glo - ry of the i - mmortal, heavenly,

A  
B

holy, blessed Fa - ther. Now that we have come to the se - tting of the sun and behold the e - vening light,

A  
B

we sing in praise to God, Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised

A  
B

by ho - ly vo - i - ces, O Son of God, Gi - ver of life, therefore the world gives thee glo - ry.

## Prokeimenon

The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with maje - sty.

*The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty*

♪ The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty

*V: The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength*

♪ The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty

*V: For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.*

♪ The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty

*V: The Lord is King* ♪ and hath clothed Himself with majesty

# Scriptural Readings

If any, the Old (or New) Testament lessons are read (from the chanters stand in the church, or in front of icons outside the church) by the deacon, subdeacon, reader or ranking lay-person, without liturgical introduction or conclusion. He starts with “The Reading from...” and proceeds.

Lord, have mercy (40 times)

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

## Evening Prayer

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy statutes.

Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy statutes.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

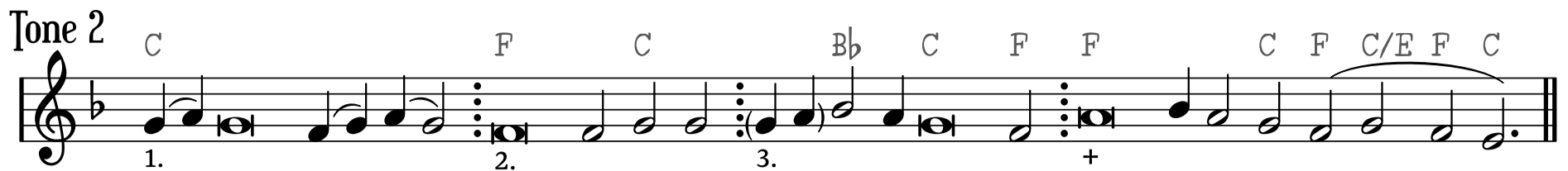
Amen.

Lord, have mercy (40 times)

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

# Aposticha



**Tone 2** (for Sts. Joachim and Anna) (Joseph of Arimathea)

1. /The /di\vinely wi\~se /A/~\nna,
2. /beholding the nest of a bird in /a tree,
3. called /to /mind \her \own childlessness, and cried \out:  
2. “Woe is me, O/~ Lord!  
3. I /a/lone, \a \sinner, have become poor in the fruitfulness that comes  
from Thee, O \Lord.”
2. Then God, the Lover of man, gave her as fruit the Vi/~rgin,  
+ /who is /more \pre\cious \than /all \cre\ation.

*V. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear! (Ps. 44:9a)*

1. /The /di\vinely wi\~se /A/~\nna,
2. \conscious of her barrenness and of the affliction of child/lessness,
3. crie/~d /out \to \God in \prayer:  
2. “Remove the grievous bond of barrenness, O Mas/ter Christ,  
3. and I /will /bring forth \the \child who will give birth to Thee,  
O Giver of \Life,  
2. when she takes hold of the sacred word that Thou wilt give /to her,  
+ /for it is she who gives birth /to \The/e, the \Savior /of \all \mankind!”

*V. Even the rich among the people shall pray before thy face. (Ps. 44:11b)*

1. /When /the \Master and God heard \thy /pra/~\yer,
2. \as He did Sarah’s before, when she heard the voice of the a/~ngel,
3. He /pro/claimed \joyous \tidings to \thee:  
2. “Thou shalt bear the Mother /of God.”  
3. And thou /didst /cry \out in \gladness of \soul:  
2. “Thou hast granted me deliverance from the reproach of those who have  
bo/~rne children,  
3. for I shall /give /birth to \the \Ever-\Virgin,  
+ //O Master /and \Lo\~rd, \my /God and \Cre\ator!”

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

# Song of Simeon & Trisagion prayers

Soprano and Bass musical score for the Song of Simeon and Trisagion prayers. The score is written in a single system with two staves. The Soprano part is on the top staff and the Bass part is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation; which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of thy people Israel.

Soprano  
Bass

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
a - ccor - ding to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion;  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple, a Light to lighten the Gen - tiles  
and the Glory of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (THRICE)

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

Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

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

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

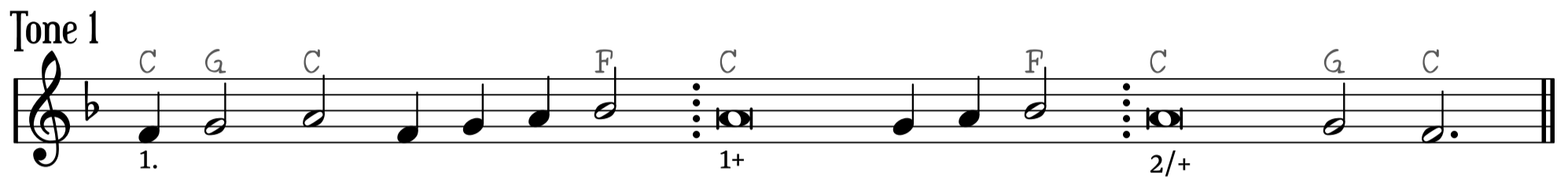
Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Amen.

# Tone 1

## Troparion

### St Joachim and Anna



1. Since you were /ri/ghteous \\under the law of grace,  
O /Joachim /and /Anna,
2. \you gave birth to the God-given infant for \our \sake.
1. /There/fore, \\the divine Church radiantly  
keeps /feast /to/day,
- 1+ \joyfully celebrating your honorable memory  
and giving \glory /to /God,
- + \Who has raised up a horn of salvation  
from the \house of \David.

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

## Tone 4

### Troparion of the Feast

#### The Nativity of the Mother of God

*(repeat three times)*



1. Thy nativity, O //Vi\~r\\*gin,
2. /has proclaimed joy to the whole \universe!
1. The Sun of righteousness, //Christ \our \\*God,
2. /has shone from thee, O Theo\tokos.
1. By a//nnu\lling the \\*curse,
2. /He bestowed a \blessing.
- + By destroying death, He has granted us e\ternal /life.

# Hail Mother of God

Alto  
Bass

Hail, mother of God and Vir - gin, Ma-ry full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

A  
B

Blessed art thou a - mong wo - men, and ble - ssed is the fruit of thy womb;

A  
B

for thou hast gi - ven birth to the Sa - viour of our souls

## Conclusion of Vespers

Preserve, O God, the holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (thrice). Father, bless.

### Conclusion

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us. Amen.

### OR, in Bright Season

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!