

August 18: Afterfeast of the Dormition

Stichera on "Lord I have cried" Tone 2, Kievan

(6) Reader: (In the 2nd Tone)

If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is for-give-ness.

With what unworthy lips shall we bless the Theotokos, /
who is more honorable than creation /
and more holy than the cherubim and all the angels: /
the immovable throne of the King, /
the house wherein the Most High dwelt, /
the sanctuary of God, the salvation of the world, /
the one who richly bestoweth great mercy upon the faithful //
on the day of her divine memorial.

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

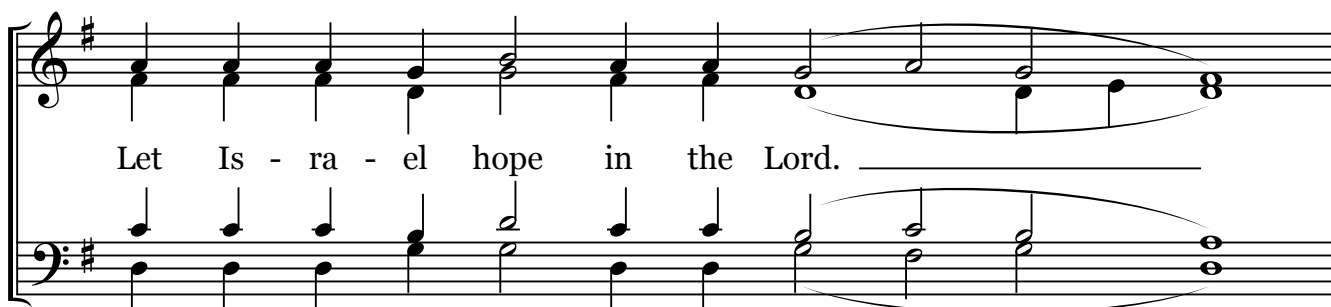
My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

What wondrous hymns... >

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What wondrous hymns were they that all the apostles of the Word, /
who stood round about thy bier /
then offered unto thee, O Virgin, crying out in awe: /
"The palace of the King departeth! /
The ark of sanctification is borne aloft! /
Open wide, ye gates, /
that the portal of God may enter into joy, //
unceasingly entreating great mercy for the world!"

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



What spiritual hymns shall we now offer unto thee, /
O most holy one? /
for by thine immortal dormition thou hast sanctified the whole world /
and passed over to the things which are above the world, /
to comprehend the beauty of the Almighty, /
and to rejoice in Him, as His Mother, /
the ranks of angels and the souls of the righteous accompany thee. //
With them ask for us peace and great mercy.