

**March 25: Vespers of the Annunciation**  
**Stichera on "Lord I have cried", Tone 6**  
**Kievan Chant**

*(7) Reader: In the 6th Tone, Let Thine ears be attentive*

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

Gabriel stood before thee, O Maiden, /  
revealing the pre-eternal counsel, /  
saluting thee and exclaiming: /  
"Rejoice, O earth unsown! /  
Rejoice, O bush unburnt! /  
Rejoice, O depth hard to fathom! /  
Rejoice, O bridge leading to the heavens /  
and lofty ladder, which Jacob beheld! /  
Rejoice, O divine jar of Manna! /  
Rejoice, annulment of the curse! /  
Rejoice, restoration of Adam: //  
the Lord is with thee!"

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**(6) Reader: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?**

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

The musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major. The melody is written in the treble clef and features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note under the word 'Thee'. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

**Repeat: "Gabriel stood before thee, O Maiden..."**

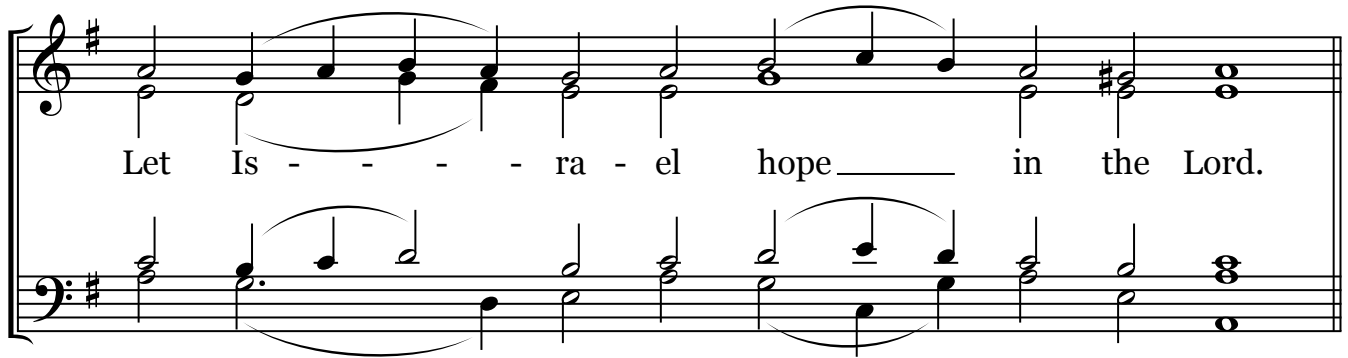
**(5) Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,**

My soul \_\_\_\_\_ hath hoped \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord.

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**Repeat: "Gabriel stood before thee, O Maiden..."**

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



Let Is - - - - ra - el hope in the Lord.

"Thou appearest to me as a man," /  
the incorrupt Maiden saith to the supreme commander; /  
"yet how is it that thou announcest words which are beyond man? /  
For thou hast said that God is with me, /  
and that He will dwell in my womb. /  
Tell me, how shall I become so spacious a dwelling /  
and a place of sanctity which surpasseth the cherubim? /  
Deceive me no more with falsehood, /  
for I have not known pleasure, I have not partaken of marriage. //  
How then shall I give birth to a Child?"

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



And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

**Repeat: "Thou appearest to me as a man..."**

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

Praise Him all ye peo - - - ples.

"When God desireth, the order of nature is overcome," /  
said the incorporeal one; /  
"and things beyond man are wrought. /  
Believe thou my true words, /  
O most holy and all immaculate one!" /  
And she cried aloud: /  
"Be it now with me according to thy words: /  
I shall give birth to the Incorporeal One, /  
Who will borrow flesh from me, /  
that through this mingling /  
He might lead man up to his primal dignity, //  
in that He alone is mighty!"

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

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

**Repeat:** "When God so desireth ..."