(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.

Into the Holy of Holies is the holy and immaculate one led by the Holy Spirit;

and she is fed by a holy angel, in that she is the most holy

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tem - ple of our ho - ly God,

Who hath sanctified all things by her en - try and hath
defied the nature of mortal men who had fal - len.

(2) Reader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;
Praise Him all____ ye peo - ples.
Nov. 21 (on Sunday): Stichera of "Lord I have cried" p.10

Re-joic-ing to-day and bear-ing can- dles,

the maid-ens pre-cede the no-e- tic lamp and escort her with

sanc-ti-ty to the Holy of ho- lies,

re-veal-ing be-fore-hand the Ef-ful - gence which would shine

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forth from her to illumine with the Spirit

those who sit in the darkness of ignorance.

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

And the truth of the Lord abideth for ever.

The most lauded Anna cried out: "O Zachariah, in gladness
receive her whom the prophets of God proclaimed

in the Spirit, and escort her to the holy temple,

there to be raised in sanctity,

that she may become the divine throne,
the palace and bow-er, and the ra-dient a-bode
of the Mas-ter of all!"

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