

## Mid-Pentecost Vespers Aposticha

*Reader:* In the **1st tone:** The midpoint of the days of Pentecost hath arrived.

The midpoint of the days of Pentecost hath arrived, /  
whereon Christ, disclosing His divine power a little, /  
gave strength to the paralytic, /  
raising him up from his bed. /  
He Who as God worketh miracles in a created body, //  
hath bestowed upon men life everlasting and great mercy.

*Reader:* Remember Thy congregation

The musical notation consists of two staves, I and II, in G major (one sharp). Staff I is a treble clef and Staff II is a bass clef. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are: "Which Thou hast purchased from the beginning." The word "beginning" is written with a long dash under the "n" to indicate a long note. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are fermatas over the final notes of the phrase.

Thou didst go to the Temple, O Wisdom of God, /  
at the midpoint of the feast, /  
teaching and rebuking the disobedient Jews, the Pharisees and Scribes, /  
and crying out with boldness to them: /  
"Let him who thirsteth come to me and drink of the water of life, /  
and he shall thirst no more. /  
He who believeth in My goodness, /  
rivers of everlasting life will pour forth from within him." /  
O Thy goodness and compassion! //  
O Christ our God, glory to Thee!

Reader: In the **2nd tone**: God is our King before the ages,

He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

When the midpoint of the feast arrived, /  
 Jesus went up to the Temple /  
 and taught the disobedient Jews, saying: /  
 "Let him who thirsteth come unto Me and drink the water of life, /  
 and he shall thirst no more. /  
 He who believeth in My goodness, /  
rivers of everlasting life will pour forth from within him, //  
 and he will have the light of life."

*If there is also a celebration of a Vigil-rank Saint, at Glory... the Doxasticon of the Saint.*

Reader: Both now, in the **8th Tone**.

The musical score consists of two staves, labeled II (top) and I (bottom). Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 8th tone. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with a final phrase of 'A - - - - men.' featuring a long, sustained note. The lyrics are written below the staves.

When Thou didst teach at the midpoint of Pentecost, O Savior, /  
 the Jews said: /  
 "How doth this man know the Scriptures, not having studied them?" /  
 For they did not understand /  
 that Thou art the Wisdom Who fashioned the world. //  
 Glory be to Thee!

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 St. John of Kronstadt Press. The complete service may be purchased through: [sjkp.org](http://sjkp.org)