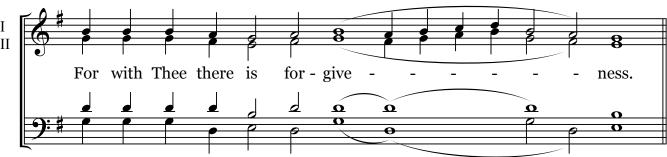
Evening of the 2nd Sunday of Lent: Vespers

At "Lord I have cried", 10 stichera are sung: 4 penitential stichera in the Tone of the week, and then 3 stichera from the Triodion:

(6) Reader: In the 8th tone: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?



I have sinned against Thee countless times, /
and I await countless torments: /
gnashing of teeth and weeping that finds no comfort, /
the fire of Gehenna, darkness and the dwelling of the damned./
Give me tears, O righteous Judge, /
that I may gain remission and release from my wickedness, /
as I fast and cry to Thee: //

Take pity on me, Christ my Master, in Thy great and abundant mercy.

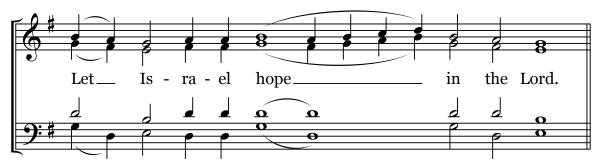
(5) Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,



I have gone astray upon the mountains of bitter sin: /
seek me, O Word, and call me back to Thee, /
and drive out from my understanding all the ways of wickedness. /
Restore me from death to life /
and cleanse me by fasting, /
as I weep unceasingly and cry to Thee: /

Take pity on me, Christ my Master, in Thy great and abundant mercy.

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



As we start upon the third week of the Fast, O ye faithful, /
let us glorify the Holy Trinity, /
and joyfully pass through the time that still remains. /
Causing the passions of the flesh to wither from our souls, /
let us gather divine flowers, /
weaving garlands for the queen of days*, // (*Pascha)
that with crowns upon our heads we may sing in praise of Christ the Victor.

Then 3 stichera to the saint of the day from the Menaion; Glory...both now... and the Theotokion from the Menaion.

Entrance, "O joyous light..."

The Great Prokeimenon: "Turn not Thy countenance away..."

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