Litia
Pskov Chant (after H. Benigsen)

_In the 5th Tone: Glory ... Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen._

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Be-hold-ing Thee, the Fash-ion-er and Cre-a-tor of all,

hang-ing na-ked on the Cross, the whole creation was transfixed by fear and

it la-ment-ed; the light of the sun grew dark and the
earth quaked; the rocks were split and the splen-dor
of the temple was rent in twain; the dead arose from their tombs and the angelic powers cried in amazement:

'O strange wonder! The Judge is judged, and suffers willingly, for the salvation and renewal of the world.'

English text: "The Lenten Triodion", translated by Mother Mary and Archimandrite Kallistos Ware.

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