

Forgiveness Vespers
Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Tone 2, Special Melody "When from the Tree"
Optina Hermitage Melody

6) *Reader:* In the 2nd Tone, Special Melody "When from the Tree..."
 If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

I-descant
 II-chant
 melody

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

Let us all _____ make haste to humble the flesh by ab - - sti-nence,

as we set out upon the God-given course of the ho - ly Fast;

and with prayers _____ and tears let us seek our Lord and Sa - - - viour.

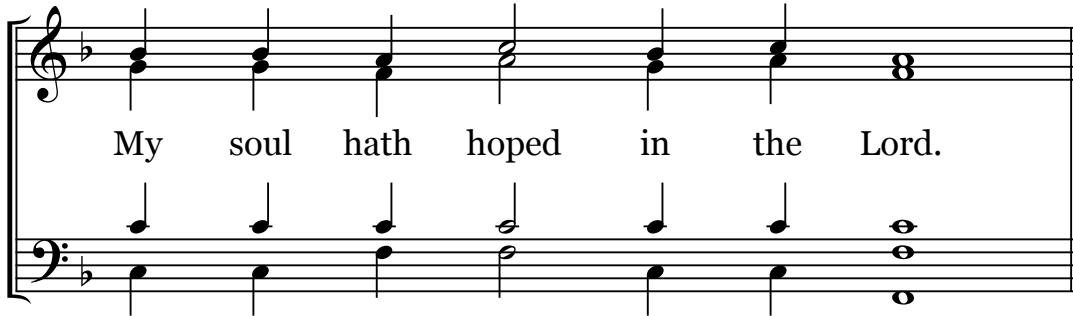
Lay-ing a-side all memories of e - - - vil, let us cry a - loud:

We have sinned against Thee, Christ our King;

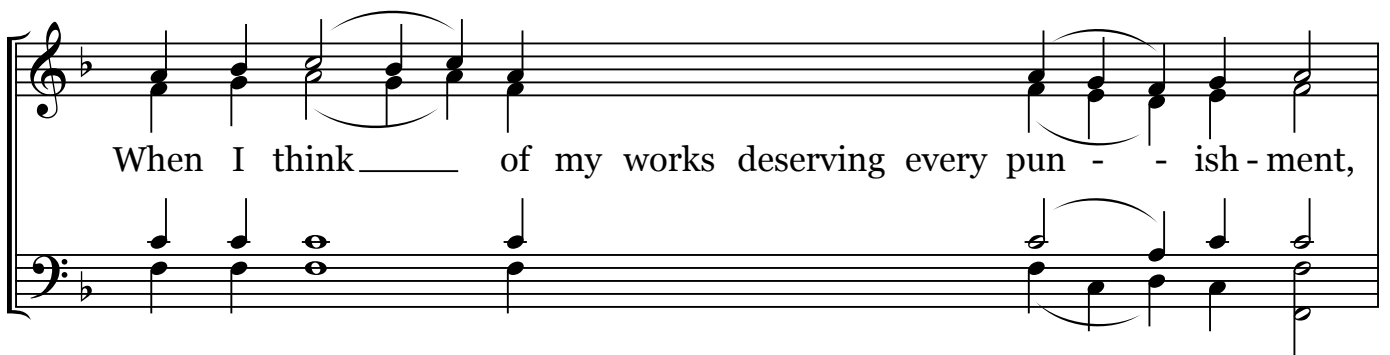
save us as the men of Nineveh in days of old,

and in Thy compassion make us sharers in Thy hea-ven-ly King - dom.

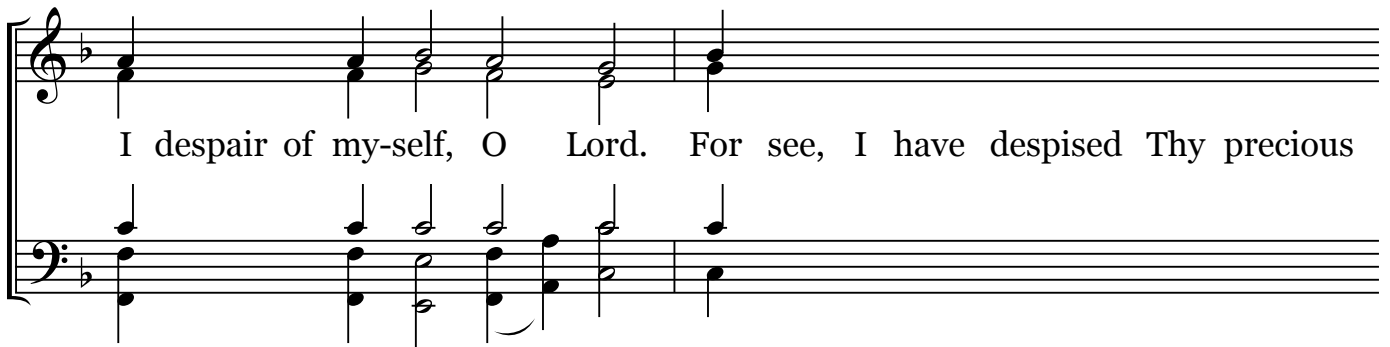
5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,



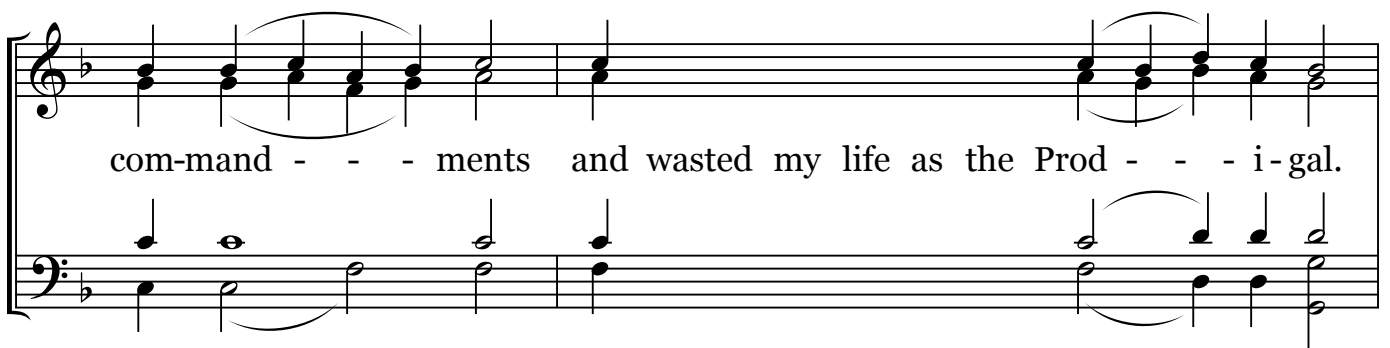
My soul hath hoped in the Lord.



When I think of my works deserving every punishment,



I despair of my-self, O Lord. For see, I have despised Thy precious



commandments and wasted my life as the Prodigal.

There - - fore I en-treat _____ Thee: cleanse me in the waters

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff contains a series of notes, some beamed together. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

of re-pen - tance, and through prayer and fasting make me

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shine _____ with light, for Thou alone art mer - - - ci - ful;

The third system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff contains a series of notes, some beamed together. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

abhor me not, O Benefactor of all, su - preme _____ in love.

The fourth system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff contains a series of notes, some beamed together. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

4) *Reader:* In the same tone: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

Let us set out with joy upon the sea - son of the Fast,

and prepare ourselves for spiritual com - bat. Let us pur - i - fy

our soul and cleanse our flesh; and as we fast from food,

let us ab-stain al - so from ev - ery pas-sion. Rejoicing in the virtues

of the Spi - rit may we per-se-vere with love, and so be counted wor-thy

to see the solemn Passion of Christ our God, and with great

spiritual gladness to behold His ho - ly Pass - o - ver.*

**Pascha*