We have come, O faithful, to the saving Passion of Christ our God: / 
let us glorify His ineffable forbearance, / 
that in His tender mercy He may also raise us up who have been slain by sin, // 
for He is good and loves mankind.

Repeat: "We have come, O faithful..."
(6) Reader: If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is for-give-ness.

O Lord, as Thou camest to Thy Passion, /
Thou hast strengthened the faith of Thy disciples, /
taking them aside and saying to them: /
"How have ye forgotten what I told you before? /
According to the Scriptures, it cannot be /
that a prophet should be killed save in Jerusalem. /
Now is the time at hand, of which I spake to you: /
for see, I am betrayed into the hands of sinners; /
they shall mock Me and nail Me to the Cross and deliver Me up for burial, /
with loathing looking on Me as a corpse. /
Yet be of good courage: /
for on the third day I shall rise, //
bringing joy and life eternal to the faithful.

(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.

Repeat: "O Lord, as Thou camest to Thy Passion..."
(4) **Reader:** In the same tone, From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let **Israel** hope **in the Lord.**

O **Lord**, the mother of the sons of **Zebedee,** /  
not understanding the hidden mystery of Thy dispensation, /  
asked **Thee** to give the honours of a temporal **kingdom** to her sons. /  
But instead of this /  
Thou hast promised to Thy friends /  
that they should drink the **cup** of death; /  
and Thou hast said that Thou wouldest drink the cup before **them,** /  
to cleanse men from their sins. /  
Therefore we cry aloud to **Thee:** //  
O Salvation of our **souls,** **glory** to **Thee.**

(3) **Reader:** For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem **Israel** out of all his in-**iq** - - - - ui-ties.

**Repeat:** "O **Lord,** the mother of the sons of Zebedee..."
(2) **Reader:** O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ye peoples.

O Lord, teaching Thy disciples to think perfect thoughts, /
Thou hast said to them: "Be not like the Gentiles, /
who exercise dominion over those who are less strong. /
But it shall not be so among you, My disciples, /
for of My own will I am poor. /
Let him, then, who is first among you be the minister of all. /
Let the ruler be as the ruled, /
and let the first be as the last. /
For I Myself have come to minister to Adam in his poverty, /
and to give my life as a ransom / /
for the many who cry aloud to Me: Glory to Thee."
Reader: In the 8th Tone, For He hath made his mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord a-bi-deth for-ev-er.

O brethren, Let us fear the punishment of the fig tree, /
withered because it was unfruitful; /
and let us bring worthy fruits of repentance //
unto Christ, Who grants us His great mercy.
Reader:  Glory, both now, in the same tone.

Glory... Both now and ever, and unto the a-ages of a-ages. A - - - men.

The serpent found a second Eve in the Egyptian woman, /  
and with words of flattery he sought to make Joseph fall. /  
But leaving his garment behind him, Joseph fled from sin; /  
and like the first man before his disobedience, /  
though naked he was not ashamed. //  
At his prayers, O Christ, have mercy upon us.

Entrance with the Gospel, "O gladsome Light..."