

Forgiveness Vespers

Verses on Lord I Call

Tone 2

On 6: If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?
For with Thee is propitiation.

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.

Laying aside all memories of evil, 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 com- pas- sion

make us sharers in Thy heav- en- ly king - - dom.

On 5: For Thy name's sake have I waited patiently 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 pun- ish- ment,

I despair of my- self, O Lord.

For see, I have despised Thy precious com- mand- ments

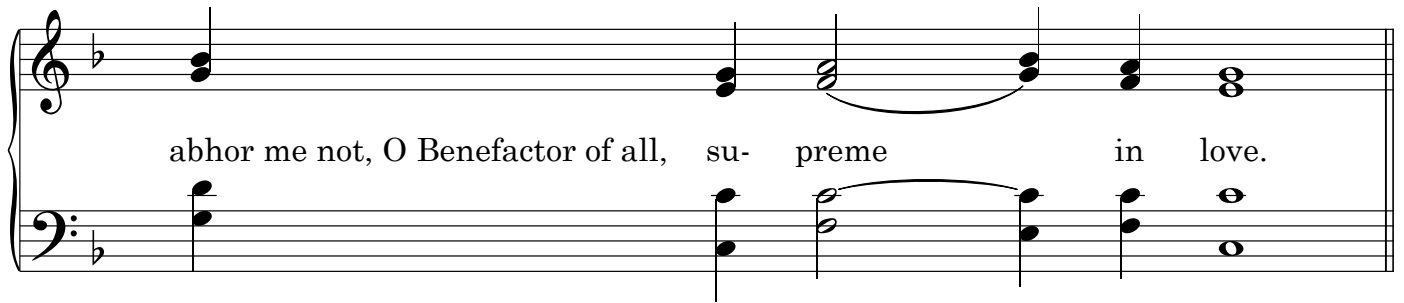
and wasted my life as the Prod- i- gal.

Therefore I en- treat Thee:

cleanse me in the waters of re- pen- tence,

and through prayer and fasting make me shine with light,

for Thou alone art mer- ci- ful;



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

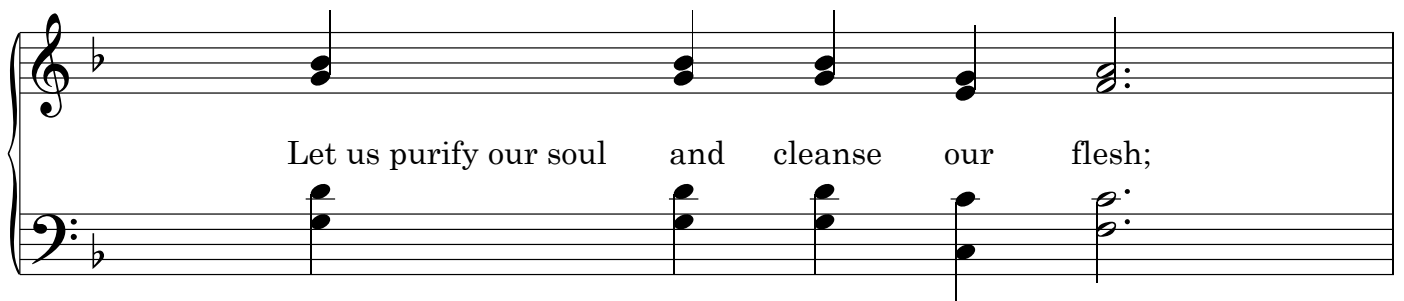
On 4: From the morning watch until night; from the morning watch, let Israel hope in the Lord.



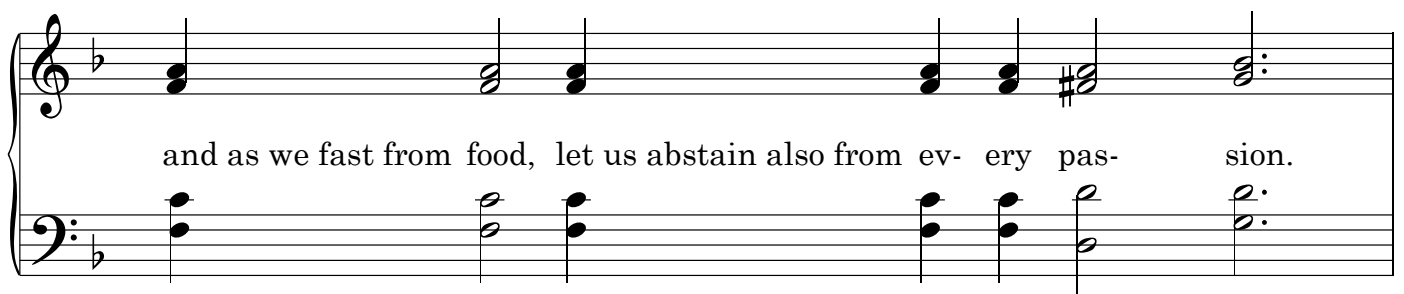
Let us set out with joy upon the sea- son of the Fast,



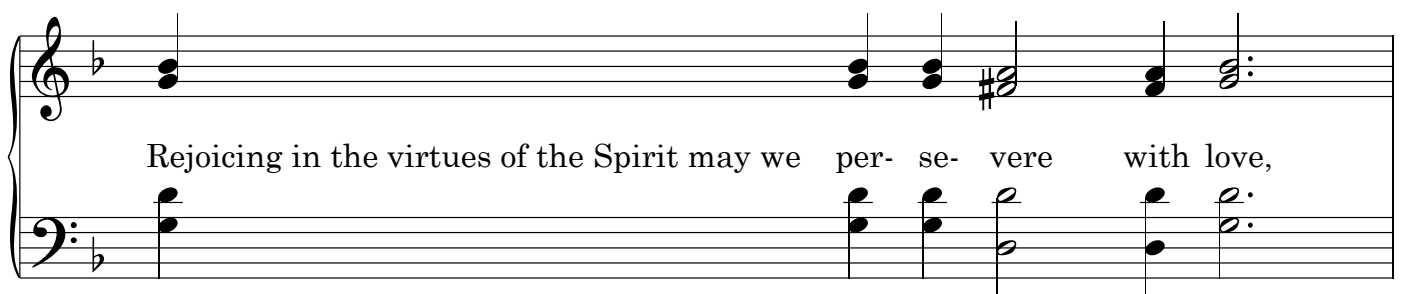
and prepare ourselves for spiritual com- bat.



Let us purify our soul and cleanse our flesh;



and as we fast from food, let us abstain also from ev- ery pas- sion.



Rejoicing in the virtues of the Spirit may we per- se- vere with love,

and so be counted worthy to see the solemn Passion of Christ our God,

and with great spiritual gladness to behold His

ho- ly Pass- o - ver.