

Tuesday of the 1st Week

At the 6th Hour

Prokimenon, Tone 4 (Psalm 5): Attend unto the voice of my supplication,* O my King and my God.

Verse: Unto my words give ear, O Lord; hear my cry.

The Reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah (1:19-2:3)

Yhus saith the Lord: If ye be willing, and hearken to Me, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye be not willing, nor hearken to Me, a sword shall devour you: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken this. How hath the faithful city Sion, once full of judgement, become a harlot! Wherein righteousness lodged, but now murderers. Your silver is worthless; thy wine merchants mix the wine with water. Thy princes are rebellious, companions of thieves, loving bribes, seeking after rewards; not pleading for orphans, and not heeding the cause of widows. Therefore thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Sabaoth: "Woe to the mighty men of Israel; for My wrath shall not cease against Mine adversaries, and I will execute judgement on Mine enemies. And I will bring My hand upon thee, and purge thee completely, and I will destroy the rebellious, and will take away from thee all transgressors. And I will establish thy judges as before, and thy counselors as at the beginning: and afterward thou shalt be called the city of righteousness, the faithful mother city Sion. For her captives shall be saved with judgement, and with mercy. And the transgressors and the sinners shall be crushed together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be utterly consumed. For they shall be ashamed of their idols, in which they delighted, and they are made ashamed of the gardens which they coveted. For they shall be as a turpentine tree that hath cast its leaves, and as a garden that hath no water. And their strength shall be as a thread of tow, and their works as sparks, and transgressors and the sinners shall be burnt up together, and there shall be none to quench them." The word which came to Isaiah the son of Amos concerning Judæa, and concerning Jerusalem. For in the last days the mountain of the Lord shall be glorious, and the house of God shall be on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall come to it. And many nations shall go and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will tell us His way, and we will walk in it.'"

Prokimenon, Tone 4 (Psalm 6): O Lord, rebuke me not * in Thine anger.

Verse: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak.

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1st Reading at Vespers

Prokimenon, Tone 6 (Psalm 7): O Lord my God * in Thee have I put my hope, save me.

Verse: From them that persecute me, do Thou deliver me.

The Reading is from Genesis (1:14-23)

od said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, to divide between day and night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and for years. And let them be for light in the firmament of the heaven, so as to shine upon the earth," and it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light for regulating the day and the lesser light for regulating the night, the stars also. And God placed them in the firmament of the heaven, so as to shine upon the earth, and to regulate day and night, and to divide between the light and the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth reptiles having life and winged creatures flying above the earth in the firmament of heaven," and it was so. And God made great whales, and every living reptile, which the waters brought forth according to their kinds, and every creature that flies with wings according to its kind, and God saw that they were good. And God blessed them, saying, "Increase and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the creatures that fly be multiplied on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

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2nd Reading at Vespers

Prokimenon, Tone 5 (Psalm 8): O Lord, our Lord,* how wonderful is Thy name in all the earth!

Verse: For Thy magnificence is lifted high above the heavens.

The Reading is from Proverbs (1:20-33)

Wisdom singeth aloud in passages, and in the broad places speaketh boldly. And she maketh proclamation on the top of the walls, and sitteth by the gates of princes; and at the gates of the city boldly sayeth, "So long as the simple cleave to justice, they shall not be ashamed: but the foolish being lovers of haughtiness, having become ungodly, have hated knowledge, and are become subject to reproofs. Behold, I will bring forth to you the utterance of my breath, and I will instruct you in my speech. Since I called, and ye did not hearken; and I spake at length, and ye gave no heed; but ye set at nought my counsels, and disregarded my reproofs; therefore I also will laugh at your destruction; and I will rejoice against you when ruin cometh upon you: yea when dismay suddenly cometh upon you, and your overthrow shall arrive like a tempest; and when tribulation and distress shall come upon you, or when ruin shall come upon you. For it shall be that when ye call upon me, I will not hearken to you: wicked men shall seek me, but shall not find me. For they hated wisdom, and did not choose the word of the Lord: neither would they attend to my counsels, but derided my reproofs. Therefore shall they eat the fruits of their own way, and shall be filled with their own ungodliness. For because they wronged the simple, they shall be slain; and an inquisition shall ruin the ungodly. But he that hearkeneth to me shall dwell in confidence, and shall rest securely from all evil."