

Tuesday of Passion Week

At the 6th Hour

Prokimenon, Tone 6 (Psalm 129): For with the Lord there is mercy,* and with Him is plenteous redemption.

Verse: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

The Reading is from the Prophecy of Ezekiel (1:21-2:1)

When [the living creatures] went, the wheels went; and when those stood, the wheels stood; and when those lifted themselves off the earth, they were lifted off with them: for the spirit of life was in the wheels. And the likeness over the heads of the living creatures was as a firmament, as the appearance of crystal, spread out over their wings above. And their wings were spread out under the firmament, reaching one to the other; two wings to each, covering their bodies. And I heard the sound of their wings when they went, as the sound of much water: and when they stood, their wings were let down. And lo! a voice from above the firmament that was over their head, there was as the appearance of a sapphire stone, and the likeness of a throne upon it: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as an appearance of a man above. And I saw as it were the resemblance of amber from the appearance of the loins and upwards, and from the appearance of the loins and under I saw an appearance of fire, and the brightness thereof round about. As the appearance of the bow when it is in the cloud in days of rain, so was the form of brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

Prokimenon, Tone 4 (Psalm 130): Let Israel hope in the Lord,* from henceforth and for evermore.

Verse: O Lord, my heart is not exalted, nor are mine eyes become lofty.

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1st Reading at Vespers

Prokimenon, Tone 6 (Psalm 131): Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest,* Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.

Verse: Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness.

The Reading is from Exodus (2:5-10)

Whe daughter of Pharaoh came down to the river to bathe; and her maids walked by the river's side, and having seen the ark in the ooze, she sent her maid, and took it up. And having opened it, she seeth the babe weeping in the ark: and the daughter of Pharaoh had compassion on it, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." And his sister said to the daughter of Pharaoh, "Wilt thou that I call to thee a nurse of the Hebrews, and shall she suckle the child for thee?" And the daughter of Pharaoh said, "Go:" and the young woman went, and called the mother of the child. And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her, "Take care of this child, and suckle it for me, and I will give thee the wages;" and the woman took the child, and suckled it. And when the boy was grown, she brought him to the daughter of Pharaoh, and he became her son; and she called his name, "Moses," saying, "I took him out of the water."

2nd Reading at Vespers

Prokimenon, Tone 4 (Psalm 132): Behold now, what is so good or so joyous * as for brethren to dwell together in unity?

Verse: It is like the oil of myrrh upon the head, which runneth down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron.

The Reading is from Job (1:13-22)

It came to pass on a certain day, that Job's sons and his daughters were drinking wine in the house of their elder brother. And, behold, there came a messenger to Job, and said to him, "The yokes of oxen were ploughing, and the she-asses were feeding near them; and the spoilers came and took them for a prey, and slew the servants with the sword; and I having escaped alone am come to tell thee." While he was yet speaking, there came another messenger, and said to Job, "Fire hath fallen from heaven, and burnt up the sheep, and devoured the shepherds likewise; and I having escaped alone am come to tell thee." While he was yet speaking, there came another messenger, and said to Job, "The horsemen formed three companies against us, and surrounded the camels, and took them for a prey, and slew the servants with the sword; and I only escaped, and am come to tell thee." While he is yet speaking, another messenger comes, saying to Job, "While thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking with their elder brother, suddenly a great wind came on from the desert, and caught the four corners of the house, and the house fell upon thy children, and they are dead; and I have escaped alone, and am come to tell thee." So Job arose, and rent his garments, and shaved the hair of his head, and fell on the earth, and worshipped, and said, "I myself came forth naked from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither; the Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away: as it seemed good to the Lord, so hath it come to pass; blessed be the name of the Lord." In all these events that befell him, Job sinned not at all before the Lord, and did not impute folly to God.