

Let My Prayer Arise, Plagal of Tone 2

(as chanted during the first week of Great Lent, during Holy Week, and on feasts of saints falling during Great Lent)

The musical score is written on six staves of a single melodic line in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Let my prayer a - rise in thy sight as in - - - cense; and let the lift - - - ing up of my hands be an eve - - - ning sac - - - ri - fice." The melody is a plagal tone, starting on the second degree (B) and ending on the first degree (G). The rhythm is primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some dotted notes and rests.

The following verses are chanted by the priest; each is followed by the above refrain.

1. Lord, I have cried unto thee, hear me; attend to the voice of my supplication when I cry unto thee.
2. Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth and a protecting door about my lips.
3. Incline not my heart to evil words; to make excuse in sins.
4. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
5. Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRIEST: Let my prayer arise in thy sight as incense;

CHOIR: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.