

# Vespers of Forgiveness

## Sticheron 3

*Tone Two, Sp. melody: "When Joseph Took Thee Down"*

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

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes with a slur over the first four notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

and prepare ourselves for spi - ri - tual com - bat. Let us purify our

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a slur over the last three notes of the first phrase. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

soul and cleanse our flesh; and as we fast from food, let us

The third system features a slur over the first three notes of the first phrase in the treble staff. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

abstain also from eve - ry pas - sion. Re - joic - - - ing

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a slur over the first three notes of the first phrase and another slur over the last three notes. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

in the virtues of the Spi - - - rit, may we per - se -

vere with love, and so be counted worthy to see the solemn passion of

Christ, our God, and with great spi - ri - tual glad - - ness,

to be - hold His ho - ly Pass - ov - er.