

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone.

Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten You; the Lord has sworn, and will not change His mind.

*Obikhod, Tone 4*

People:

Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten You;

The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind.

Priest: The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

People: *sing the prokeimenon*

Priest: Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten You;...

People: ...the Lord has sworn and will not change His mind.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For holy are You, O God, who rests in the sanctuary, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

People: (*sung in plain chant*) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Priest: Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

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Priest: Let everything that breathes...

People: ... praise the Lord!

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of listening to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People:

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for a three-part setting of the phrase "Lord, have mercy". It consists of a treble clef staff, a vocal line, and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains three chords: a triad of G4, B4, and D5 (with a sharp sign on the G), followed by a triad of G4, B4, and D5, and finally a whole note chord of G4, B4, and D5. The vocal line has three notes: G4, B4, and D5, each with a horizontal line above it. The bass staff has three notes: G3, B3, and D4, each with a horizontal line below it. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the vocal line, with hyphens under "mer" and "cy" to indicate syllables.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Gospel, according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

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