

Vespers and Divine Liturgy Propers, Evening of March 25, 2025
Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY when, in the city of Nazareth, the angel of the Lord announced to Mary, “Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the Most High.” Mary said: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And thus the fullness of time was accomplished, and he who before time was the only-begotten Son of God was made flesh for our sake and for our salvation, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became human.

*Supplement for **The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great**, 2006*

*Vespers with Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

“O Lord, I have cried” is sung in Tone 3 (music on p. 133).

At the Psalm verse “on 10” at the top of page 116, continue as follows:

Cantor

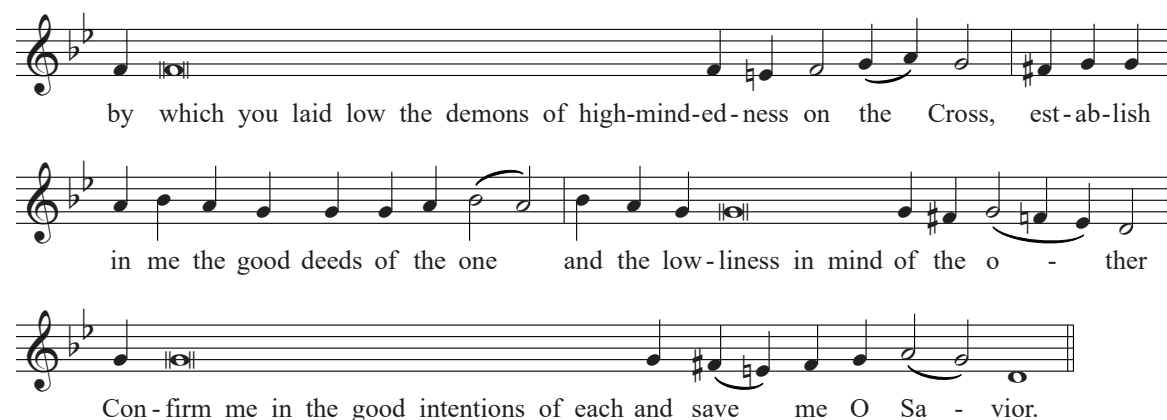
Bring my soul out of this pris-on and then I shall praise your name.

Stichera for Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast - Tone 3 samohlasen

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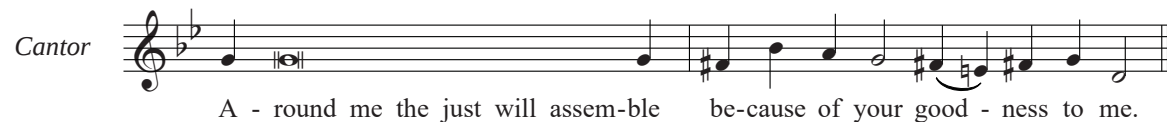
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I have sur-passed the Pub-lican in my trans-gres-sions, but I do not even match his re-pen-tence. I have not accomplished the good deeds of the Pha-ri-see, yet I bold-ly out-do his boast-ing. By your in-finite humili-ty, O Christ our God,



by which you laid low the demons of high-mind-ed-ness on the Cross, est-ab-lish
in me the good deeds of the one and the low-liness in mind of the o - ther
Con-firm me in the good intentions of each and save me O Sa - vior.

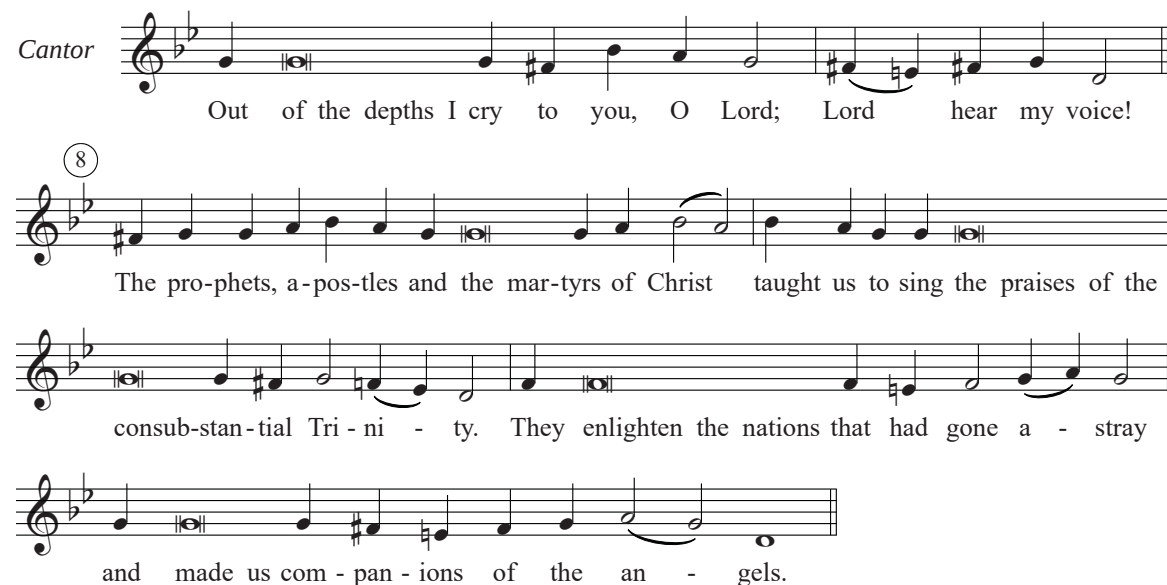
Cantor



A - round me the just will assem-ble be-cause of your good - ness to me.

All repeat: ***“I have surpassed the Publican in my transgressions...”***

Cantor



Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord hear my voice!
(8)
The pro-phets, a-pos-tles and the mar-tyrs of Christ taught us to sing the praises of the
consub-stan-tial Tri - ni - ty. They enlighten the nations that had gone a - stray
and made us com - pan - ions of the an - gels.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 131:13):

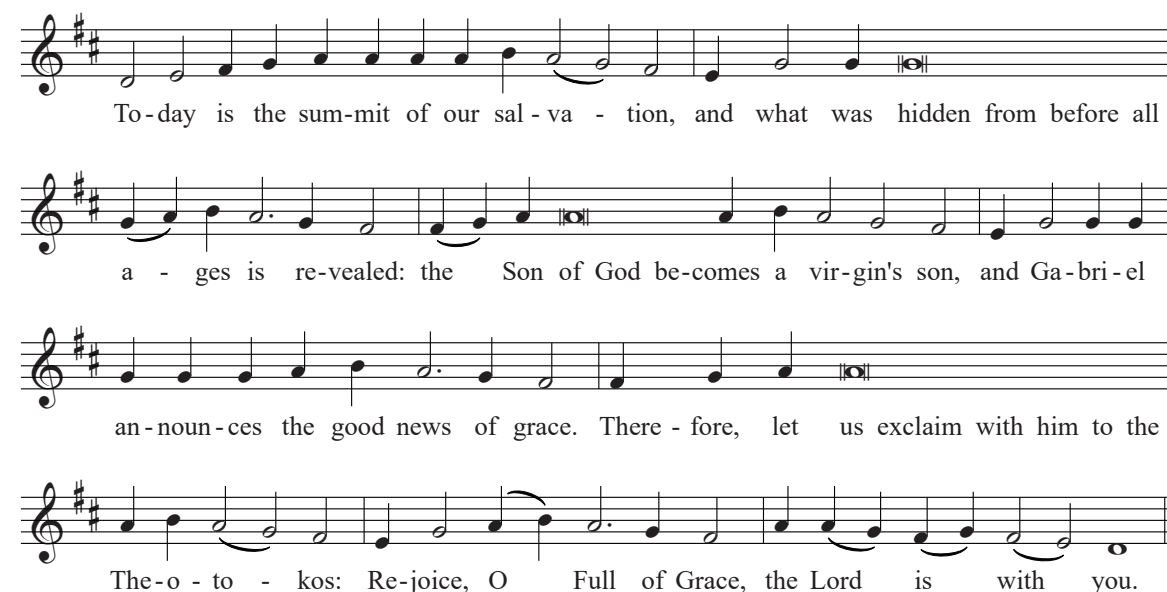
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The Lord has cho - sen Zi - on; he pre - fers her for his dwell - ing.
Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.

Troparion of the Annunciation - Tone 4



To-day is the sum-mit of our sal - va - tion, and what was hidden from before all
a - ges is re-vealed: the Son of God be-comes a vir-gin's son, and Ga-bri-el
an-noun-ces the good news of grace. There - fore, let us exclaim with him to the
The-o - to - kos: Re-joyce, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification:

O earth, an - nounce the good news, the good news
of great joy. You heav - ens, sing the glo - ry, the glo - ry of God.

Irmos:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Let no un - in - i - ti - a - ted hand touch the liv - ing Ark of God;
but let faith - ful lips, sing - ing with - out ceas - ing the words of
the angel to the The - o - to - kos, cry a - loud in great joy: Re - joice,
O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Cantor Let your ears be at - ten - tive to the voice of my plead - ing.

Tone 6 podoban, Vsju otloživše

In the mid - dle of the earth you suf - fered the Pas - sion and the Cross
to grant us, in your good - ness, both re - demp - tion and the con - trol of our
pas - sions. In the mid - dle of the Fast, today we bring out your Cross
and bow low before it, kiss - ing it with joy. Grant that we may see your suf - fer - ings
and your life - giv - ing Re - sur - rec - tion in the light of the heaven - ly vir - tues
O Word of God who a - lone have mer - cy on us.

Cantor If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur - vive? But
with you is found for - give - ness: for this we re - vere you.

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You willingly suf-fered death on the Cross; you were pierced with a lance and tas-ted the bit-ter gall, O long-suf-f'ring Lord, who by the hand of Moses sweet-ened the wa-ters of Me-ri-bah. I now im-plore you and cry out: De-liv-er my heart from the bitterness of pas-sions; sweet-en my soul with the ho-ney of re-pen-tence; and grant that I may ven-e-rate your ho-ly Pas-sion.

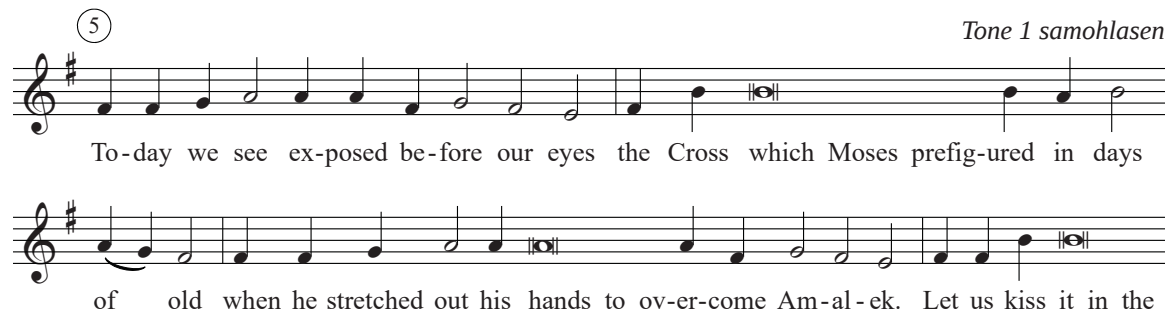
Cantor



My soul is wait-ing for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watch-man for day-break.

⑤

Tone 1 samohlasen



To-day we see ex-posed be-fore our eyes the Cross which Moses prefig-ured in days of old when he stretched out his hands to ov-er-come Am-al-ek. Let us kiss it in the

The service continues with the *Small Litany* on p. 122, followed by the *Thrice-Holy Hymn* of the *Divine Liturgy*.

The *propers* for the *Divine Liturgy* can be found on the following pages.

Prokeimenon of the Annunciation - Tone 4 (Psalm 95:2,1):



Day af-ter day an-nounce the good news of our God's sal-va-tion.

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18 (EOT 234; EOT 2011 230)

Alleluia of the Annunciation - Tone 1 (Psalm 71:6,17):



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: He will descend like rain on the meadows, like raindrops on the earth.

Verse: May his name be blessed forever, more enduring than the sun.

Gospel: Luke 1:24-38 (for the Annunciation)



I will praise God's name with a song.

Verse: The poor, when they see it, will be glad; and God-seeking hearts will revive.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Lector: A reading from Proverbs.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.

Lector: [Proverbs 12:8-22]

Old Testament Readings for the Annunciation

Deacon: Wisdom!

Lector: A reading from Exodus.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Lector: [Exodus 3:1-8] (EOT 317; EOT 2011 321)

Deacon: Wisdom!

Lector: A reading from Proverbs.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Lector: [Proverbs 8:22-31] (EOT 312; EOT 2011 315)

Celebrant: Peace be to you, reader(s).



purity of our lips and hearts. For on it, Christ was exalted, triumph-ing o-ver death.



Hav-ing been deemed worth-y of his grace let us sing with a joyful melody to the



Lord of the u-ni-verse and be-seech him to show all of us his life-giv-ing



Re-sur-rec-tion.

Tone 4 samohlasen

Cantor



Let the watch-man count on day-break and Is-ra-el on the Lord.

Stichera for the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen



In the sixth month the Arch-an-gel was sent to a pure Vir-gin.



He greet-ed her: Re-joice! He an-nounced that the Redeemer would come forth



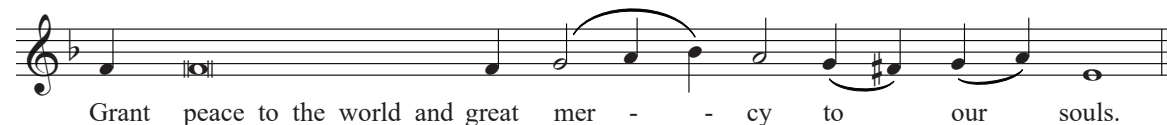
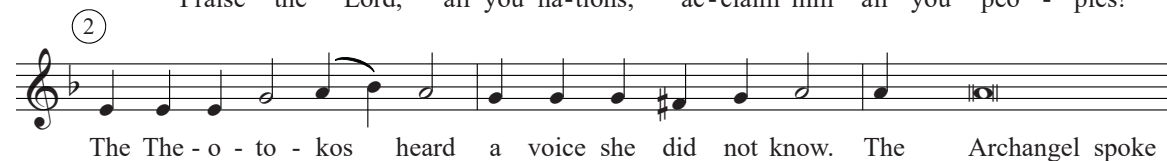
from her. She re-ceived his greet-ing with faith and conceived you, the God from



be-fore all a-ges, for it was your inexpressible good pleasure to be-come man



All repeat: “*In the sixth month the Archangel was sent...*”



Old Testament Readings for Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Fast

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful STAND.

Prokeimenon I - Tone 6 (Psalm 67: 5a, 5b)



Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Lector: A Reading from Genesis

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.

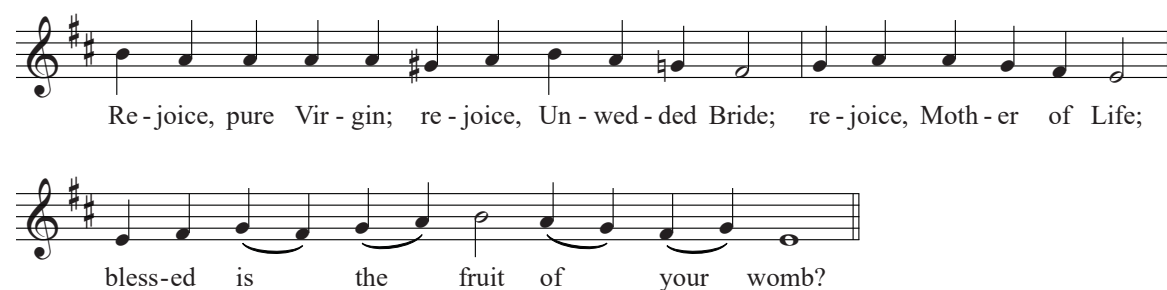
Lector: [Genesis 9:8-17]

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful STAND.

Prokeimenon II - Tone 6 (Psalm 68: 30, 33)





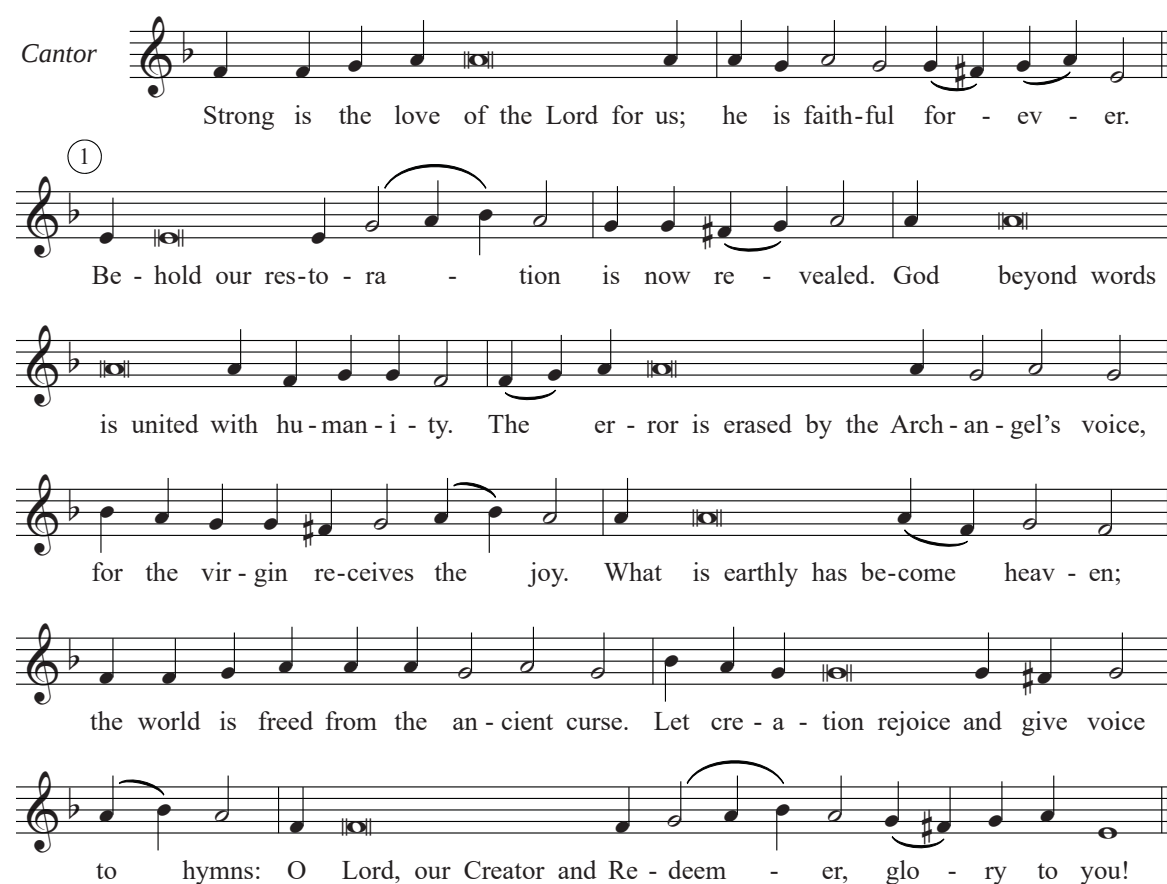
Re-joyce, pure Vir - gin; re-joyce, Un - wed - ded Bride; re-joyce, Moth - er of Life;
 bless-ed is the fruit of your womb?

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The clergy and servers enter the sanctuary as "O Joyful Light" is sung.
 The sanctuary and the faithful are incensed.*



O Joy - ful Light of the ho - ly glo - ry of the Fa - ther Im - mor - tal,
 the hea - ven - ly, ho - ly, bles - sed One, O Je - sus Christ: Now that we have
 reached the set - ting of the sun, and see the eve - ning light, we sing to God,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. It is fit - ting at all times to raise
 a song of praise in meas - ured mel - o - dy to you, O Son of God, the
 Giv - er of Life. There-fore, the u - ni - verse sings your glo - ry.



Cantor Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.
 Be - hold our res-to - ra - tion is now re - vealed. God beyond words
 is united with hu - man - i - ty. The er - ror is erased by the Arch - an - gel's voice,
 for the vir - gin re - ceives the joy. What is earthly has be - come heav - en;
 the world is freed from the an - cient curse. Let cre - a - tion rejoice and give voice
 to hymns: O Lord, our Creator and Re - deem - er, glo - ry to you!

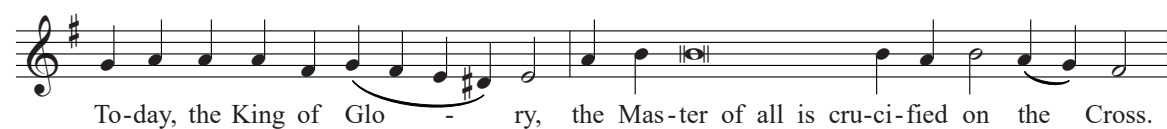
The faithful STAND.

Tone 8 samohlasen



Cantor Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Doxastikon of Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast - Tone 8 samohlasen



To-day, the King of Glo - ry, the Mas - ter of all is cru - ci - fied on the Cross.

A lance pier-ces his side, and he tastes vin-e-gar and gall, yet in him the Church finds
its sweet - ness; he cov-ered the sea with clouds, yet he is crowned with thorns;
he is cov-ered with a robe in mockery and is slapped by mor - tals, yet he created all
mor-tals with his own hand. He is wrapped with clouds in the hea - vens,
yet to-day he is scourged on the back. He is spat u - pon, struck, and slapped.;
he is wound-ed and suffers all this to save the world from death, for he is my
Redeemer and the God of com - pas - - - sion,

*As the second Doxastikon is sung, the Little Entrance with the holy gospel book and censer
is made through the northern door and the holy doors.*

Tone 6 samohlasen

Cantor

Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen

The Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el was sent from heav - en to the Vir - gin
to an - nounce the good news of her con - cep - tion. Com-ing to
Naz - a - reth he was a - mazed as he reflected on the mys - te - ry:
How can the One Who Is incomprehen-si - ble in the high - est be born of a
vir - gin? Heav - en is his throne, the earth is his foot - stool, and in a
wom-an's womb he is con-tained. The six - winged seraphim and the many-eyed
cherubim cannot look up - on him; yet, with a single word, he has been pleased to
take on flesh. He re-mains the Word of God. Why do I stand still and
not say to the Maid - en: Re - joice, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you;