

HYMNS FOR THE ORTHODOX LITURGY

VESPER PROKEIMENA

(FROM THE WEEKLY CYCLE)

Under the directorship of M. Balakirev and N. Rimsky-Korsakov (1883-1894) the Imperial Court Chapel in St. Petersburg began to pursue the restoration of ancient Russian chants to their original unabridged forms. One result of this work was the publication in 1904 of *Penie pri Vsenoshchnom Bdenii drevnikh napevov* [The Hymns of the All-Night Vigil According to Ancient Chants], in which the chant melodies were rendered in four-part harmonizations, but with their original modal character preserved.

The *Vesper Prokeimena* from this collection have been transposed and rearranged in close harmony in the present edition, making them suitable for a small choir. The *znamenny* chant melody always appears in the soprano voice.

Performance Note: To perform these prokeimena with a large choir the soprano part must be transposed up a fourth, the bass part-down a fifth, and the tenor and alto parts-interchanged and transposed accordingly (the tenor up a fourth and the alto down a fifth). The tenor and soprano parts may also be doubled.

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ANONYMOUS
Harmonization of
Znamenny Chant
Psalm 92: 1*

Saturday evening: Tone 6

Soprano Alto

THE LORD IS KING, HE IS ROBED IN

Tenor Bass

MAJ ES - TY.

Sunday evening: Tone 8

Psalm 133: 1

BE - HOLD NOW, BLESS THE LORD, ALL YOU SERV

EDITOR'S NOTE: indicates a $\frac{3}{4}$ grouping; indicates a pick-up to a strong syllable.

* NOTE: The numbering of psalms and verses is according to the Septuagint.

- ANTS OF THE LORD.

Monday evening: Tone 4 Psalm 4: 4

THE LORD HEARS ME, WHEN I CALL TO HIM.

Tuesday evening: Tone 1 Psalm 22: 7

THY MER - CY, O LORD, SHALL FOL - LOW ME

ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.

Wednesday evening: Tone 5

Psalm 53: 2-3

SAVE ME, O GOD, BY THY NAME, AND JUDGE

ME BY THY STRENGTH.

Thursday evening: Tone 6

Psalm 120: 2

MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO MADE

HEAVEN AND EARTH.

Friday evening: Tone 7

Psalm 58: 10-11

THOU, O GOD, ART MY HELP-ER, AND THY MER-CY SHALL GO BE-FORE ME.