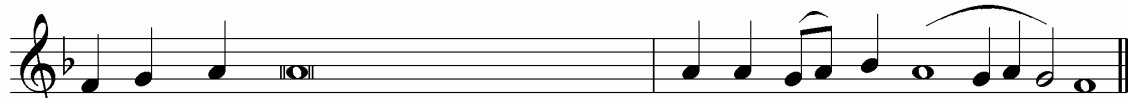


## WEDNESDAY IN THIRD WEEK AT VESPERS

*Prokeimenon, Tone 4. (Psalm 51).*




I have trust - ed in the mer - cy of God for ev - er and ev - - - - - er.

*Verse:* Why do you glory in evil, O mighty one? Iniquity all the day, your tongue has devised unrighteousness.


The Reading is from Genesis. [7:6-9]

Noë was six hundred years old when the flood of water came to pass on the earth. Noë and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark because of the water of the flood. And of the clean flying creatures and of the unclean flying creatures and of the clean beasts and of the unclean beasts and of all that creep upon the earth two by two they went in to Noë into the ark, male and female, as God had commanded Noë.

*Prokeimenon Tone 4. (Psalm 52).*



When the Lord turns the cap - ti - vi - ty of his peo - ple, Ja - cob will



ex - ult and Is - - ra - el will be glad.

*Verse:* The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'.

The Reading is from Proverbs. [9:12-18]

My son, if you become wise, you will become wise for yourself and also for your neighbours; while if you become wicked, you alone will draw forth wickedness. A son who has been chastised will be wise, and he will deal with a foolish servant. One who relies on falsehoods shepherds winds, and himself will pursue flying birds; for he has left the ways of his own vineyard, and has made the axles of his own ploughing go astray. He walks through a waterless desert and a land appointed to drought; he gathers fruitlessness with his hands. A foolish and insolent woman, one who knows no shame, finds herself without a crumb; she sits at the doors of her house, on a bench openly in the streets, inviting the passers-by and those who are going straight on their ways: “ ‘Whichever of you is most foolish, let him turn aside to me.’ And I exhort those who lack prudence, saying: ‘Touch the secret bread of pleasure and drink the sweet water of theft.’ ” But he does not know that the earthborn are destroyed by her, and he meets with a snare of Hell. But hurry away, do not delay in her place and do not rest your eye on her; for thus you will pass through strange water; but keep away from strange water and do not drink from a strange spring, so that you may live a long time and years be added to your life.