

Exapostilarion - "The Wise Thief"

Matins of Great and Holy Friday

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Moderato

The score is written for four parts: Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass 1, and Bass 2. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Tenors and Basses) and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor). The tempo is marked 'Moderato'. The lyrics are: 'The wise thief, didst Thou make worthy of paradise, in a single moment, O Lord. By the wood of Thy cross, illumine me, also and save me.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the upper register.

Tenor 1
Tenor 2

The wise thief, didst Thou make wor - - - thy

Bass 1
Bass 2

of pa - ra - dise, in a sin - - gle mo - ment,

O Lord. By the wood of Thy cross, il - lu - mine me,

al - so and save me.