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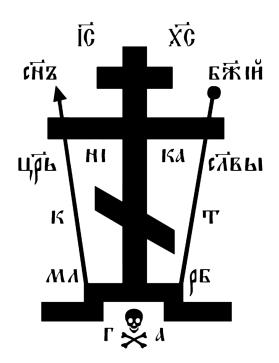
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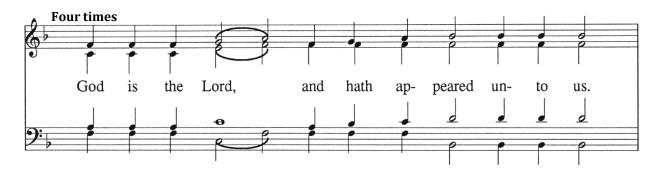
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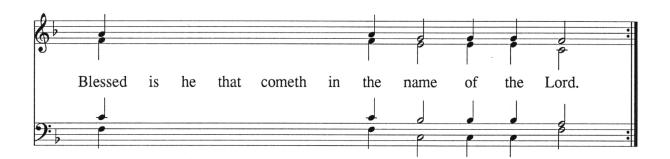
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#### **Matins**

### God is the Lord, Tone I

*Deacon:* In the First Tone: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.





*Deacon:* Surrounding me they compassed me, and by the name of the Lord I warded them off.

*Choir:* God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

*Deacon:* I shall not die, but live, and I shall tell of the works of the Lord.

*Choir:* God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

*Deacon:* The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

*Choir:* God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

# **Troparion, Tone I**

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God,/ Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion./ Wherefore, we also, like the children bearing the symbols of victory,/ cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death:/ Hosanna in the highest;// blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. (*Thrice*)

#### **Sessional Hymn**

Tone I

Taking pity, O Christ our God, on the tears of Martha and Mary, Thou hast commanded the stone to be rolled away from the tomb; and calling the dead man, Thou hast raised him, O Giver of life to the world, granting us through him an assurance of the resurrection. Glory to Thy might, O Saviour; glory to 'Thy power; glory be to Thee who hast established all things by Thy word.

Glory to the Father... Both now... *Repeat.* 

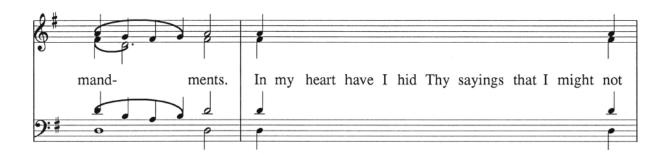
# **Blessed Are the Blameless**

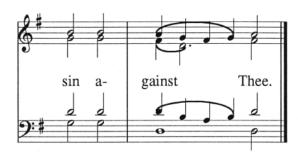
Psalm 118





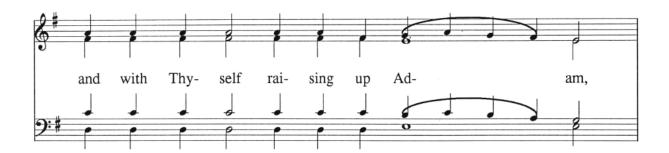


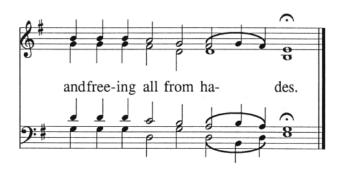




# Obikhod, Tone V







Blessed art Thou, O Lord, / teach me Thy statutes.

Why mingle ye myrrh with tears of pity,/ O ye women disciples?/ Thus the radiant angel within the tomb/ addressed the myrrh-bearing women;/ behold the tomb and understand,// for the Savior is risen from the tomb.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, / teach me Thy statutes.

Very early the myrrh-bearing women/ hastened unto Thy tomb, lamenting,/ but the angel stood before them and said:/ the time for lamentation is passed, weep not,// but tell of the Resurrection to the Apostles.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord,/ teach me Thy statutes.

The myrrh-bearing women,/ with myrrh came to Thy tomb, O Savior, bewailing,/ but the angel addressed them, saying:/ Why number ye the living among the dead,// for as God He is risen from the tomb.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship the Father,/ and His Son, and the Holy Spirit,/ the Holy Trinity, one in essence,/ crying with the Seraphim:// Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O Lord.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

In bringing forth the Giver of life,/ thou hast delivered Adam from sin, O Virgin,/ and hast brought joy to Eve instead of sorrow;/ and those fallen from life have thereunto been restored,// by Him Who of thee was incarnate, God and man.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (Thrice)

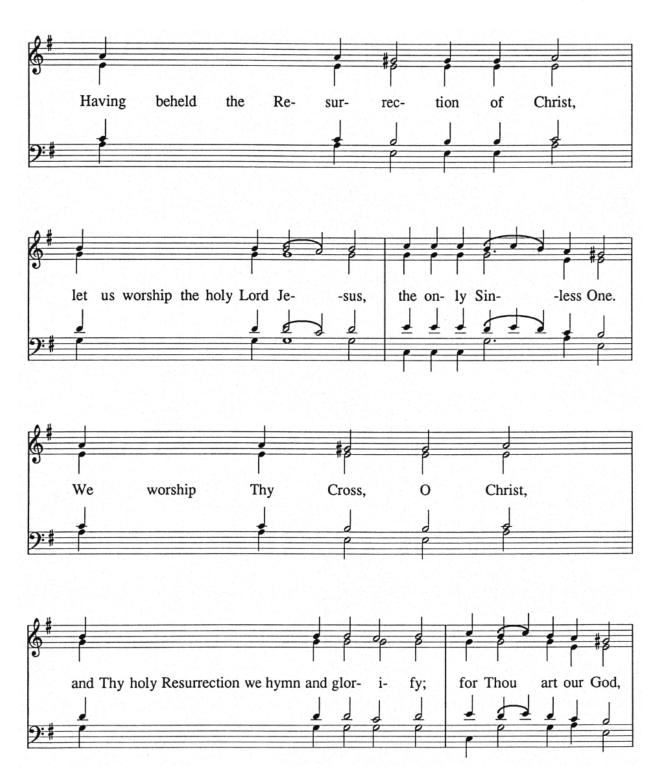
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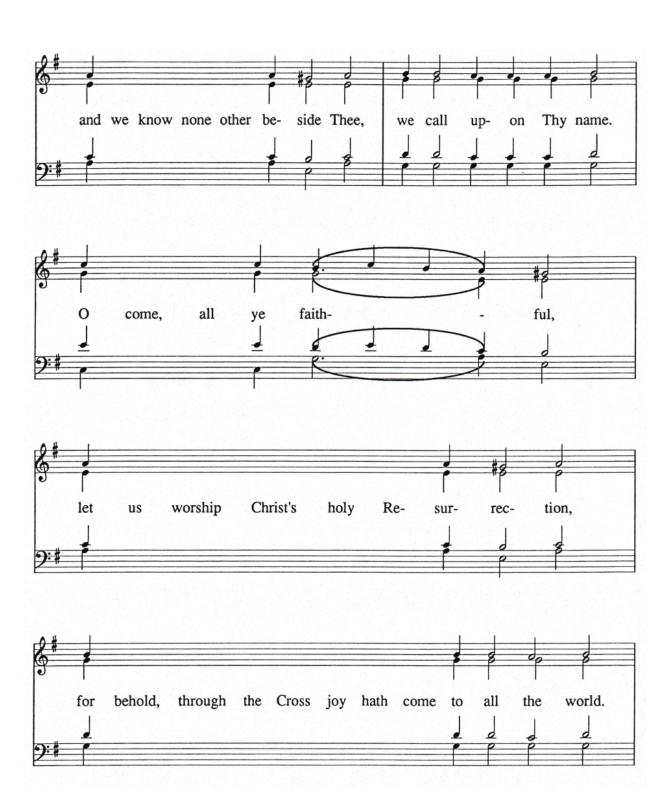
Tone V

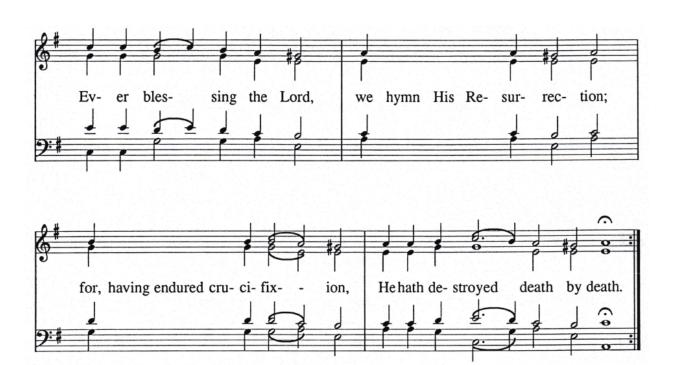
O Fountain of wisdom and foreknowledge, Thou hast asked the companions of Martha when Thou camest to Bethany: 'Where have ye laid my friend Lazarus?' Shedding for him tears of tender love, Thou hast called to him in Thy compassion and raised him by Thy voice, though he was four days dead; for Thou art Giver of Life and Lord.

Glory to the Father... Both now... *Repeat.* 

Obikhod, Tone VI

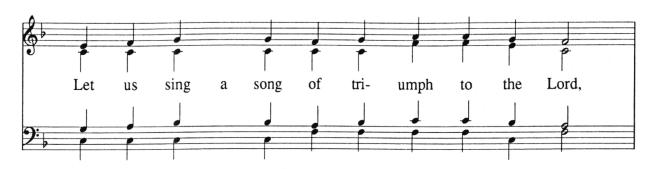






Up to the end of Ode Five we use the following two Canons, the first with eight troparia and the second with six. At Ode Six we begin the two four-canticled Canons.

Ode I
First Canon, Tone VIII
by Theophanes





Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

With Thy divine command Thou hast raised dead Lazarus, in Thy love for mankind; for Thou art the Fashioner and Guardian of Life.

O immortal. Lord, with Thy word Thou hast raised Lazarus, four days dead, and by Thy power Thou hast destroyed the dark kingdom of hell.

Thou hast given to all, O Master, a proof of Thy transcendent Godhead, raising Lazarus from the dead on the fourth day.

Today Bethany proclaims beforehand the Resurrection of Christ the Giver of Life, and it rejoices at the rising of Lazarus.

# Another Canon, Same Tone by Kosmas the Monk

*Irmos:* Having crossed the water...

Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

In the beginning Thou hast brought all creation out of nothing, and Thou knowest the secrets of our hearts; and now as Master Thou dost foretell to Thy disciples the falling asleep of Lazarus.

O Christ, Thou hast become man, taking human nature from the Virgin, and as man Thou hast asked where Lazarus was buried, although as God Thou wast not ignorant of this.

O Word, giving us an assurance of Thine own Resurrection, Thou hast raised Thy friend as if from sleep, though he had lain four days in the tomb and already stank.,

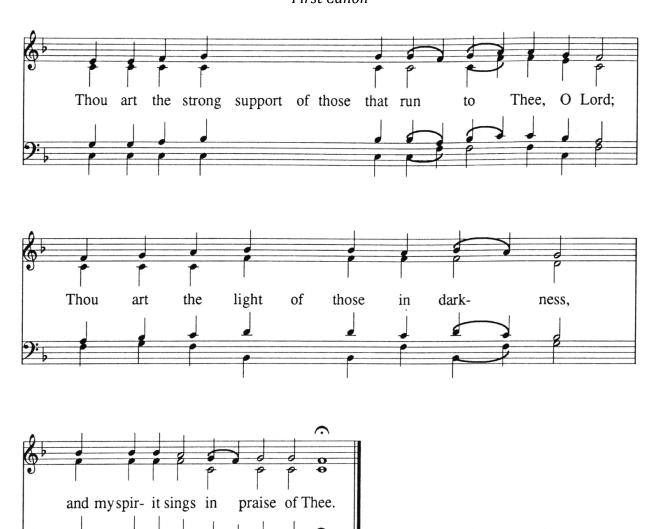
#### Theotokion

The hosts of angels and of mortal men praise thee, O Virgin Mother, without ceasing. For thou hast carried their Creator as a babe in thine arms.

# Katavasia - Ode I



**Ode III**First Canon



Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

Displaying Thy two energies, O Saviour, Thou hast made manifest Thy two natures: for Thou art both God and man.

Though Thou art the Abyss of knowledge, Thou dost ask where they have laid the body of Lazarus. For it was Thy purpose, O Giver of Life, to raise him from the dead.

Going from one place to another, Thou hast, as mortal man, appeared circumscribed; but, as God uncircumscribed, Thou fillest all things.

At Thy divine word, Thou hast raised Lazarus, O Christ. I pray Thee, raise me also, dead through my many sins.

#### Second Canon

Irmos: O Lord, Thou Builder of the vault of heaven...

Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

O Lord who workest miracles, standing in Bethany by the tomb of Lazarus, Thou hast shed tears. for him in accordance with the law of nature, confirming the full reality of the flesh which Thou hast taken, O Jesus my God.

Straightway Thou hast made the sorrow of Mary and Martha to cease, O Saviour, showing Thy sovereign authority. For, as Thou hast said, Thou art in truth the Resurrection and the Life and the Lord of all.

O Lord, from the ranks of the dead and the darkness of hell thou hast snatched Thy friend Lazarus, bound in his grave-clothes; and by Thine all-powerful word Thou hast broken Open the gates of the kingdom of death.

#### **Theotokion**

Taking up Thy dwelling in a Virgin, O Lord, Thou hast appeared to men incarnate, enabling them to see Thee with their eyes; Thou hast made her in very truth the Theotokos and the Succour of the faithful, O Thou who alone lovest mankind.

### Katavasia - Ode III



#### **Sessional Hymn**

Tone IV

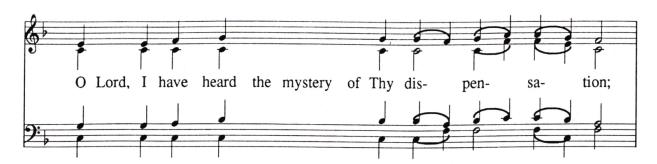
The sisters of Lazarus stood beside Christ and, lamenting with bitter tears, they said to Him: 'O Lord, Lazarus is dead.' And though as God He knew the place of burial, yet He asked them, 'Where have ye laid him?' Coming to the tomb, He called Lazarus that was four days dead; and he arose and worshipped the Lord who had raised him.

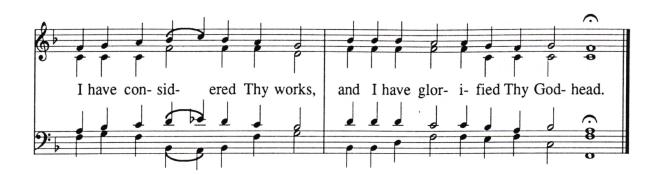
Glory to the Father... Both now...

#### Tone VIII

Foreknowing all things as Creator, Thou hast warned the disciples at Bethany, saying: 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep today.' And, though Thou wast not ignorant, Thou hast asked: 'Where have ye laid him?' Weeping as a man, Thou hast prayed to the Father; 'Thou hast called Thy friend Lazarus from hell, O 'Lord, and raised him when he had been four days dead. Therefore we cry to Thee: Accept, O Christ our God, the praise we dare to offer, and count us all worthy of Thy glory.

**Ode IV** First Canon





Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

Thou hast prayed to the Father, not because Thou art in need of any help, but to fulfill the mystery of Thine Incarnation; and so, almighty Lord, Thou hast raised up a corpse that was four days dead.

Coeternal with the Father, the Word that was revealed from. the beginning as God, now offers prayers as man, though it is He that receives the prayers of all

O Saviour, Thy voice destroyed all the power of death, and the foundations of hell were shaken by Thy divine might

#### Theotokion

Let us sing the praises of the Virgin, for she remained a virgin after bearing child, and she gave birth to Christ our God, who has delivered the world from error.

#### Second Canon

*Irmos:* Thou art my might, O Lord...

Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

As Shepherd, O Saviour and Creator, Thou hast snatched from the fierce and all-devouring wolf a man that had been four days dead; and through him, in Thy power as Lord, Thou hast revealed beforehand the universal glory of Thy Resurrection on the third day.

Beholding Thee, O Christ the Life, the companions of Martha cried aloud: 'If Thou hadst been here, O Lord, the Light and Life of all, Lazarus would not have died.' But since Thou art the Life of the dead, in Thy love for mankind Thou hast turned their sorrow into joy.

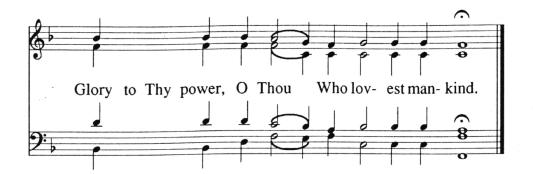
The depths are afraid at Thy presence, O Lord, the source of life; all the waters are Thy servants. The gatekeepers tremble before Thee, O Christ, and the bars of hell are broken by Thy power, as Lazarus rises from the dead at Thy command, almighty Saviour who lovest mankind.

#### **Theotokion**

Unwedded Virgin, thou art the glory of the faithful; thou art the advocate and refuge of Christians, their rampart and haven. For, Undefiled, thou dost offer intercession to thy Son, saving from danger those who in faith and love acknowledge thee as the pure Theotokos.

#### Katavasia - Ode IV





**Ode V** *First Canon* 



*Refrain:* Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

In Thy love for mankind, coming to the tomb of Lazarus Thou hast called him and granted him life, for Thou art the immortal life of all mortal men; and so Thou hast as God clearly foretold the future Resurrection.

His feet bound in the grave-clothes, Lazarus walked out from the tomb. O wonder of wonders! Christ who gave him strength is greater than the power of death which held him back. All things obey Christ's word, serving Him as God and Master.

Thou hast raised Lazarus on the fourth, day, though his corpse already stank Raise me up, O Christ, for I am dead in sin and lie in the pit and the dark shadow of death; deliver and save me in Thy compassion.

#### Second Canon

Irmos: O Light that never sets...

Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

Thou hast prayed and given glory to the Father, for Thy power is not opposed to His. To confirm the faith of the multitude that stood round Thee, Thou hast thanked Thy Father, O longsuffering Lord, and then raised Lazarus by Thy command.

O voice of God! O divine power and might! With that voice, O Saviour, Thou hast shattered the gates of hell: and all-devouring death. Deliver me from my passions, as once Thou hast delivered Thy friend Lazarus that was four days dead.

At the prayers of Lazarus, of Martha and Mary, O loving Lord, make us worthy to behold Thy Cross and Passion, and the joyful Queen of Days, the Feast of Thy Resurrection.

#### Theotokion

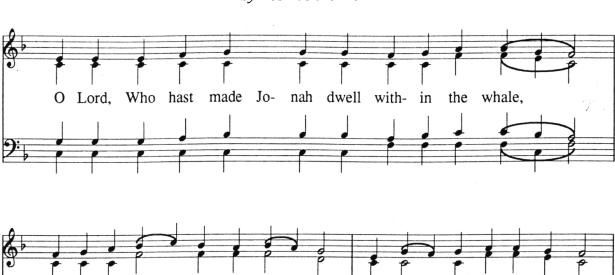
Since, all-pure Virgin, thou hast a mother's boldness before thy Son, do not forget us and our needs, we pray, for we are thy kinsfolk: thee alone we Christians bring as intercessor, to win the gracious mercy of the Master.

# Katavasia - Ode V

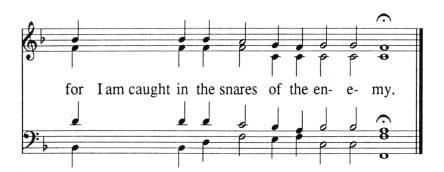


We now begin the two four-canticled Canons. The Irmos of the first Canon is sung twice, and the troparia of the two Canons are then repeated so as to make up the number twelve.

Ode VI
First Canon, Tone VIII
by Kosmas the Monk







*Refrain:* Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

Love led Thee, Master, to Lazarus at Bethany; and as God Thou hast raised him, though his corpse already stank, and hast delivered him from the bonds of hell.

Martha despaired when she saw Lazarus already four days dead. But Christ, as God, raised him from decay and brought him back to life by His word.

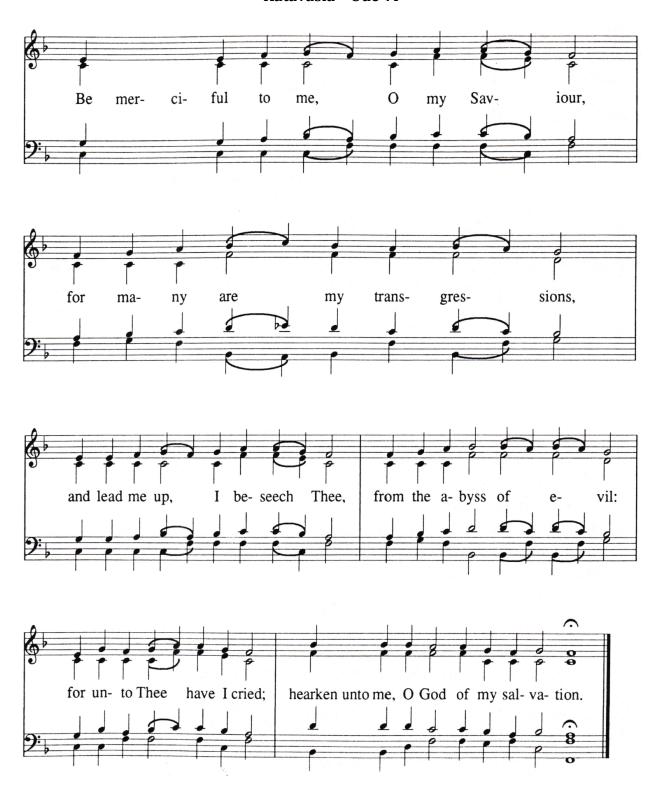
# Another Canon, Same Tone by John the Monk

Irmos: Be merciful to me, O Saviour...

As true God Thou hast known of the falling asleep of Lazarus and hast announced it beforehand to Thy disciples, giving them a proof, O Master, of the infinite power of Thy divinity.

Thou who art by nature uncircumscribed wast circumscribed in the flesh; coming to Bethany, O Master, as. man Thou cost weep over Lazarus, and by Thy power as God Thou cost raise him on the fourth day from the dead.

# Katavasia - Ode VI



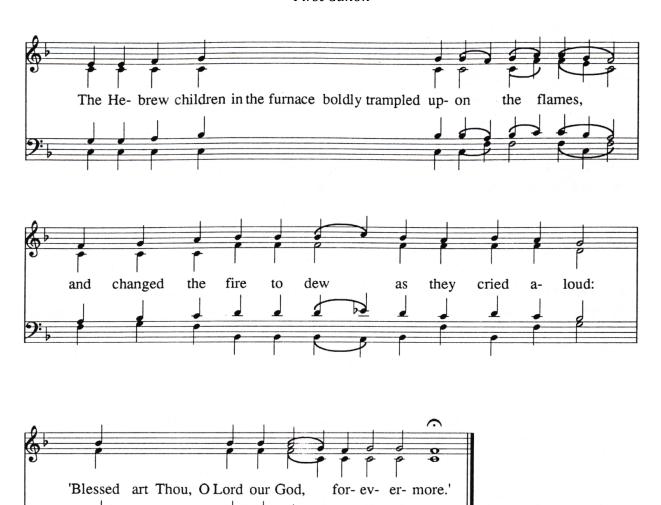
# Kontakion, Tone II

Christ, the joy of all,/ the truth, the light, the life,/ the resurrection of the world,/ in His love appeared to those on earth;/ and He became Himself the pattern of our resurrection,// granting divine forgiveness unto all.

#### Ikos

The Creator of the world foretold to His disciples what would come to pass, proving to them that He knows all things as the Maker of all. 'Brethren and companions, our friend has fallen asleep', He said. 'Let us go, then, and see a strange burial, and behold the tears of Mary and the tomb of Lazarus. For I shall work a miracle there, as the prelude to My Crucifixion, granting divine forgiveness unto all.'

**Ode VII**First Canon



Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

Weeping as man in Thy compassion, Thou hast as God raised Lazarus from the tomb; and, delivered from hell, he cried aloud: 'Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, for evermore.'

At the Master's word Lazarus came out bound in grave- clothes, escaping from the chaos and darkness of hell, and he cried aloud: 'Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, for evermore.'

#### Second Canon

Irmos: The Children of Judaea.

Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

Shedding tears over Thy friend, O merciful Lord, Thou hast made the tears of Martha cease, and by Thy voluntary Passion Thou hast wiped away all tears from the face of Thy people. O God of fathers, blessed art Thou.

Master of Life and Saviour, Thou hast called the dead man as if he were asleep. With Thy word Thou hast burst asunder the belly of hell and raised up Lazarus as he sang: 'O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou.'

O Master, Thou hast raised a dead man bound in grave clothes, a corpse that already stank. I am held fast in the bonds of sin; raise me up and I shall sing: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou.

# Katavasia - Ode VII



**Ode VIII**First Canon



*Refrain:* Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

As Shepherd, Thou hast gone to seek Thy sheep; rescuing the dead man from the fierce and. destructive wolf, in Thy power Thou hast. brought him from. corruption to new life, and he cried out to Thee: 'Praise the Lord and exalt Him above all for ever.'

As mortal: man Thou hast asked where Lazarus was buried; as Maker, Thou hast raised him from the dead by Thy royal command. Hell was afraid of him when he cried out to Thee: 'Praise the Lord and exalt Him above all for ever.'

#### Second Canon

*Irmos:* The King of heaven...

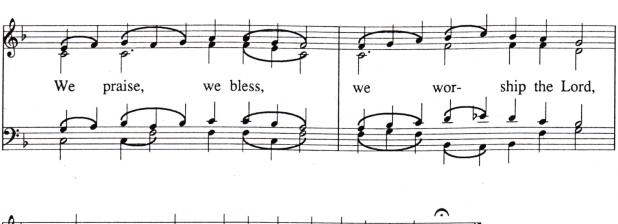
Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

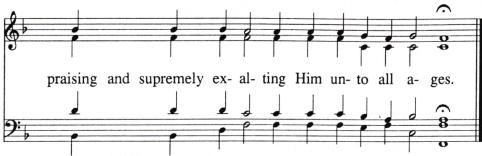
As a mortal, Thou dost search for Lazarus; as God, Thou dost raise him by Thy word, though he was four days dead. Therefore we sing Thy praises for ever.

Fulfilling a debt of gratitude for her brother, Mary brought Thee, O Lord, sweet-smelling spices; and she sings Thy praises for ever.

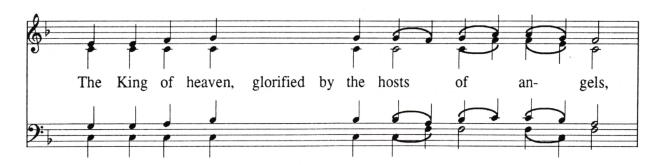
As man Thou dost pray to the Father, as God Thou dost raise Lazarus Therefore, O Christ, we sing Thy praises for ever.

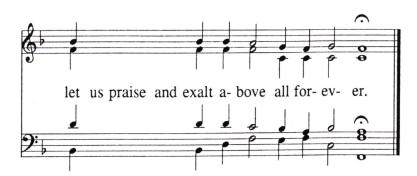
# We Praise, We Bless Tone VIII





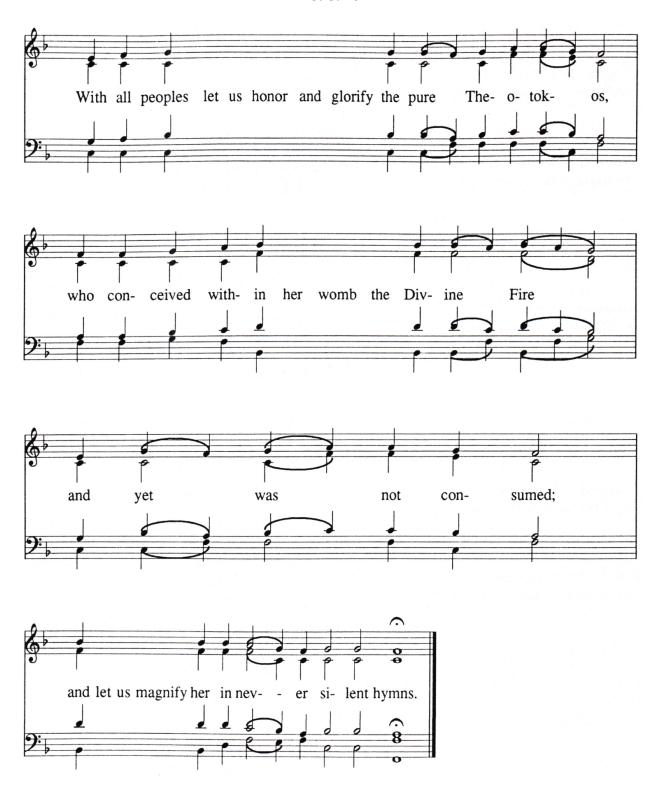
# Katavasia - Ode VIII





We do not sing the Magnificat and More honorable than the cherubim...

**Ode IX**First Canon



Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

Seeing a four-day corpse walking, the people were struck with wonder at the miracle and cried out to the Deliverer: 'We magnify Thee in hymns, O God.'

Thou hast established men's faith in Thy glorious Resurrection, O my Saviour, before it came to pass, by freeing Lazarus from hell when he was four days dead; and I magnify Thee in hymns.

#### Second Canon

Irmos: Saved through thee, pure Virgin...

Refrain: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

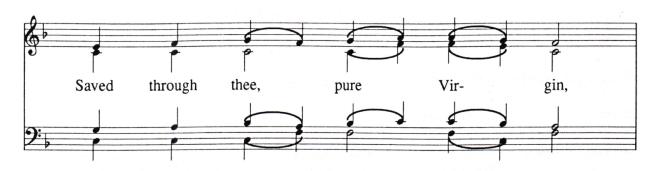
Honouring Thy Father, O Christ, and showing that Thou art not opposed to Him, after praying Thou hast by Thine own authority raised Lazarus that was four days dead.

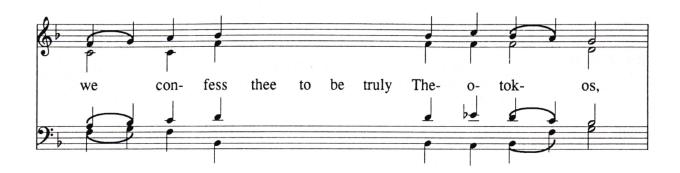
O my Christ, Thou hast raised from the tomb Lazarus that was four days dead, and so Thou makest him a truthful witness to Thy Resurrection on the third day.

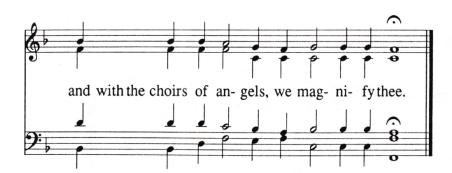
Thou dost walk and weep and speak, my Saviour, showing the action of Thy human nature; and, revealing Thy divine nature, Thou dost raise Lazarus.

In ways surpassing speech, my Master and Saviour, Thou hast brought about my salvation by. the free will exercised in each of Thy two natures.

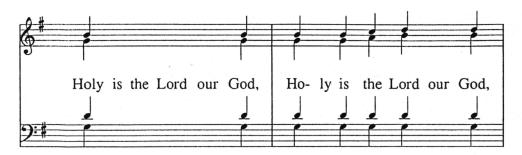
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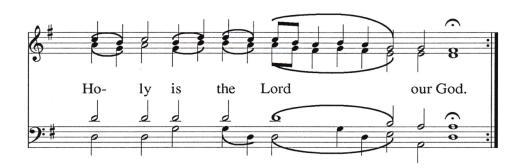






Deacon: For holy is the Lord our God.





*Deacon:* For holy is the Lord our God.

Choir: Holy is the Lord our God.

Deacon: Above all peoples is our God.

Choir: Holy is the Lord our God.



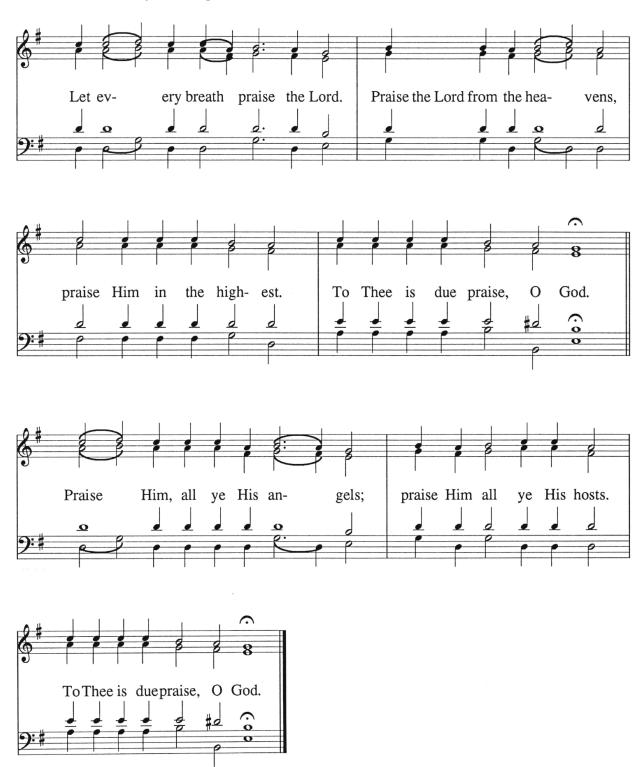
Glory to the Father...

At Thy word, O Word of God, Lazarus now leaps up, returning back to life;, the people honour Thee with palms, O mighty Lord, for by Thy death Thou shalt destroy hell utterly.

Both now...

Through Lazarus, O death, Christ has already despoiled thee./ O hell, where is thy triumph?/ The lamentation of Bethany has now been given to thee.// In Christ's honour let us raise on high branches of victory.

*Stichos:* Let every breath praise the Lord:



Eight stichera are sung.

Tone I

*Stichos:* To do among them the judgment that is written:



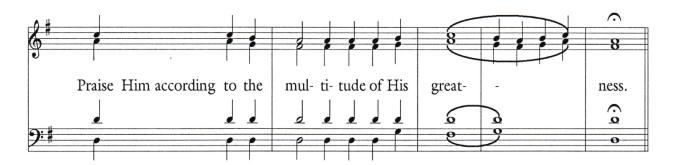
O Christ, who art the Resurrection and the Life of man,/ standing by the tomb of-Lazarus/ Thou hast confirmed our faith in Thy two natures,/ O forbearing Lord, proving that Thou wast born from the pure Virgin as both God and man./ For as man Thou hast asked, 'Where, is he buried?'/ and as God by Thy life-giving command// Thou hast raised him from the dead on the fourth day.

Stichos: Praise ye God in His saints:



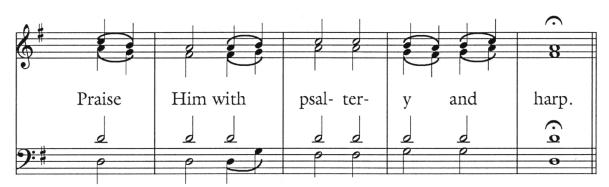
Before Thine own death, O Christ,/ Thou hast raised from hell Lazarus that was four days dead,/ and hast shaken the dominion of death./ Through this one man whom Thou hast loved,/ Thou hast foretold the deliverance of all men from corruption./ We therefore worship Thine almighty power and cry:// Blessed art Thou, O Saviour, have mercy upon us.

Stichos: Praise Him for His mighty acts:



Martha and Mary said to the Saviour:/ 'Hadst Thou, O Lord, been here, Lazarus would not have died.'/ But Christ, the Resurrection of those that have fallen asleep,/ raised him from the dead, though four days had already passed./ Draw near, ye faithful, and let us all worship Him// who comes in glory to save our souls.

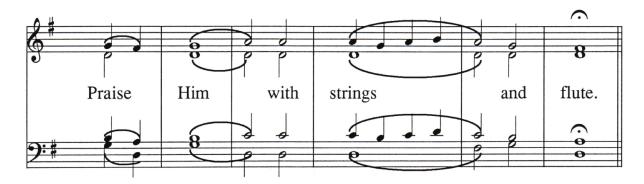
Stichos: Praise Him with the sound of trumpet:



Thou hast granted to Thy disciples, O Christ, tokens of Thy divinity,/ but Thou hast humbled Thyself among the crowds,/ wishing to conceal it from them./ Foreknowing all things as God,/ Thou hast foretold to the apostles the death of Lazarus;/ yet at Bethany when in the presence of the people,/ thou hast as man asked where Thy friend was buried, being ignorant of this./ But then Thou hast raised him four days after he was dead,/ and so he rendered manifest Thy power as God.// O almighty Lord, glory to Thee.

**Tone IV** 

Stichos: Praise Him with timbrel and dance:



O Christ, Thou hast raised up Thy friend that was four days dead,/ and hast made the lamentation of Martha and Mary to cease,/ showing to all that Thou art He who fills all things/ by. Thy divine power and Thy sovereign will./ To Thee the cherubim without ceasing cry aloud:/ 'Hosanna in the highest:// blessed art Thou, God over all: glory to Thee.'

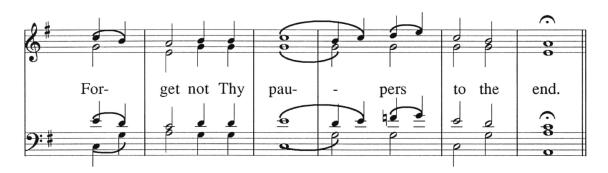
Stichos: Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation:



Martha cried to Mary:/ 'The Teacher is here and calls thee: come.'/ And she, running to the place where the Lord was,/ cried out when she saw Thee;/ and falling at Thy feet she worshipped Thee,// saying: 'O Lord, hadst Thou been here, our brother had not died.'

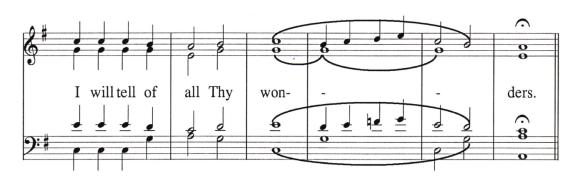
**Tone VIII** 

Stichos: Arise, O Lord my God, let Thy hands be lifted high:



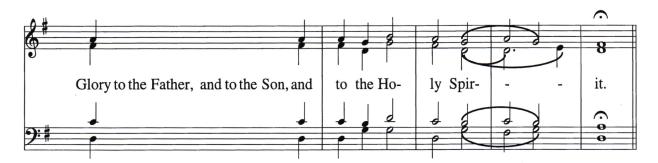
Thou hast raised up in Bethany/ Lazarus that was four days dead;/ for as soon as Thou camest to the tomb,/ Thy voice became life to the dead man./ Groaning aloud, hell released him in fear./ O mighty miracle!// O Lord of many mercies, glory to Thee.

Stichos: I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart:



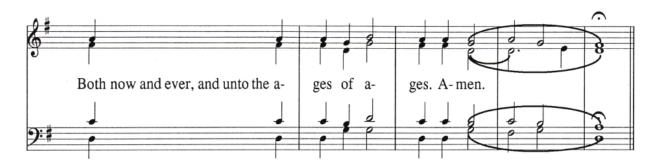
O Lord, Thou hast said to Martha,/ 'I am the Resurrection';/ and Thou hast confirmed Thy words by actions, calling Lazarus from hell./ Through my passions I am dead: raise me also, I beseech Thee,// in Thy tender love for mankind.

Glory, Tone II



A great and marvelous wonder is performed today:/ calling a four-day corpse from the tomb, Christ raised His friend./ Let Us glorify Him, for He is supreme in glory,// that at the prayers of righteous Lazarus He may save our souls.

#### Both Now, Theotokion, Tone II



Most blessed art Thou, O Virgin Theotokos,/ for through Him Who became incarnate of Thee is hades led captive,/ Adam recalled, the curse annulled, Eve set free,/ death slain, and we are given life./ Wherefore, we cry aloud in praise:/ Blessed is Christ God// Who hast been so pleased, glory to Thee.

### **Divine Liturgy**

#### On the Beatitudes

With the Beatitudes we sing four troparia from Ode III of the Canon at Matins and four troparia from Ode VI.

Displaying Thy two energies, O Saviour, Thou hast made manifest Thy two natures: for Thou art both God and man.

Though Thou art the Abyss of knowledge, Thou dost ask where they have laid the body of Lazarus. For it was Thy purpose, O Giver of Life, to raise him from the dead.

Going from one place to another, Thou hast, as mortal man, appeared circumscribed; but, as God uncircumscribed, Thou fillest all things.

At Thy divine word, Thou hast raised Lazarus, O Christ. I pray Thee, raise me also, dead through my many sins.

Love led Thee, Master, to Lazarus at Bethany; and as God Thou hast raised him, though his corpse already stank, and hast delivered him from the bonds of hell.

Martha despaired when she saw Lazarus already four days dead. But Christ, as God, raised him from decay and brought him back to life by His word.

As true God Thou hast known of the falling asleep of Lazarus and hast announced it beforehand to Thy disciples, giving them a proof, O Master, of the infinite power of Thy divinity.

Thou who art by nature uncircumscribed wast circumscribed in the flesh; coming to Bethany, O Master, as. man Thou cost weep over Lazarus, and by Thy power as God Thou cost raise him on the fourth day from the dead.

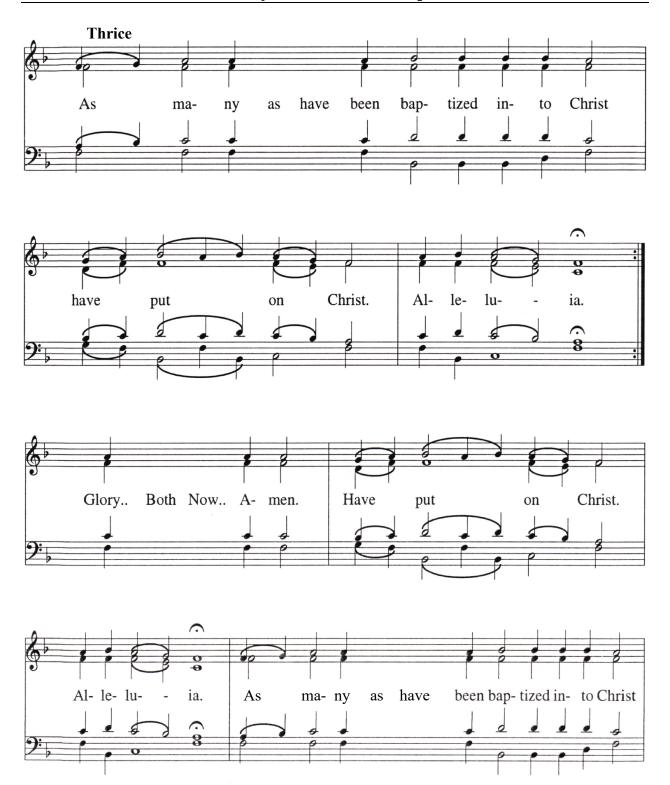
### Troparion, Tone I

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God,/ Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion./ Wherefore, we also, like the children bearing the symbols of victory,/ cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death:/ Hosanna in the highest;// blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

# Kontakion, Tone II

Christ, the joy of all,/ the truth, the light, the life,/ the resurrection of the world,/ in His love appeared to those on earth;/ and He became Himself the pattern of our resurrection,// granting divine forgiveness unto all.

# As Many As Have Been Baptized





# **Prokeimenon, Tone III**

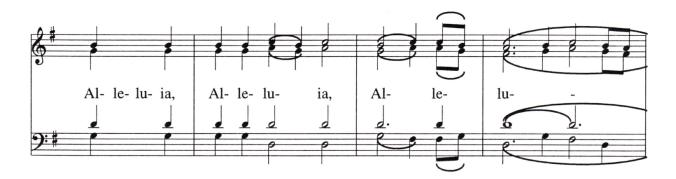
The Lord is my Light and my Saviour: whom then shall I fear?



Stichos: The Lord is the defender of my life: of whom then shall I be afraid?

**Epistle** *Hebrews §333 (12:28 – 13:8)* 

Brethren, receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire. Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.





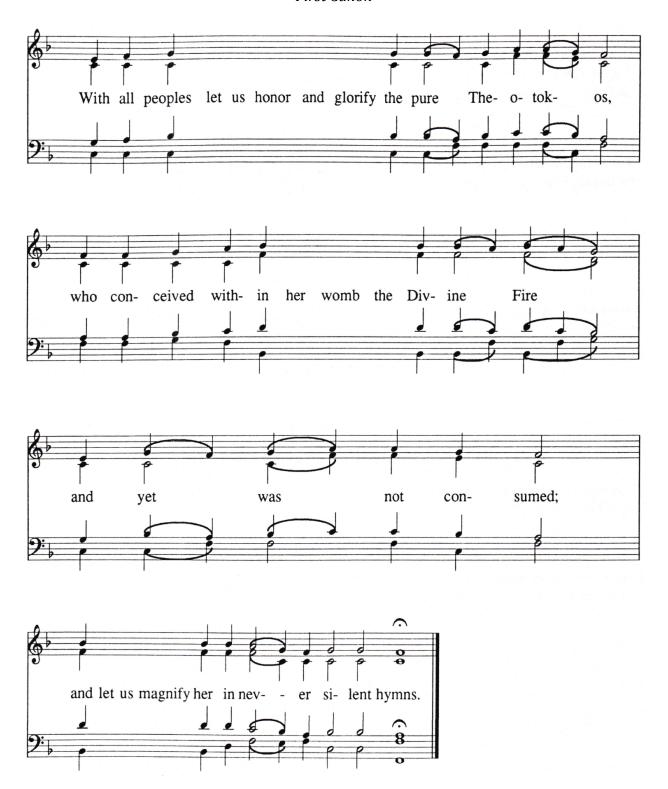
The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty. *Stichos:* For He established the world which shall not be shaken.

# **Holy Gospel** *John §39 (11: 1–45)*

At that time, a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: And many of the Jews came

to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Iesus said unto her. I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. Then when Mary was come where Iesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saving unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

First Canon



# **Communion Verse**

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou appointed praise.						

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