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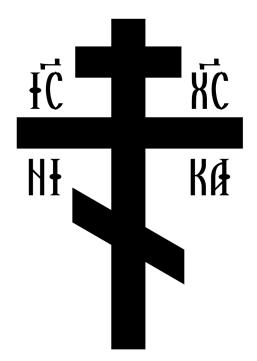
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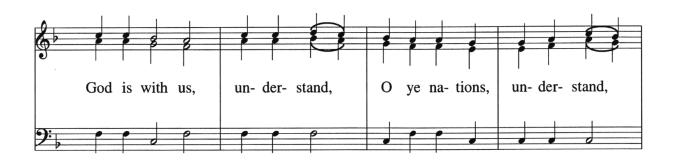
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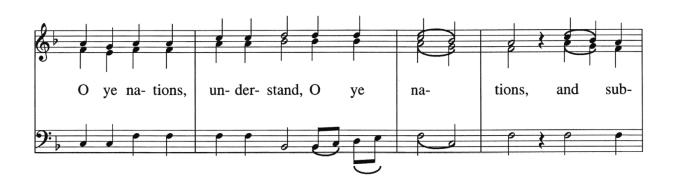
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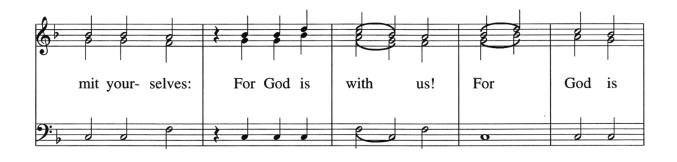
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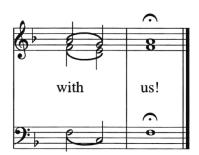
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Great Compline God Is With Us









Second Choir: God is with us, understand, 0 ye nations, and submit yourselves: For God is with us.

Reader: Hearken ye unto the ends of the earth.



Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: O ye powerful, submit yourselves:

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: For if ye again strengthen yourselves, ye shall again be vanquished.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: And whatsoever counsel ye shall take, the Lord shall bring it to nought.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: And the word, whatsoever ye speak, shall not remain with you.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: And of your fear we shall be neither afraid nor in dread.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: But the Lord our God, Him will we hallow, and he shall be fear unto us.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: And if I be trusting in Him, He shall be unto me sanctification.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: And I will be hoping in Him, and shall be saved by Him.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: Ye that dwell in the region and shadow of death, a light shall shine upon you.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: Whose government is upon His shoulder.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: And of His peace there is no end.

Choir: For God is with us.

Reader: And His name shall be called Angel of Great Counsel.

Choir: For God is with us. Reader: Wonderful Counselor.

Choir: For God is with us.

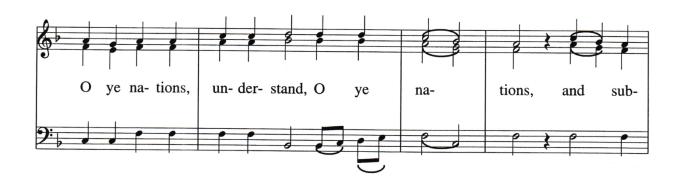
Reader: Mighty God, Ruler, Prince of Peace.

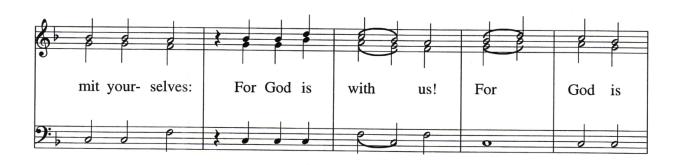
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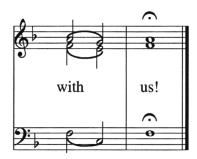
Reader: Father of the age to come.

Choir: For God is with us.



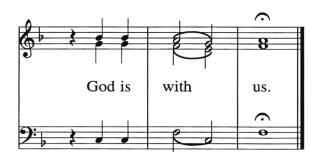






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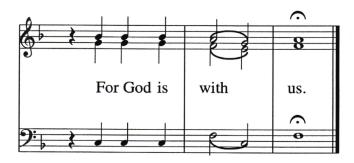
Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.



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

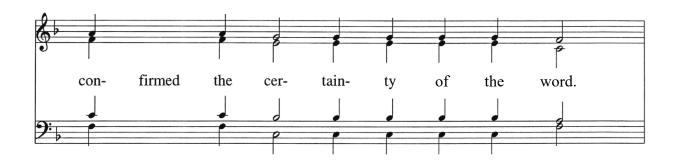
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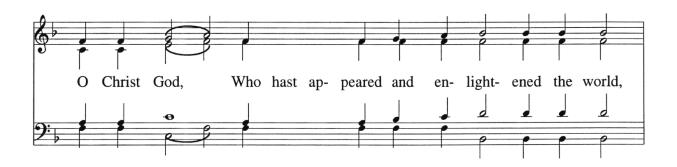
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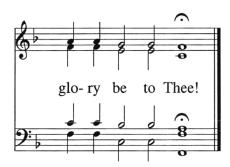


Troparion of the Feast, in Tone I



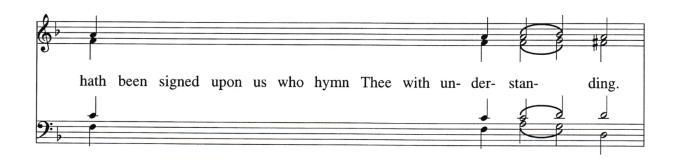


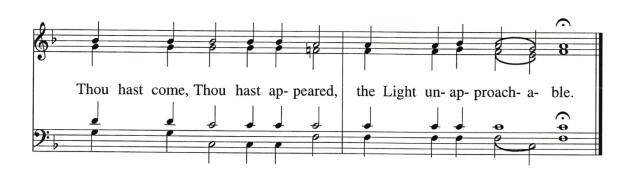




Kontakion of the Feast, in Tone IV







At Litya, in Tone IV

The composition of Cosmas the Monk

He that doth clothe Himself with light as it were with a garment/ hath deigned for our sake to become like as we are;/ and today He is covered with the streams of the Jordan,/ though He hath no need to be purified by them,/ but that, through the cleansing He receiveth,/ He might Himself bestow regeneration upon us./ Oh, the wonder!/ Without fire Christ God, the Savior of our souls, casteth anew,/ and without shattering He fashioneth,// and He saveth those who are enlightened in Him.

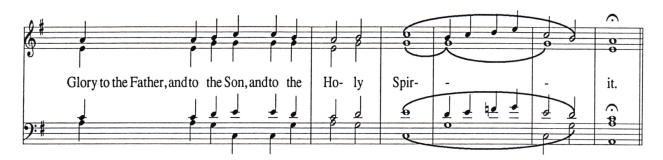
Beholding Thee, Who in the Spirit and in fire doth purge away the sin of the world,/ coming to Him, the Baptist cried out in awe and trembling, saying:/ "I dare not touch Thine all-pure head!/ Do Thou sanctify me by Thy divine epiphany,// O Master Who alone lovest mankind!

Come ye, let us emulate the wise virgins!/ Come ye, let us greet the Master Who hath appeared unto us!/ For He hath come to John like a Bridegroom./ The Jordan, seeing Thee, was afraid and ceased its flow./ And John cried out: "I dare not touch the head of the Immortal One!"/ The Spirit descended in the form of a dove,/ to sanctify the water./ And a voice was heard from heaven, saying:/ "This is my Son Who hath come into the world/ to save the human race!"// O Lord, glory be to Thee!

Christ is baptized./ He cometh up out of the waters and leadeth the world up with Himself./ And He beholdeth the heavens opening,/ which Adam closed to himself and to those with him./ And the Spirit beareth witness to His divinity,/ for He maketh haste to come to His like./ And a voice is heard from heaven;// for the Savior of our souls is borne witness to from thence.

The hand of the baptist trembled/ when it touched Thine all-pure head./ The River Jordan turned back, not daring to minister unto Thee;/ for if it was in awe of Joshua son of Nun,/ how could it not have been stricken with awe by its own Creator?/ O our Savior Who alone lovest mankind,/ Thou hast fulfilled all Thy dispensation,// that Thou mayest save the world by Thine epiphany.

Glory, in Tone VIII



The composition of John the Monk

Desiring to fulfill that which Thou hast established from before time, O Lord,/ Thou didst accept ministers of Thy mystery from among all creatures:/ Gabriel from among the angels,/ the Virgin from among men,/ the star from among the heavens,/ and the Jordan from among the waters,/ wherein Thou didst destroy the iniquity of the world.// O our Savior, glory be to Thee!

Both Now, Theotokion, in Tone VIII



The composition of Anatolius

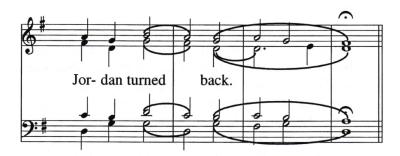
Today creation is enlightened!/ Today all things are glad,/ those of heaven and those on earth!/ Angels and men mingle together!/ For where the King arriveth, there doth order prevail./ Wherefore, let us all hasten to the Jordan/ and see how John baptizeth the sinless head which no man fashioned./ And, chanting the cry of the angel, let us exclaim together:/ The grace of God hath appeared, saving all men,// illumining and granting mercy unto the faithful!

Aposticha, in Tone II

The composition of Anatolius

Seeing Thee coming to him at the River Jordan, John said:/ "O Christ God, wherefore hast Thou come to Thy servant?/ O Lord, since Thou art free of defilement,/ in whose name shall I baptize Thee?/ The Father? But Thou bearest Him within Thee./ The Son? But Thou Thyself art Him incarnate./ The Holy Spirit? Thou knowest how to give Him to the mouths of the faithful.// O God Who hast appeared, have mercy upon us!

Stichos: The sea beheld and fled:



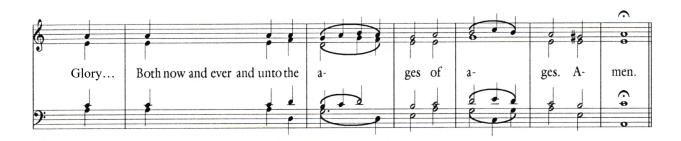
The waters saw Thee, O God, the waters saw Thee and were afraid;/ for the cherubim are unable to gaze upon Thy glory,/ and the seraphim cannot bear to look upon Thee;/ yet, standing before Thee in fear,/ the cherubim bear Thee up/ and the seraphim glorify Thy power./ With them, O Compassionate One, we declare Thy praise, saying:// O God Who hast appeared, have mercy upon us!

Stichos: What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest?



Today the Creator of heaven and earth/ approacheth the Jordan in the flesh;/ the Sinless One asketh baptism, that He may cleanse the world of the falsehood of the enemy./ And the Master of all is baptized by a servant,/ and through water granteth cleansing unto the human race./ To Him let us cry out:// O our God Who hast appeared, glory be to Thee!

Glory, Both Now, Theotokion, in Tone VI



The composition of Theophanes

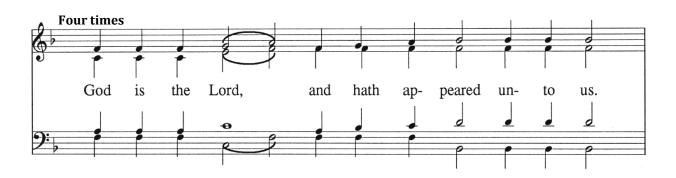
Beholding the Sun Who shone forth from the Virgin/ asking for baptism in the Jordan,/ the radiant luminary who shone forth from the barren woman/ cried out to Him with fear and joy:// "Do Thou sanctify me by Thy divine epiphany, O Master!"

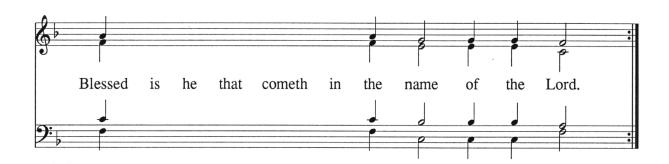
Troparion of the Feast, in Tone I

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan,/ O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest:/ for the voice of the Father bore witness unto Thee,/ calling Thee His beloved Son;/ and the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the certainty of the word./ O Christ God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world,// glory be to Thee! *Thrice*

Matins

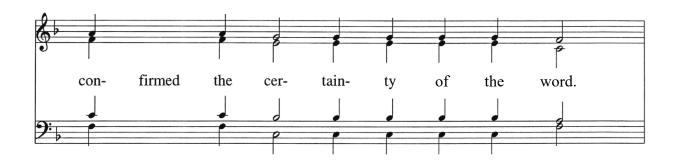
God is the Lord, in Tone I

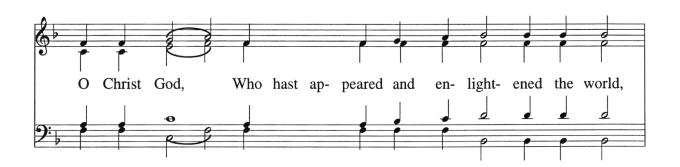


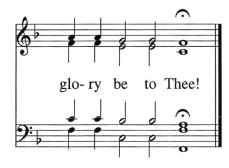


Troparion of the Feast, in Tone I









After the First Chanting of the Psalter, Sessional Hymn

Tone III, Special Melody: Awed by the beauty of thy virginity...

When Thou didst appear in the Jordan and wast baptized by the Forerunner, O Christ our Savior, Thou wast borne witness to as the beloved Son; wherefore, Thou wast revealed as equally without beginning like the Father, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Thee. And, enlightened by Him, we cry aloud: Glory to God in Trinity!

Glory..., Both now...:
Another Sessional hymn, in Tone IV, Special Melody: Go thou quickly before...

Thou didst sanctify the streams of the Jordan and didst crush the might of sin, O Christ our God; Thou didst bow Thy head beneath the hand of the Forerunner and hast saved the human race from deception. Wherefore, we entreat Thee: Save Thou our souls!

After the Second Chanting of the Psalter, Sessional Hymn

Tone V

Special Melody: The Word Who with the Father and the Spirit is equally without beginning...

Thou hast wrapped Thyself in the streams of the Jordan, O Thou Who dost most gloriously clothe Thyself in light, and Thou hast restored therein the nature of Adam, which had been corrupted by evil disobedience, O Word of God. Wherefore, we all praise and glorify Thy holy Epiphany.

Glory..., Both now...:
Another Sessional hymn, in Tone IV, Special Melody: Joseph marvelled...

Wherefore didst thou marvel, O River Jordan, seeing the Invisible One naked? "I beheld and trembled," it said, "for how could I have desired not to be filled with awe of Him and withdraw?" The angels were filled with fear, beholding Him; heaven was affrighted, and the earth quaked; the sea, and all things visible and invisible, were troubled. Christ appeared in the Jordan, to sanctify the waters.

Athonite Chant





Ye that <u>stand</u> in the <u>house</u> of the Lord, in the courts of the <u>house</u> of our God. Alle<u>lu</u>ia. O Lord, Thy name endureth for<u>ev</u>er, and Thy memorial unto gener<u>a</u>tion and gener<u>a</u>tion. Alle<u>lu</u>ia.

Blessed is the <u>Lord</u> out of <u>Sion</u>, who dwelleth in Je<u>ru</u>salem. Alle<u>lu</u>ia.





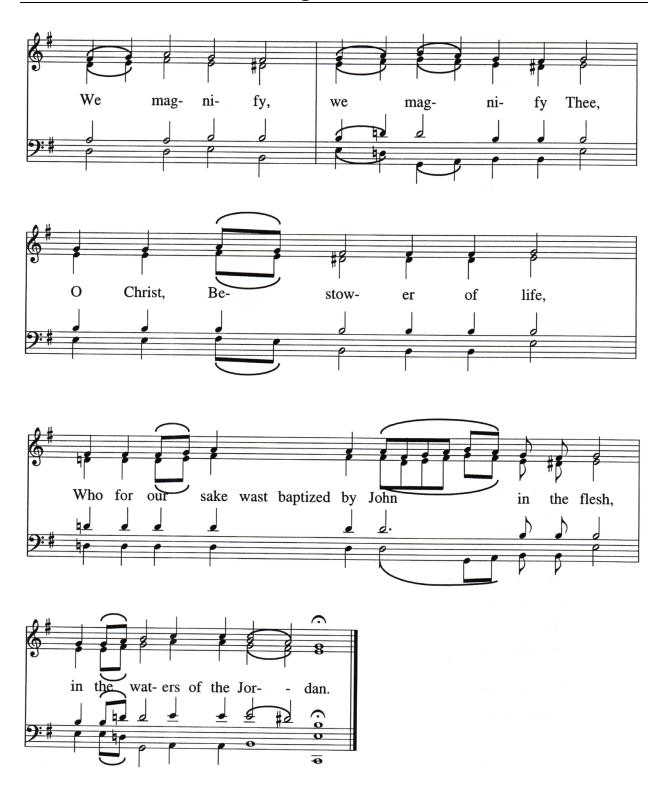


To Him that established the earth upon the \underline{wa} ters; Alle \underline{lu} ia, alle \underline{lu} ia; for His mercy endureth for \underline{ev} er. Alle \underline{lu} ia.

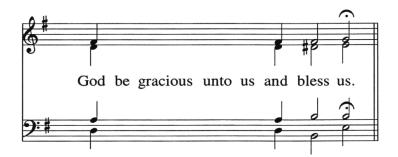
With a strong hand and a \underline{lof} ty arm; Alle \underline{lu} ia, alle \underline{lu} ia; for His mercy endureth for \underline{ev} er. Alleluia.

O give thanks unto the God of $\underline{\text{Hea}}$ ven; Alle $\underline{\text{lu}}$ ia, alle $\underline{\text{lu}}$ ia; for His mercy endureth for $\underline{\text{ev}}$ er. Alle $\underline{\text{lu}}$ ia.

Magnification



Selected Psalm Verses



Cause Thy face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us. (Psalm 66: 2)

Come unto Him, and be enlightened. (Psalm 33: 6)

And your faces shall not be ashamed. (Psalm 33: 6)

The rushings of the river make glad the city of God. (*Psalm 45: 5*)

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Psalm 28: 3)

The Lord is upon the many waters. (Psalm 28: 3)

The rivers have lifted up, O Lord, the rivers have lifted up their voices. (*Psalm 92: 3*)

At the voices of many waters. (Psalm 92: 4)

Therefore will I remember Thee from the land of Jordan and Hermoniem. (Psalm 41: 7)

For in Thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light. (Psalm 41: 10)

The sea beheld and fled, Jordan turned back. (Psalm 113: 3)

Thou didst establish the sea by Thy might. (Psalm 73: 13)

Thou didst break the heads of the dragons in the water. (Psalm 73: 13)

Thou hast cloven fountains and torrents. (Psalm 73: 15)

The waters saw Thee, O God, the waters saw Thee and were afraid. (Psalm 76: 17)

In the sea are Thy byways, and Thy paths in many waters. (*Psalm 76: 20*)

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. (Psalm 103: 24)

Glory..., Both now...

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to Thee, O God! Thrice

We magnify Thee, O Christ Bestower of life, Who for our sake wast baptized by John in the flesh, in the waters of the Jordan.

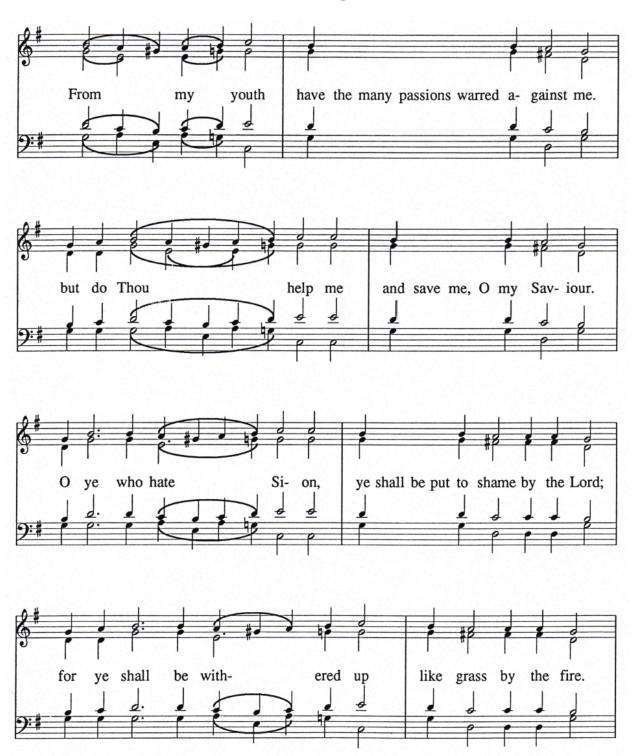
After the Magnification, Sessional Hymns

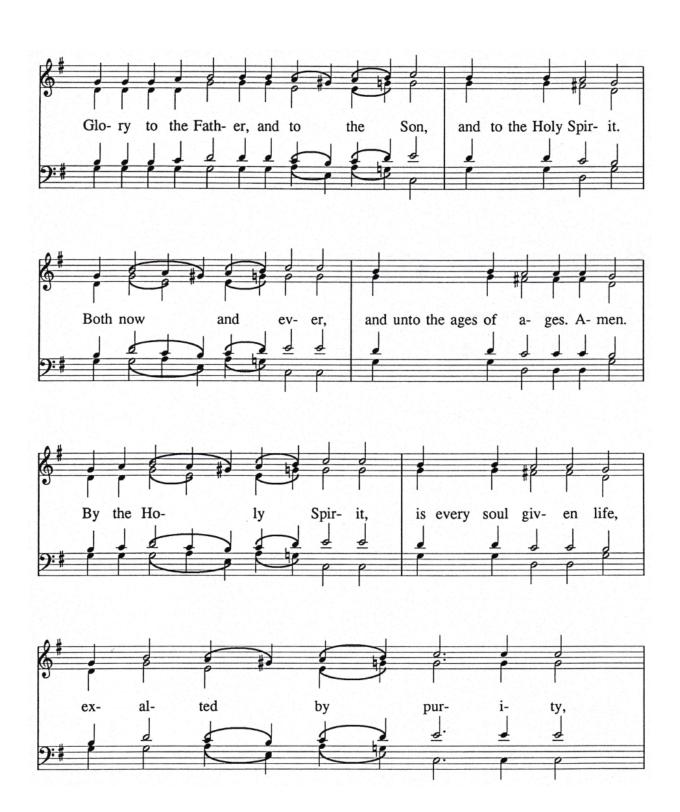
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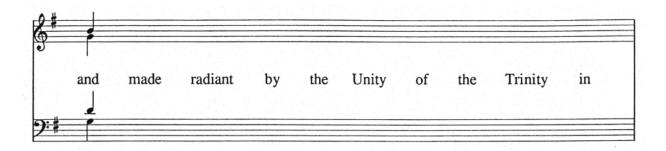
Come, O ye faithful, let us behold where Christ was baptized, that after Him we may follow to the River Jordan, to the voice of one crying in the wilderness, and there may see the Creator of Adam touched by the hand of His servant, in His ineffable loving-kindness; and may cry aloud to Him: Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, to sanctify the waters in the Jordan!

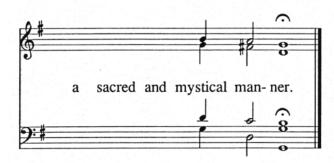
Glory..., Both now...: The foregoing is repeated.

Tone IV, Antiphon I

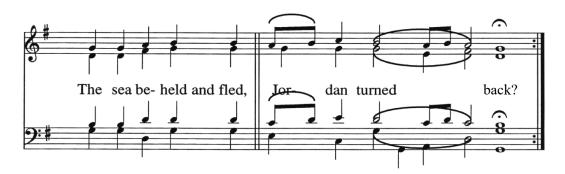






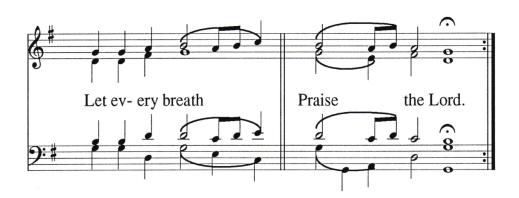


The sea beheld and fled, Jordan turned back.



Stichos: What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back?

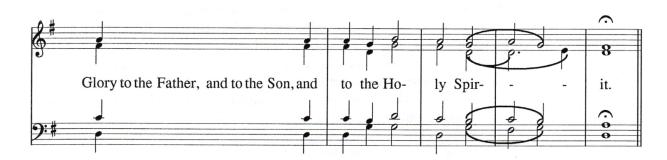
Let Every Breath Praise the Lord, in Tone IV



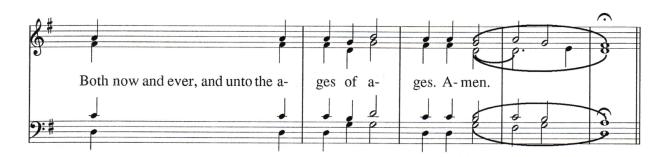
Holy Gospel Mark §2 (1:9-11)

At that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him: and there came a voice from heaven, saying: "Thou art My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

Tone II

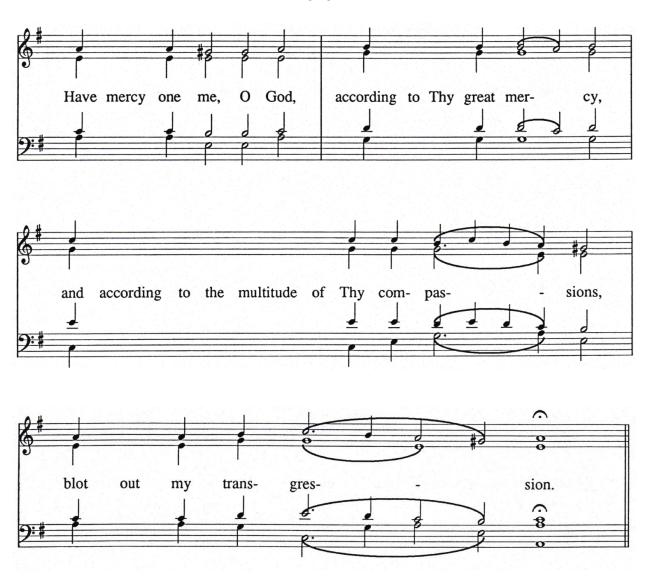


Let all things rejoice today,/ for Christ hath been baptized// in the Jordan!



Let all things rejoice today,/ for Christ hath been baptized// in the Jordan!

Tone VI



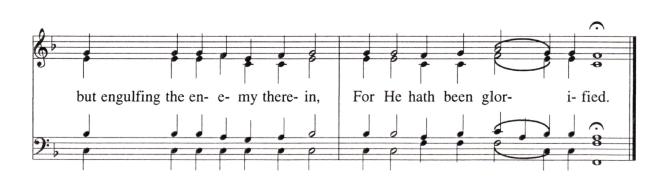
Sticheron of the Feast, in Tone VI

God the Word appeared in the flesh unto the human race/ and stood forth to be baptized in the Jordan./ And the Forerunner said to Him:/ "How can I stretch forth my hand/ and touch the head of Thee Who holdest all things?/ Even though Thou art Mary's Child,/ yet do I know Thee to be the preëternal God,/ Who art hymned by the seraphim,/ yet goest about on the earth./ A servant knoweth not how to baptize his master.// O unapproachable Lord, glory be to Thee!"

Ode I

Canon I, in Tone II
The composition of Cosmas the Monk





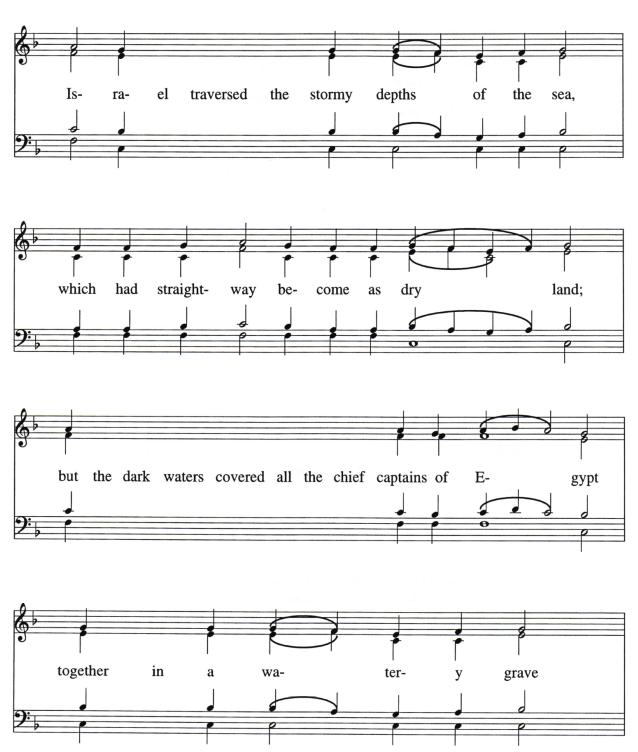
Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

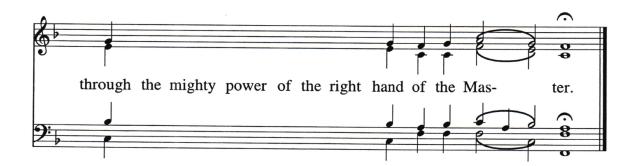
The Lord, the King of the ages, restoreth corrupted Adam with the streams of the Jordan and crusheth the heads of the serpents who make their nest therein, for He hath been glorified.

The Lord Who became incarnate of the Virgin, clothing material flesh in the immaterial fire of the Godhead, doth wrap Himself in the water of the Jordan, for He hath been glorified.

He Who washeth away the defilement of men, cleanseth Himself for them in the Jordan, desiring to make Himself like unto them, yet remaining as He was before, the Lord Who enlighteneth those in darkness, for He hath been glorified.

Ode I
Canon II, in Tone II
The composition of John of Damascus



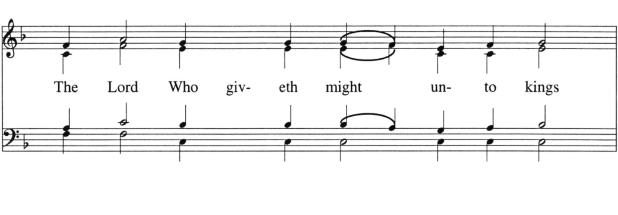


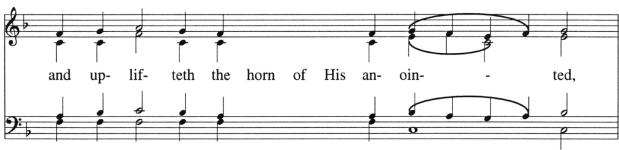
When the light of the radiant Dawn shone forth upon mortal men, coming forth from the wilderness to the waters of the Jordan, Thou, O King of the Sun, didst bow Thy neck before him, that Thou mightest ransom our forefather from the minions of darkness and cleanse creation of all defilement.

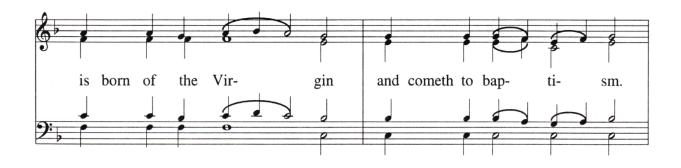
O Word Who art without beginning, Thou hast buried man with Thyself in the stream, and Thou dost lead him forth new again, who had been corrupted by deception; and the mighty voice of the Father testifieth to Thee ineffably, saying: This is My beloved Son, the Child Who is equal to Me by nature.

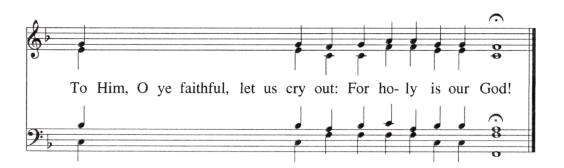
Katavasia: The first choir chanteth the irmos of Canon I, whereupon the second choir chanteth the irmos of Canon II.

Ode III *Canon I*





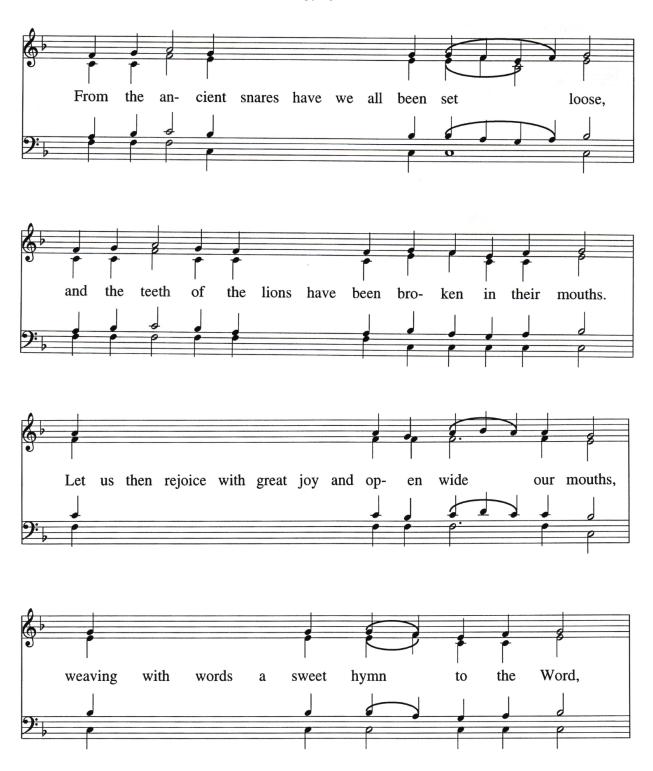


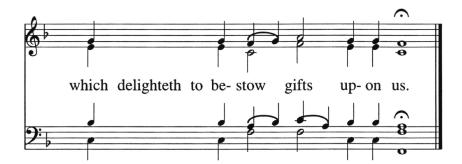


O Church of Christ, who of old wast barren and grievously childless, be glad today; for by water and the Spirit children have been born unto thee, who cry out with faith: There is none as holy as our God!

In the wilderness the Forerunner crieth out with a loud voice: "Prepare ye the ways of Christ and make straight the paths of our God, crying out with faith: There is none as holy as our God!"

Ode IIICanon II





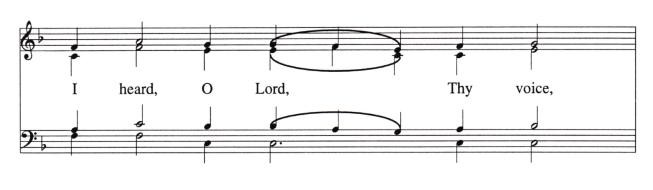
He who once assumed the guise of a malignant serpent and planted death in the garden of creation, is now cast into darkness by Christ's coming in the flesh; and by assailing the Master, the Dawn which hath shone forth upon us, he crusheth his own loathsome head.

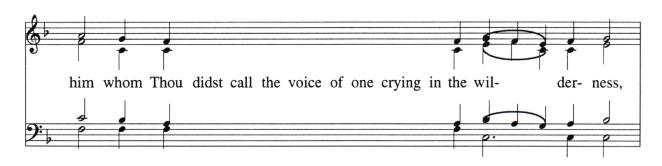
The Master draweth to Himself the divinely crafted nature of man, which had been overthrown by the tyranny of greed; and He restoreth mortal men, granting them a new birth, and accomplishing thereby a mighty work; for He is come to cleanse our nature.

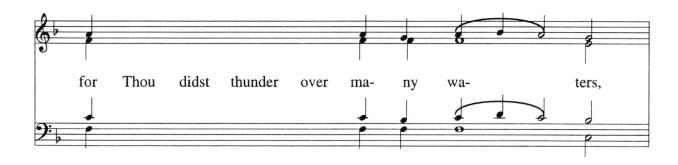
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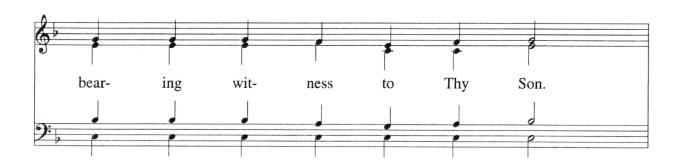
When Thou didst illumine all by Thine epiphany, the salty sea of unbelief withdrew, and the Jordan, which flowed down, turned back, bearing us up to the heavens. Yet by the height of Thy divine commandments, O Christ God, and through the supplications of the Theotokos, have mercy upon us.

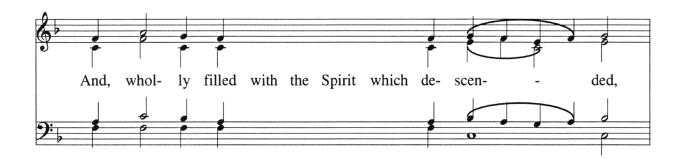
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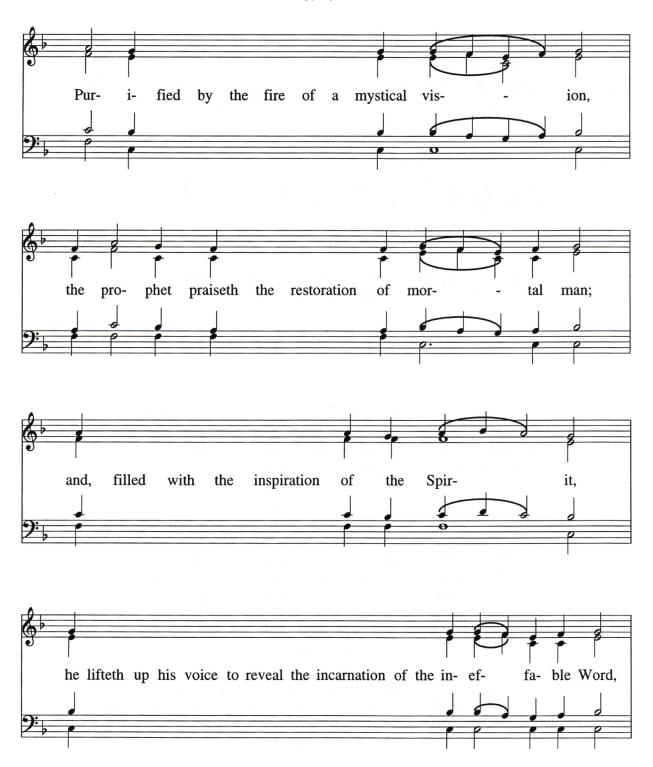
Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

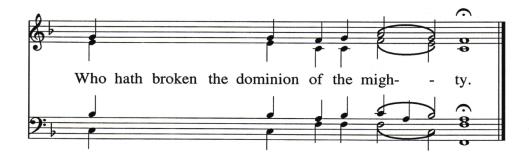
"Who hath ever seen the sun cleansed, which is dazzling by nature?" the herald crieth out. "Am I then to wash with water Thee, the Effulgence of glory, the Image of the eternal Father? Am I, who am grass, to touch Thy divinity? For Thou art Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God!"

"When he happened upon Thee, Moses showed the divine reverence he felt, for he understood that it was Thee Who spake out of the bush; and he straightway averted his face. How, then, can I gaze directly at Thee? How can I touch Thee with my hand? For Thou art Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God!"

"Wisely doing what is spiritual, and being honored with speech, yet stand I in awe before inanimate things. For if I baptize Thee, the mountain which smoked with fire, the sea which parted in twain and this Jordan which turned back will be mine accusers. For Thou art Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God!"

Ode IV *Canon II*



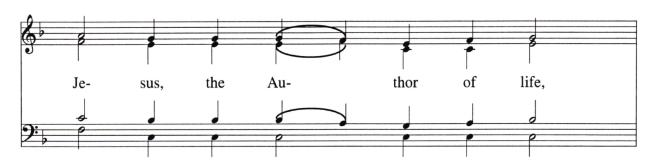


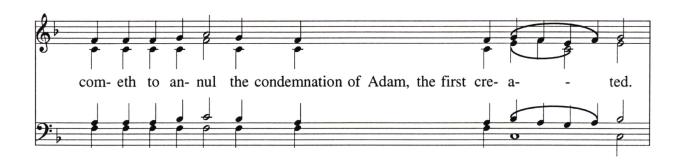
O most radiant Word, Who hast been sent forth by the Father, Thou comest to repel utterly the night of evil darkness and to uproot the sins of men, and by Thy baptism to draw forth children of light from the streams of the Jordan, O Good One.

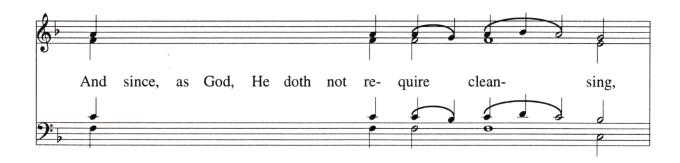
When he saw in very truth the Word Who had been foretold, the herald bore witness of Him to creation, and cried, plainly saying: "This is He Who was before me, yet cometh after. Though like us in form, He hath shone forth with divine power to take away our hateful sin!"

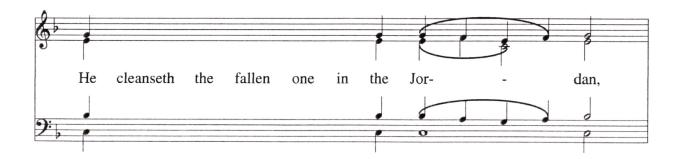
That He might bring His own back to the life-giving pastures of paradise, the Word of God layeth siege to the lairs of the dragons, and destroying their manifold snares, he assaileth him who hath bruised all mankind, and, imprisoning him, delivereth creation.

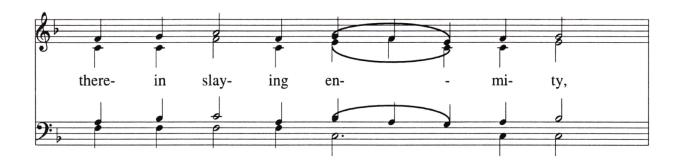
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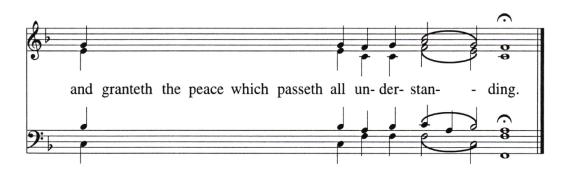










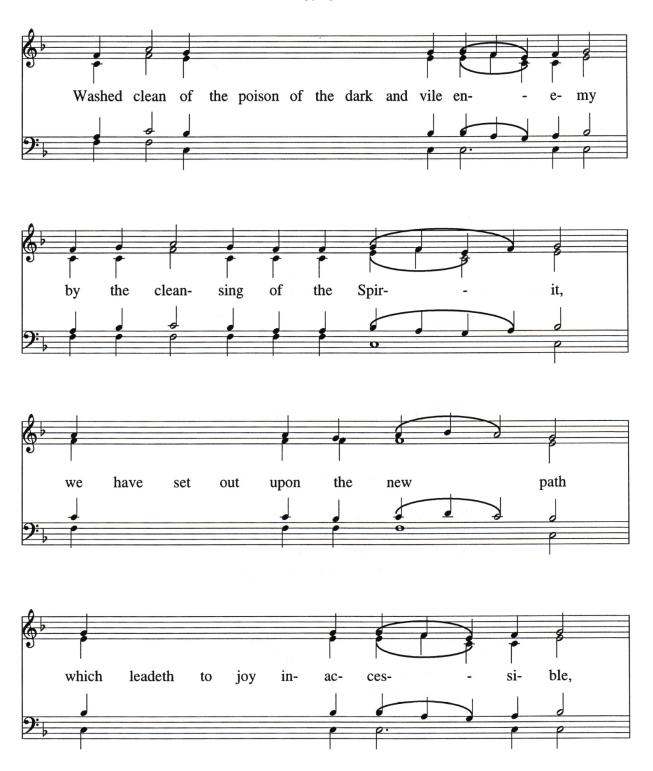


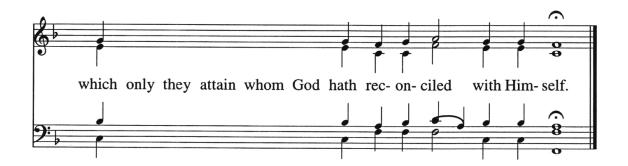
Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

When countless people went down to be baptized of John, Thou Thyself didst stand in their midst. And he announced to those present: "Who hath told you, O rebellious ones, to avoid the impending wrath? Bring forth fruits worthy of Christ; for He standeth before you, granting peace."

Standing in their midst, the Creator and Fashioner alone trieth the hearts of all; and taking his winnowing-fan in His hand, He most wisely doth separate the harvest of the whole world, letting the chaff fall away; and He granteth eternal life to the fruitful.

Ode V *Canon II*

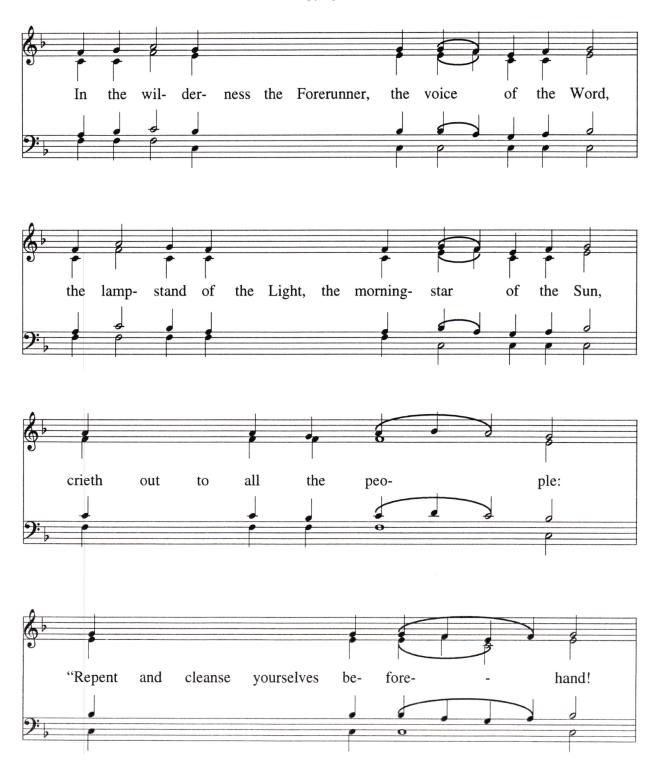


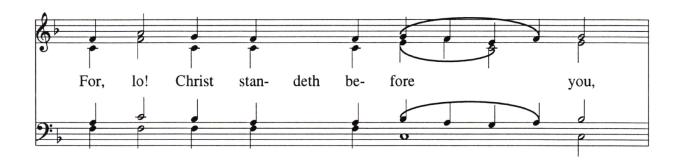


Beholding him whom He had formed of dust bound by inescapable bonds in the darkness of sin, the Creator raised him up and laid him on His shoulders; and now, in the midst of abundant waters, He cleanseth him of the ancient shame of Adam's inclination toward sin.

With piety let us eagerly hasten to the most pure wellsprings of the stream of salvation: and, gazing upon the Word Who is come forth from the incorrupt Virgin, let us drink the pure water which quencheth our holy thirst, gently healing the infirmity of the world.

Ode VI *Canon I*





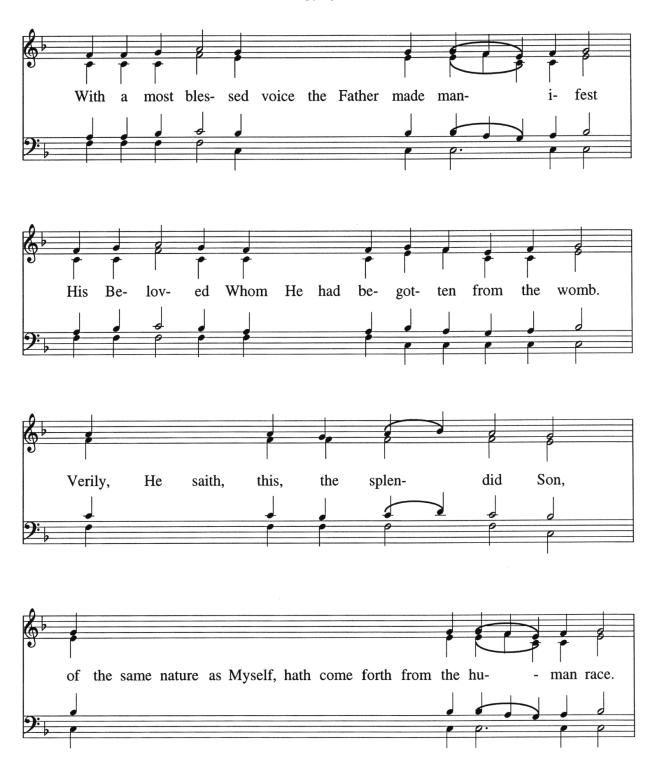


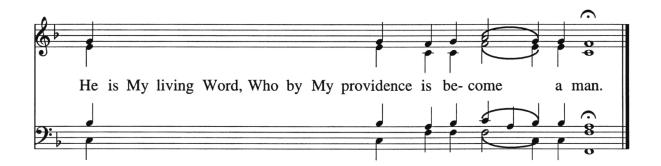
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Christ, Who was begotten incorruptibly of God the Father, is incarnate of the Virgin without defilement. The Forerunner teacheth that it is not possible to loose the sandals, the bond between the Word and us, of Him Who delivereth mortals from deception.

With the uttermost fire shall Christ baptize His enemies, who do not acknowledge Him as God; but He shall restore with the water of grace those who accept His divinity, delivering them from their transgressions.

Ode VICanon II

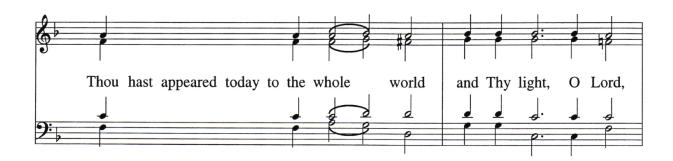


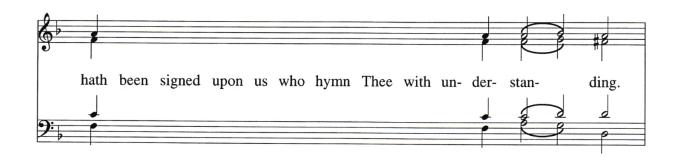


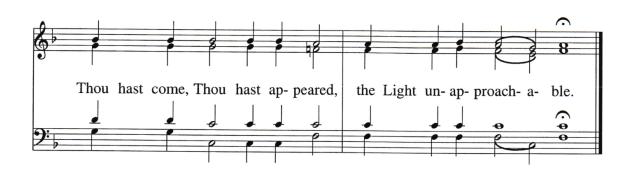
The prophet, mysteriously swallowed up for the space of three nights in the belly of the sea monster, emerged again, making manifest beforehand to all our regeneration in the last times, and our deliverance from the dragon that slayeth mankind.

When the shining vaults of heaven were opened, he who knew the Scriptures beheld the Spirit, Who proceedeth from the Father and abideth in the all-pure Word, descending in ineffable manner in the form of a dove; and he commanded the multitudes to hasten to the Master.

Kontakion of the Feast, in Tone IV

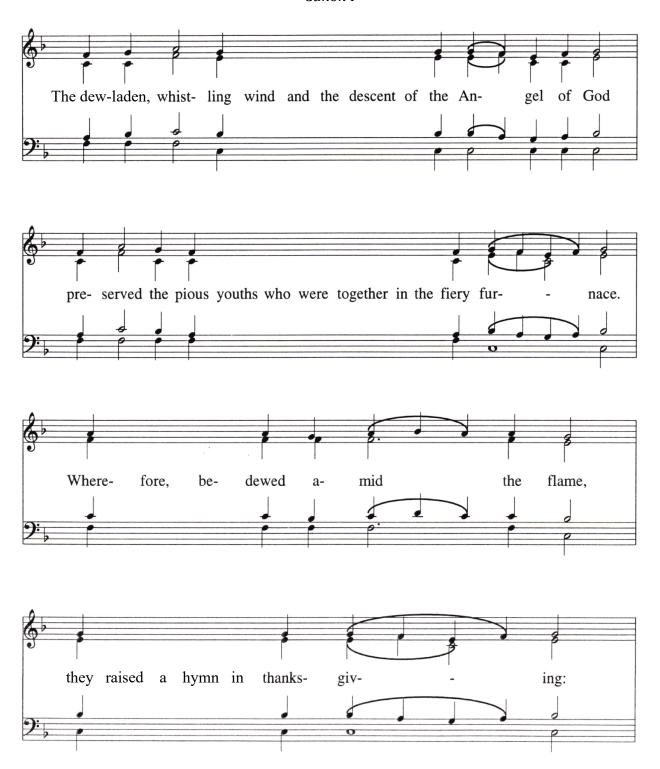


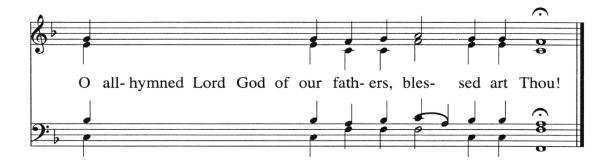




Ikos: Upon Galilee of the nations, upon the land of Zebulon and the land of Naphthali, as the prophet said, a great Light hath shone, even Christ. To those who sat in darkness a bright dawn hath appeared, shining forth from Bethlehem. The Lord born of Mary, the Sun of Righteousness, shineth forth with splendor upon the whole inhabited earth. Come, therefore, all ye naked children of Adam, and let us clothe ourselves in Him, that we may be warmed; for He Who covereth the naked and enlighteneth those in darkness, hath come. He hath appeared, the Light unapproachable!

Ode VII *Canon I*



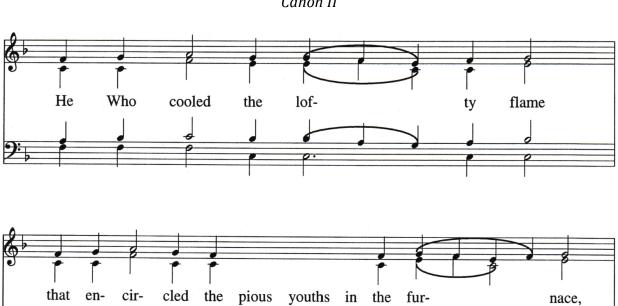


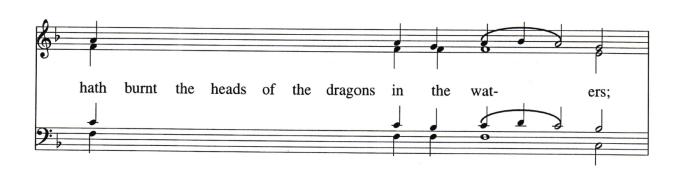
As in heaven, with trembling and wonder the angelic hosts stood before Thee in the Jordan, witnessing the breadth of God's condescension; for the God of our fathers, Who holdeth the firmament of the waters above, stood, incarnate as man, in the waters.

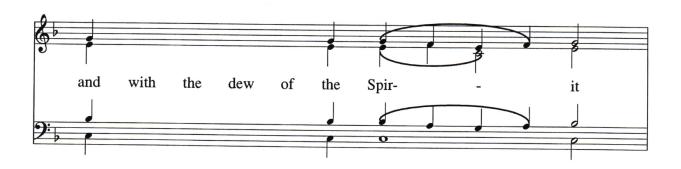
The cloud and the sea of old prefigured the wonder of divine baptism, for the ancient people of the law were baptized therein when they fled Egypt. The sea was an image of the water, and the cloud was an image of the Spirit, whereby we are made perfect. And we cry out: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God, forever!

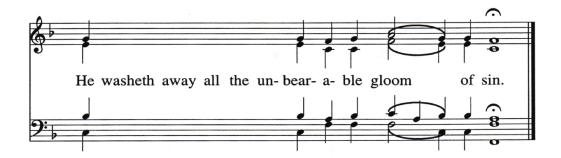
O all ye faithful, in Him have we received perfection; and, theologizing continually with the angels we glorify the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. For, lo! the consubstantial Trinity of Hypostases is the One God. To Him do we chant: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God, forever!

Ode VIICanon II







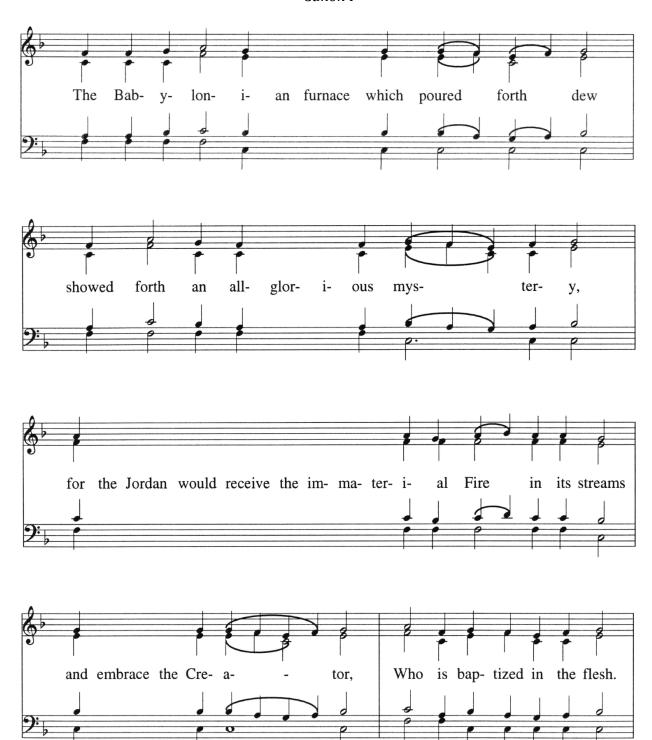


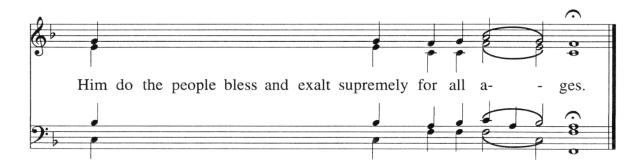
The fierce Assyrian flame that prefigured Thee hast Thou quenched, transforming it into dew. And now, O Christ, Thou hast clothed Thyself in water as in flame, and Thou burnest up the baneful malice concealed in its depths, which calleth men to fall with faltering step.

When the Jordan was parted of old, the people of Israel passed clean over on dry ground, prefiguring Thee, O most powerful Lord, Who now bearest up creation in the waters without touching it, leading it to a better and imperishable path.

We know that in the beginning Thou didst, in Thy mercy, bring the waters of the flood upon the earth to destroy every living substance that Thou hadst made. And now, O Christ, Who workest wonders strange and most great, Thou hast drowned sin in the waters of Thy compassion, unto the salvation of mortal men.

Ode VIII *Canon I*



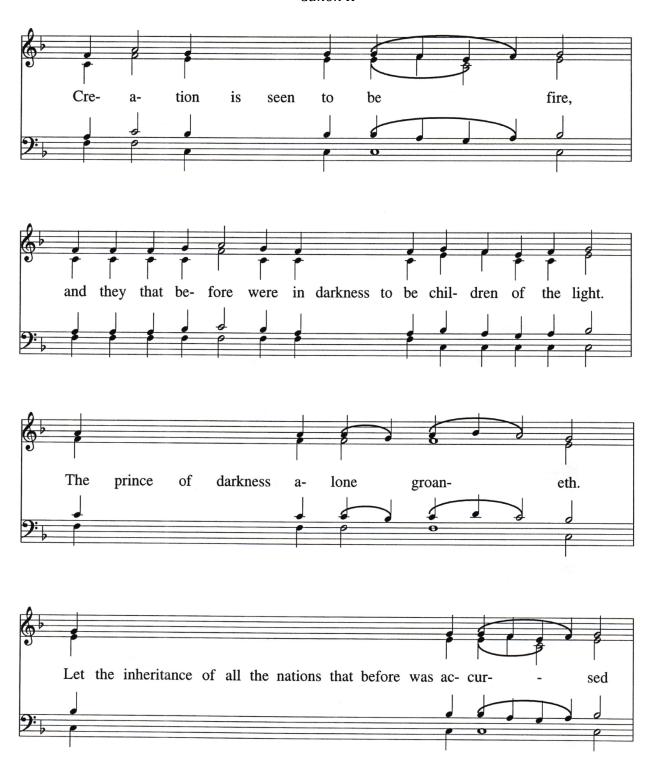


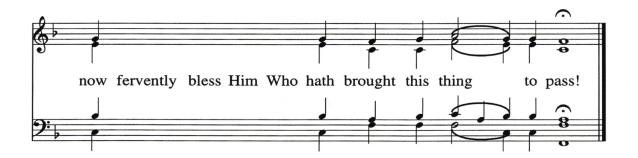
"Put aside all fear," the Deliverer said to the Forerunner; "Obey Me, in that I am good, and touch Me, for tangible have I become by nature. Submit to My commands and baptize Me Who am come down." Him do the people bless and exalt supremely for all ages.

When the Baptist heard the words of the Master, he stretched forth his hand with trembling, and as he touched the head of his Creator he cried out to Him Who was being baptized: "Sanctify me, for Thou art my God, Whom the people bless and exalt supremely for all ages!"

The Trinity was revealed in the Jordan, for the Father, the all-divine Essence Himself, announced: "This One Who is baptized is My beloved Son!" And the Spirit came upon Him Who was like unto Him, Whom the people bless and exalt supremely for all ages.

Ode VIIICanon II

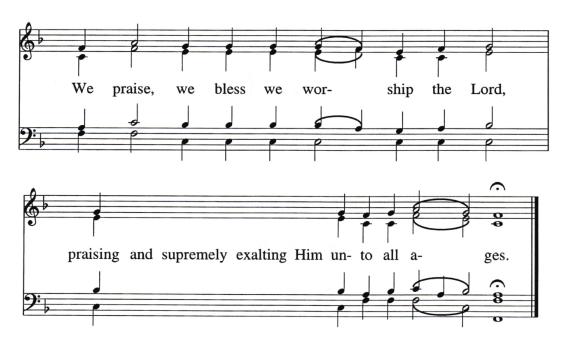




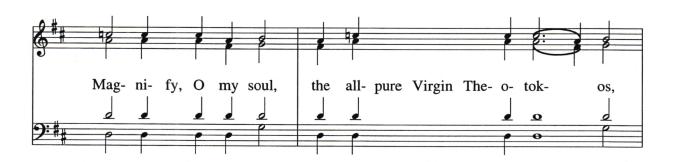
Sprinkled with dew in the midst of the fire, the three godly children plainly prefigured how the transcendent Nature, which is resplendent with most radiant rays of threefold holiness, doth, through human nature, mercifully consume all pernicious falsehood with the fire of dew.

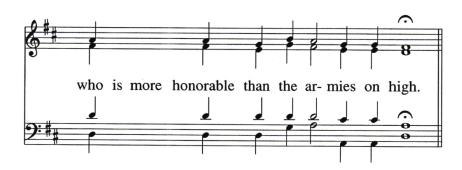
Let the whole of earthly creation be clothed in white, for this day it is raised up from its fall to heaven; and, washed and most splendidly cleansed in the flowing waters by the Word, by Whom all things are preserved, it hath escaped its former sins.

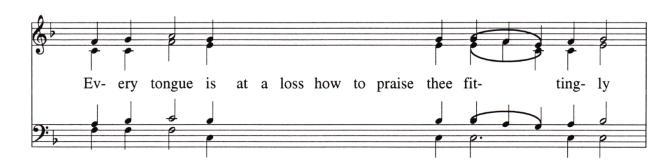
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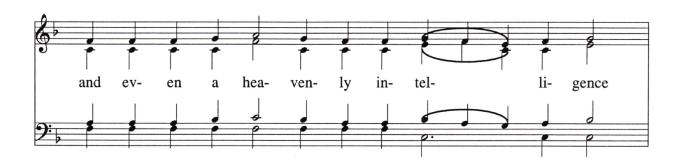


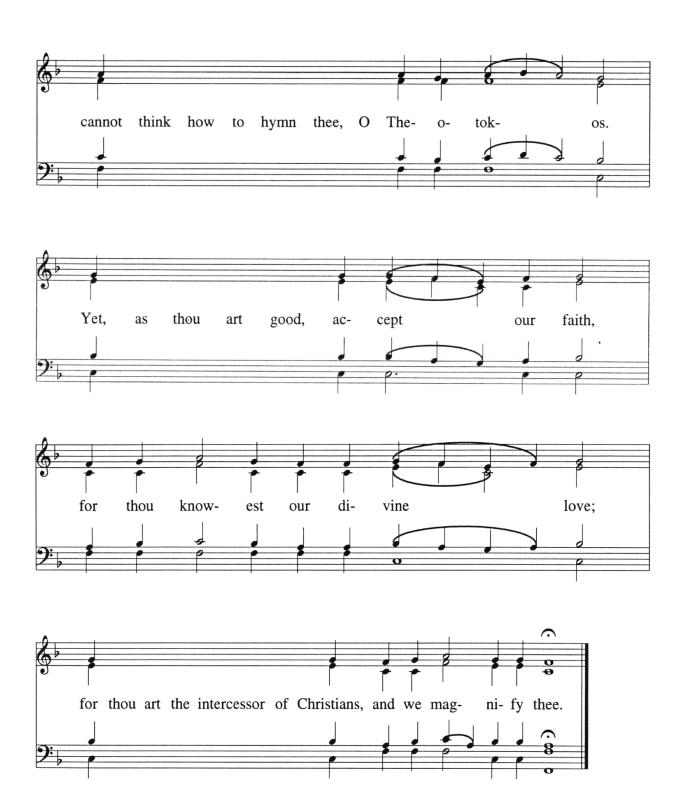
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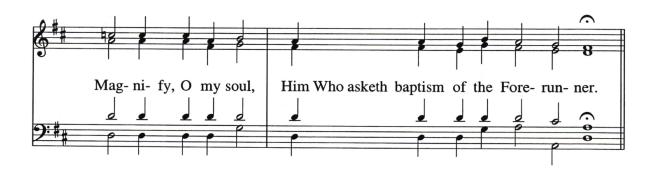




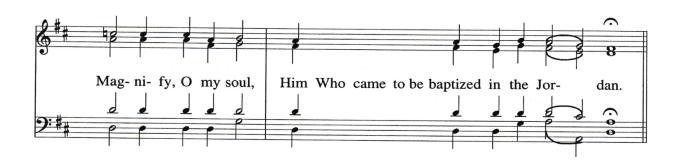




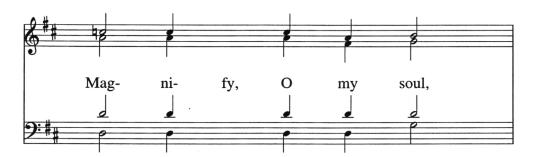


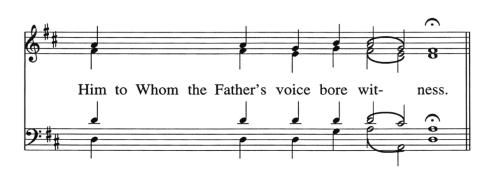


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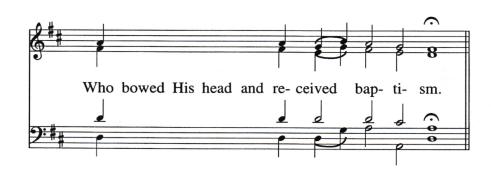
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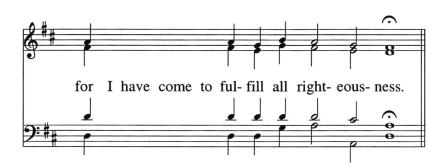


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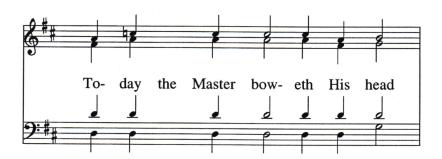
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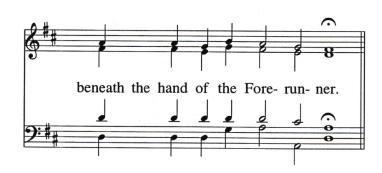


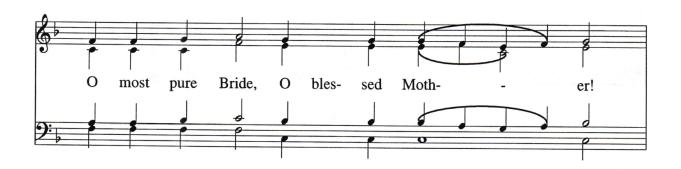


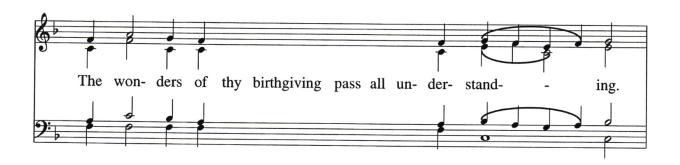
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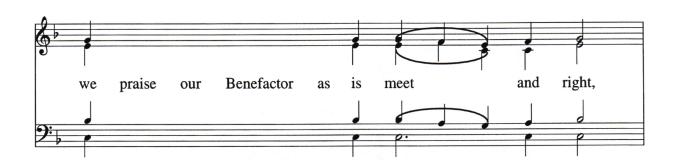


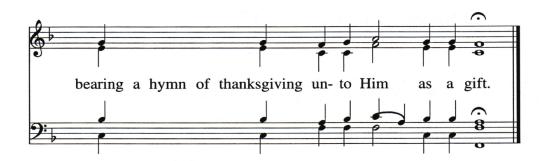


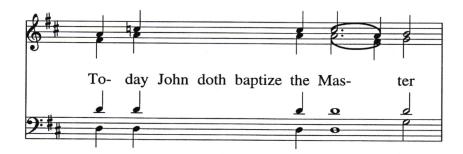


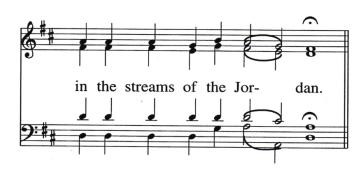




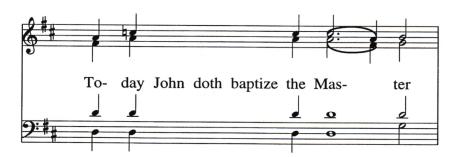


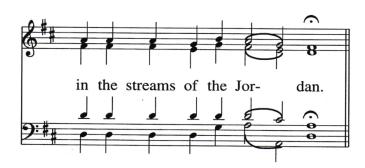




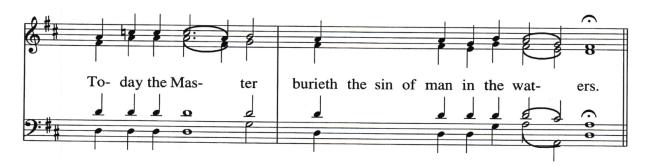


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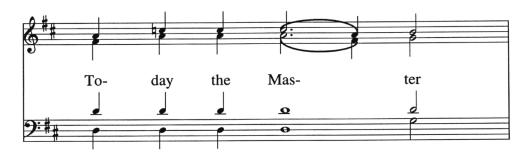


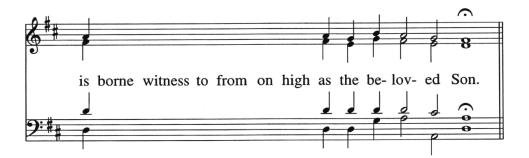


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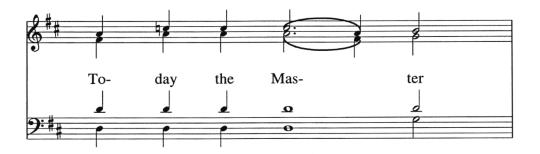


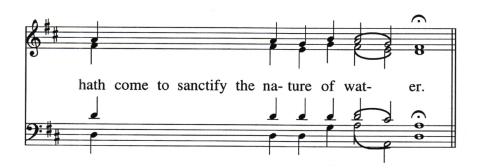
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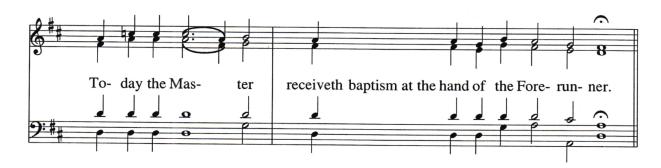


O King Who is without beginning, through the communion of the Spirit dost Thou anoint and make perfect the nature of man, and cleansing it in the pure streams of baptism, putting the arrogant might of darkness to shame, Thou now dost raise it up to eternal life.





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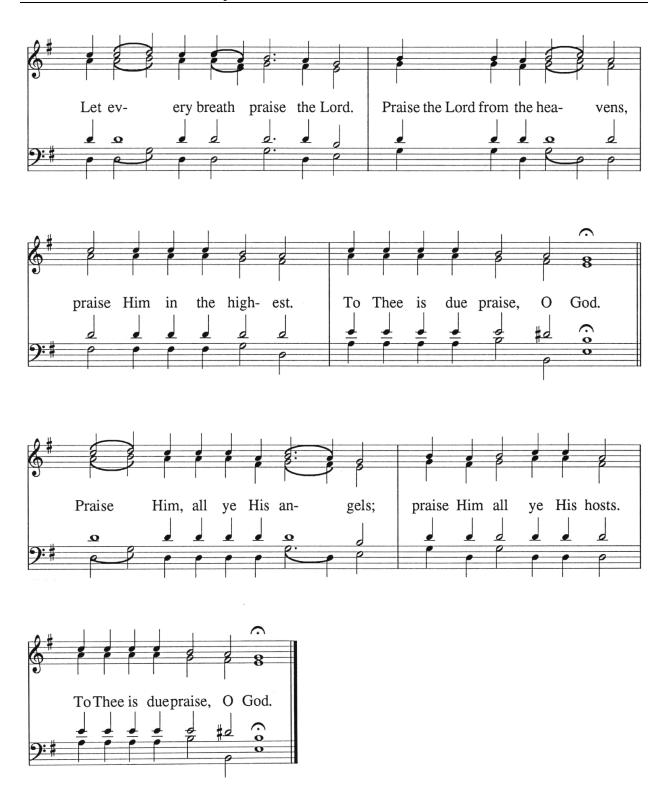
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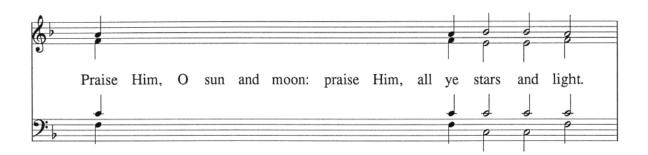
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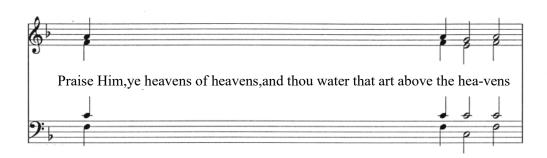
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Let Every Breath Praise the Lord, in Tone I



Verses of the Psalms of Praise





Let them praise the name of the Lord; for He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them for ever, yea, for ever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall <u>not</u> pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all ye abyses,

Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,

The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,

The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,

Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all the <u>judges</u> of the earth,

Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of <u>Him</u> alone.

His praise is above the earth and Heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people.

This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw <u>nigh</u> unto Him.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the <u>church</u> of the saints.

Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them <u>chant</u> unto Him.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with sal<u>va</u>tion.

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall <u>be</u> in their hands,

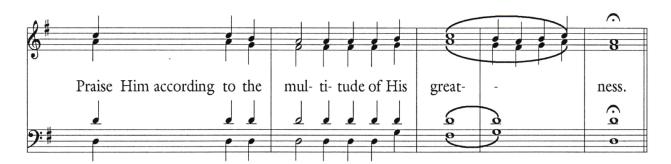
To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the <u>peoples</u>,

To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron.

To do among them the judgment that is written, this glory shall be to <u>all</u> His saints.

Praise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.

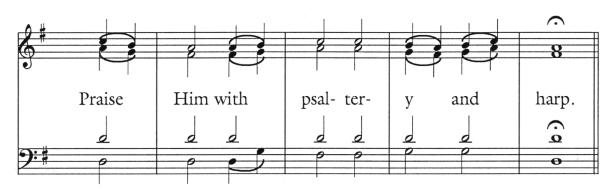
Stichos: Praise Him for His mighty acts:



The composition of Patriarch Germanus

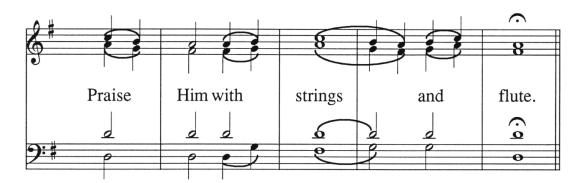
Christ our Savior, the Light of Light,/ hath shone forth upon the world,/ manifesting Himself as God.// Let us worship Him, O ye people!

Stichos: Praise Him with the sound of trumpet:



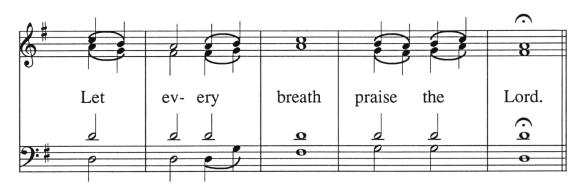
How can we who are servants/ honor the Master as is meet?// For He hath restored us all in the waters.

Stichos: Praise Him with timbrel and dance:



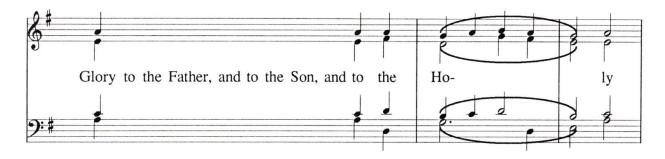
Baptized in the Jordan,/ touched by Thy servant's hand, O our Savior,/ Thou didst sanctify the waters,/ healing the sufferings of the world./ Great is the mystery of Thine epiphany!// O Lord Who lovest mankind, glory be to Thee!

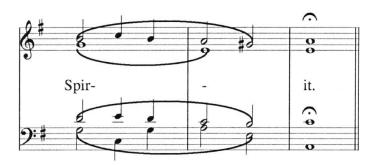
Stichos: Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation:



The true Light hath appeared and giveth enlightenment to all./ Christ is baptized with us, Who is above all in purity./ He draweth sanctification into the water/ and becometh the cleansing of our souls,/ which is at once earthly and transcendeth the heavens./ Salvation is accomplished through the laver,/ and the Spirit cometh through water./ Through immersion is our ascent to God accomplished.// Wondrous are Thy works, O Lord! Glory be to Thee!

Glory, in Tone VI

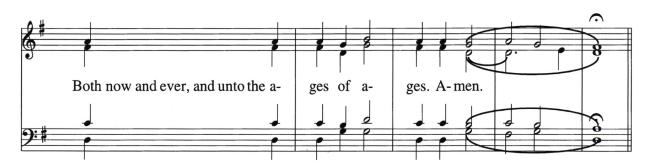




The composition of Anatolius

Thou didst clothe Thyself in the waters of the Jordan,/ O Savior Who art clothed in light as with a garment;/ and Thou Who hast measured heaven by Thy span/ didst bow Thy head before the Forerunner,/ that Thou mightest turn the world away from falsehood and save it,// in that Thou lovest mankind.

Both Now, Theotokion, in Tone II



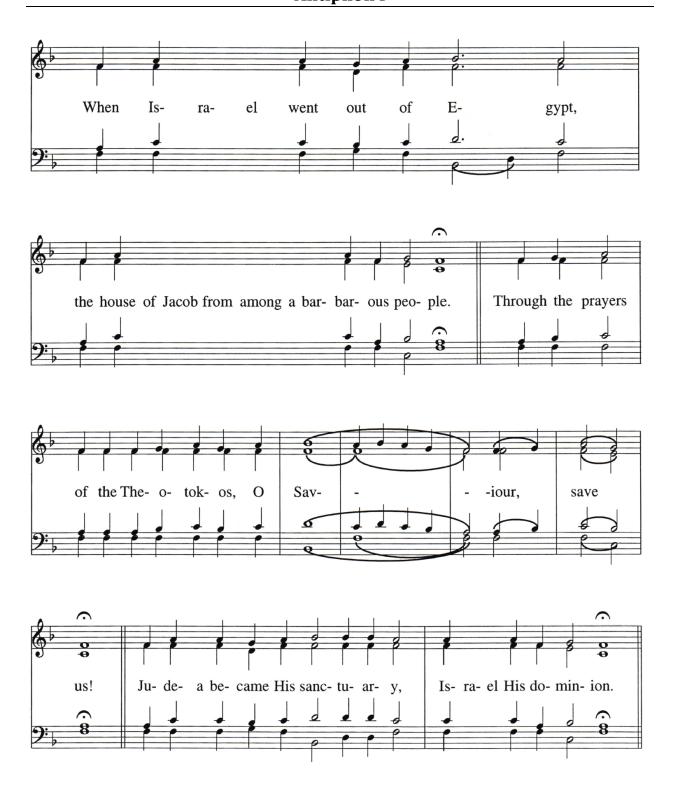
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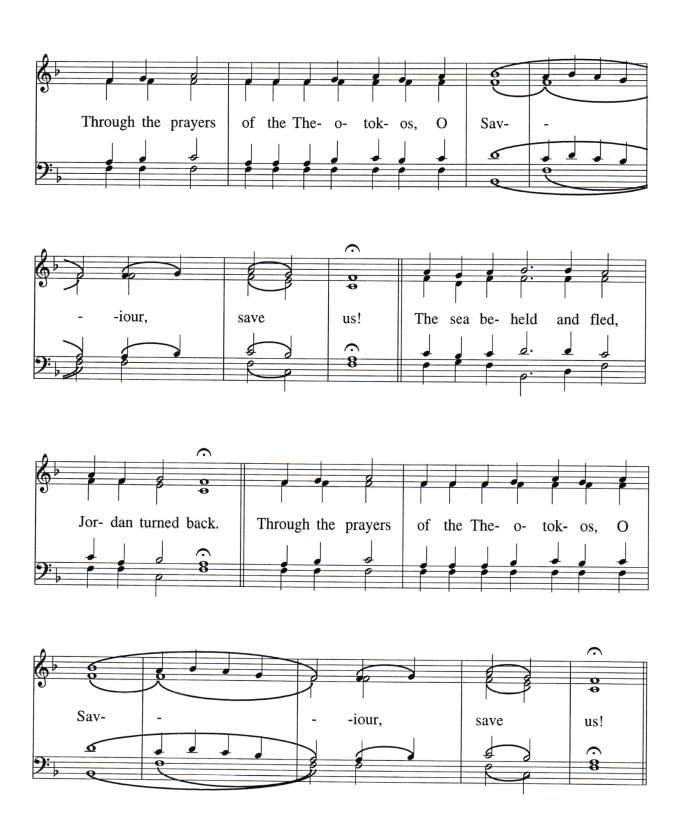
Today Christ hath come to be baptized in the Jordan!/ Today John toucheth the head of the Master!/ The hosts of heaven were in awe,/ beholding this all-glorious mystery;/ the sea saw and fled, the Jordan, seeing it, turned back./ But we, illumined, cry out:/ Glory to God Who hath appeared,// was seen on earth and hath illumined the world!

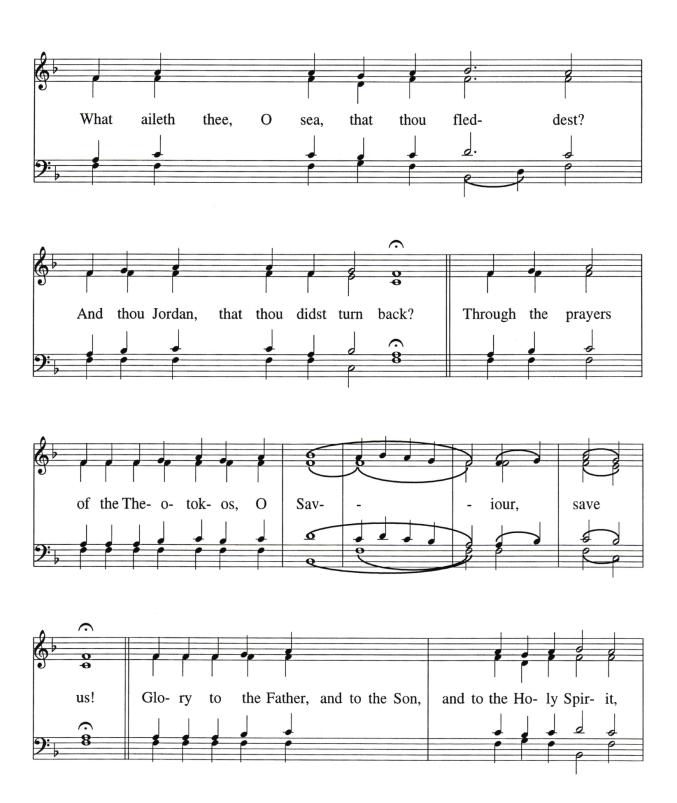
Troparion of the Feast, in Tone I

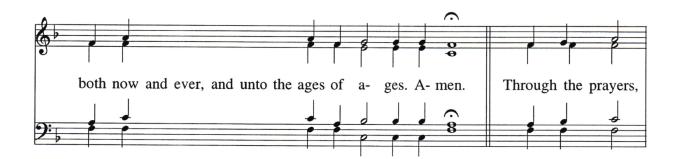
When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan,/ O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest:/ for the voice of the Father bore witness unto Thee,/ calling Thee His beloved Son;/ and the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the certainty of the word./ O Christ God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world,// glory be to Thee!

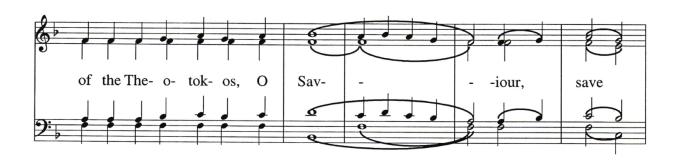
Divine Liturgy Antiphon I









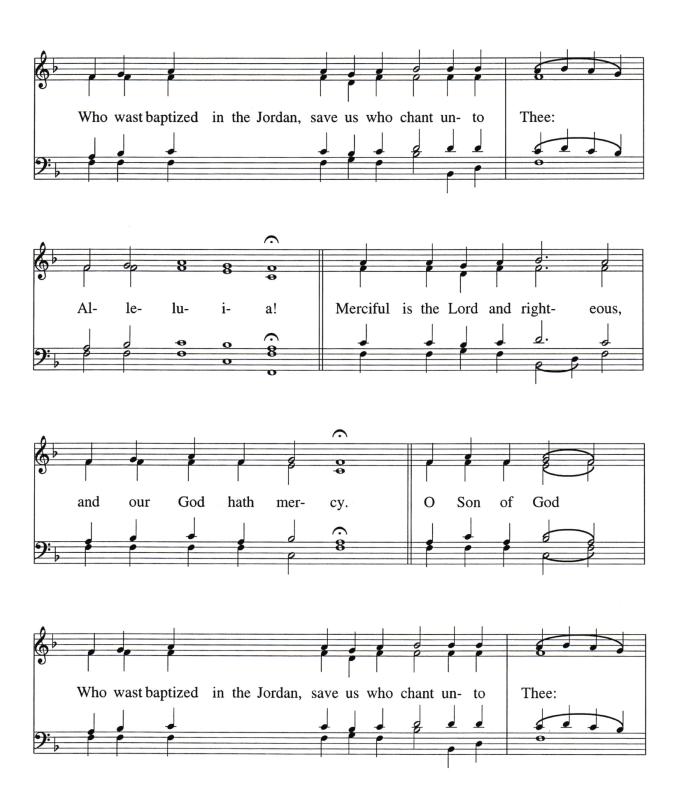


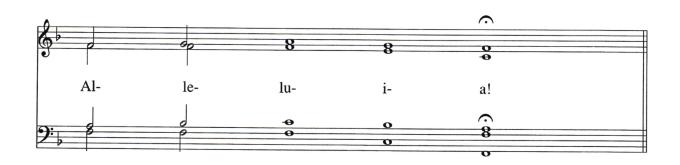


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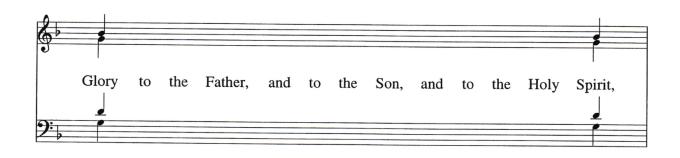


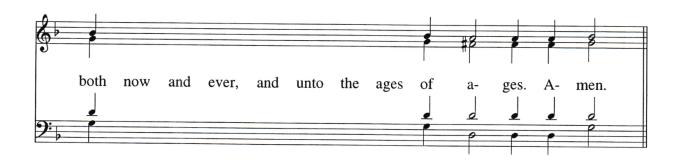


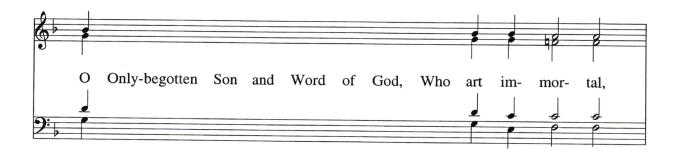


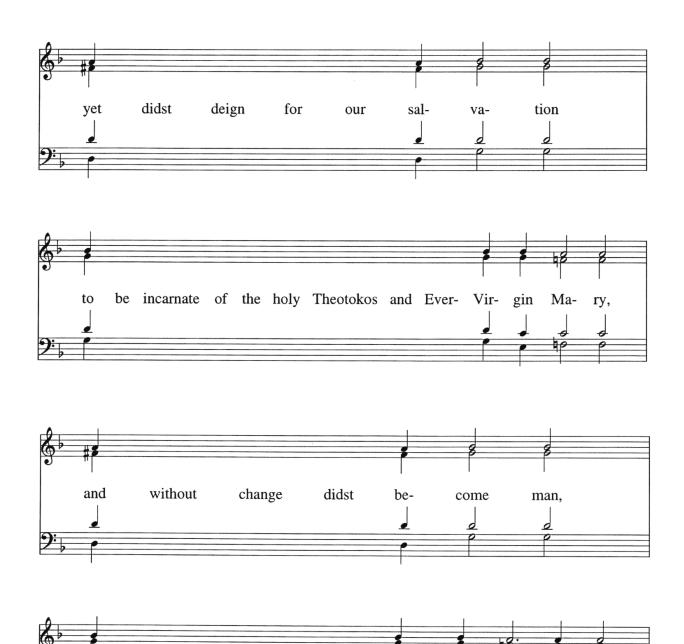


O Only-Begotten Son





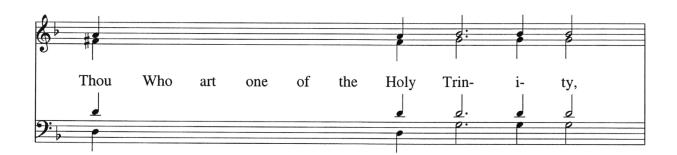


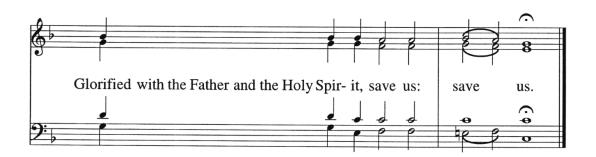


down death

by death,

and wast crucified, O Christ God, trampling





Antiphon III

Stichos: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan,/ O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest:/ for the voice of the Father bore witness unto Thee,/ calling Thee His beloved Son;/ and the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the certainty of the word./ O Christ God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world,// glory be to Thee! *Thrice*

Stichos: Let the house of Israel now say that He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord...

Stichos: Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord...

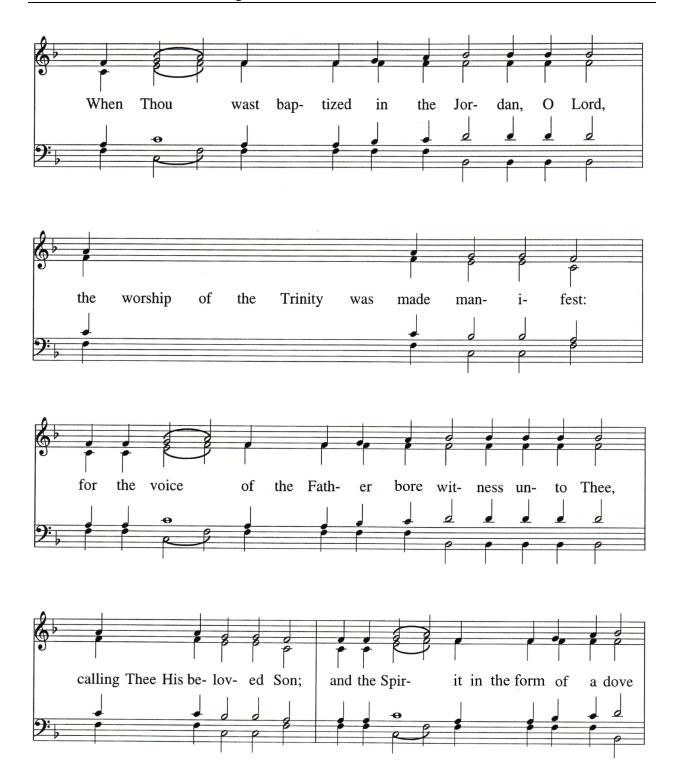
Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

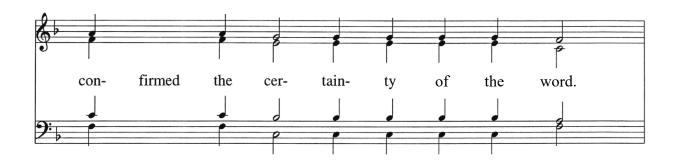
When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord...

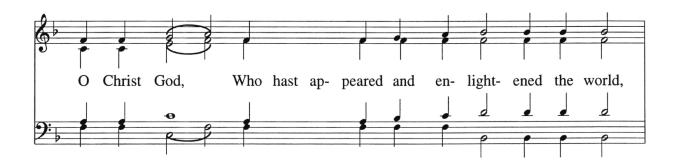
At the Entrance

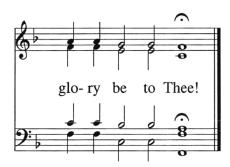
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

Troparion of the Feast, in Tone I



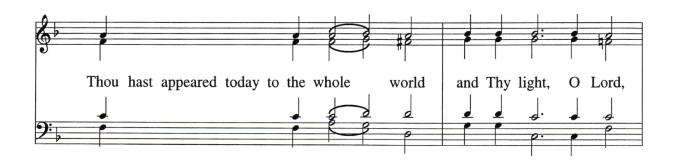


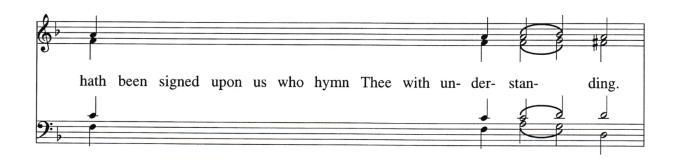


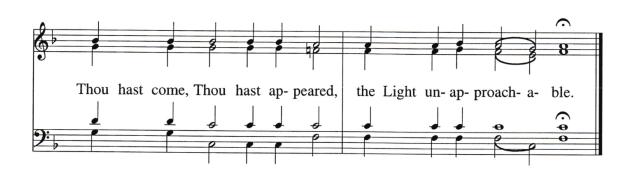


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

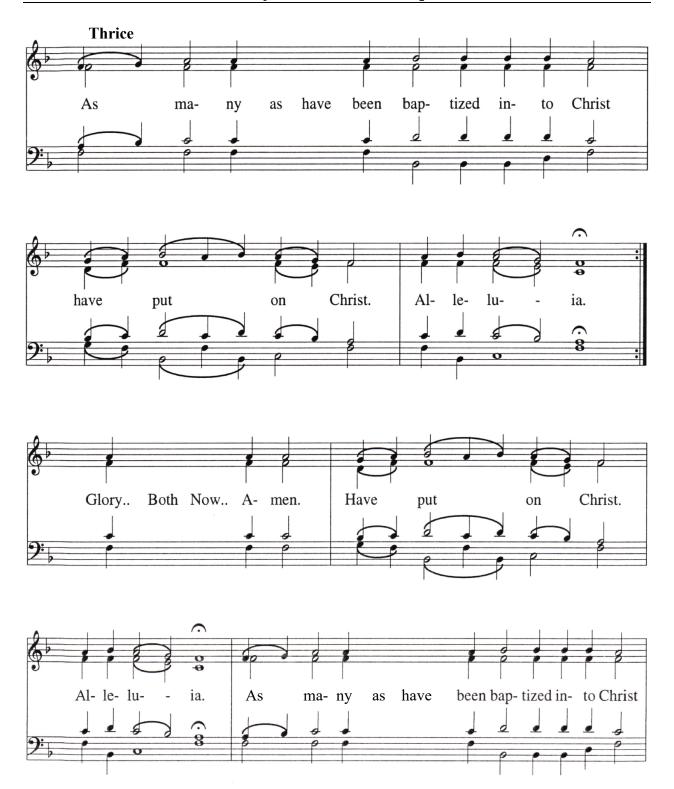
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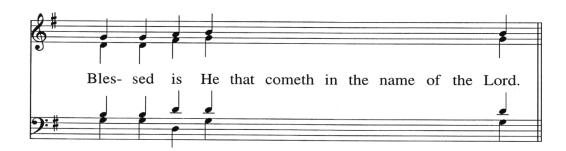
As Many As Have Been Baptized

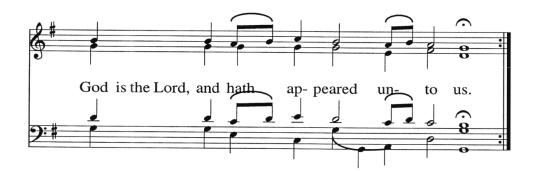




Prokeimenon, in Tone IV

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





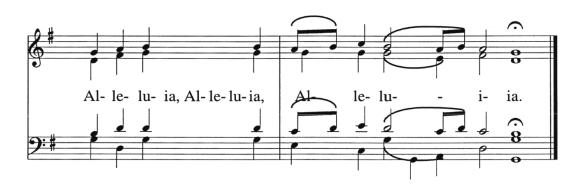
Stichos: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Epistle

Titus §302 (2:11-14; 3:4-7)

Titus my child: The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present age, looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a people of His own, zealous of good works. But after the kindness and love of God, our Savior, toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, that, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Alleluia, in Tone IV

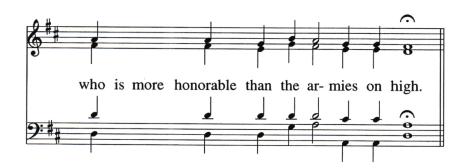


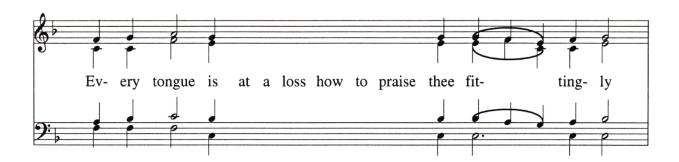
Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord the sons of rams. *Stichos:* The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

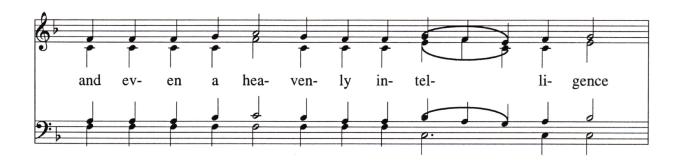
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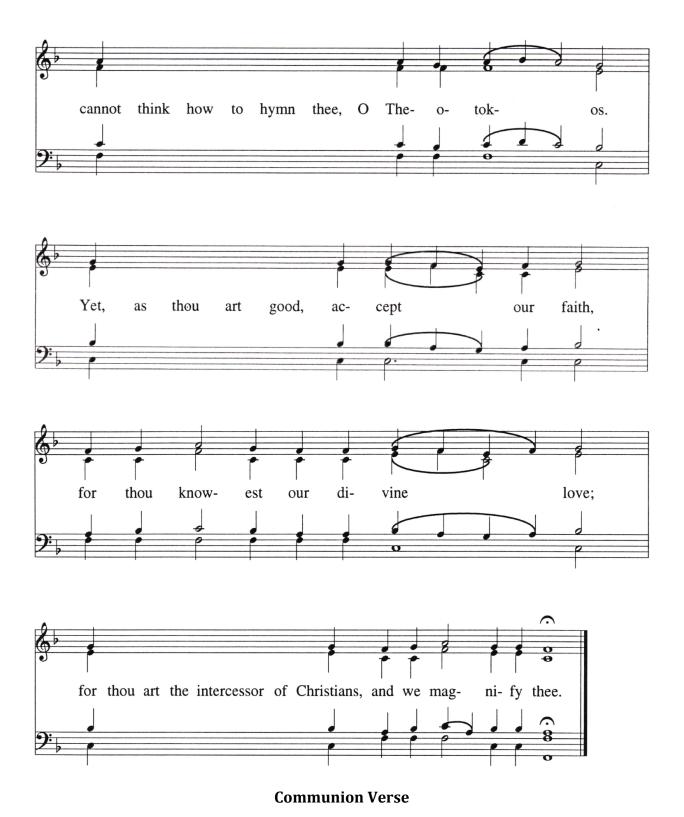
At that time came Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade Him, saying: "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?" And Jesus answering said unto him: "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all right-eousness." Then he suffered Him. And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo! the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: and lo! a voice from heaven, saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."







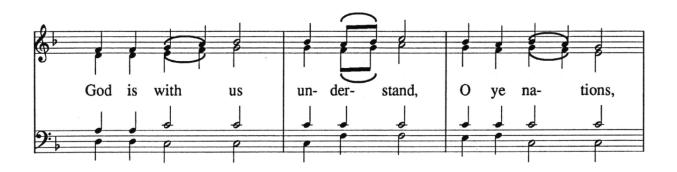




The grace of God that bringeth all men to salvation hath appeared.

Appendix I God Is With Us

Kiev Chant

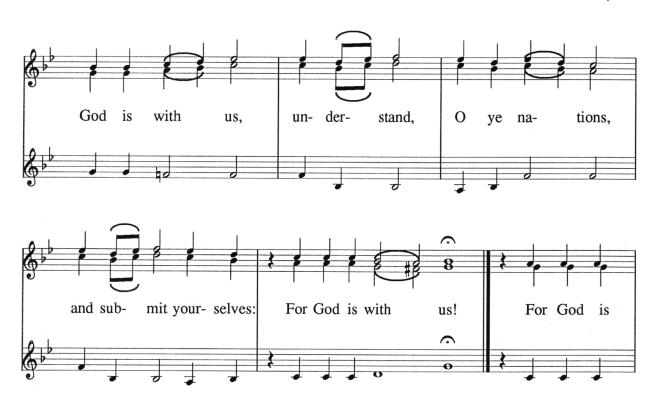






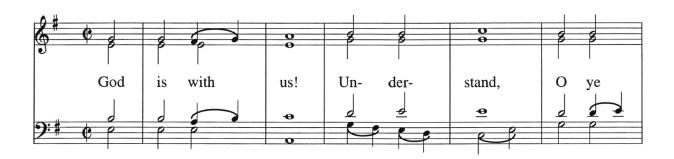


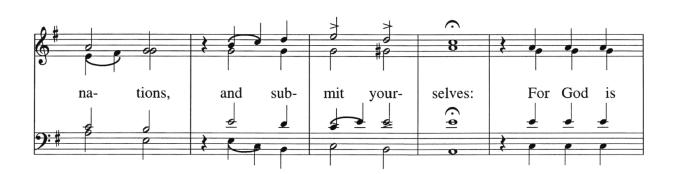
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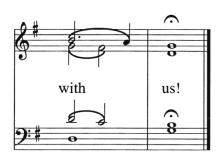




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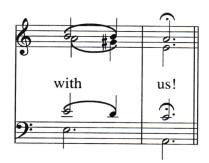




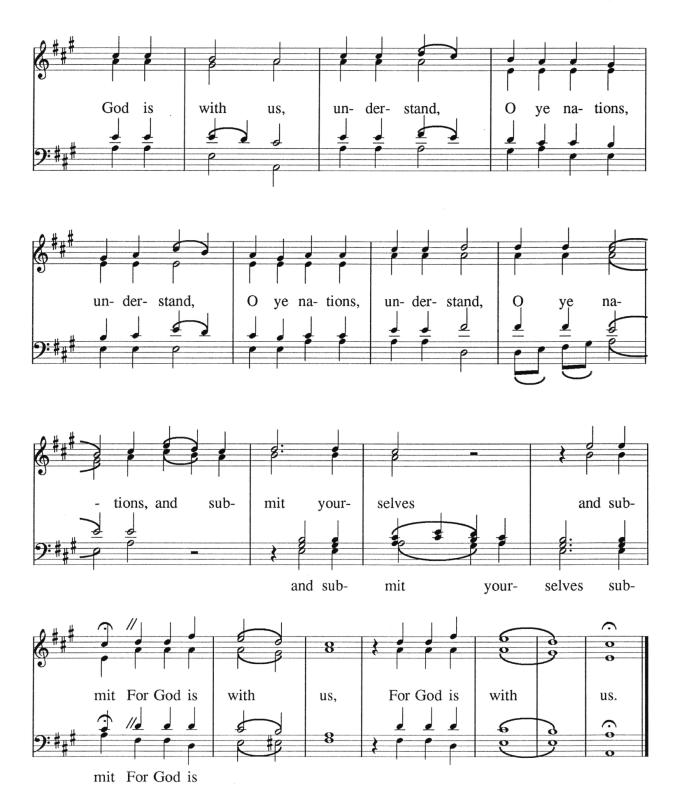


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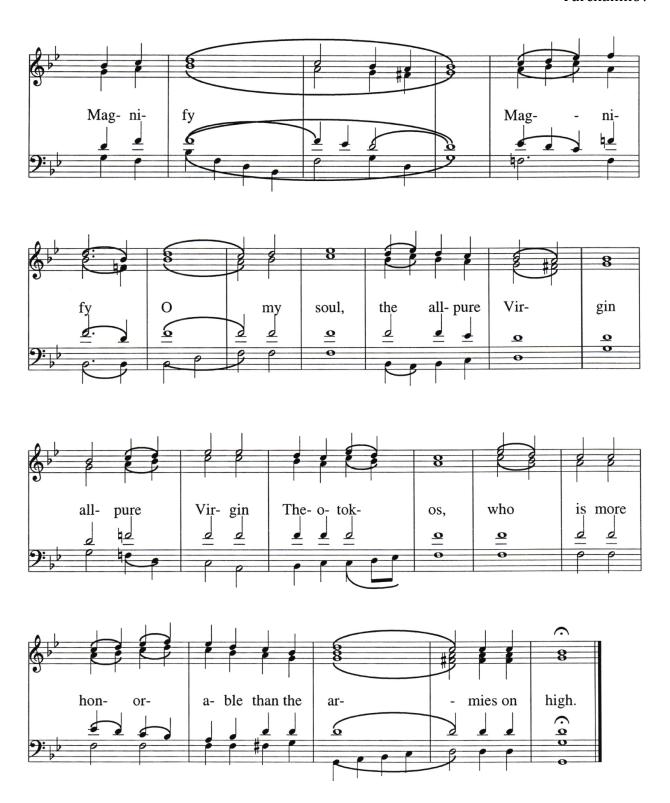




Appendix II

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