

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 5

Reader: In the Fifth Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Reader: (Reads text from service book)

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

By Your precious Cross, O Christ,
 You have put the devil to shame.
 By Your Resurrection, You have blunted the sting of sin
 and saved us from the gates of death.//
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v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter
 in order to grant Resurrection to the human race.
 The princes of Hades were frightened by this,
 for the gates of sorrow were lifted.
 Christ the King of glory had entered,
saying to those in chains: "Go forth!"//
 And to those in darkness: "Come to the light!"

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v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Oh, great wonder!
 The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for man
 and rose again im-mor-tal.
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 let us worship Him,
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v. (7) *Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

We offer You our evening worship,
 O never setting Light,
 Who came in these last days to the world in the flesh;
 Who even descended to Hades to dispel its darkness.
 And Who have revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations.//
 Glory to You, O Lord and Giver of light!

We of - fer You our evening wor - ship. O ne - ver set - ting light

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Hades to dispel its dark - ness, and Who have revealed the light of resurrection

to the na - tions! Glory to You, O Lord and Gi - ver of Light!

v. (6) *In the Fourth Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

Tone 4

(for the Cross)

(Called from on high)

Today the divine assembly of the faithful rejoices,
 for the Cross appears throughout the world.
 It illuminates the heavens with ineffable light.

It brightens the air, adorning the face of the earth.
The Church of Christ exults with divine singing,
venerating and serving the holy and wondrous Cross, which preserves her from above.
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v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Let all creation rejoice and dance,
 for today the Cross shines from heaven to the ends of the earth!
 It enlightens those born on earth, bringing them to unity.
 Today mankind exults with the choirs of Angels,
 for the Cross has destroyed the dividing walls and gathered all into one.
 Shining brighter than the sun, it enlightens all creation with grace, //
 showing salvation plainly to those who honor it in faith.

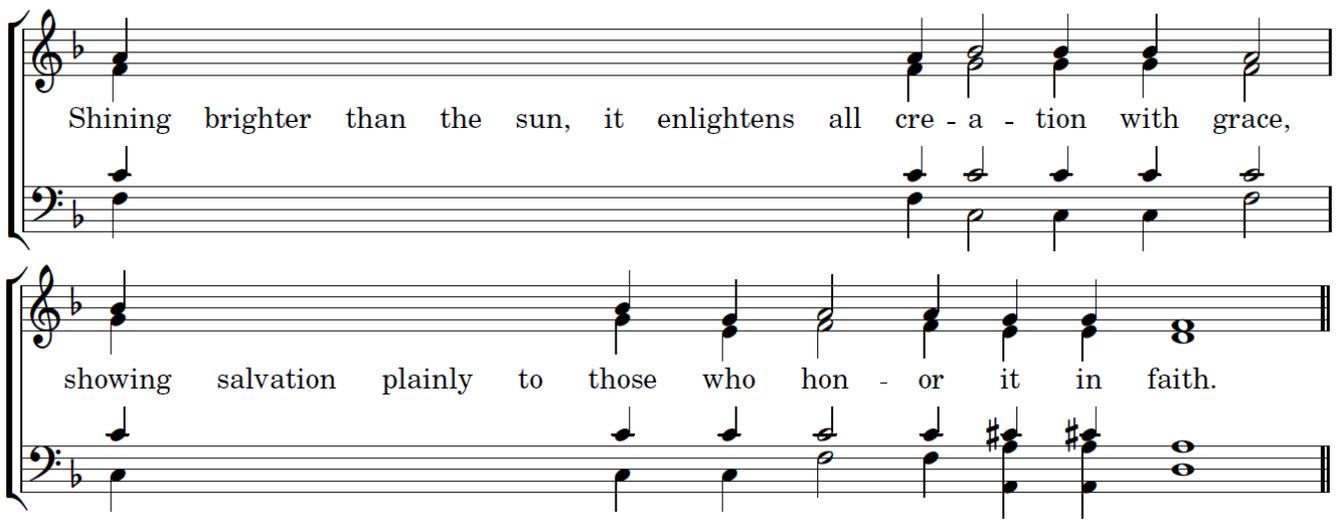
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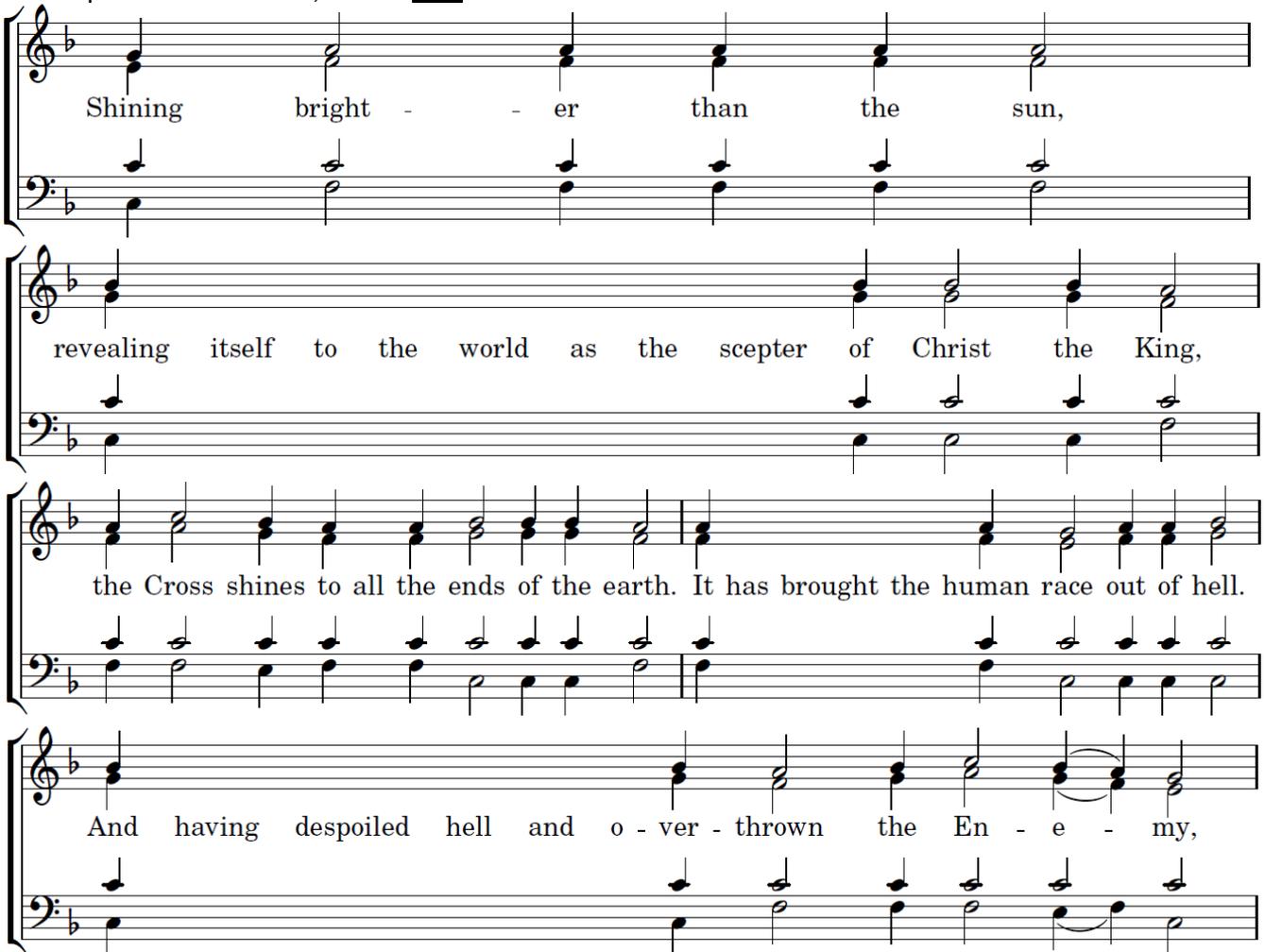
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v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Shining brighter than the sun,
 revealing itself to the world as the scepter of Christ the King,
 the Cross shines to all the ends of the earth.
 It has brought the human race out of hell.
 And having despoiled hell and overthrown the Enemy,
 it vanquishes the arrogance of demons.
 Now it declares the Resurrection of the Savior, and saves all who cry://
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v. (3) In the First Tone, For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Tone 1

(for the Maccabees)

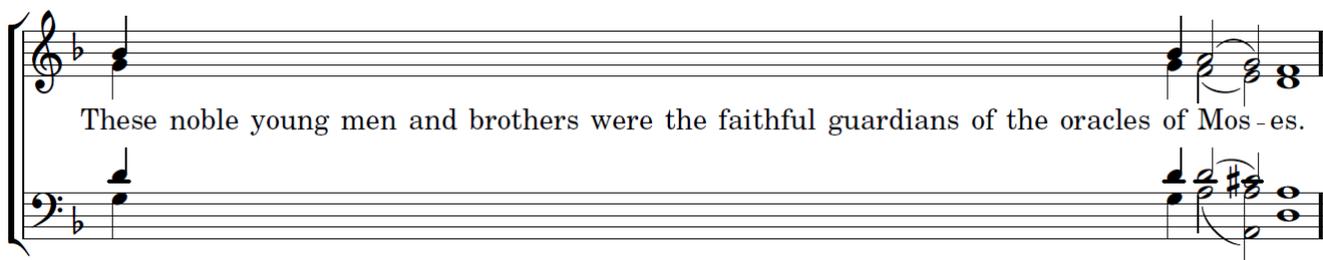
(O all-praised martyrs)

Persecution did not shake the roof of the Law,
 firmly upheld by seven pillars.
 For they bravely endured the senseless fury of their tormentor,
 giving their bodies to the executioners.//
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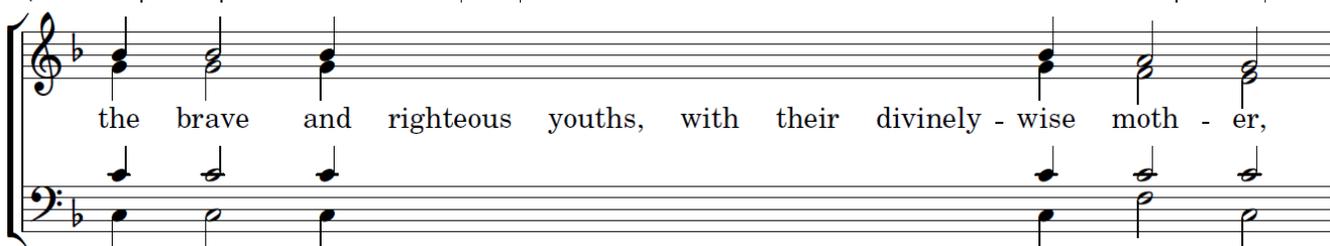
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v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

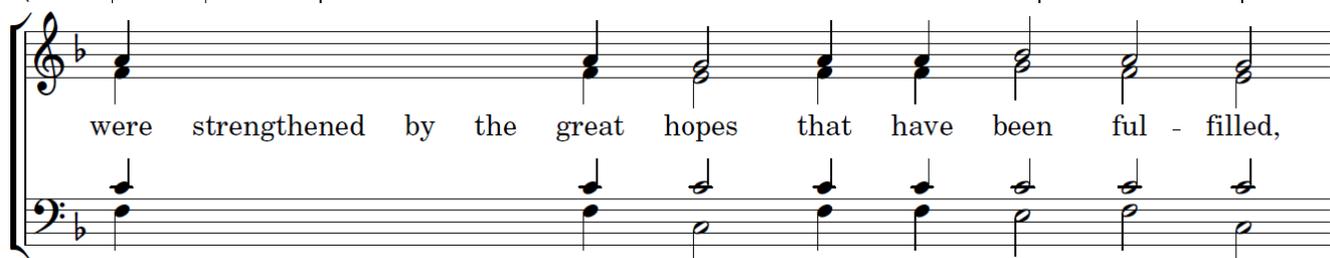
Raising their minds above visible things,
 their bodily limbs cut down,
 the brave and righteous youths, with their divinely-wise mother,
 were strengthened by the great hopes that have been fulfilled, //
 as they now rest in the bosom of their forefather Abraham.



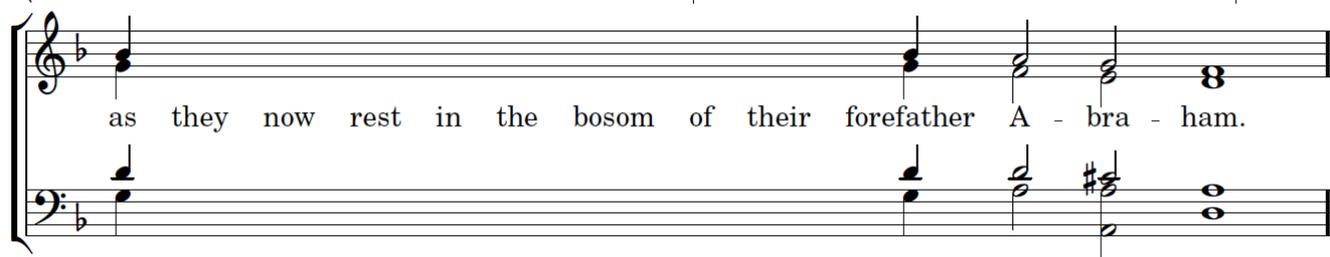
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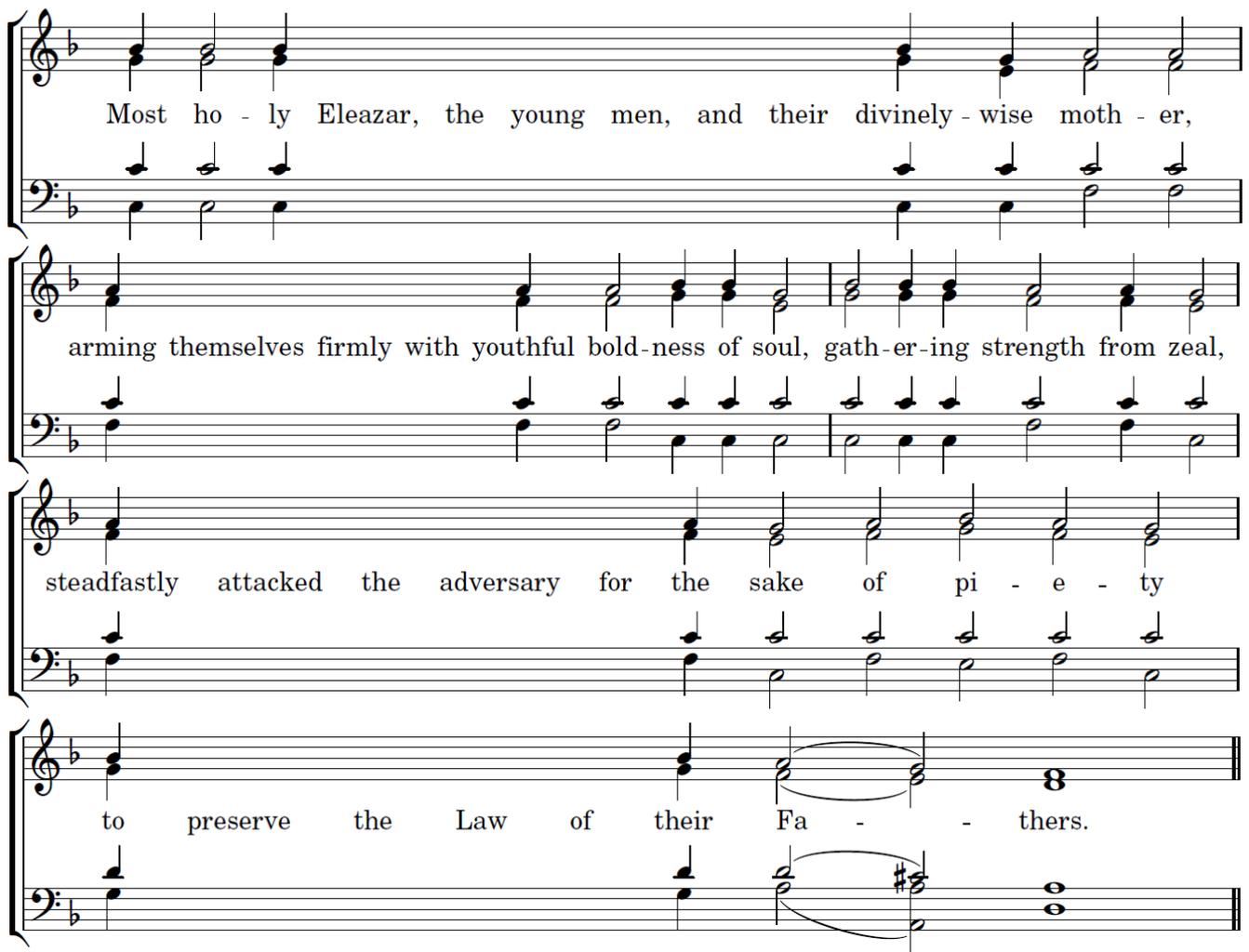
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v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Most holy Eleazar, the young men, and their divinely-wise mother,
 arming themselves firmly with youthful boldness of soul,
gathering strength from zeal,
 steadfastly attacked the adversary for the sake of piety //
 to preserve the Law of their Fathers.

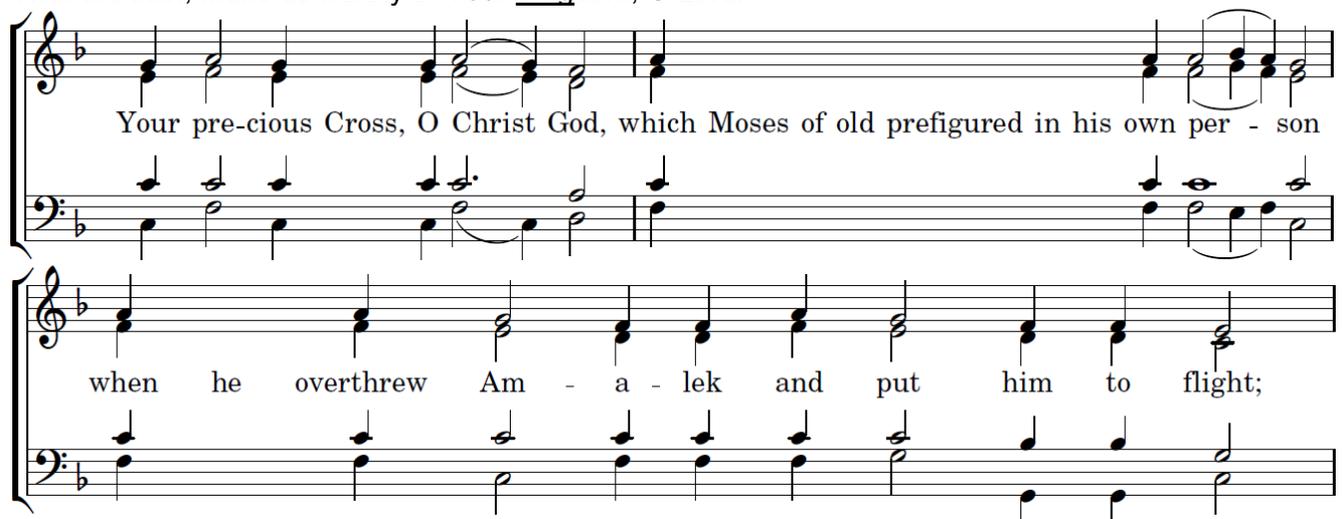


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In the Eighth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 8 *(for the Cross, by John the Monk)*

Your precious Cross, O Christ God,
 which Moses of old prefigured in his own person
 when he overthrew Amalek and put him to flight;
 which David commanded to be worshipped,
 calling it Your footstool:
 this same Cross we sinners worship today with unworthy lips.
 We praise You Who were pleased to be nailed upon it,
 and we cry to You://
 "With the thief, make us worthy of Your Kingdom, O Lord!"



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We praise You Who were pleased to be nailed up-on it, and we cry to You:

"With the thief, make us worthy of Your King - dom, O Lord!"

In the Fifth Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 5

(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

In the Red Sea of old,
 a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.
 There Moses divided the waters;
 here Gabriel assisted in the miracle.
 There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,
here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.
 After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable;
 after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.
 O ever-existing God, Who appeared as Man, //
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Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings

Aposticha – Tone 5

(for the Resurrection)

We magnify You in songs of praise,
O incarnate Christ and Savior.
By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,
as the Lord and Lover of man,
You overthrew the gates of Hades,//
and arose on the third day, saving our souls.

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By ac - cept - ing the Cross and death for our sake,

as the Lord and Lov - er of Man, You overthrew the gates of Ha - des,

and arose on the third day, sav - ing our souls!

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By being pierced in the side, O Lover of man,
You have poured out drops of life and salvation for all.
By accepting death in the flesh, You have granted us immortality.
You have freed us by being placed in the tomb,
and have resurrected us with Yourself in glory, as God.//
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Glory to You, O Lord, and Lov - er of Man!

v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

Your crucifixion and descent into Hades are awesome, O Lover of man.

You have captured it, releasing the ancient prisoners.

You have opened Paradise and given it to us.

Grant us purification of sins,

who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day!

Make us worthy of Paradise//

and save us, O Lover of man!

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and save us, O Lov - er of Man!

v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

For our sake, You accepted death in the flesh,
to rise from the dead on the third day.

Heal us from our earthly passions,
and restore us from our evil transgressions://
and save us, O Lover of man!

For our sake, You accepted death in the flesh, to rise from the dead on the third day!

Heal us from our earth-ly pas - sions, and re-store us from our evil trans-gres-sions;

and save us, O Lov - er of Man!

In the Eighth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 8

(for the Maccabees, by Cosmas the Monk)

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God:

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the forefathers before the Law,
and their inheritance, the Maccabees, whom now we praise.

For these sons of Abraham followed him in the faith with strength of soul,
wrestling even to death for the sake of godliness.

Raised in reverence and striving worthily, they reprov'd the godless Antiochus.

For the sake of eternal life they scorn'd the things of this world
and offer'd everything to God: their souls and tender bodies.

O holy mother, who brought forth for us these seven sons,

O Maccabees, and the wise priest Eleazar,

as you stand before Christ our God, for Whom you labored,

and as you receive the fruits of your reward,

ever pray to Him for mankind!!!

For, according to His will, He answers those who pray to Him in faith.

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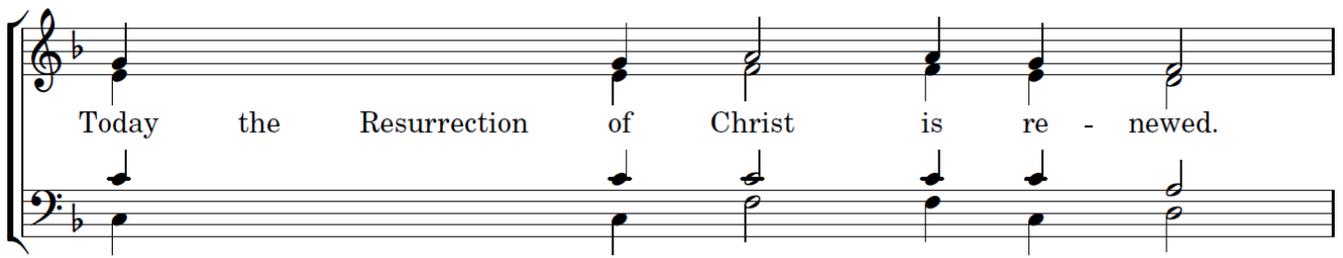
Tone 8 (for the Cross)

The voice of Your prophet Moses cried out, O God:
 "Behold your Life as It hangs before your eyes!"
 So today the Cross is lifted up and the world is freed from error.
 Today the Resurrection of Christ is renewed.
 The ends of the earth rejoice with David in songs and cymbals.
 "O God, You have wrought salvation in the midst of the earth:
 the Crucifixion and Resurrection by which we are saved."
 O all-powerful, good Lord and Lover of man, glory to You!

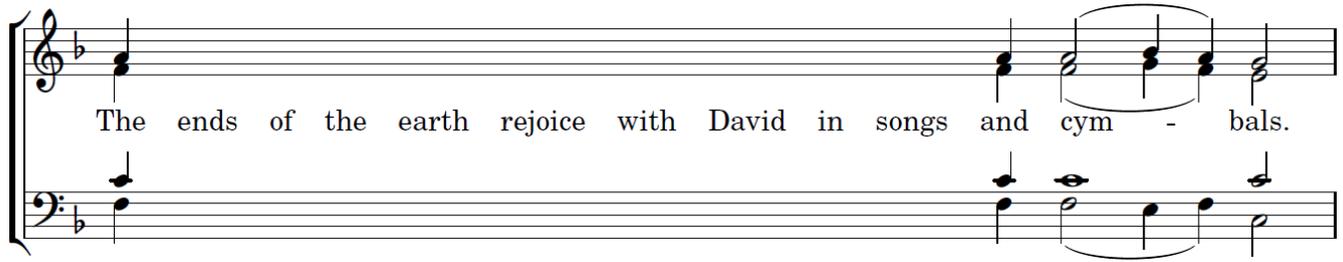
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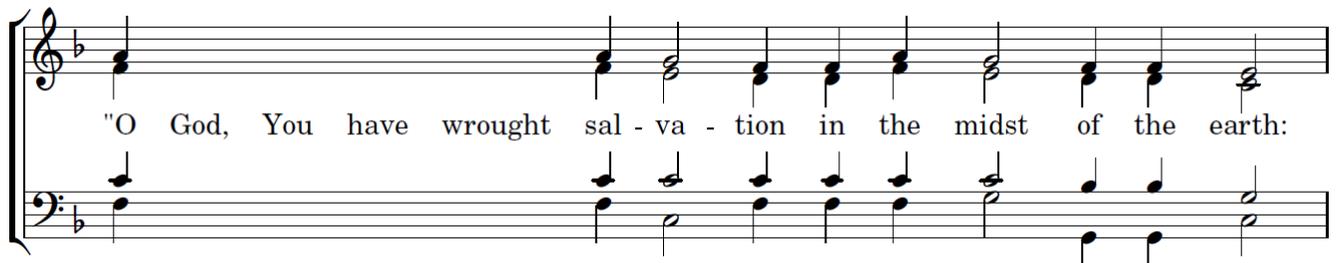
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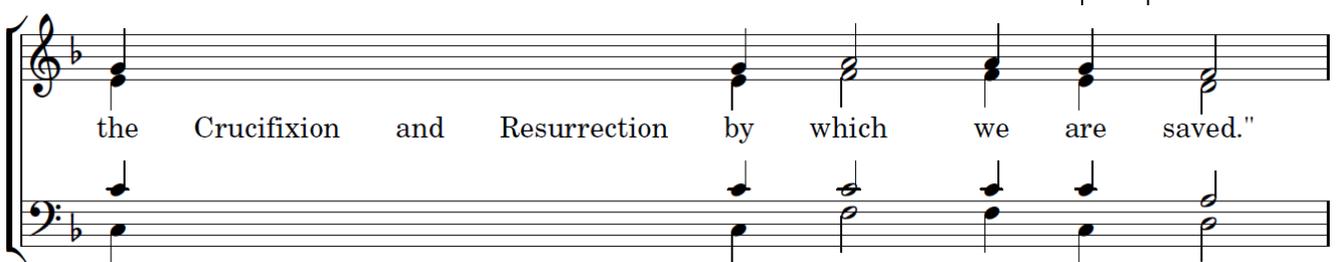
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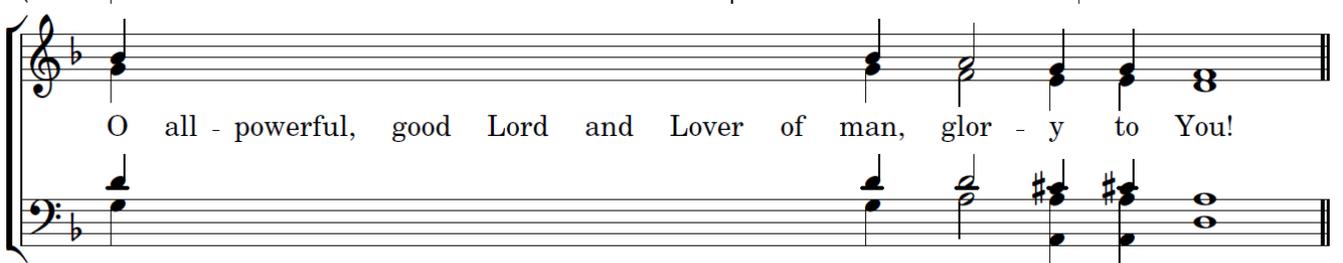
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Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 5

Troparion

(Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
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for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

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and to raise the dead by His glo - ri - ous Re-sur-rec - tion!

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

Tone 4

Troparion

(Maccabees)

(Troparion for the Maccabees – Tone 4)

Let us praise the seven Maccabees,
with their mother Solomonía and their teacher Eleazar;
they were splendid in lawful contest

as guardians of the teachings of the Law.//

Now as Christ's holy martyrs they ceaselessly intercede for the world.

Soprano
Alto

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Tenor
Bass

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

Tone 1

Troparion

(Cross)

(Troparion of the Cross – Tone 1)

O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance!

Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
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and by virtue of Your Cross,//
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(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 4

Troparion

(Maccabees)

(Troparion for the Maccabees – Tone 4)

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Tone 2

Kontakion

(Maccabees)

(Kontakion for the Maccabees – Tone 2)

Seven pillars of the Wisdom of God
 and seven lampstands of the divine Light,
 all-wise Maccabees, greatest of the martyrs before the time of the martyrs,//
 with them ask the God of all to save those who honor you!

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

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

Tone 4

Kontakion

(Cross)

(Kontakion for the Cross – Tone 4)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,
 grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;
 make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power,
 granting them victories over their adversaries//
 by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

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Tone 5

Kontakion

(Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 5)

You descended into Hades, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.

You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, //
and we all cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

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O Lo - ver of Man, and we all cry to You: O Lord, — save — us!

(then, p. 83)

Tone 6

Prokeimenon

(Cross)

Deacon: Let us attend! *Priest:* † Peace to all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

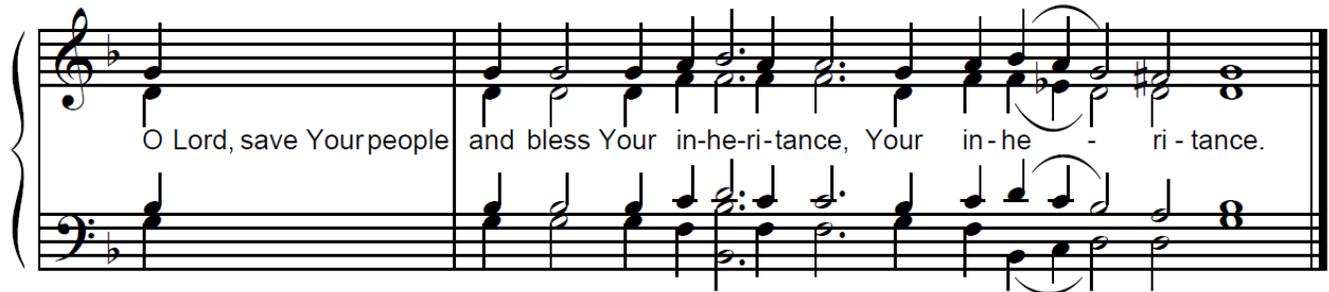
Choir: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!



O Lord, save Your people and bless Your in-he-ri-tance, Your in-he-ri-tance.

Reader: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

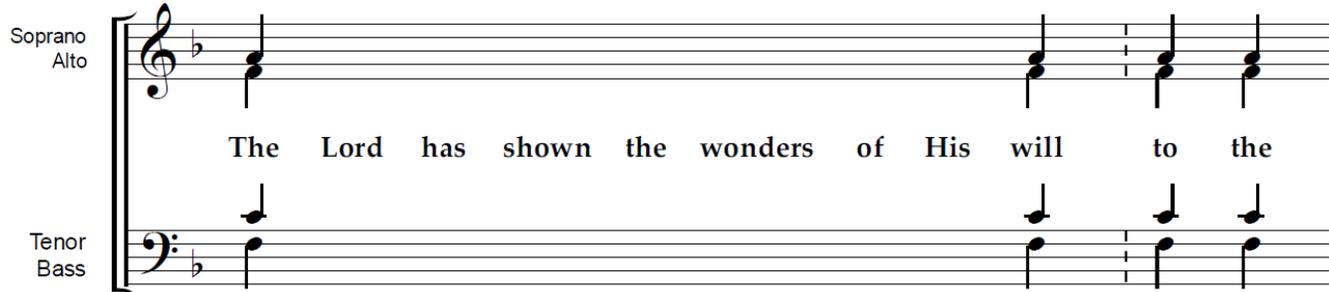
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O Lord, save Your people and bless Your in-he-ri-tance, Your in-he-ri-tance.

Reader: In the Same Tone, The Lord has shown the wonders of His will / to the saints who are in His land.

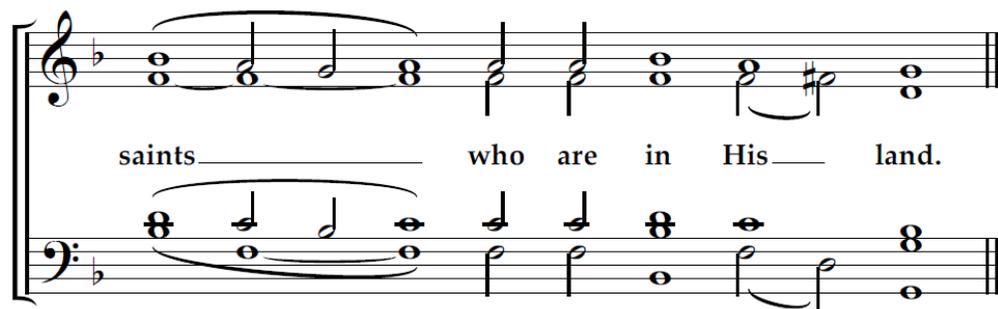
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Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle – (110) Romans 12:6-14, (125) 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, (330) Hebrews 11:33-12:2

***Reader:* The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.**

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, we have different gifts according to the grace given to us: if it is prophecy, let us prophesy according to the measure of our faith. If it is service, let us dedicate ourselves to service! He who teaches should do his teaching; or he who exhorts his exhorting. As for the one who gives, let the giving be done with generosity. He who rules should rule with diligence and the one who shows mercy should do so with joy.

Let your love be without hypocrisy. Reject with horror what is evil. Cling to what is good. In love for the brethren, be tenderly affectionate with one another; place the honor of others above your own. Do not fall back in zeal; be fervent in the spirit, serving the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in troubles, persevere in prayer; contribute to the needs of the saints; look for opportunities to be hospitable. Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse!

The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are dying, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. As it is written:

*I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
I will bring the discernment of the discerning to nothing.*

Where is the wise? Where is the expert of the law? Where is the debater of this world? Has not God ridiculed the wisdom of this world? Since in God's wisdom, the world through its 'wisdom' did not know God, it was God's good pleasure (through the foolishness of this proclamation) to save those who believe. Jews ask for a sign and Greeks seek after wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified; a stumbling block to Jews, and foolishness to Greeks. However, to those who are called, (both Jews and Greeks), Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Brothers and sisters, through faith, the saints overpowered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, became strong in weakness, grew mighty in war and caused foreign armies to flee.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Others were tried by mocking and scourging, yes, by chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn apart, they were tempted and they were slain with the sword. They went around in sheep and goat skins, being destitute, afflicted, and ill-treated. And yet the world was not worthy of them! They wandered in deserts, mountains, caves, and the holes of the earth. All of them received a testimony through their faith but they did not receive the promise because God had made provision for us to have something better, and they were not to reach perfection apart from us.

And so, seeing that we are surrounded by such a great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us. Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 4

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 4th Tone: Alleluia! Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the Same Tone, The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their afflictions.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel – (29) Matthew 9:1-8 **p. 70**, (60) John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35 **p. 279**, (38) Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1 **p. 59**

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Matthew**.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: At that time, Jesus entered into a boat, crossed over the lake and came into his own town. Behold, some people brought him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer! Your sins are forgiven!"

At this, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man blasphemes!"

Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven' or, 'Get up, and walk?' But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (then he said to the paralytic), "Get up, take up your mat, and go to your house."

The man got up and departed to his house. But when the crowds saw this, they were astonished and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

The Pharisees and the Elders held a council against Jesus, that they might destroy him. And they came to Pilate shouting, "Crucify! Crucify him!"

Pilate answered, "Take him yourselves, and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him."

The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to our law, he should die, because he made himself the Son of God."

However, when Pilate heard these words, he was even more afraid.

Returning into the Praetorium, he asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate asked him, "Are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have the power to crucify you, and the power to release you?"

Jesus answered, "You would have no power at all against me, unless it were given to you from above. Therefore, he who delivered me to you has a greater sin."

When Pilate heard this word, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called "The Pavement," and in Hebrew, "Gabbatha." Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, at about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!"

But they shouted, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?"

The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

And so, Pilate delivered Jesus to them to be crucified. Then the guards took Jesus and led him away. He went out, bearing his cross, to the place called "The Place of a Skull," which is called in Hebrew, "Golgotha."

There they crucified him, and along with him two other men, one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate also wrote a notice and had it placed on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister (Mary the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own home.

After this, perceiving that all things were now accomplished, and so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

Then, after Jesus received the sour wine, he said, "It is accomplished!"

And he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Because it was the Day of Preparation, in order that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a great day), the Jews asked Pilate that the legs of those crucified might be broken, and that they might be removed. Therefore, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first who had been crucified with Jesus, then the legs of the other. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately, blood and water came out. He who has seen this has borne witness, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, so that you may believe.

The Lord said to His Disciples: Whoever confesses me before men I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies me in front of others I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth! I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. Indeed, I came to set a son against his father, a daughter against her mother and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man's enemies will be members of his own household.

When Jesus had finished giving instructions to his twelve disciples, he left that place to teach and preach in their cities.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

Soprano Alto
Tenor Bass

Re - joice in the Lord, O you right-eous; praise be-fits the just!

1. Praise the Lord with the lyre, make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings.
2. Sing to Him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
3. For the word of the Lord is upright; and all His work is done in faithfulness.
4. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
5. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth.
6. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; He put the deeps in storehouses.
7. Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!
8. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood forth.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - i - a!

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