

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 1

Reader: In the First 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 incease,

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!

Accept our evening prayers, O holy Lord!

Grant us remission of sins,//

for You alone have manifested the Resurrection to the world.

Ac - cept our evening prayers, O ho - ly Lord!

Grant us re - mis - sion of sins,

for You alone have manifested the Resur - rec - tion to the world!

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

Encircle Zion
 And surround her, O people!
 Give glory in her to the One Who rose from the dead!
 For He is our God, //
 Who has delivered us from our transgressions!

En - cir - cle Zi - on and surround her, O peo - - - ple!

Give glo - ry in her to the One Who rose from the dead!

For He is our God, Who has delivered us from our trans-gres - sions.

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

Come, O people,

Let us hymn and fall down before Christ,
 glorifying His Resurrection from the dead!//
 For He is our God,
 Who has delivered the world from the Enemy's deceit!

Come, O peo - ple! Let us hymn and fall down be - fore Christ,
 glo-rifying His re-sur-rec - tion from the dead! For He is our God,
 Who has delivered the world from the En - e-my's de-keit!

v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Be glad, O heavens!
 Sound trumpets, O foundations of the earth!
Sing in gladness, O mountains!
 Behold Emmanuel has nailed our sins to the Cross!
 Granting life, He has slain death.//
 He has resurrected Adam as the Lover of Man.

Be glad, O hea - vens! Sound trumpets, O found - a - tions of the earth!
 Sing in glad-ness O moun-tains. Behold, Emmanuel has nailed our sins to the Cross,

grant-ing life, He has slain death. He has resurrected Adam as the Lo-ver of Man.

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

Tone 6

Idiomela

(for the Forerunner, by John the Monk)

During the celebration of shameless Herod's birthday,
 the terms of the oath to the wanton dancer were fulfilled,
 for the Baptist's head was cut off and carried like food on a platter
 in the presence of those reclining at the loathsome banquet.
 Truly they feasted on wickedness and murder.
 But let us bless the Forerunner as is his due, //
 and honor him as the greatest born of women!

During the celebration of shameless Herod's birth - day,

the terms of the oath to the wanton danc - er were ful - filled,

for the Baptist's head was cut off and carried like food on a plat - ter

in the presence of those reclining at the loathsome ban - quet.

Truly they feasted on wickedness and mur - - der.

But let us bless the Fore - run - ner as is his due,
and honor him as the greatest born of wom - en!

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.

The dance of the devil's disciple
was rewarded with your head, O Forerunner.
Oh, banquet of blood!
Would that you had never sworn, deceitful Herod!
Better that you lie than shed righteous blood!
But let us bless the Baptist as is his due, //
and honor him as the greatest born of women!

The dance of the devil's dis - ci - ple was rewarded with your head, O Fore-run-ner.

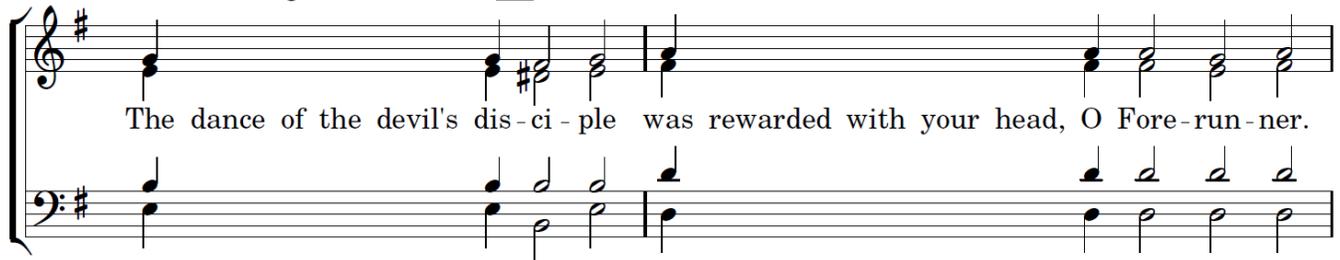
Oh, ban - quet of blood! Would that you had never sworn, deceitful Her - od!

Better that you lie than shed right-eous blood! But let us bless the Bap-tist as is his due,

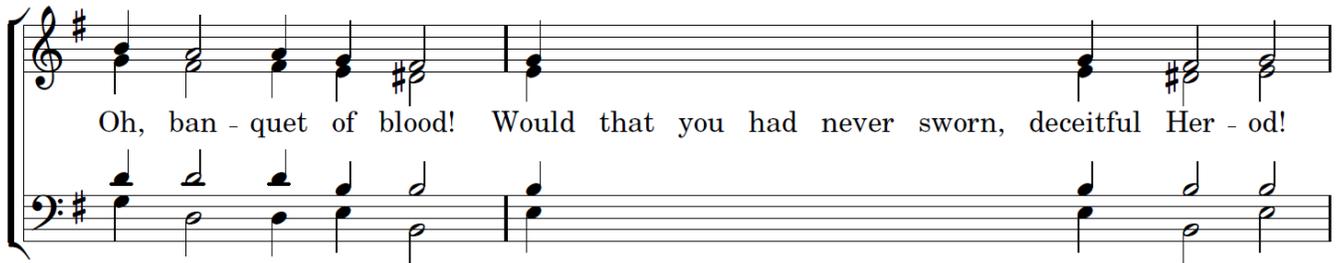
and honor him as the greatest born of wom - en!

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

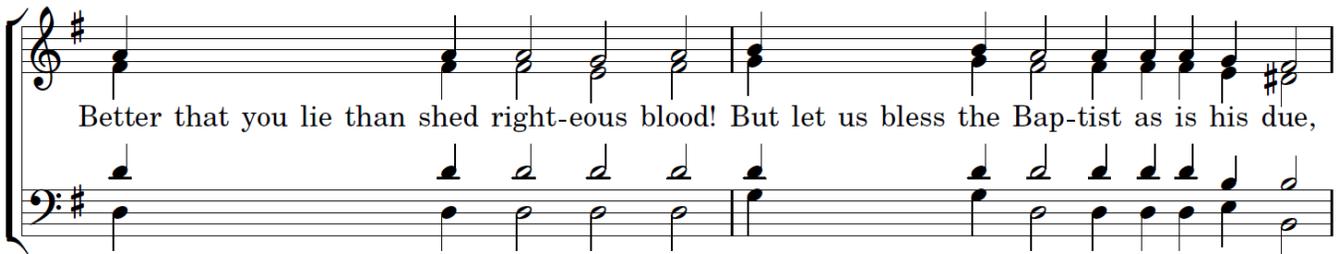
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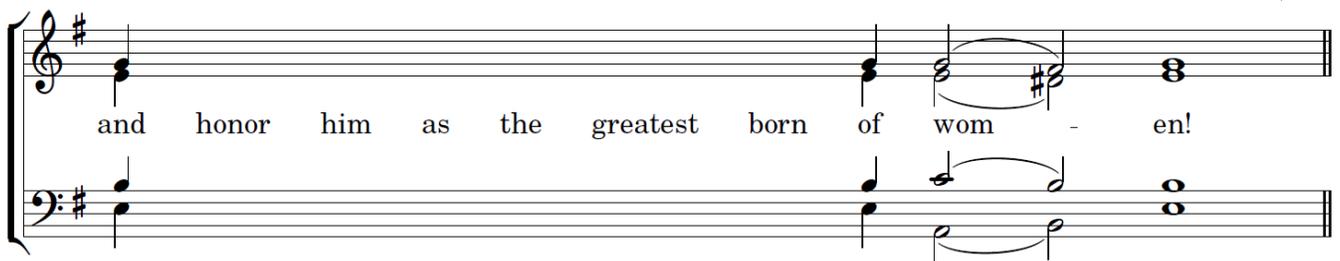
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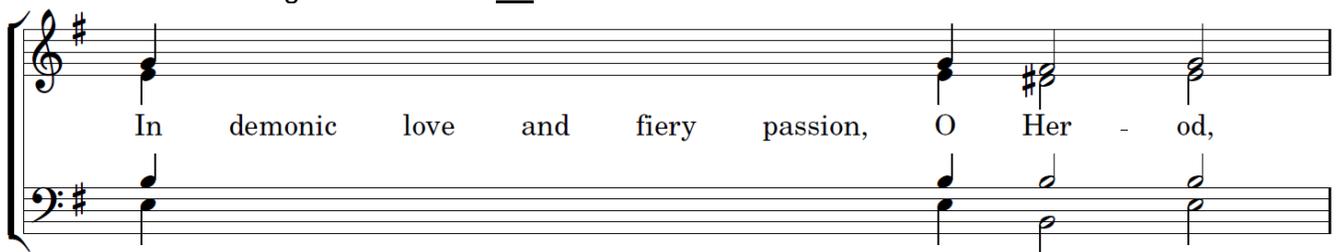
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and honor him as the greatest born of wom-en!

v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

In demonic love and fiery passion, O Herod,
 you condemned him who reproved your adultery.
 For the sake of an oath to a dancing girl,
 you delivered his holy head to that Jezebel.
 Woe to you! How did you dare such murder?
 Why was the wanton dancer not consumed by fire?
 But let us bless the Baptist as is his due, //
 and honor him as the greatest born of women!



In demonic love and fiery passion, O Her-od,

you condemned him who reprov'd your a - dul - ter - y.

For the sake of an oath to a danc - ing girl, you delivered his holy head to that Jez - e - bel.

Woe to you! How did you dare such mur - - der?

Why was the wanton dancer not con - sumed by fire?

But let us bless the Bap - tist as is his due,

and honor him as the greatest born of wom - - en!

v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

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 For the sake of an oath to a dancing girl,
 you delivered his holy head to that Jezebel.
 Woe to you! How did you dare such murder?
 Why was the wanton dancer not consumed by fire?
 But let us bless the Baptist as is his due, //
 and honor him as the greatest born of women!

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 Woe to you! How did you dare such mur - - der?
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 But let us bless the Bap - tist as is his due,
 and honor him as the greatest born of wom - - en!

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

Again Herodias raves with raging lust.
 Oh, dance of deceit and feast of murder!
 The Baptist is beheaded, and Herod is troubled://

Through the prayers of Your Forerunner, O Lord, grant peace to our souls!

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The Baptist is beheaded, and Herod is trou - - bled.

Through the prayers of Your Forerunner, O Lord, grant peace to our souls!

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

Tone 6

(for the Forerunner)

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the terms of the oath to the wanton dancer were fulfilled,
for the Baptist's head was cut off and carried like food on a platter
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But let us bless the Fore-runner as is his due,

and honor him as the greatest born of women!

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

Tone 1

(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

Let us praise the Virgin Mary!
 The gate of heaven, the glory of the world!
 The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful!
 She was born of man, yet gave birth to God!
She was revealed as the heaven, as the temple of the godhead!
 She destroyed the wall of enmity!
 She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom!
 Since she is our foundation of faith,
 our defender is the Lord Whom she bore!
 Courage! Courage! O People of God!
 For Christ will destroy our enemies//
 since He is all powerful.

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The song of the angels, the beauty of the faith - ful!

She was born of man, yet gave birth to God!

She was re-vealed as the heaven, as the temple of the God - head!

She destroyed the wall of en - mi - ty!

She com - menced the peace, she opened the King - dom!

Since she is our found - a - tion of faith,

our de - fend - er is the Lord Whom she bore!

Courage! Courage! O peo - - ple of God!

For Christ will destroy our en - e - mies since He is all - pow - er - ful.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9; 41:17-18; 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Thus says the Lord: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not. I the LORD will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit. Declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say, "The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob!" They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; he split the rock and the water gushed out. "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud. For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married."

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Prophecy of Malachi. (Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7, 12, 17-18; 4:4-6)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Thus says the Lord Almighty: See, I am sending my Angel, my messenger, before your face, who will prepare your way before you. And the Lord whom you seek will come to his temple. And who shall endure the day of his entrance? And who shall withstand at his appearing? Because he will enter like fire in a smelting furnace and like the lye of launderers. And he will come to you in judgement; and he will be a swift witness against the wicked and against adulteresses and against those swear falsely in his name and those who do not fear him, says the Lord Almighty. Because I am the Lord your God, and I have not changed and you, children of Jacob, have perverted the laws and not kept them. Therefore turn back to me and I will turn back to you, says the Lord Almighty. And all the nations shall call you blessed and you shall know that I am the Lord who discern between just and lawless on the day on which I make a peculiar possession of those who love me. Know then and remember the law of Moses my servant, as I gave him commandment on Horeb, to all Israel ordinances and judgements. And see, I will send you Elijah the Tishbite, before the great and manifest day of the Lord comes; he shall turn again the heart of father to son and of a man to his neighbor, lest when I come I smite the earth grievously, says the Lord Almighty, God the Holy One of Israel.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Wisdom of Solomon. (Wisdom 4:7, 16, 17, 19, 20; 5:1-7)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The righteous man, though he die early, will be at rest. The righteous man who has died will judge the ungodly who are living. For they will see the end of the righteous, and will not understand what was said about him; for the Lord will cast down the ungodly speechless to the ground and shake them from the foundations; they shall become desolate to the end; they will be in sorrows, and their memory will perish. For they will come with fear at the thought of their sins, and their iniquities shall stand against them to convict them. Then the righteous man will stand with great boldness before those who have afflicted him, and those who have made of no account his labors. Having seen it, they shall be troubled with much fear and they will be amazed at his most-glorious salvation. They will say within themselves in repentance, in anguish of spirit they will groan and say: "This was he whom we had sometimes in derision and a proverb of reproach—we fools! We accounted his life as madness, and his end to be without honor. How is he numbered among the sons of God? And why is his lot among the Saints? "Therefore, we have erred from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness did not illumine us, nor did the sun shine on us. We took our fill of the paths of lawlessness and destruction, and we walked impassible pathways, but the way of the Lord we have not known."

Then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)

Aposticha – Tone 1

(for the Resurrection)

We have been freed from sufferings
 by Your suffering, O Christ.
We have been delivered from corruption
 by Your Resurrection.//
 O Lord, glory to You!

We have been freed from sufferings by Your suffering, O Christ.

We have been delivered from corruption by Your Re -

sur - rec - tion. O Lord, glo - ry to You.

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

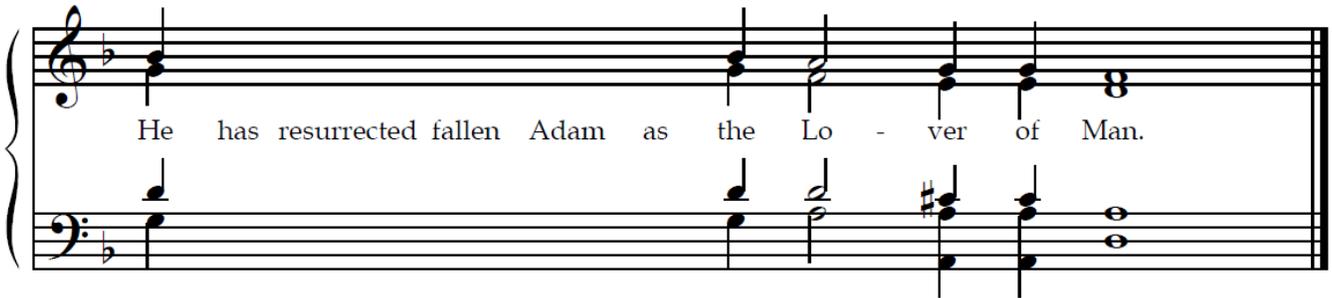
Let creation rejoice!
 Let the heavens be glad!
 Let the nations clap their hands with gladness,
 for Christ our Savior has nailed our sins to the Cross.
 Slaying death, He has given life.//
 He has resurrected fallen Adam as the Lover of Man.

Let cre - a - tion re-joyce. Let the hea - vens be glad. Let the na -

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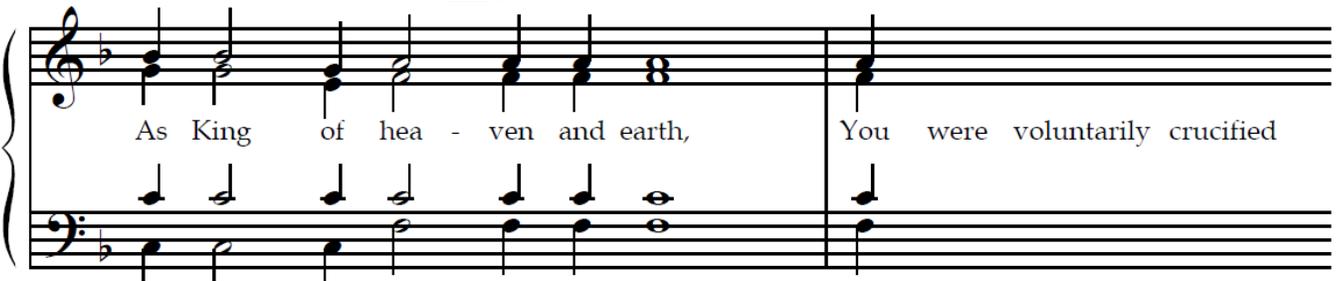
nailed our sins to the Cross. Slay-ing death, He has gi - ven life.



He has resurrected fallen Adam as the Lo - ver of Man.

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

As King of heaven and earth,
 You were voluntarily crucified in Your love for man.
Hades was angered when it met You below.
 Adam rose seeing You, the Cre-ator, un-der the earth.
 O Wonder!
 How has the Life of All tasted death?
 You enlightened the world which cries://
 "O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!"



As King of hea - ven and earth, You were voluntarily crucified



in Your love for man. Ha - des was angered when it met You be - low.



Adam rose seeing You, the Cre - a - tor un - der the earth. O — won - der!

How has the life of all tast - ed death? You en - light - ened the world which cries:

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glo - ry to You!

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

The myrrhbearing women came with haste to Your tomb,
 bearing myrrh and lamentations.
 Not finding Your most pure body,
 they learned from the angel of the new and glorious wonder.
 They told the Apostles://
 "The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy."

The myrrh - bearing women came with haste to Your tomb, bearing myrrh

and lamen - ta - tions. Not find - ing Your most pure Bo - dy

they learned from the angel of the new and glo - ri - ous won - der.

They told the a-pos-tles: "The Lord is risen granting to the world great mer - cy."

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

Tone 8

(for the Forerunner)

O Forerunner of the Savior,
 you rebuked kings so that they would not work iniquity;
 but the frolicking of a lawless woman persuaded Herod to cut off your head.
 Therefore we bless your name from the rising to the setting of the sun.
 Since you stand with boldness before the Lord, //
 earnestly entreat Him to save our souls!

O Fore - run - ner of the Sav - ior,

you rebuked kings so that they would not work in - iq - ui - ty;

but the frolicking of a lawless woman persuaded Her - od to cut off your head.

Therefore we bless your name from the rising to the set - ting of the sun.

Since you stand with bold-ness be-fore the Lord, earnestly entreat Him to save our souls!

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

Tone 8*(Theotokion)**(Theotokion – Tone 8)*O Unwedded Virgin,who ineffably conceived God in the flesh.O Mother of God most high,accept the cries of your servants, O blameless one!

Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//

Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

O un wedded Vir - gin, who ineffably conceived God in the flesh!

The first system of musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

O Mo - ther of God most high! Accept the cries of your servants, O blame - less one!

The second system of musical notation continues the grand staff from the first system. The melody and accompaniment follow the same pattern, with lyrics written below the notes.

Grant cleansing of trans-gres-sions to all! Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece with a double bar line. The melody and accompaniment continue, with lyrics written below the notes.

St. Simeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 1

Troparion

(Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior,
Granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Your Kingdom!!!

Glory to Your dispensation, O you who love mankind!”

When the stone_ had been sealed by the Jews; While the soldiers were guarding

Your most pure Bo - dy; You rose_ on the third day, O Sa - viour,

grant-ing life to the world. The po - wers of heaven therefore cried to

You, O Gi - ver of Life: Glo - ry to Your Re - sur - rec - tion, O Christ!

Glo - ry to Your King-dom! Glory to Your dispensation, O You Who love man - kind!

Tone 2

Troparion

(Forerunner)

(Troparion for the Beheading – Tone 2)

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,
but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.

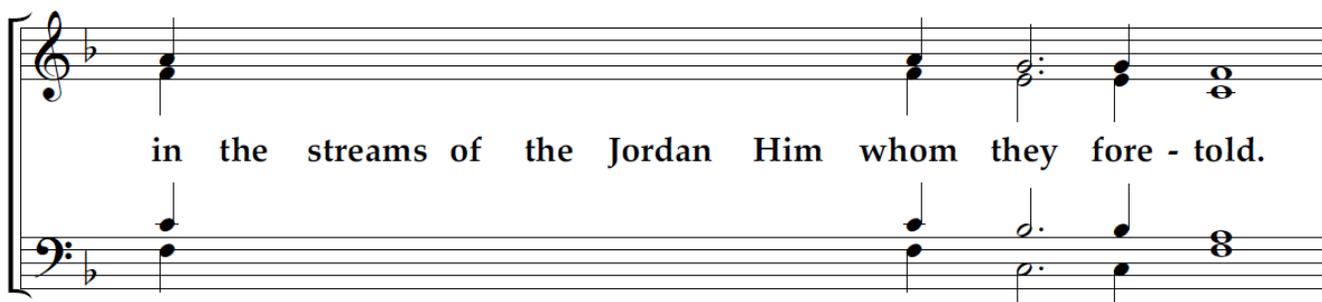
You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets,
for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him Whom they foretold.

Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy,
you proclaimed to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh,

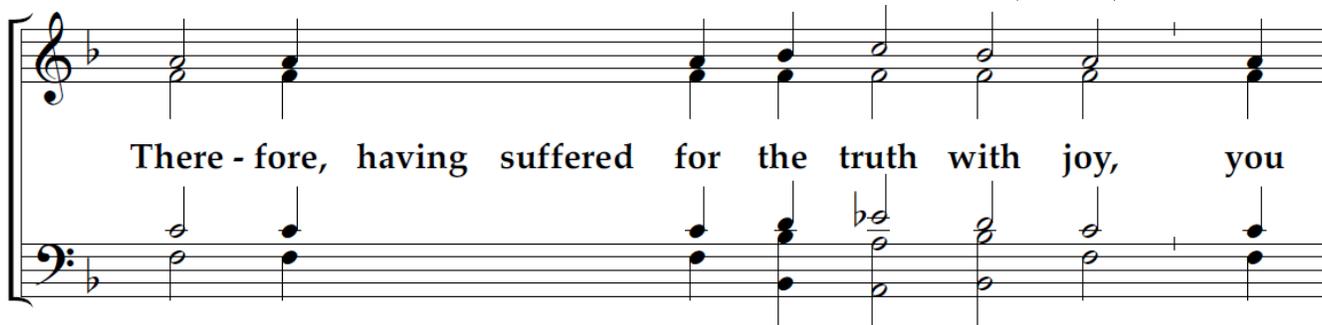
Who takes away the sin of the world//

and grants us great mercy.

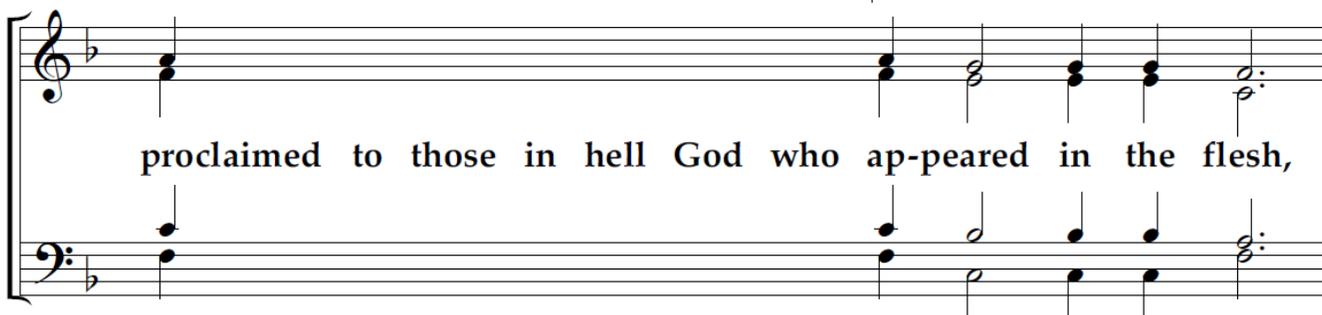
The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "The mem' - ry of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Fore-run - ner. You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the pro - phets, for you were deemed worthy to baptize". The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment is primarily chordal, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.



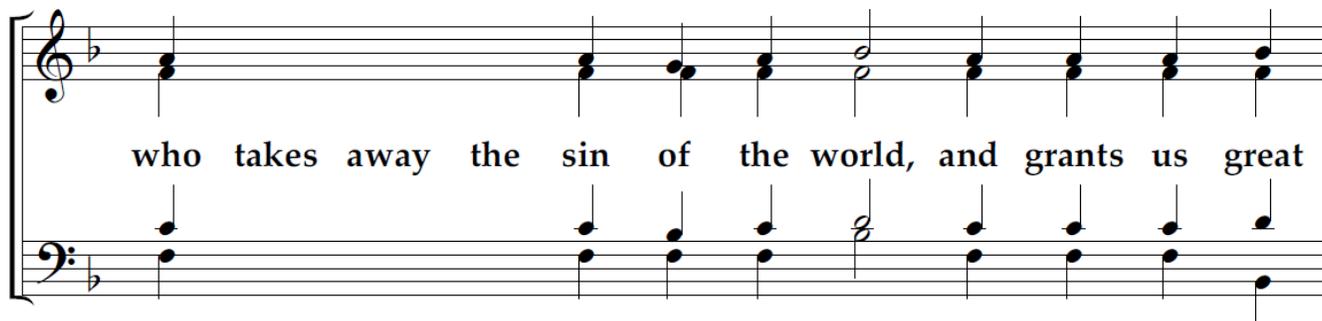
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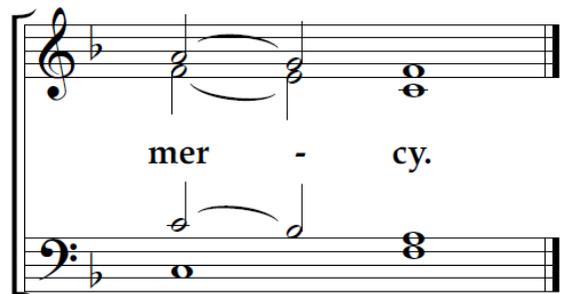
There - fore, having suffered for the truth with joy, you



proclaimed to those in hell God who ap-peared in the flesh,



who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great



mer - cy.

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

Tone 2 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

(Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 2)

All beyond thought, all most glorious,

are your mysteries, O Theotokos.

Sealed in purity, preserved in virginity,

you were revealed to be the true Mother who gave birth to the True God://

Entreat Him to save our souls!

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

All beyond thought, all most glo - ri - ous, are your

Detailed description: This system shows the first two staves of a four-part vocal setting. The Soprano and Alto parts are on a treble clef staff, and the Tenor and Bass parts are on a bass clef staff. The music is in a minor key (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "All beyond thought, all most glo - ri - ous, are your".

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Detailed description: This system continues the vocal setting. The lyrics are: "mysteries, O The - o - to - kos. Sealed in pur - i - ty, preserved".

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Detailed description: This system concludes the vocal setting. The lyrics are: "save our souls.".

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)

(at the Divine Liturgy)

Tone 1

Troparion

(Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior,
Granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Your Kingdom!!!

Glory to Your dispensation, O you who love mankind!”

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You, O Gi - ver of Life: Glo - ry to Your Re - sur - rec - tion, O Christ!

Glo - ry to Your King-dom! Glory to Your dispensation, O You Who love man - kind!

Tone 2**Troparion***(Forerunner)**(Troparion for the Beheading – Tone 2)*

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,
 but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.

You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets,
 for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him Whom they foretold.

Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy,
 you proclaimed to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh,
 Who takes away the sin of the world//
 and grants us great mercy.

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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 of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O
 Fore-run - ner. You were shown in truth to be the most honorable
 of the pro - phets, for you were deemed worthy to baptize
 in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they fore - told.

There - fore, having suffered for the truth with joy, you

proclaimed to those in hell God who ap-peared in the flesh,

who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great

mer - cy.

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

Tone 5

Kontakion

(Forerunner)

(Kontakion for the Beheading – Tone 5)

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner became an act of divine dispensation, for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder, loving not the Law of God, nor eternal life, // but that which is false and temporal.

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

The glo - rious beheading of the Fore - run - ner,

became an act of divine dispen - sa - tion, for he

preached to those in hell the coming of the Sav - ior.

Let He - ro - di - as lament, for she entreated lawless mur - der,

loving not the law of God, nor e - ter - nal life,

but that which is false and tem - po - ral.

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

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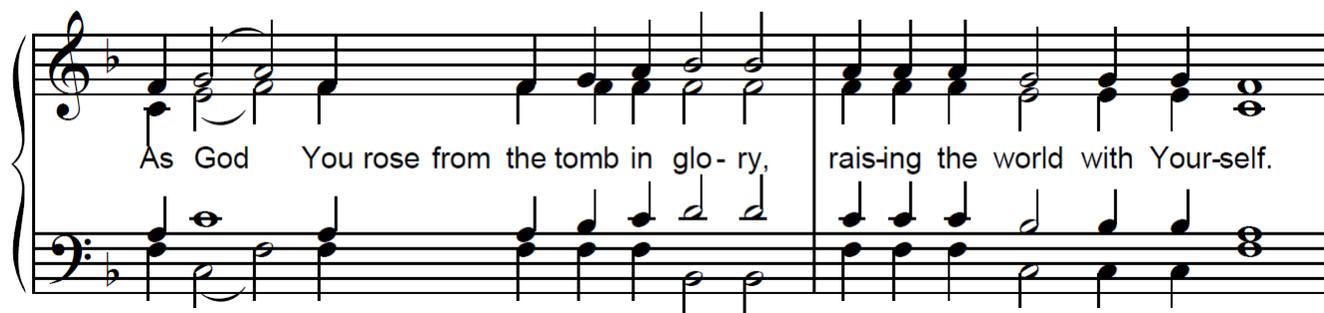
As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself.

Human nature praises You as God for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You::/

“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”



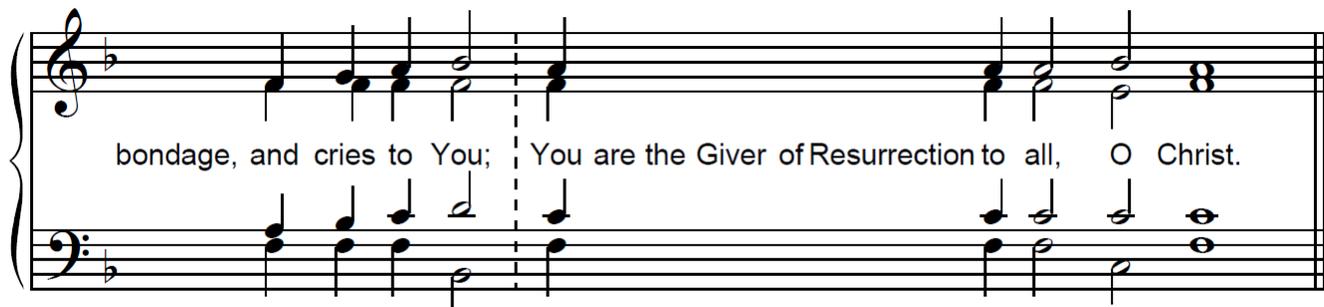
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Prokeimenon, Tone 1

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 1st Tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

Choir: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You, as we have set our hope on You!

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You,
as we have set our hope on You.

Reader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Choir: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You, as we have set our hope on You!

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You,
as we have set our hope on You.

Reader: In the Seventh Tone, The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord and shall put his hope in Him.

Choir: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord and shall put his hope in Him.

The right - eous one shall re-joyce in the Lord, and shall put his hope in Him.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (131) 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 and (33) Acts 13:25-33 (*Forerunner*)

Reader: The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we are made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and people.

We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You have honor, but we have dishonor. Even to this present hour, we hunger and thirst, we are naked, beaten, and we wander from place to place! We work hard, with our own hands. When people curse us, we bless in return. When we are persecuted, we endure.

When we are defamed, we try to conciliate. We are made as the filth of the world, as the dirt wiped off by all, even until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For although you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers. For in Christ Jesus, I became your father through the Good News. I beg you therefore, be imitators of me.

In those days, as John was completing his work, he said, 'Who do you suppose that I am? I am not he! But behold, one comes after me whose sandals I am unworthy to untie.' Brethren, children of the line of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you! Indeed, those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him or the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath. Still, by condemning him, they fulfilled the prophets! Although they could find no cause for his execution, they asked Pilate to have Jesus killed. After fulfilling all the things that were written about him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and he was seen for many days by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are his witnesses to the people. And now, we bring you the Good News that the promise made to the fathers has come about: God has fulfilled it for us, their children, by raising up Jesus.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 1

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 1st Tone: Alleluia! God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the Fourth Tone, The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (72) Matthew 17:14-23 and (24) Mark 6:14-30 (*Forerunner*)

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

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

Priest: When they came to the crowd, a man came to Jesus. He knelt down before him and said: "Lord, have mercy on my son! He is epileptic and suffers terribly as he often falls into the fire and into the water. And so, I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him."

Jesus answered, "Faithless and perverse generation! How much longer must I be with you? How long must I bear with you? Bring him to me."

When Jesus rebuked it, the demon went out of the boy and he was cured from that hour.

Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why were we not able to cast it out?"

Jesus replied, "Because of your unbelief! Amen, I tell you that if you have faith even like a grain of mustard, you will tell this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you! But this kind of spirit does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

At that time, King Herod heard this report, for Jesus' name had become well known, and he said, "John the Baptizer has risen from the dead! This is why these powers are at work in him!" But others said, "He is Elijah." Others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old" But when he heard this, Herod said, "This is John whom I beheaded. He has risen from the dead!" For Herod himself had ordered that John be arrested, and he had him chained in prison. This was for the sake of Herodias, the former wife of his brother Philip, for Herod had married her. John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife!" Herodias became furious against John and desired to kill him, but she could not because Herod feared John. He knew that John was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard John speak, he did many things, and liked to listen to him.

An opportunity came when on his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his nobles, high officers, and for the leading figures of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced and pleased Herod and those sitting with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you!" He swore to her, "Whatever you shall ask of me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom!"

She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" Herodias answered, "The head of John the Baptizer!"

At once, the girl hurried to the king and said, "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptizer on a platter."

The king was extremely sorry, but for the sake of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he did not wish to deny her. Immediately, the king sent out a soldier of his guard and commanded that John's head be brought. The soldier went off and beheaded John in the prison, and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl. And she gave it to her mother.

When John's disciples heard this, they came, took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The apostles came back together around Jesus and told him both what they had done and taught.

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

Sermon – Fr. Marty

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Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first system is in the key of D major (one sharp). The second and third systems are in the key of B minor (two flats).

Praise the Lord from the heav - ens! Praise Him in the high - est!

The right - eous shall be in ev - er - last - ing re -

mem - brance! He shall not fear — e - vil ti - dings!

1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments!
2. His descendants shall be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
3. Wealth and riches are in his house; and his righteousness endures forever.
4. Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
5. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. He will never be moved.
6. His heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. His heart is steady, he will not be afraid, until he sees his desire on his adversaries.
7. He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.
8. The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked man comes to nought.

Al - le - lu - ia, — Al - le - lu - ia, —

This system consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "Al - le - lu - ia, — Al - le - lu - ia, —".

Al - le - lu - ia!

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