"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!//

Let my prayer arise in Your sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice!//



Reader: (Reads text from service book)

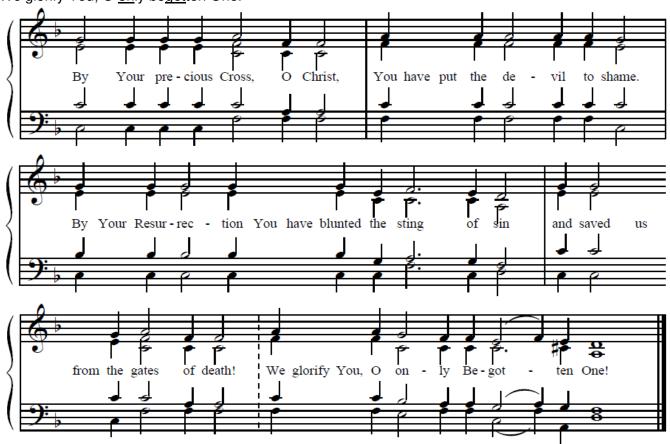
v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

By Your precious <u>Cross</u>, O Christ, You have put the <u>dev</u>il to shame.

By Your Resurrection, You have blunted the sting of sin

and saved us from the gates of death.//

We glorify You, O only begotten One.



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.

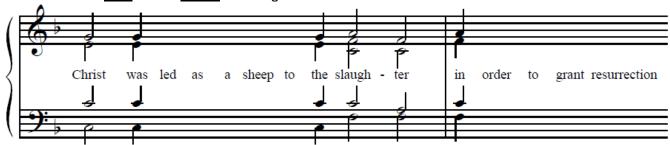
The princes of Hades were frightened by this,

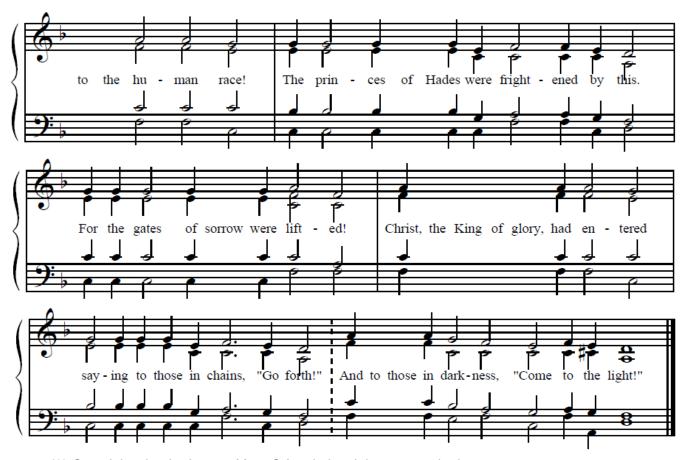
for the gates of sorrow were lifted.

Christ the King of glory had entered,

saying to those in chains: "Go forth!"//

And to those in darkness: "Come to the light!"





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

Oh, great wonder!

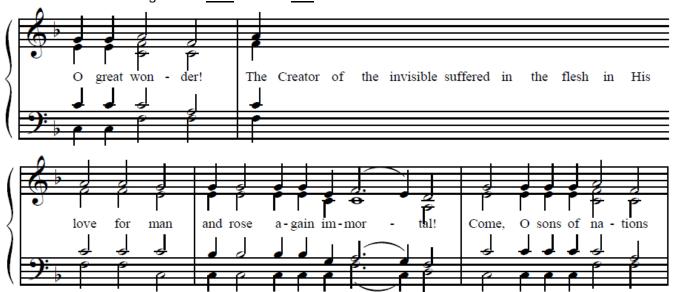
The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His <u>love</u> for man and <u>rose</u> again im<u>mortal</u>.

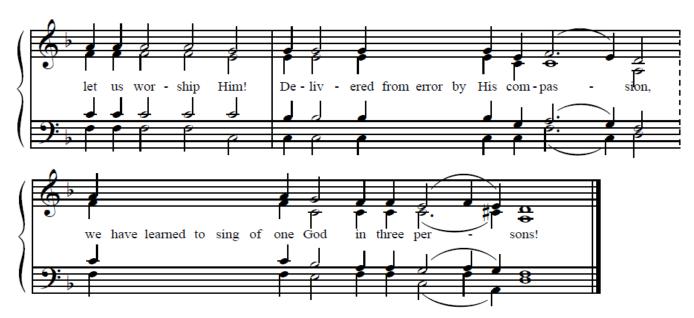
Come, O sons of nations,

let us worship Him,

Delivered from error by His compassion,//

we have learned to sing of one <u>God</u> in three <u>Per</u>sons!





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

Tone 2 (for the Feast, by Germanus)

Come, let us greatly rejoice in the Lord,

as we sing of this present mystery:

the wall that divided God from man has been destroyed;

the flaming sword withdraws from <u>E</u>den's gate;

the Cherubim withdraw from the <u>Tree</u> of Life;

and <u>I</u>, who had been cast out through my disobedience,

now feast on the delights of Paradise:

for today the Father's perfect <u>Image</u>,

marked with the stamp of His eternity,

has taken the form of a servant.

Without undergoing change He is born from an unwedded mother;

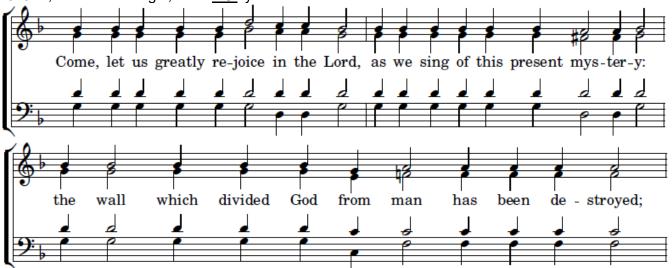
He was true God, and He remains the same,

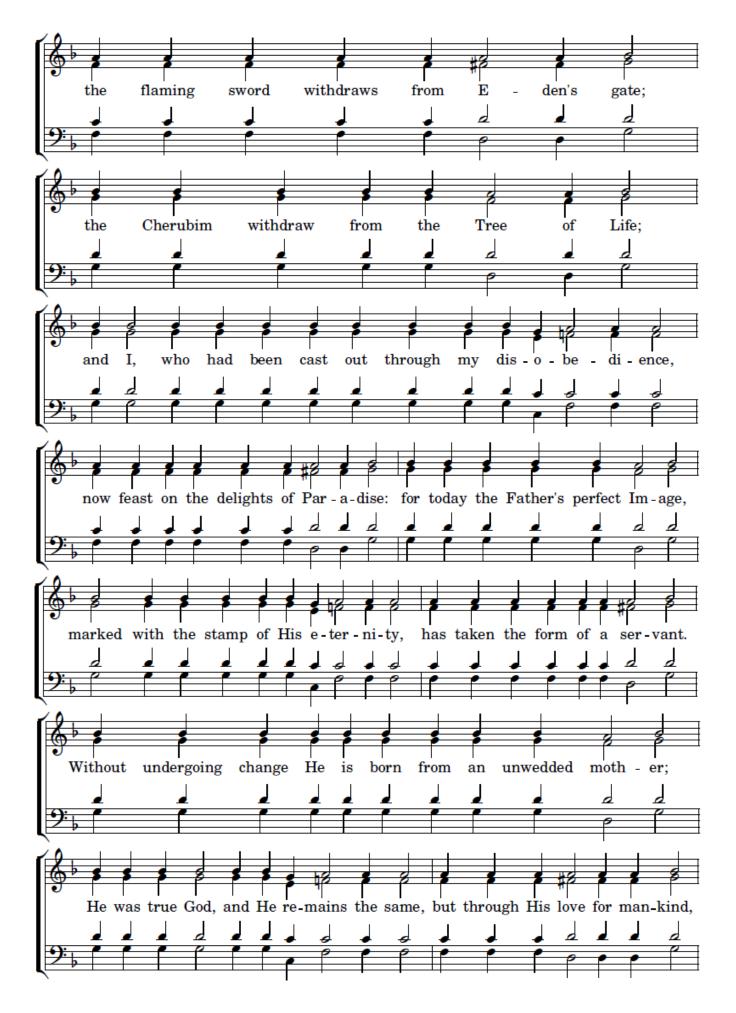
but through His love for mankind,

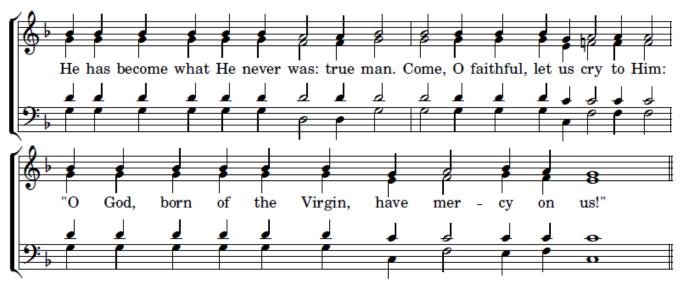
He has become what He never was: true man.

Come, O faithful, let us cry to Him://

"O God, born of the Virgin, have mercy on us!"







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

When the Lord Jesus was born of the Holy Virgin,

the whole universe was filled with light.

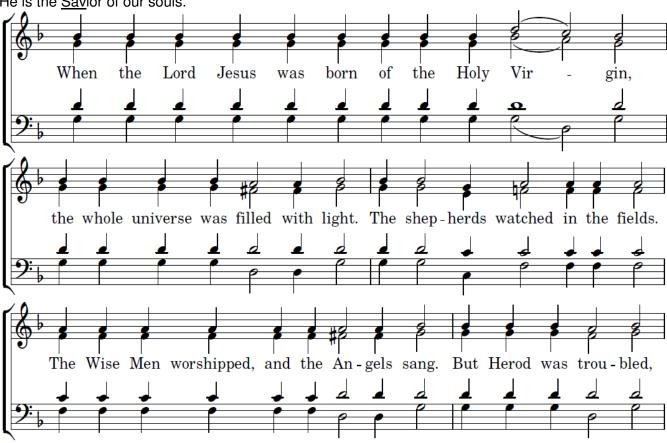
The shepherds watched in the fields.

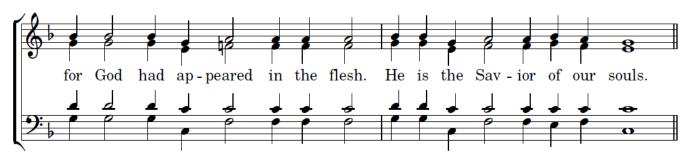
The Wise Men worshipped, and the Angels sang.

But Herod was troubled,

for God had appeared in the flesh.//

He is the Savior of our souls.





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.

Your Kingdom endures forever, O Christ our God.

Your rule is from age to age.

Made flesh by the Holy Spirit,

made man of the ever-virgin Mary.

You have filled all creation with joy.

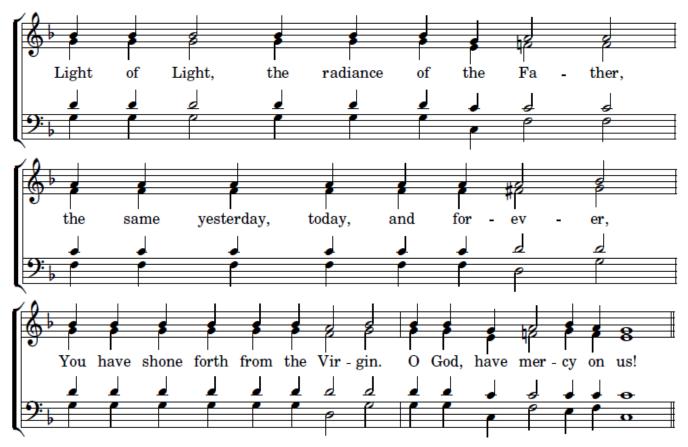
The light of Your coming has shone on us;

every living creature praises You.

the Image of the Father's glory.

Light of Light, the radiance of the Father,





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

What shall we offer You, O Christ,

Who for our sakes have appeared on earth as a man?

Every creature made by You offers You thanks:

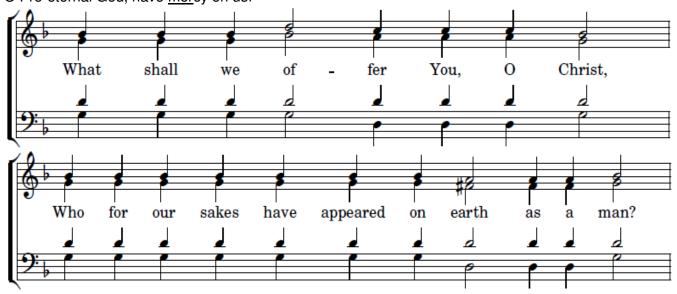
the Angels offer a hymn; the heavens, a star;

the Wise Men, gifts; the shepherds, their wonder;

the earth, its cave; the wilderness, a manger,

and we offer You a virgin Mother!//

O Pre-eternal God, have mercy on us!



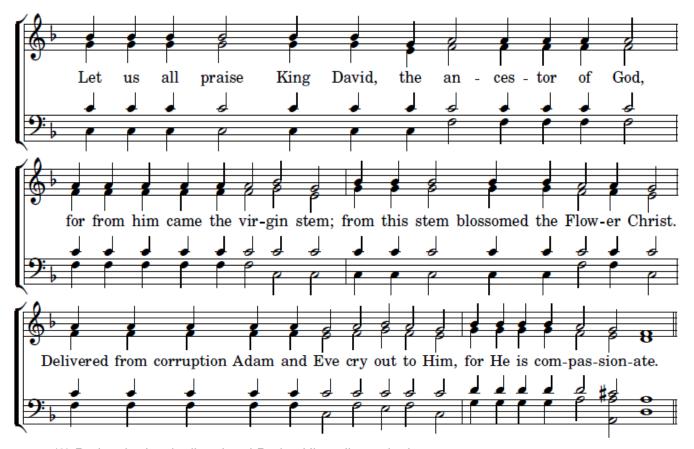


v. (3) In the First Tone, For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Tone 1 (for King David)

(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)

Let us all <u>praise</u> King David, the <u>an</u>cestor of God, for from him came the <u>virgin</u> stem; from this <u>stem</u> blossomed the <u>Flow</u>er – Christ. Delivered from corruption, Adam and <u>Eve</u> cry <u>out</u> to Him,// for He is com<u>pas</u>sionate.



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

Tone 1 (for St. Joseph)

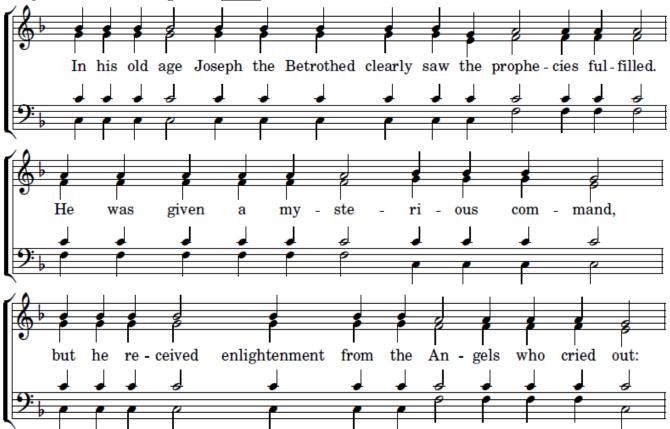
(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)

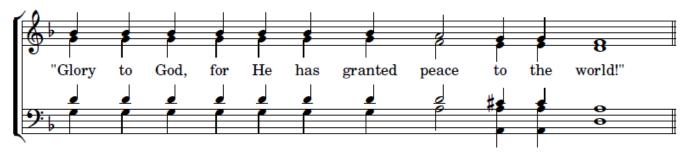
In his old age Joseph the Betrothed clearly saw the prophecies fulfilled.

He was given a mysterious command,

but he received enlightenment from the Angels who cried out://

"Glory to God, for He has granted peace to the world!"





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

Tone 1 (for St. James) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)

Let us all <u>praise</u> the <u>broth</u>er of the Lord!

He is a bishop and also a courageous martyr.

Therefore, O Jesus,

God wrapped in swaddling clothes in the cave and manger,//

through his prayers save those who praise You!



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

Tone 6 (for the Righteous Ones)

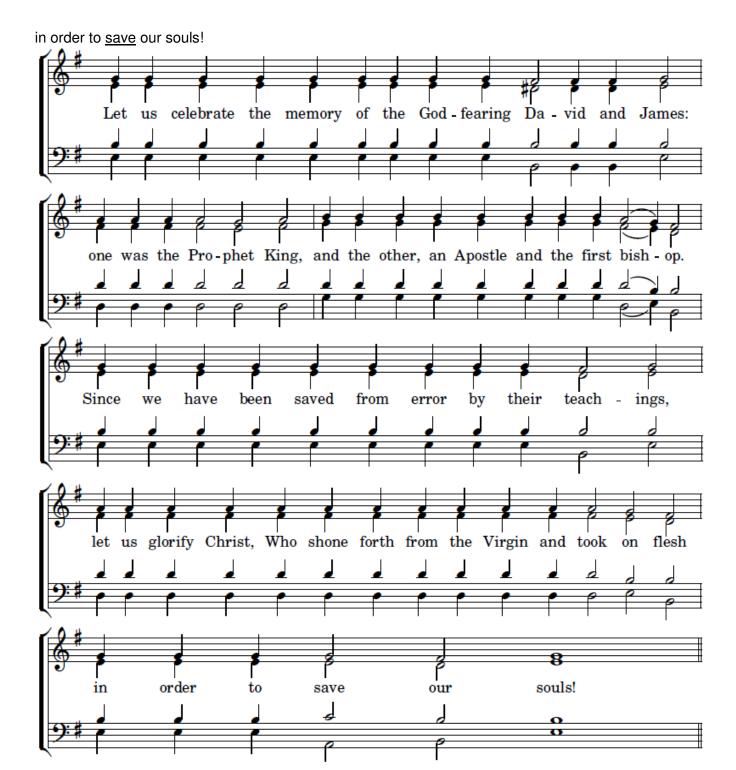
Let us celebrate the memory of the God-fearing David and James:

one was the Prophet King,

and the other – an Apostle and the first bishop.

Since we have been saved from error by their teachings.//

let us glorify Christ, Who shone forth from the Virgin and took on flesh//



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

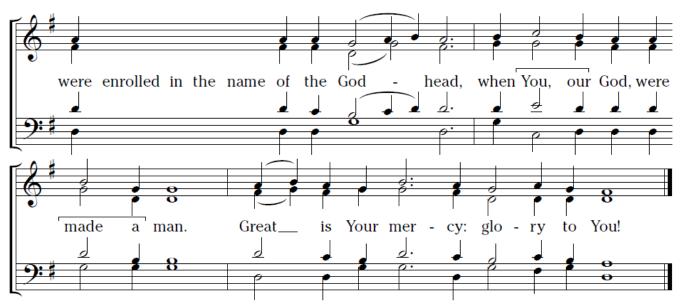
Tone 2 (by Cassia the nun)

When Augustus ruled alone upon the earth, the many kingdoms of men came to an end, and when You were made man of the pure Virgin, the many gods of idolatry were destroyed.

The cities of the world passed under one single rule, and the nations came to believe in one sovereign Godhead. The peoples were enrolled by the decree of Caesar, and we the faithful were enrolled in the name of the Godhead, when You, our God, were made man.

Great is Your mercy, O Lord, glory to You!





Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!
People: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

Aposticha - Tone 5

We <u>magnify</u> You in <u>songs</u> 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 <u>Hades</u>,//

and arose on the third day, saving our souls.



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

By being pierced in the side, O Lover of man,

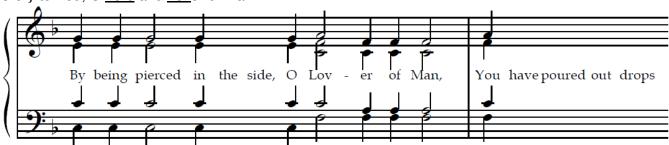
You have poured out drops of life and salvation for all.

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.//

Glory to You, O Lord and Lover 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 <u>pris</u>oners.

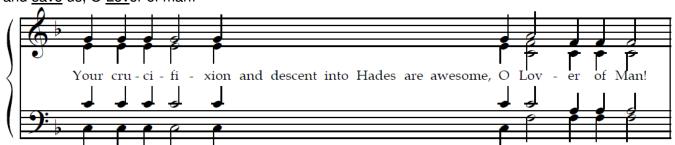
You have opened Paradise and given it to us.

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!

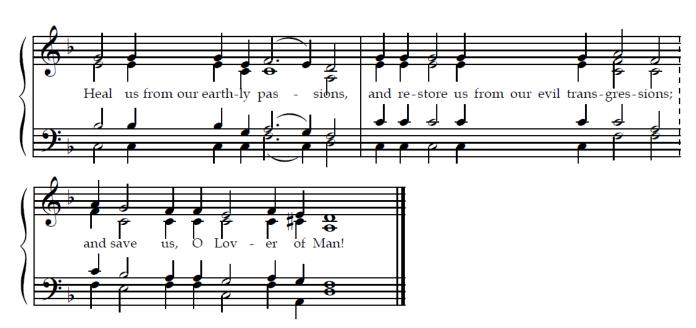




v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

For our <u>sake</u>, You accepted <u>death</u> in the flesh, to rise from the dead on the <u>third</u> day. <u>Heal</u> us from our earthly <u>passions</u>, and re<u>store</u> us from our evil trans<u>gres</u>sions;//





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

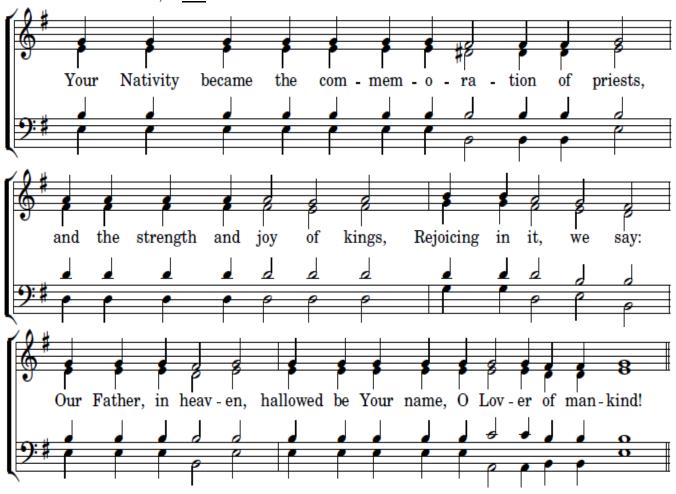
Tone 6 (for the Righteous Ones)

Your Nativity became the commemor<u>a</u>tion of priests, and the strength and <u>joy</u> of kings,

Rejoicing in it, we say:

"Our Father, in heaven,//

hallowed be Your Name, O Lover of man!"



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

Tone 4

(by Anatolius)

You have dwelt in a cave, O Christ our God;

a manger <u>wel</u>comed You; <u>shep</u>herds and Wise Men <u>wor</u>shipped You. Then were the words of the <u>Proph</u>ets fulfilled, and the hosts of Angels <u>mar</u>veled and cried://



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,

born for our salvation from the Virgin;

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.



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

Tone 2 **Troparion** (Righteous Ones)

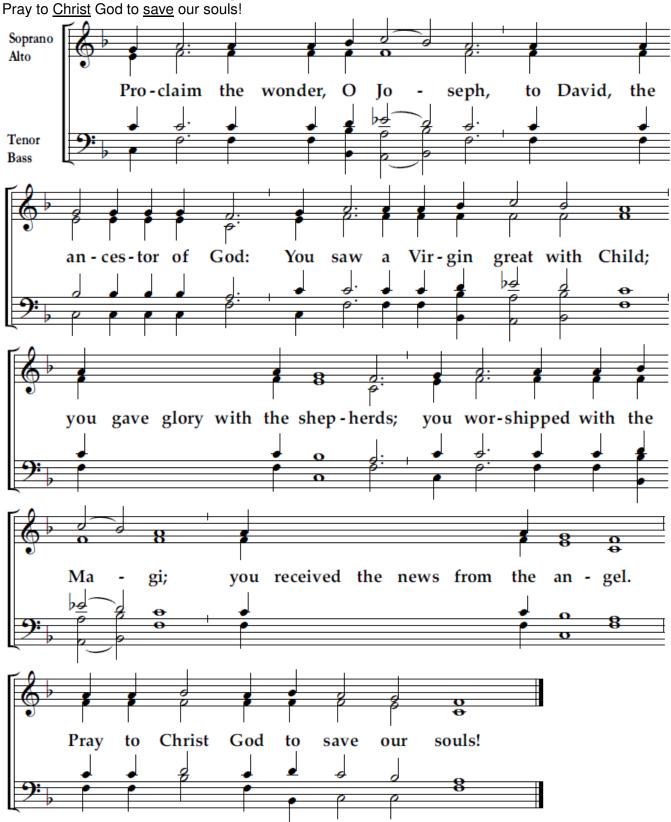
(Troparion for the Righteous Ones – Tone 2)

Pro<u>claim</u> the wonder, O <u>Jo</u>seph,

to David, the ancestor of God;

you have seen a Virgin great with child;

and you gave glory with the sheepherds; you worshipped with the Magi, and received the news from the Angel.//

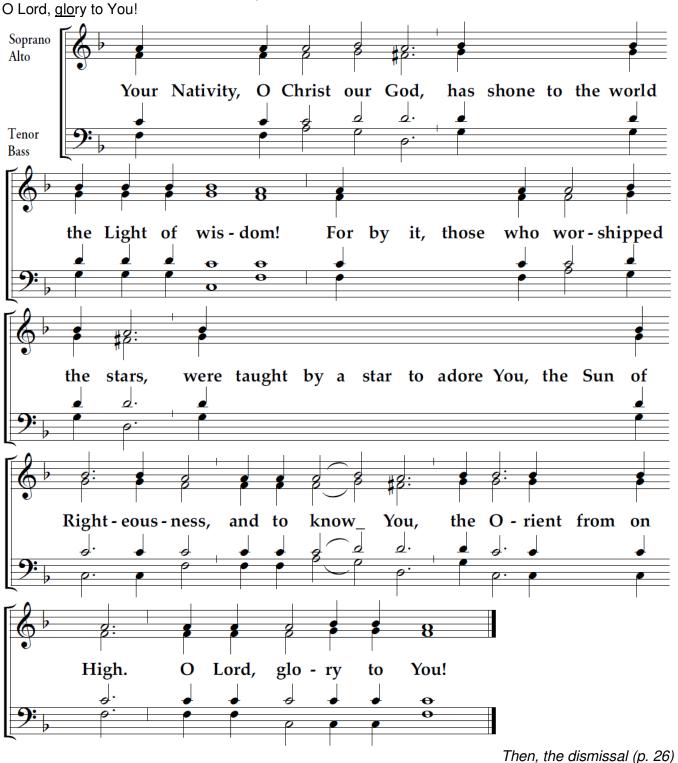


now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4 Troparion (Feast)

(Troparion for the Feast – Tone 4)
Your Nativity, O Christ our God,
has shone to the world the light of wisdom!

For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Orient from on high.//



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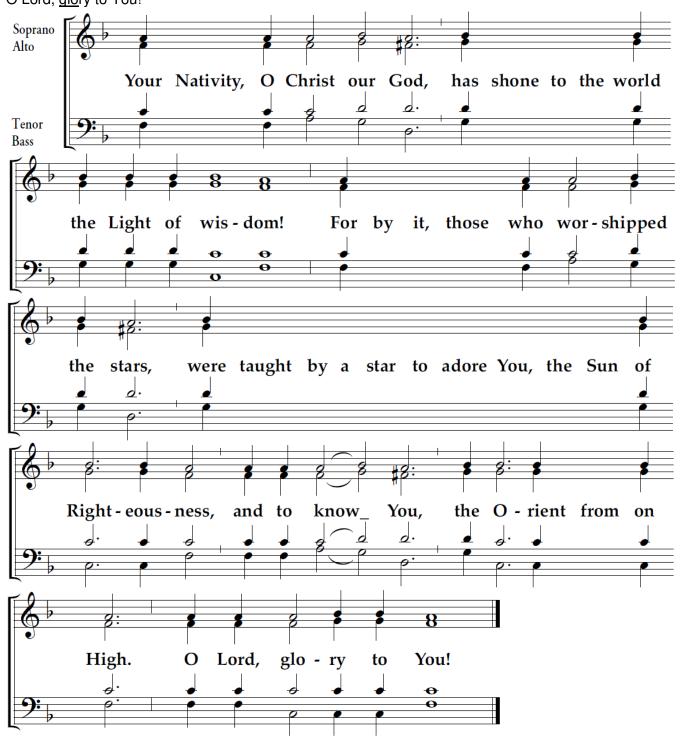


(Troparion for the Feast – Tone 4) Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore You,

Troparion

(Feast)

the Sun of <u>Right</u>eousness, and to know You, the <u>Or</u>ient from on high.// O Lord, <u>glo</u>ry to You!



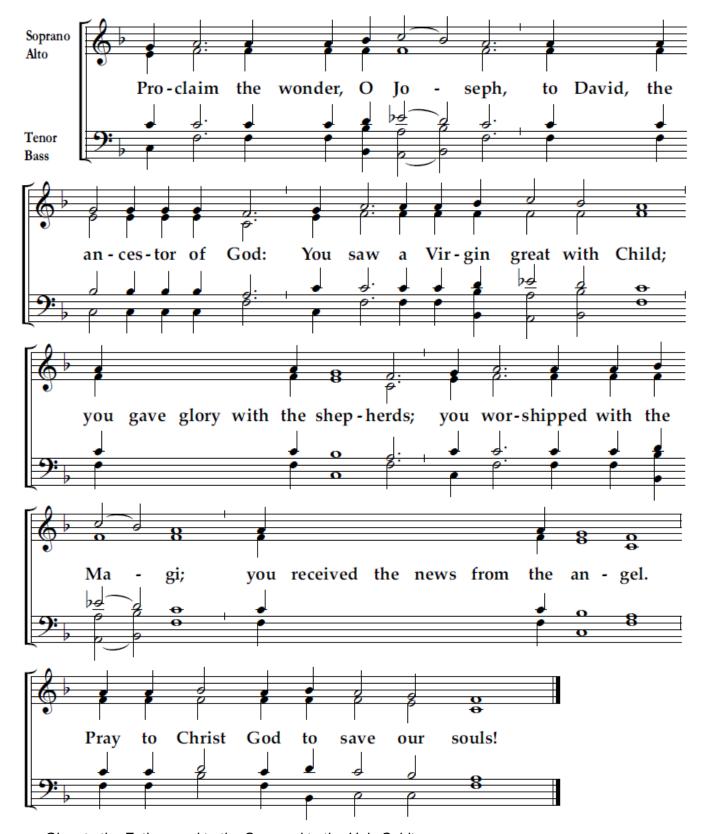
(Troparion for the Righteous Ones – Tone 2)
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to David, the ancestor of God;
you have seen a Virgin great with child;
and you gave glory with the shepherds;
you worshipped with the Magi,
and received the news from the Angel.//

Troparion

Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 2

(Righteous Ones)



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

Tone 3 Kontakion (Righteous Ones)

(Kontakion for the Righteous Ones – Tone 3)

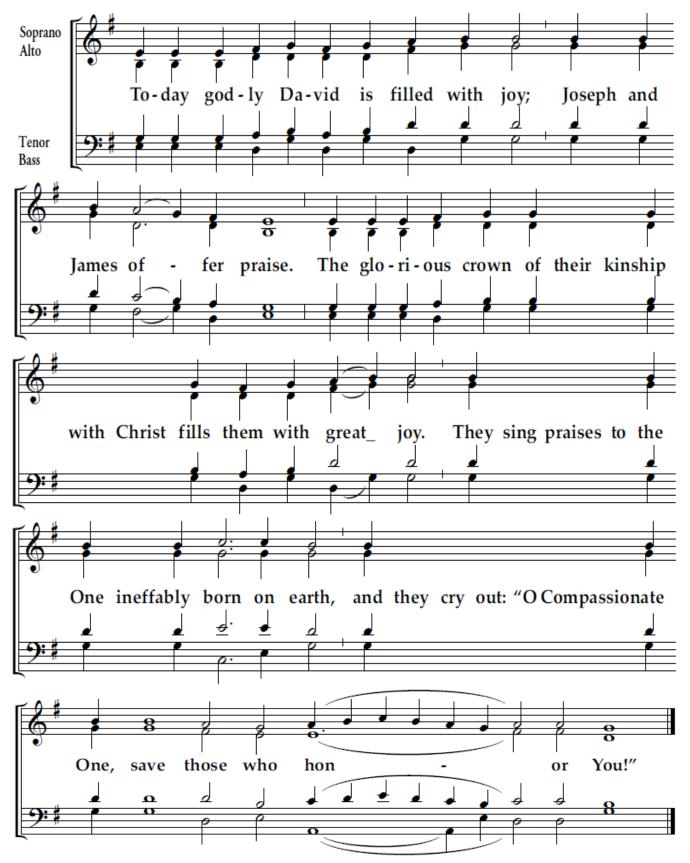
Today godly <u>Da</u>vid is <u>filled</u> with joy;

Joseph and James offer praise.

The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy.

They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth,//

and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor You!"



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

Tone 3 Kontakion (Feast)

(Kontakion for the Feast - Tone 3)

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One!

Angels with shepherds glorify Him!

The Wise Men journey with the star,//



Prokeimenon, Tone 8

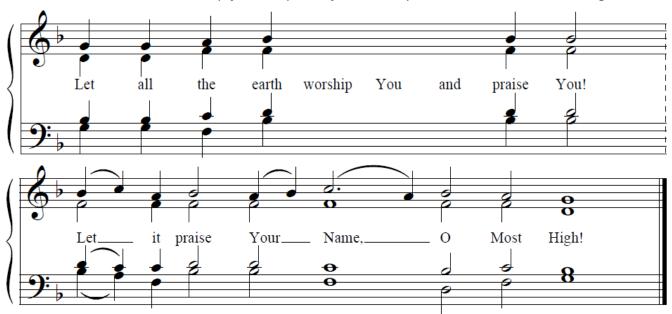
Deacon: Let us attend! Priest: † Peace to all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

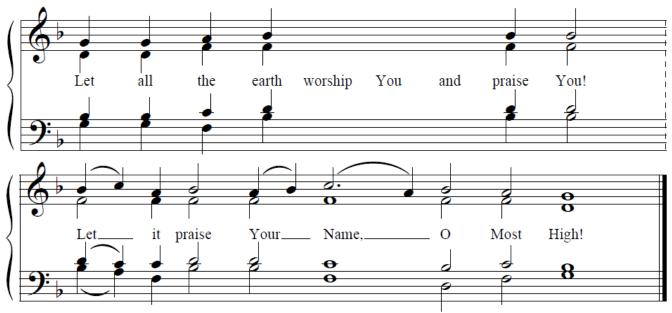
Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 8th Tone, Let all the earth worship you and praise you! Let it praise Your Name, O Most High!

Choir: Let all the earth worship you and praise you! / Let it praise Your Name, O Most High!

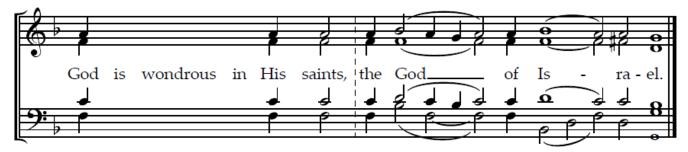


Reader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name! Give glory to His praise! Choir: Let all the earth worship you and praise you! / Let it praise Your Name, O Most High!



Reader: In the Fourth Tone, God is wondrous in His saints, / the God of Israel.

Choir: God is wondrous in His saints, / the God of Israel.



Priest: Wisdom!

Epistle: (200) Galatians 1:11-19 (Sunday After)

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

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and Sisters, I make known to you that the Gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For neither did I receive it from man, nor did I learn it but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in the religion of the Jews, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in the religion of the Jews beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, Who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, neither did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him for fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except for James, the brother of the Lord.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Reader: And to your spirit! In the First Tone, Alleluia! The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



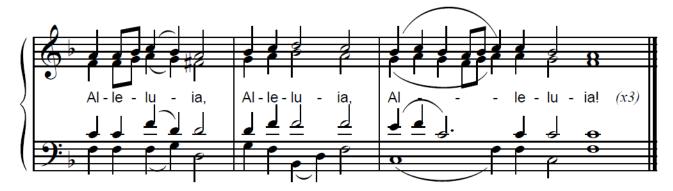
Reader: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declare knowledge.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Reader: In the Fourth Tone, Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Gospel: (4) Matthew 2:13-23 (Sunday After) Page 313

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

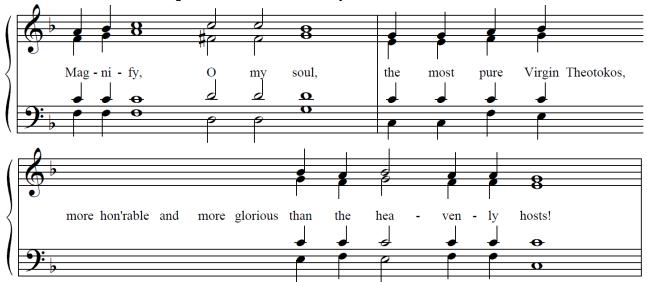
People: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "a voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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

(Instead of "It is truly meet...," we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts.



I behold a strange, most glorious mystery:

heaven—the cave;

the cherubic throne—the Virgin;

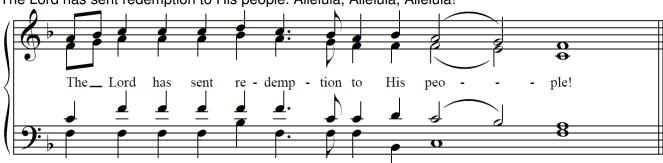
the manger—the place where Christ lay—

the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song. BE-HOLD A STRANGE, MOST GLO - I-OUS MYS - TER-Y! HEA - VEN - THE CAVE! THE CHERUBIC THRONE — THE VIR GIN! THE MAN - GER — THE PLACE WHERE CHRIST LAY, THE UNCONTAINABLE GOD WHOM WE MAG - NI - FY SONG. O O

Communion Hymn

Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)

The Lord has sent redemption to His people. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



- 1. I will confess You, O Lord, with my whole heart in the council of the upright and in the congregation.
- 2. Great are the works of the Lord, sought out in all the things that He has willed.
- 3. Confession and majesty are His work, and His righteousness abides unto ages of ages.
- 4. He made a remembrance of His wonderous deeds; merciful and compassionate is the Lord; He has given food to them that fear Him.
- 5. He will be mindful forever of His covenant; the power of His works has He declared unto His people.
- 6. That He may give them the inheritance of the nations; the works of His hands are truth and judgement.
- 7. Faithful are all His commandments, confirmed unto ages of ages, made in truth and uprightness.
- 8. He has sent redemption to His people, He has enjoined His covenant forever; holy and terrible is His name.
- 9. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and all they that foster this have a good understanding.
- 10. His praise abides unto ages of ages.

