# "Lord I Call..." - Tone 6

Reader: In the Sixth 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!

Tone 6 (for the Resurrection)

Possessing victory over <u>Ha</u>des, O Christ,

since You are free among the dead,

You ascended the Cross

raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//

Drawing life from Your light, O Almighty Savior, have mercy on us!



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

Today Christ tramples on death,

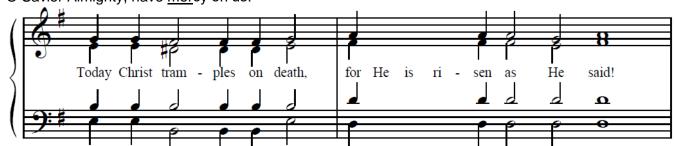
for He is risen as He said!

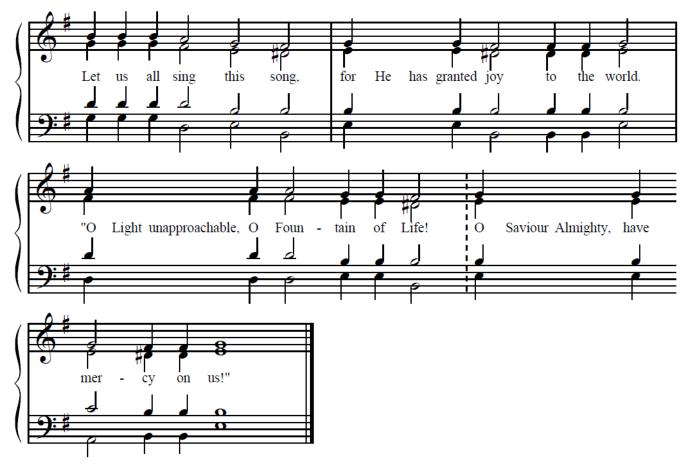
Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

"O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

O Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!"





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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, for You are in all creation?

In heaven You dwell!

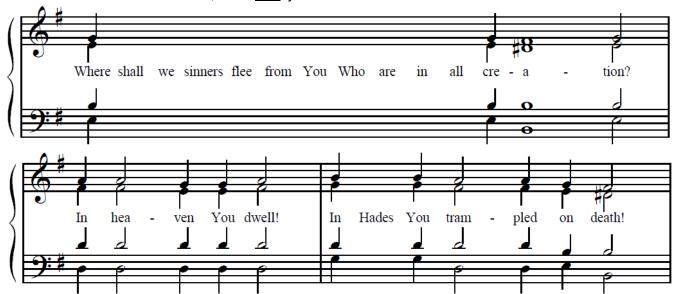
In Hades You trampled on death!

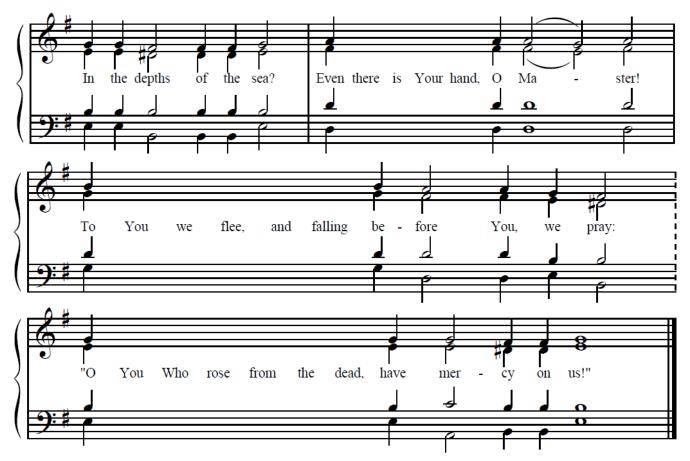
In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Your hand, O Master!

To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://

"O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!"





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

**Tone 2** (for the Feast, by John the Monk)

Our Light that en<u>light</u>ens all comes to be baptized.

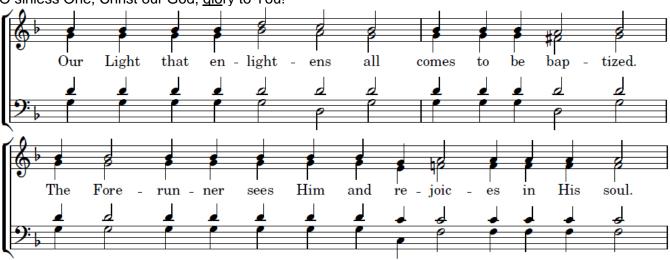
The Forerunner sees Him and rejoices in His soul.

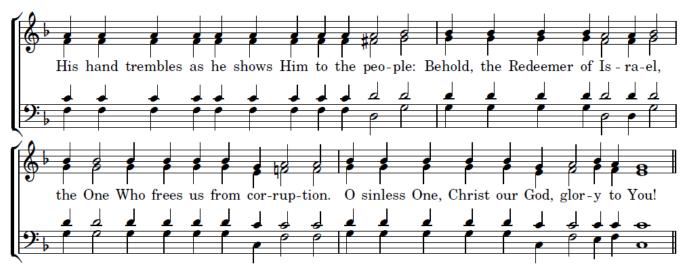
His hand trembles as he shows Him to the people:

"Behold, the Redeemer of Israel,

the One Who frees us from corruption."//

O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to You!





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

A servant baptized our Redeemer

and the coming of the Spirit bore witness to Him.

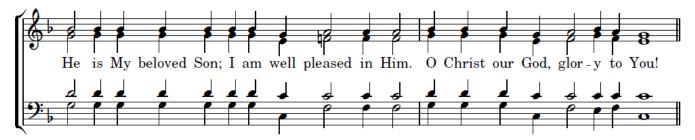
The hosts of Angels saw this and shook with fear.

And the voice of the Father was heard from <u>heaven</u>:

"This One on Whom the Forerunner lays his hand,

He is My beloved Son; I am well pleased in Him."//

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v. (5) For Your name's sake have I waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

The streams of the Jordan received You, their source,

and the Comforter descended in the form of a dove.

He Who bowed the heavens now bows His head.

The Clay cries aloud to the Potter:

"Why do you command me to do what is beyond me;

for I rather should be baptized by You."//

O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to You!



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

Wishing to save mankind that had <u>gone</u> astray, You did not think it un<u>worthy</u> for You to be <u>clothed</u> in the form of a <u>ser</u>vant; for it was proper for You as <u>Mas</u>ter and God to take upon Yourself human <u>na</u>ture for our sake. Being <u>bap</u>tized in the flesh, O Re<u>deemer</u>, You made us worthy of forgiveness. And so we cry <u>out</u> to You://
"O Benefactor, Christ our God, <u>glory</u> to You!"



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.

When the <u>Fore</u>runner be<u>held</u> You, O Christ, drawing near to him to ask for baptism,

he cried out in trembling:

"Why do You ask me for what is beyond my strength?

How shall I touch You with my hand, all-powerful Lord,

for You hold all things with Your hand?//

But instead baptize me, Your servant!"



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

"This day I have appeared as a complete Man;

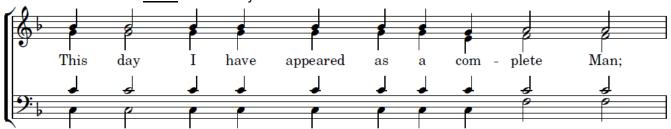
unapproachable by nature, I have become approachable to you.

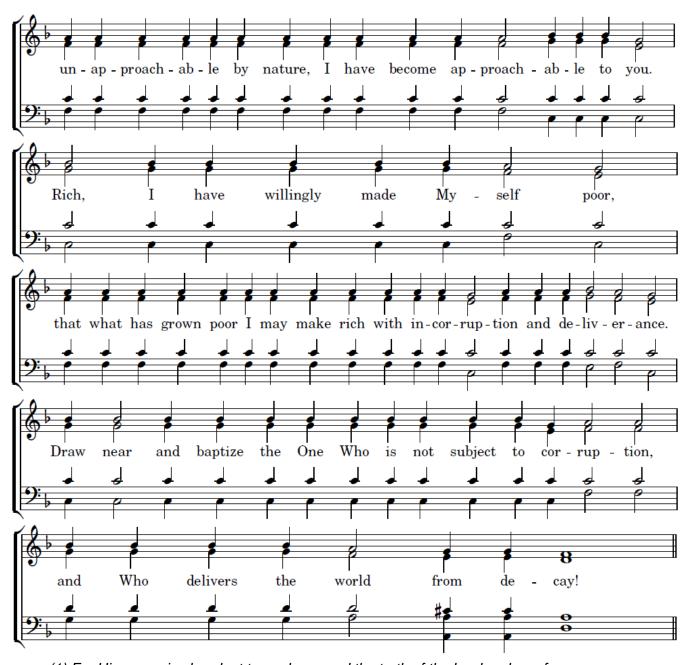
Rich, I have willingly made Myself poor,

that what has grown poor I may make rich with incorruption and deliverance.

Draw near and baptize the One Who is not subject to corruption,//

and Who delivers the world from decay!"





v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

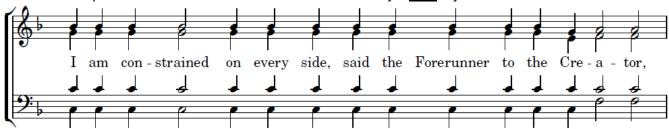
"I am constrained on every side," said the Forerunner to the Creator,

"and cannot tell which way to go.

Bountiful Lord, You are a stream flowing with nourishment;

how then shall the flowing streams receive You, O Word,//

Who come to pour forth salvation on all who honor Your holy Epiphany!"





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

## Tone 6 (for St John the Baptist)

Light in the flesh and Forerunner of the <u>Savior</u>,

offspring of a barren mother.

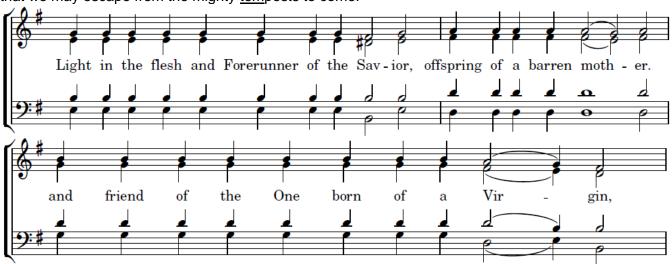
and friend of the One born of a Virgin,

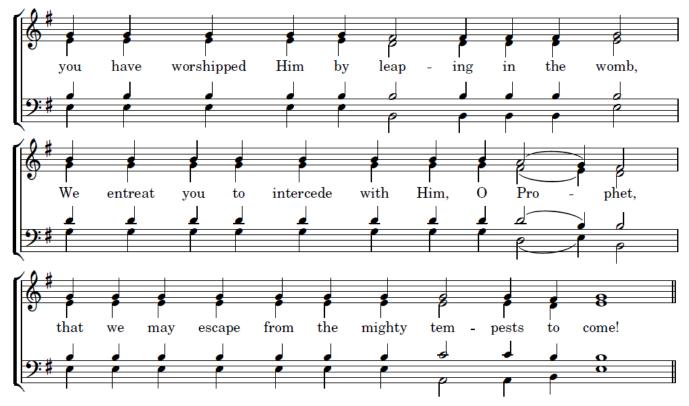
you have worshipped Him by leaping in the womb,

and have baptized Him in the waters of the Jordan.

We entreat you to intercede with Him, O Prophet,//

that we may escape from the mighty tempests to come!





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

**Tone 6** (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

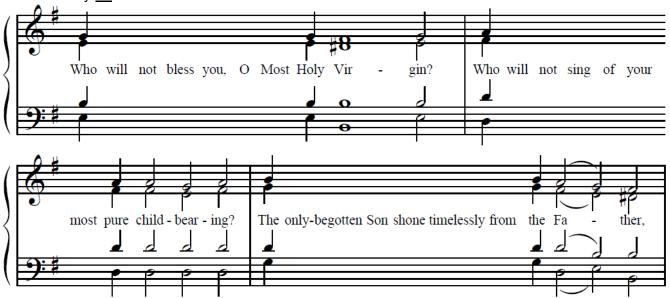
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

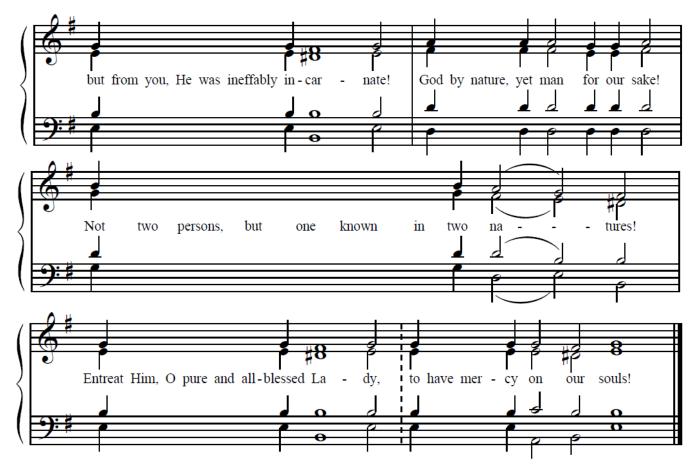
God by nature yet Man for our sake,

Not two persons but One known in two <u>na</u>tures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

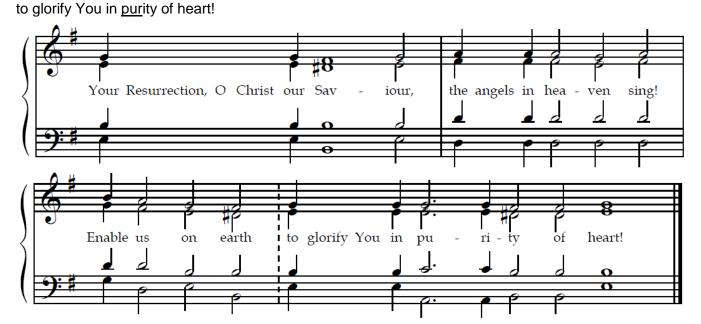




Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! People: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

# Aposticha - Tone 6

Your Resurrection, O Christ our <u>Savior</u>, the Angels in <u>heaven sing!</u> Enable <u>us</u> on earth//



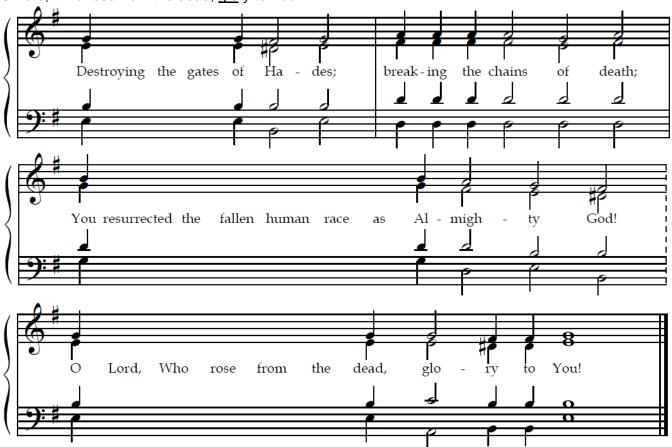
v: The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Destroying the gates of hades,

breaking the chains of death,

You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!



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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,

Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.

The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,

"Woe to us, O Savior!

How do You deign to descend to death?

What place can hold Your life bearing body?

Come to us as You promised!

Take away our wailing and tears!"

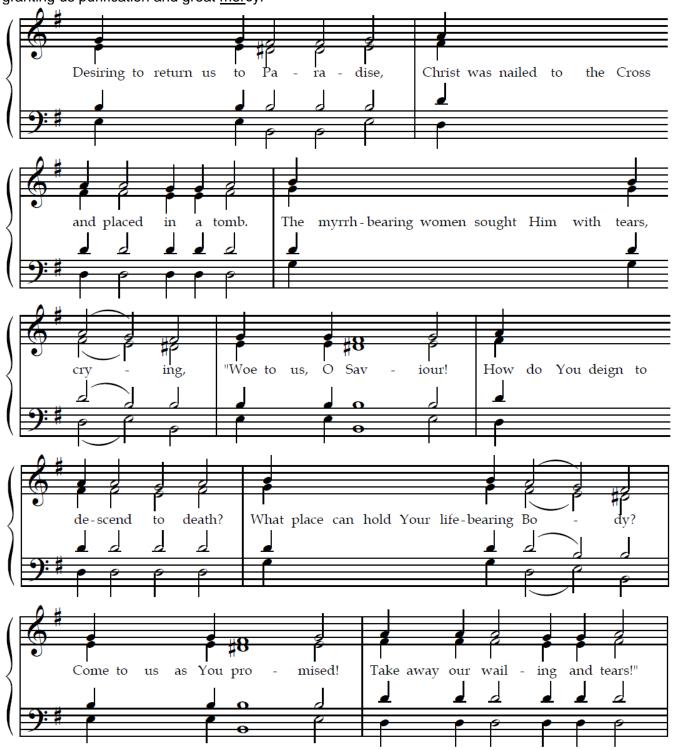
Then the Angel appeared to them:

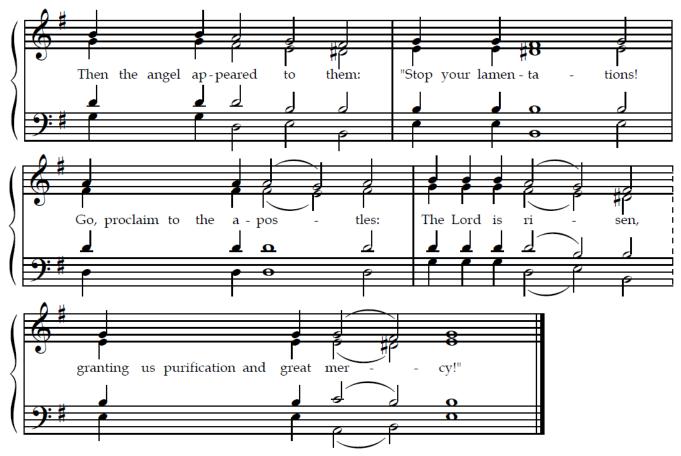
"Stop your lamentations!

Go, proclaim to the Apostles:

'The Lord is risen,//

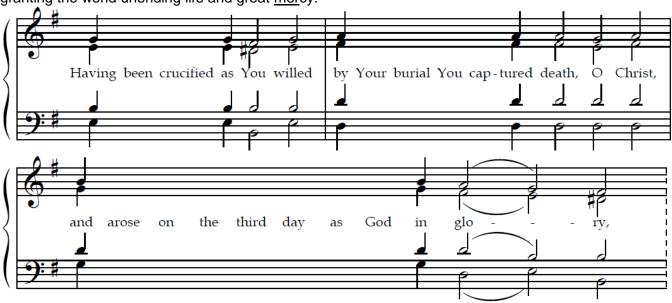
granting us purification and great mercy!"

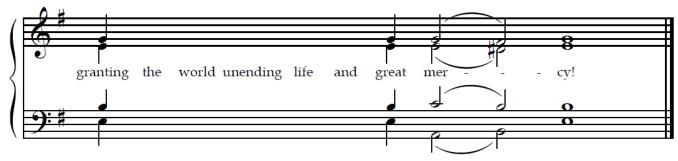




v: Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

Having been crucified as <u>You</u> willed, by Your burial You captured <u>death</u>, O Christ, and rose on the third day as God in <u>glory</u>,// granting the world unending life and great <u>mer</u>cy!





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

Tone 4 (for St John the Baptist, by Byzas)

As the lover of the Spirit,

the swallow that brings divine tidings of grace, O Forerunner,

you have made known clearly to mankind the dispensation of the King,

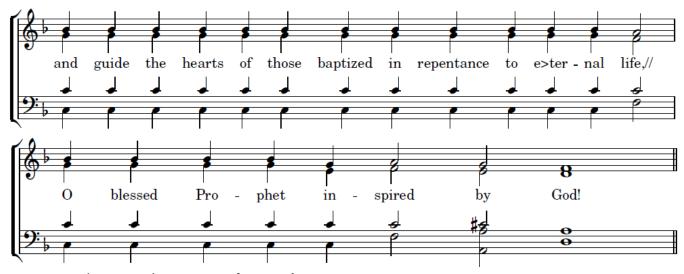
Who shone forth in brightness from a pure Virgin for the restoration of mankind.

You banish the dominion of dark and evil ways,

and guide the hearts of those baptized in repentance to eternal life,//

O blessed Prophet inspired by God!





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

Tone 4 (for the Feast, by Cosmas the Monk)

Let us imitate the wise virgins,

let us go and meet the Master Who appears;

like a bridegroom He comes forth to John.

Seeing You the Jordan holds back in fear.

John cries out: "I dare not hold Your immortal head."

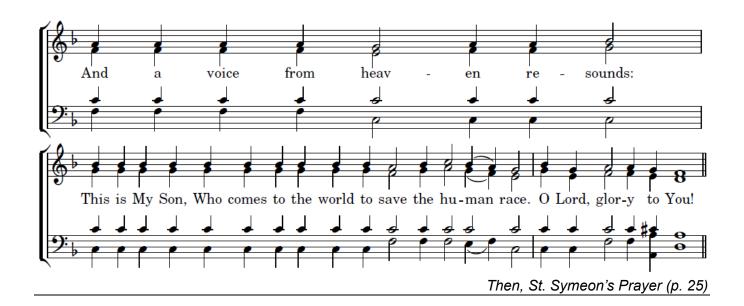
The Spirit comes down in the form of a dove to sanctify the waters.

And a voice from <u>heaven</u> resounds:

"This is My Son, Who comes to the world to save the human race."//

O Lord, glory to You!





### (at Great Vespers)

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;

the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Your grave,

seeking Your most pure body.

You captured Hades,

not being tempted by it.

You came to the Virgin, granting life.//

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.





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

Tone 2 **Troparion** (John the Baptist)

(Troparion for the Forerunner – Tone 2)

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but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.

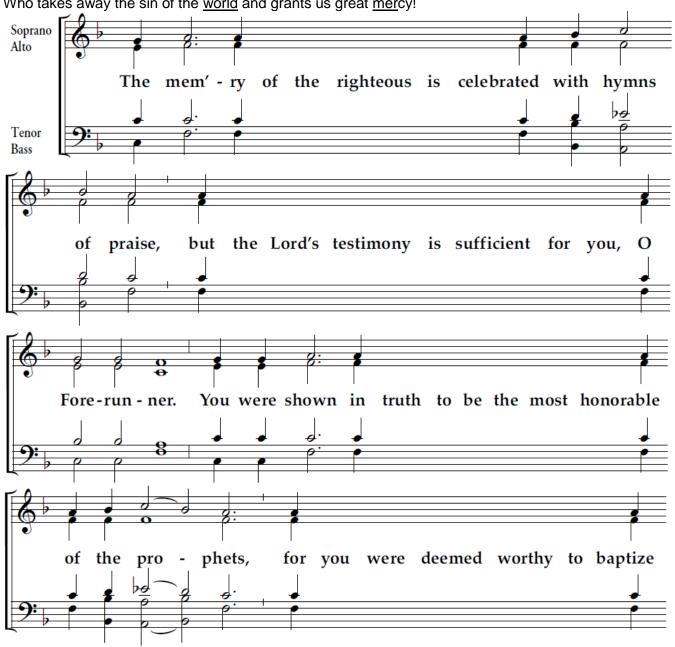
You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets,

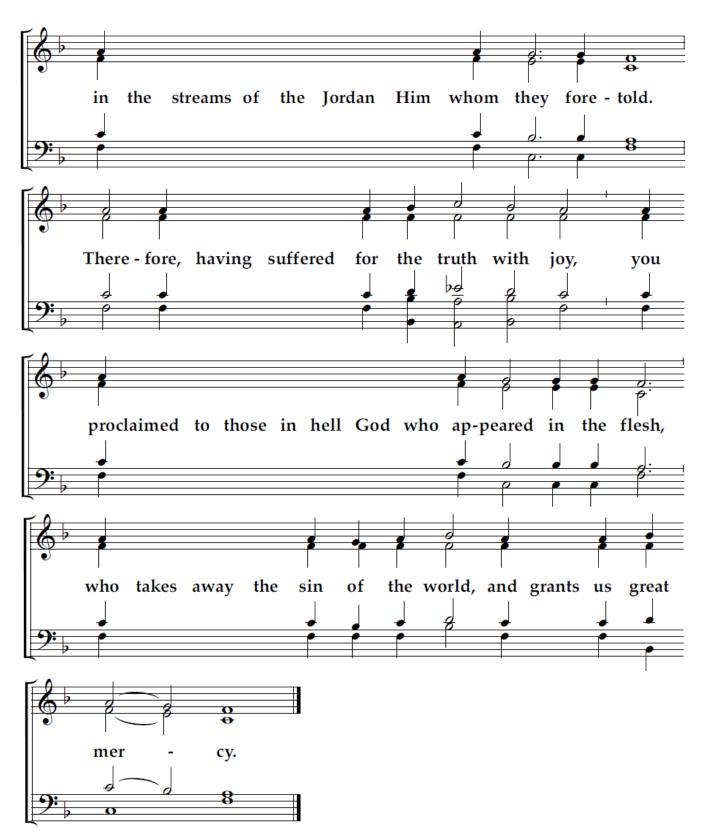
for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they foretold..

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!

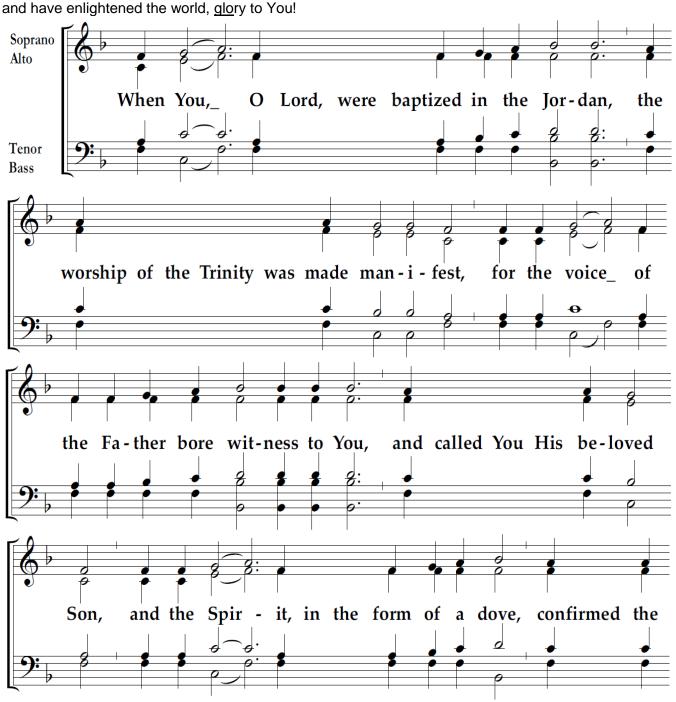


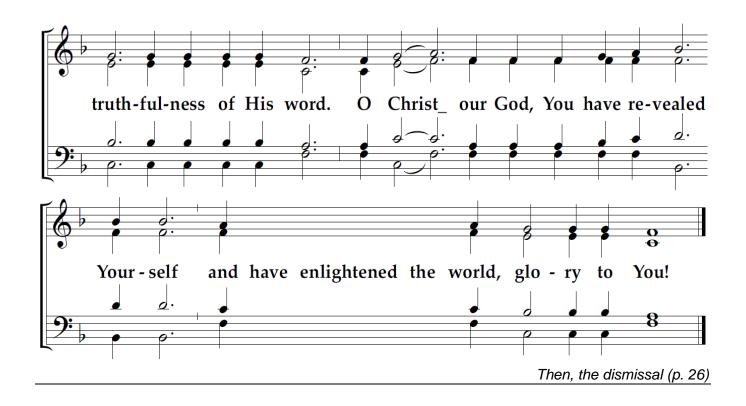


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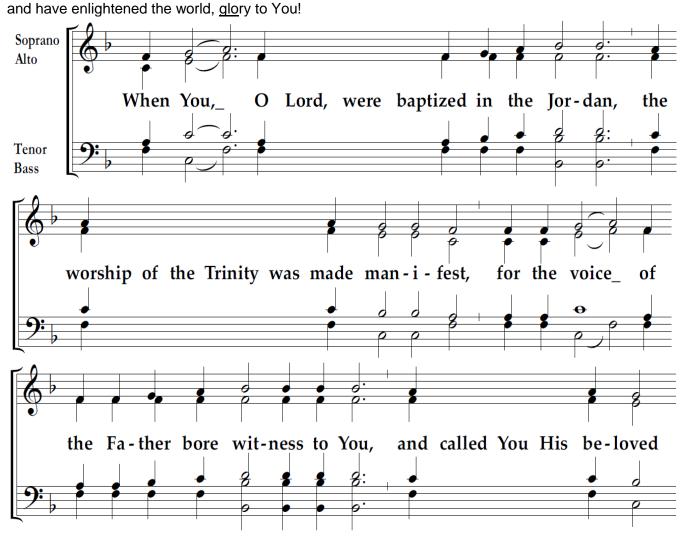
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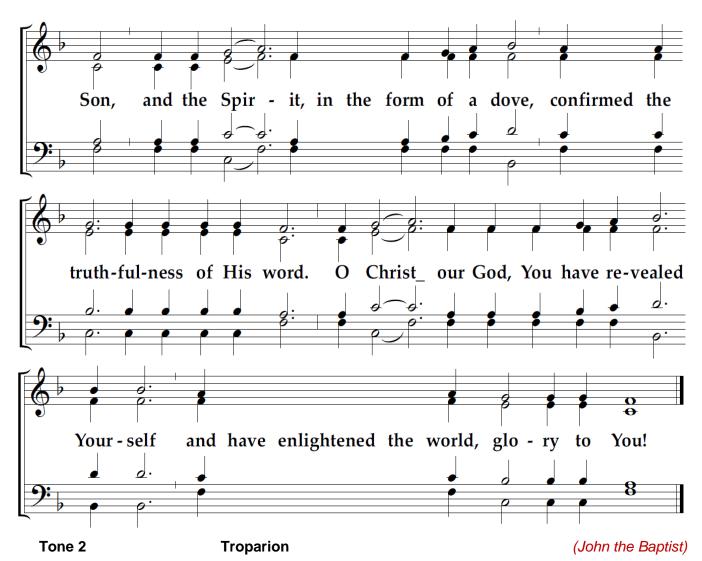




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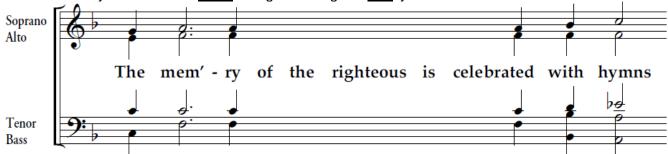
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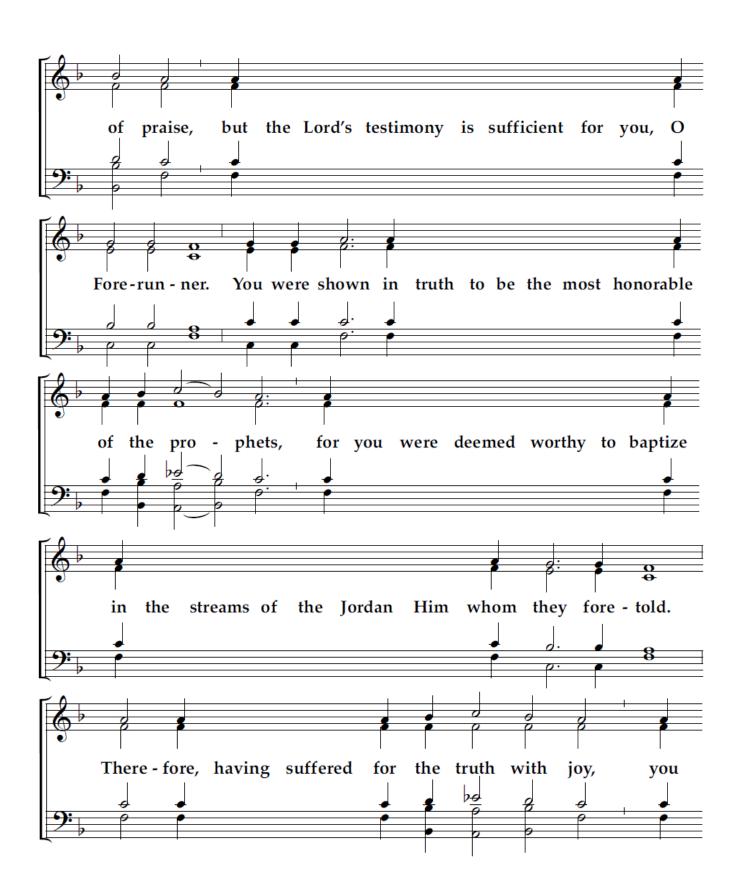
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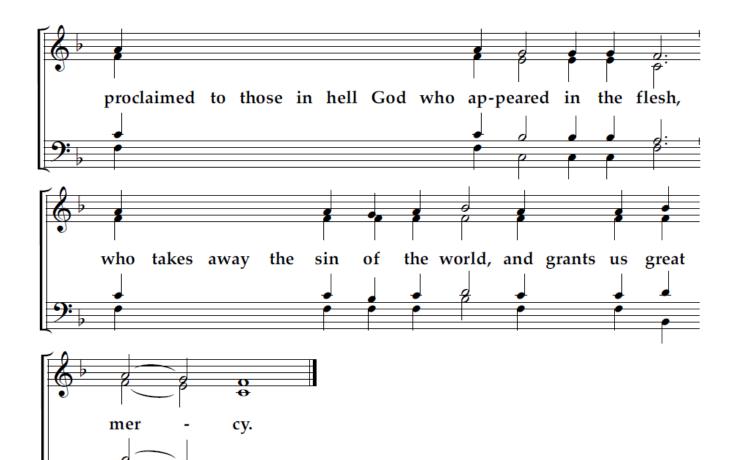
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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6 Kontakion (St John the Baptist)

(Kontakion for the Forerunner – Tone 6)

The river Jordan trembled, and was driven back,

filled with fear at Your coming in the flesh,

while John drew back in awe

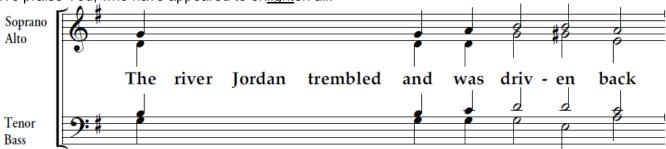
as he fulfilled the ministry of a prophet.

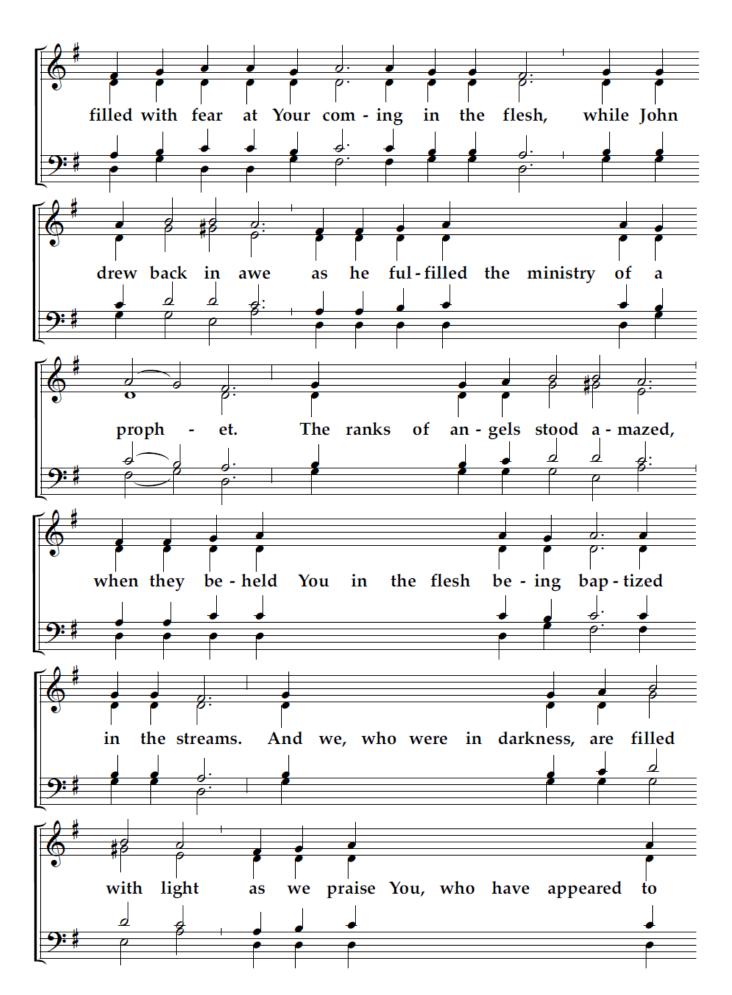
The ranks of Angels stood amazed

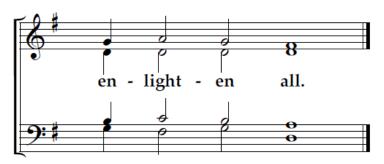
when they beheld You in the flesh being baptized in the streams.

And we, who were in darkness, are filled with light.//

We praise You, who have appeared to enlighten all.







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#### Tone 4 Kontakion of the Feast

(Kontakion for the Feast – Tone 4)

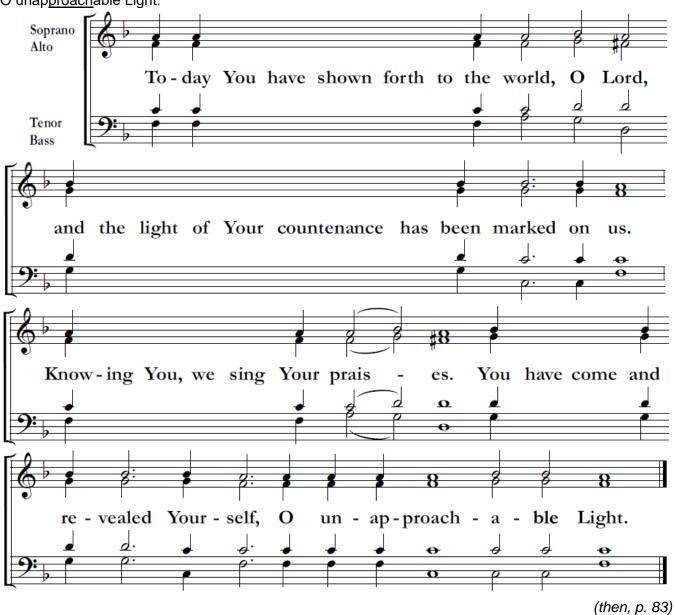
Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord,

and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us.

Knowing You, we sing Your praises:

"You have come and revealed Yourself,//

O unapproachable Light."



Prokeimenon, Tone 1

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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!



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!



Tone 7 Prokeimenon (St John the Baptist)

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.



Deacon: Wisdom!

**Epistle:** (224-ctr) – Ephesians 4:7-13 (Sunday after the Theophany) (42) – Acts 19:1-8 (St John the Baptist)

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, grace has been granted to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, God says, "When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." Now what does "he ascended" mean, if not that he first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who also ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.

He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some shepherds and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for a work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ. This is until we all attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, having reached the very fullness of Christ.

In those days, while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul had passed through the upper country and arrived in Ephesus. And finding some disciples, he asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit!"

Paul asked them, "Then into what were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism."

Paul said, "John indeed baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him, that is, in Jesus Christ."

After hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied. They were about twelve men in all. Then Paul visited the synagogue and spoke boldly for a period of three months, debating and presenting arguments concerning the Kingdom of God.

Priest: † Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 5

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 5<sup>th</sup> Tone: Alleluia! I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the Same Tone, Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** (8) – Matthew 4:12-17 (Sunday after the Theophany) (3) – John 1:29-34 (St John the Baptist)

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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:* At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali.

toward the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,

the people who sat in darkness saw a great light,

to those who sat in the region and shadow of death,

to them light has dawned.

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

The next day, John saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who is ranked before me, because he was before me.' I did not know him, but for this reason I came baptizing in water: so that he would be revealed to Israel." John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven and remain on him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize in water said to

me, 'Upon whom you will see the Spirit descending and remaining, this is he who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' Moreover, I myself have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

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

Sermon (then p. 89)

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

### **Hymn to the Theotokos)**

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

No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos;

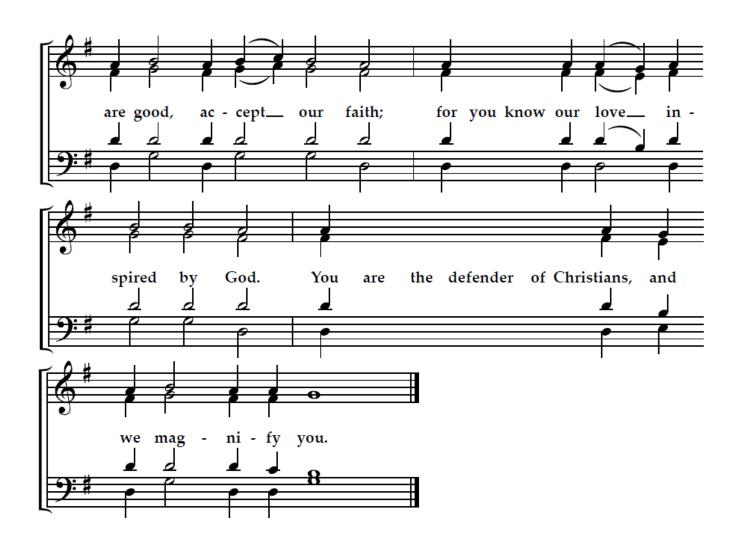
even Angels are overcome with awe praising you.

But since you are good, accept our faith;

for you know our love inspired by God.

You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.





### **Communion Hymns**

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



- 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.

