Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord

"Lord I Call..." - Tone 2

Reader: In the Second 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!//

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!

Come, let us worship the $\underline{\text{Word}}$ of God

begotten of the Father before all ages,

and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!

Having endured the Cross,

He was buried as He himself desired.//

And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.



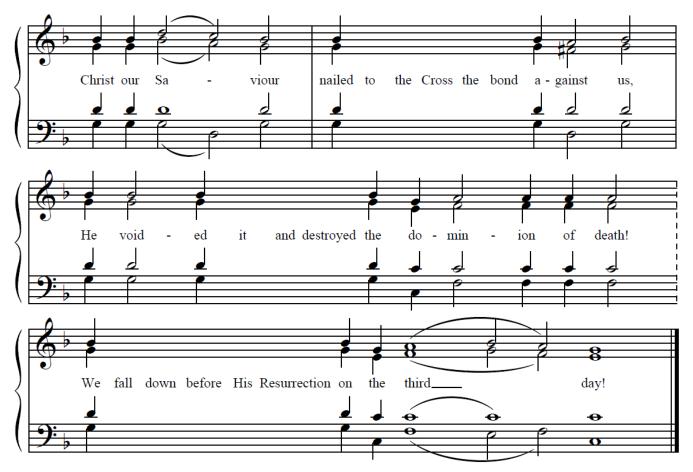
v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

Christ our Savior

nailed to the Cross the bond against us,

He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//

We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.



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

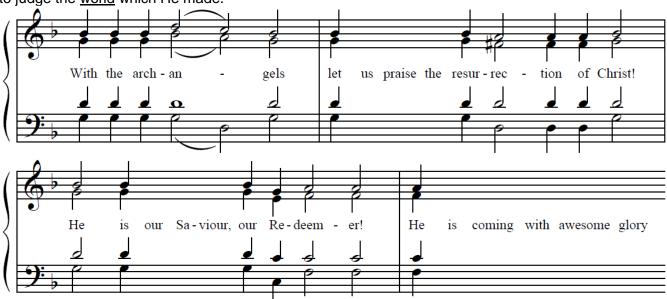
With the Archangels

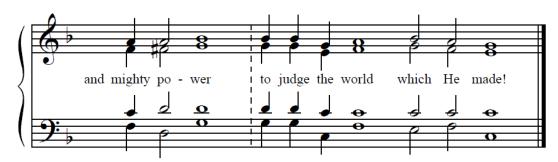
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!

He is our Savior, our Redeemer.

He is coming with awesome glory and mighty <u>pow</u>er//

to judge the world which He made.





v. (7) In the Same 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 tell of this present mystery:

the dividing wall has been destroyed; the flaming sword turns back

the Cherubim withdraw from the Tree of Life;

and I partake of the delights of Paradise:

from which I was cast out through disobedience

for the express image of the Father, the imprint of His eternity

takes the form of a servant.

And without undergoing change He comes forth from an unwedded mother;

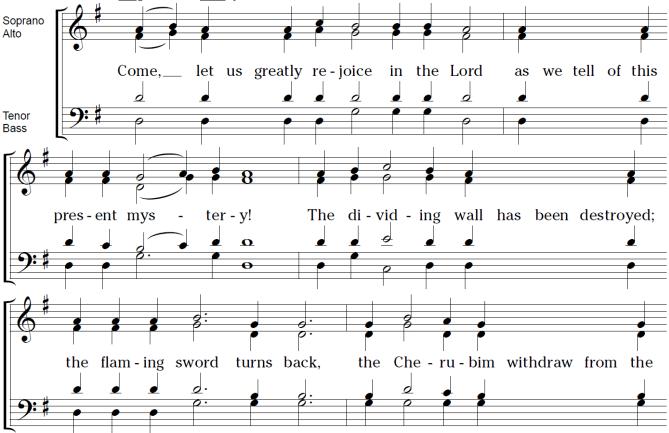
For what He was, He has remained: true God,

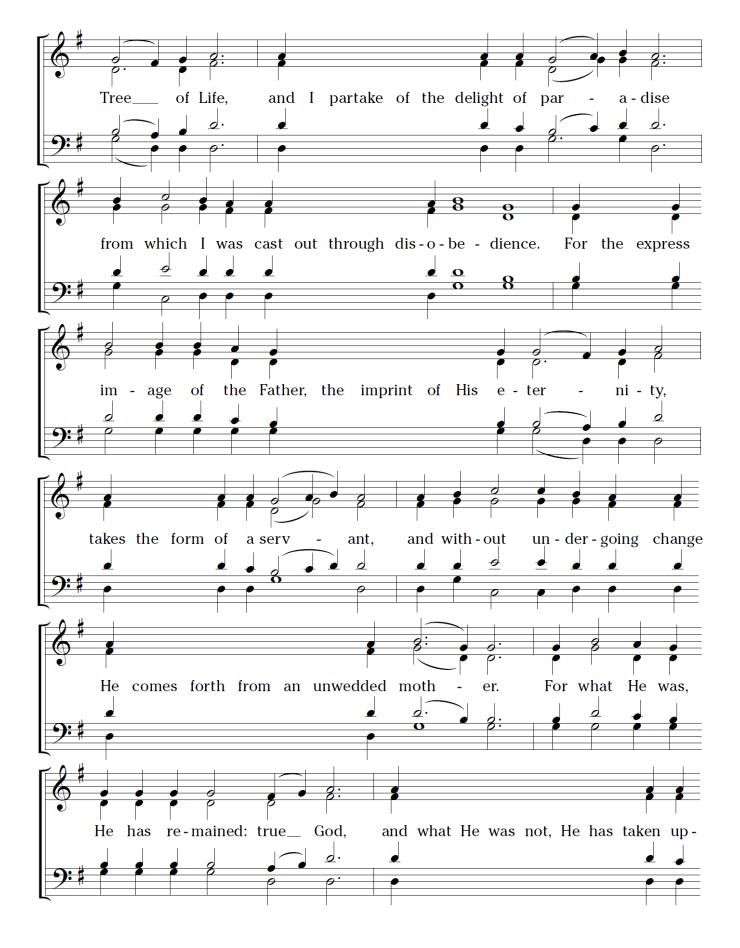
And what He was not, He has taken upon Himself,

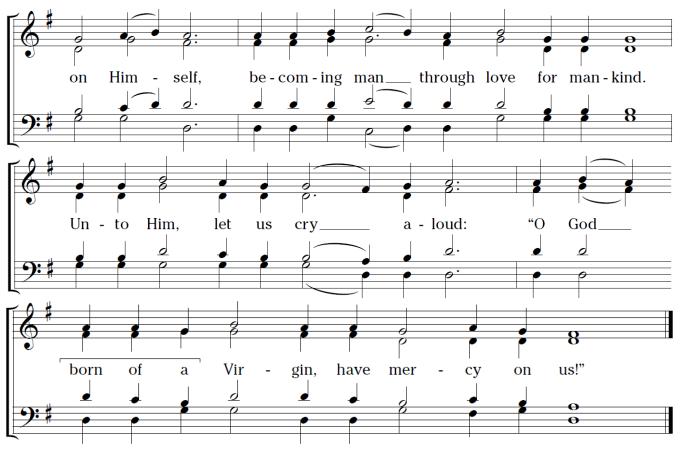
Becoming man through love for mankind

Unto Him let us cry aloud

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







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

Tone 2

(for the feast, by Anatolius)

When the Lord Jesus was born of the Holy Virgin,

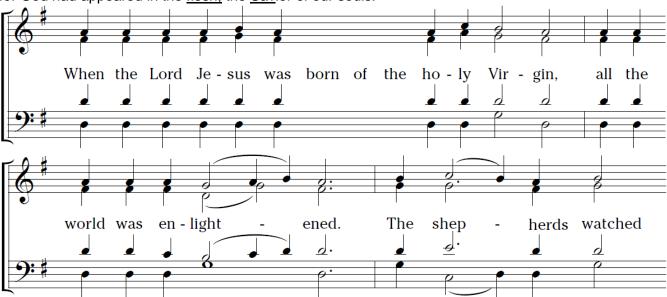
All the world was enlightened

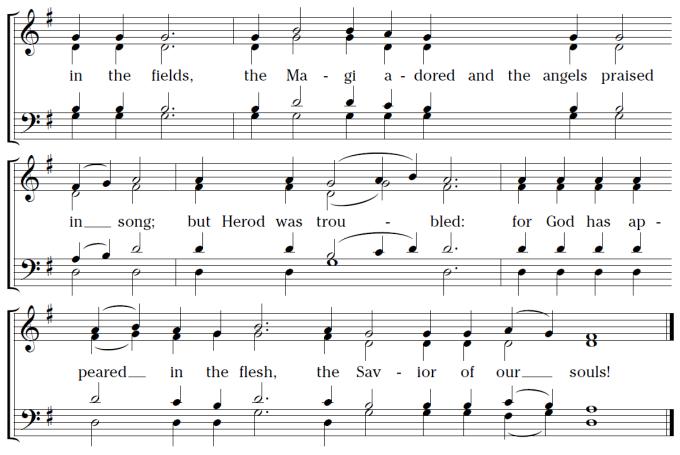
The shepherds watched in the fields.

The Magi adored and the angels praised in song.

But Herod was troubled,//

for God had appeared in the flesh, the Savior of our souls.





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

Your Kingdom, O Christ our God, is a kingdom of all the ages,

And your rule is from generation to generation!

Made <u>flesh</u> of the Holy <u>Spirit</u>, made man of the ever-virgin <u>Mary</u>,

You have enlightened us by Your coming.

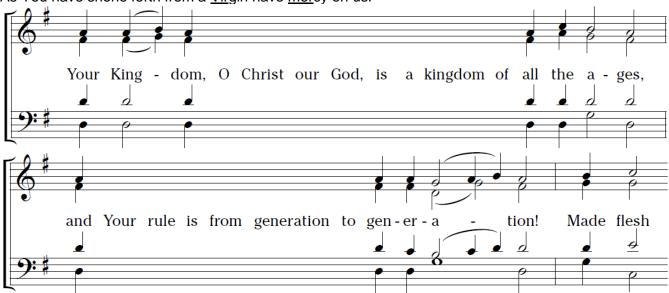
Light of light, Brightness of the Father,

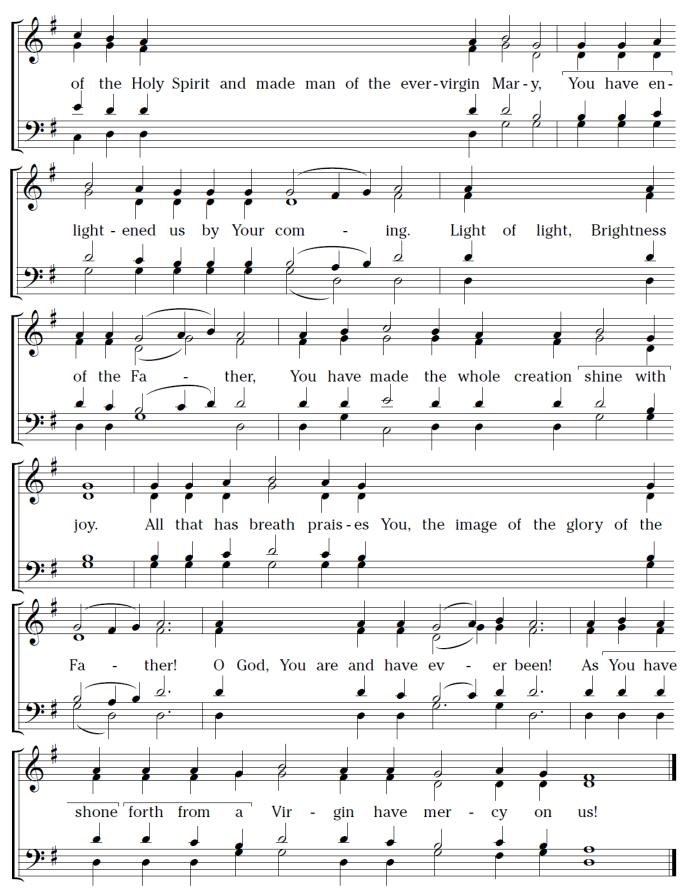
You have made the whole creation shine with joy.

All that has breath praises You, the image of the glory of the Father!

O God, You are and have ever been!//

As You have shone forth from a Virgin have mercy on us!





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 <u>earth</u> as a man?

Every <u>crea</u>ture made by You <u>offers</u> You thanks:

the <u>Ang</u>els offer You a hymn; the <u>heav</u>ens, a star;

the Magi, gifts; the shepherds, their wonder;

the earth, its cave; the wilderness, the manger, and we offer You a virgin Mother!// O Pre-eternal God, have mercy on us! of - fer You, O Christ, shall we who for our sakes have What____ on earth man? crea - ture made by You appeared Eve - ry as a 0 of - fers You thanks, the an - gels offer You a hymn; the heav - ens the Magi gifts; the shepherds, their won the earth der; its star; cave; the wilderness, the of - fer You a Virgin man - ger; and we Moth er! pre - e - ter - nal God, have mer - cy 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.

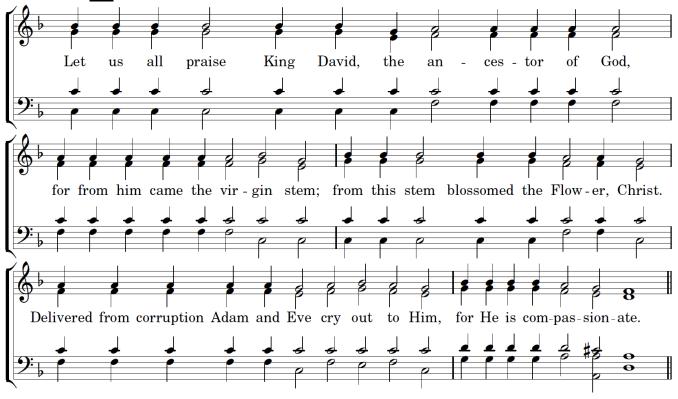
Let us all praise King David, the ancestor of God,

for from him came the virgin stem;

from this stem blossomed the Flower - Christ.

Delivered from corruption Adam and Eve cry out to Him,//

for He is compassionate.



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

Tone 1 (for St. Joseph)

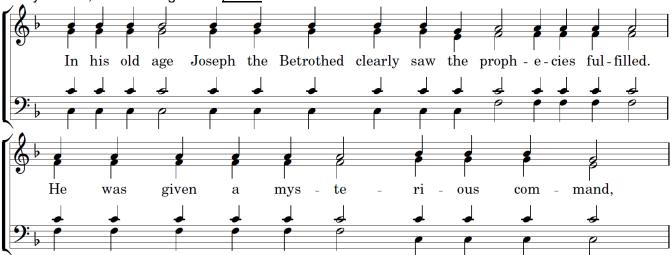
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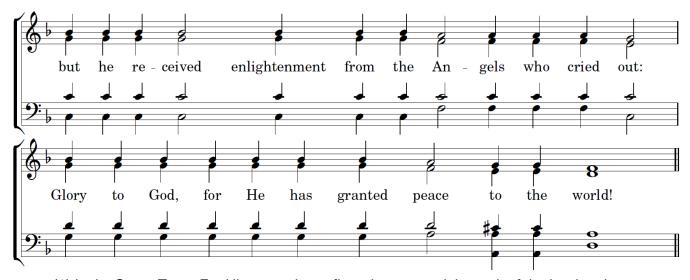
In his old age Joseph the Betrothed clearly saw the prophecies fulfilled.

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) In the Same Tone, 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)

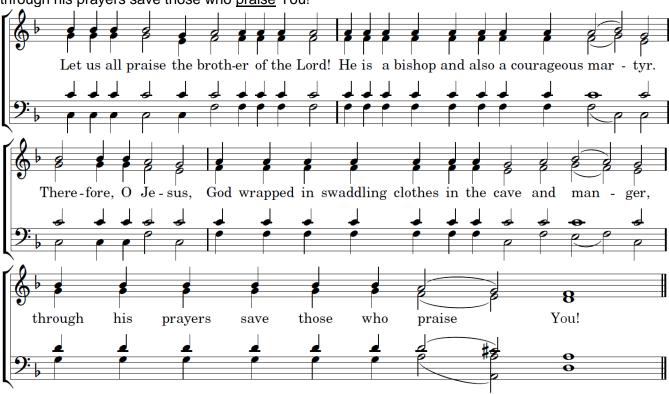
Let us all praise the brother of the Lord!

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 <u>Da</u>vid 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 <u>took</u> on flesh//

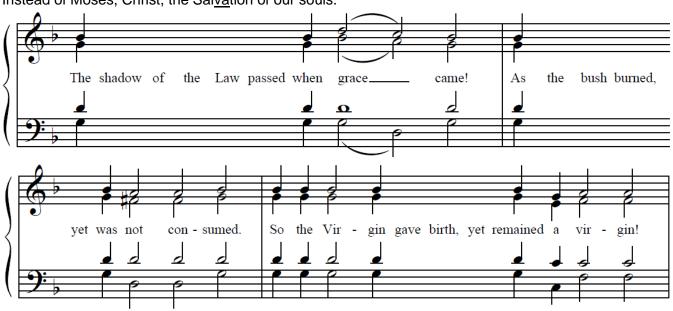
in order to save our souls!

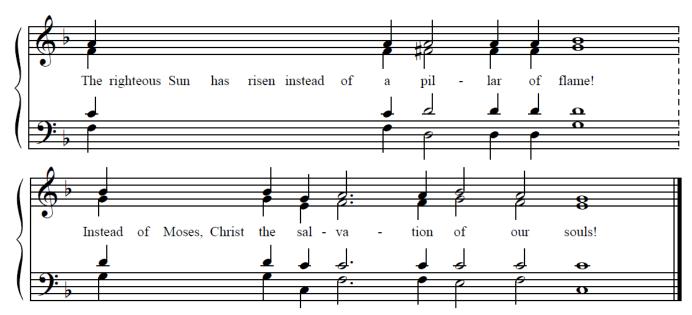


In the Second Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The shadow of the Law passed when <u>grace</u> came; as the bush burned, yet was <u>not</u> consumed, so the <u>Virgin</u> gave birth, yet remained a <u>Virgin</u>. The righteous Sun has risen instead of a <u>pillar</u> of flame// Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.



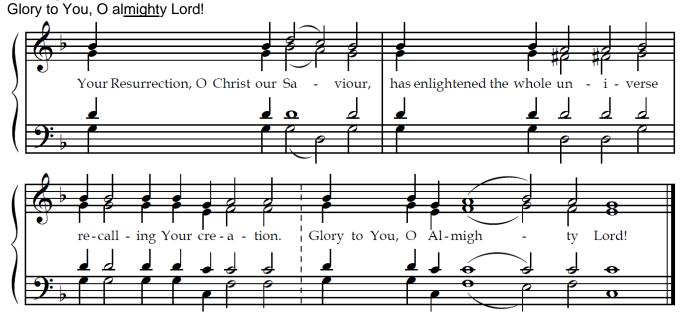


Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

Aposticha - Tone 2

Your Resurrection, O Christ our <u>Savior</u>, has enlightened the whole <u>u</u>niverse, re<u>calling Your creation.//</u>



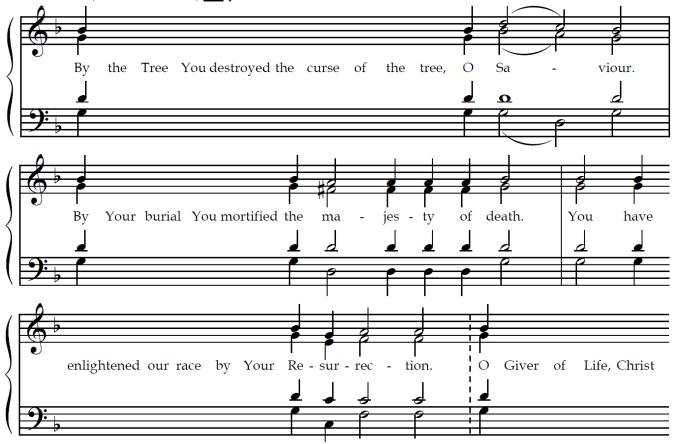
v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

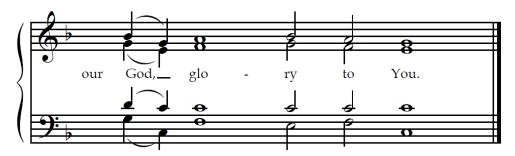
By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree O Savior,

By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.

You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection.//

O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!





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

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,

You restored the beauty of Your creatures.

The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with a spear.

The Hebrews not knowing Your power

asked that Your tomb might be sealed,

but through the mercy of Your compassions,

You accepted the tomb

and rose on the third day!//

O Lord, glory to You!





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

O Christ, the Giver of life,

for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,





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

Tone 6 (for the Righteous Ones)

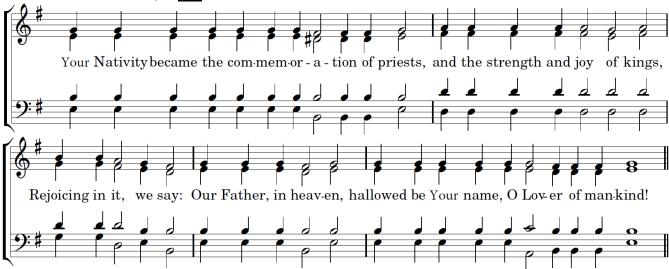
Your Nativity became the commemoration of priests,

and the strength and joy of kings,

Rejoicing in it, we say:

"Our Father, in heaven,//

hallowed be Your name, O Lover of mankind!"



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

Tone 6 (for the Feast)

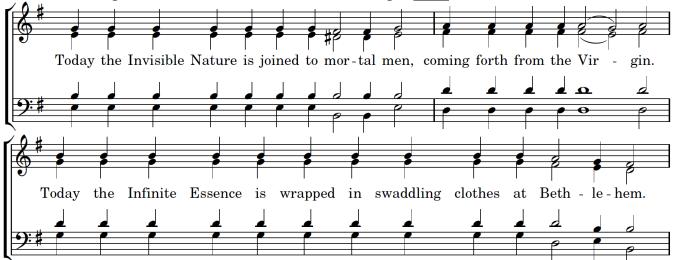
Today the Invisible Nature is joined to <u>mor</u>tal men, coming forth from the <u>Virgin</u>.

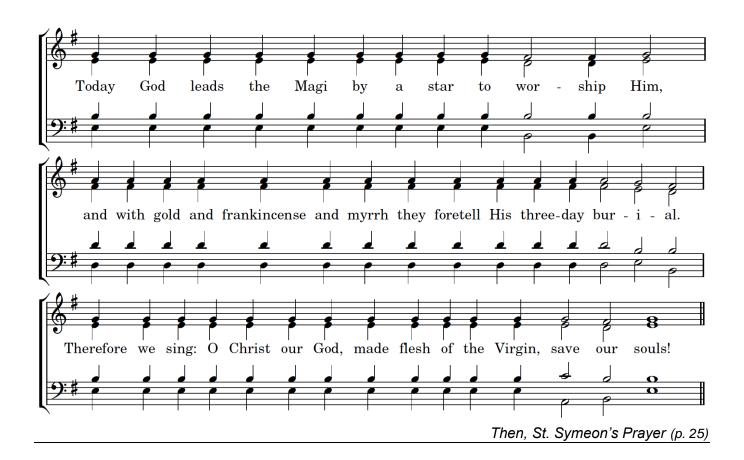
Today the Infinite Essence is wrapped in swaddling clothes at Bethlehem.

Today God leads the Magi by a star to worship Him,

and with gold and frankincense and myrrh they foretell His three-day burial.//

Therefore we sing: "O Christ our God, made flesh of the Virgin, save our souls!"





Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,

You slew Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead.

And when from the depths You raised the dead,

all the powers of heaven cried out://

"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"



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;

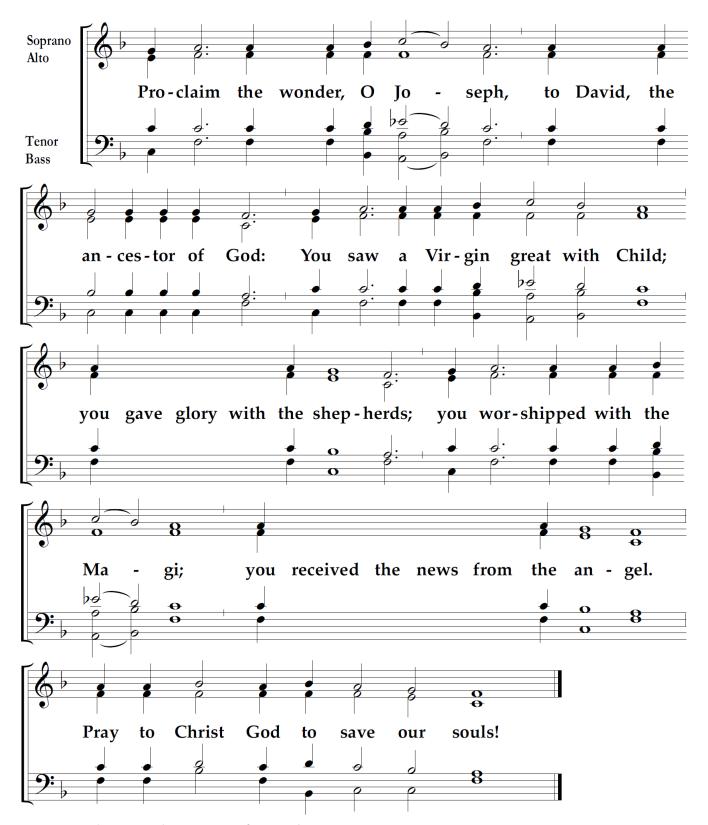
you saw a Virgin great with child;

you gave glory with the shepherds;

you worshipped with the Magi;

you received the news from the Angel.//

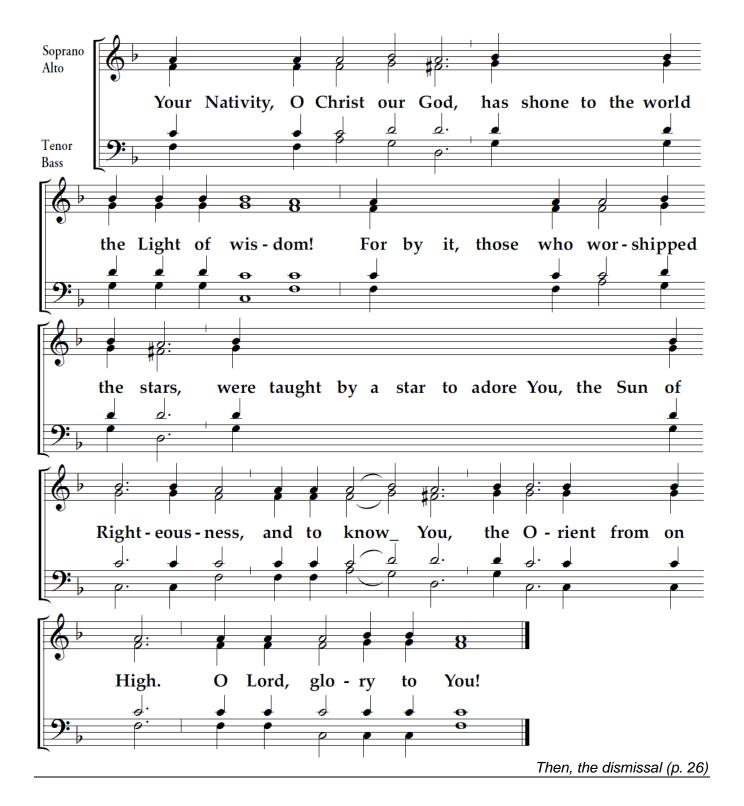
Pray to Christ God to save our souls!



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.//
O Lord, glory to You!]



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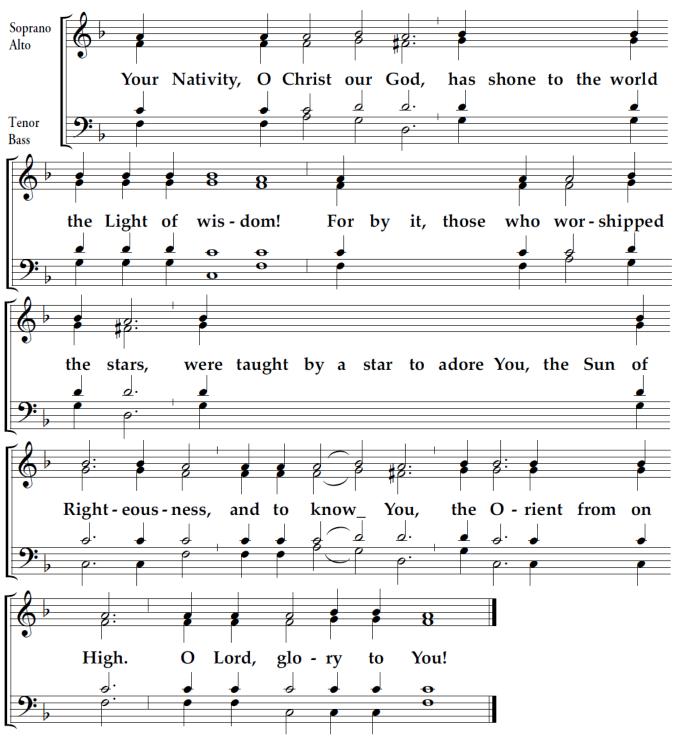
and to know You,

Tone 4

the Orient from on high.//

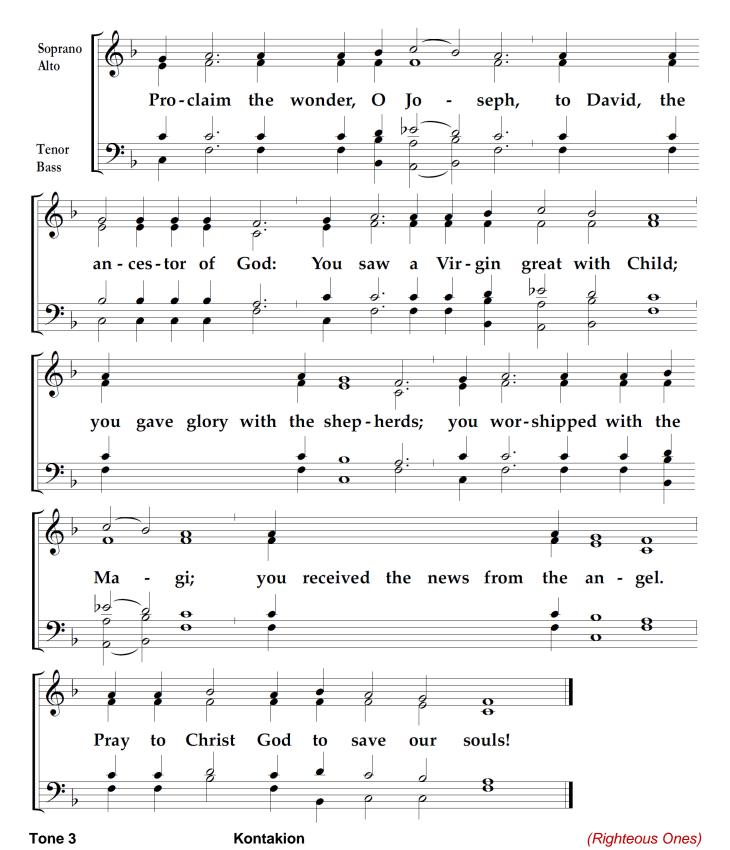
O Lord, glory to You!]

(Feast)



Tone 2 Troparion (Righteous Ones)

(Troparion for the Righteous Ones – Tone 2)
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to David, the ancestor of God;
you saw a Virgin great with child;
you gave glory with the shepherds;
you worshipped with the Magi;
you received the news from the Angel.//
Pray to Christ God to save our souls!



(Kontakion for the Righteous Ones – Tone 3)

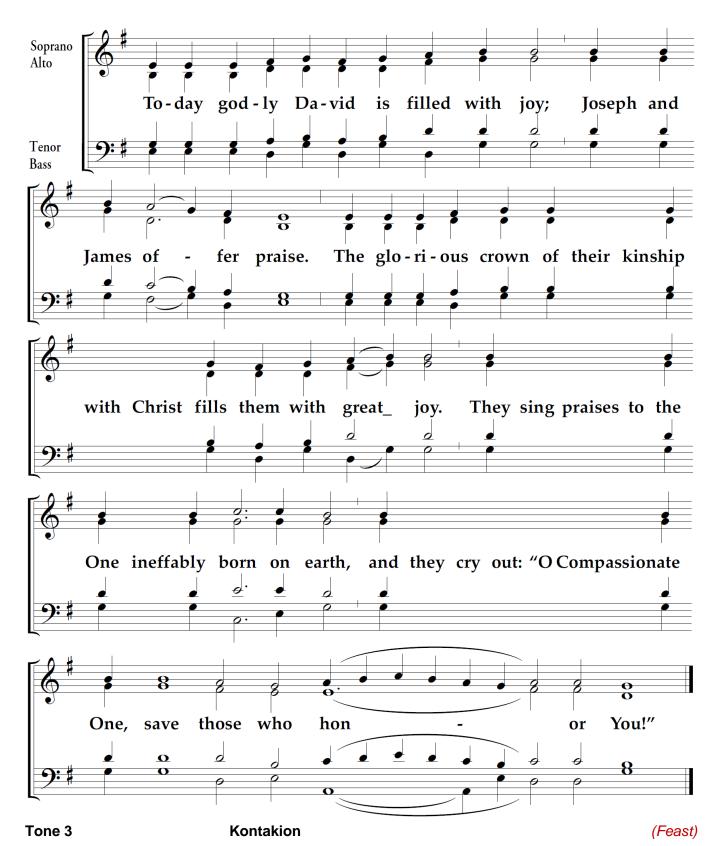
Today godly David is filled with joy;

Joseph and James offer praise.

The glorious <u>crown</u> of their kinship with Christ fills them with <u>great</u> joy.

They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth,

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



(Kontakion for the Feast – Tone 3)

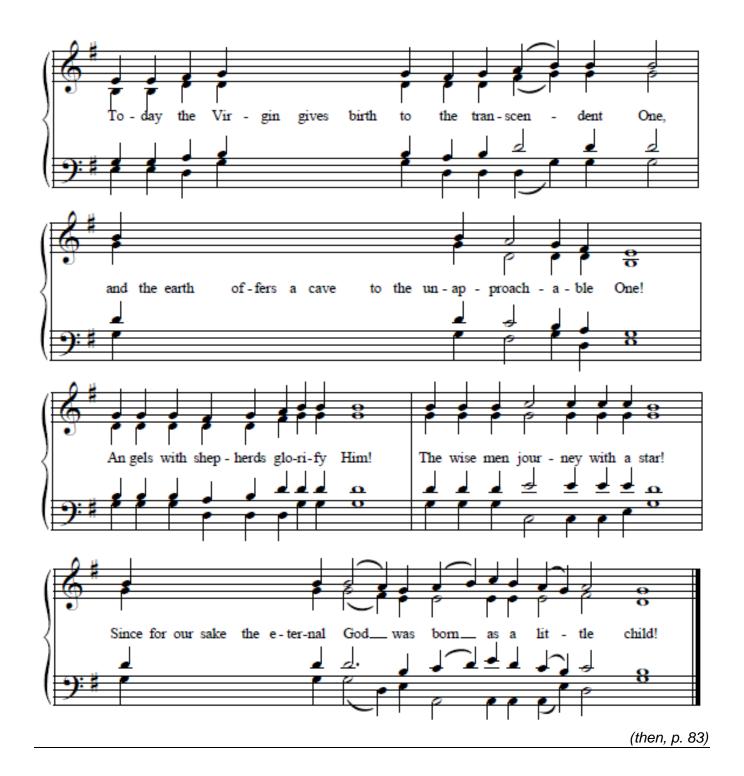
Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,

and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One.

Angels with shepherds glorify Him;

the Wise Men journey with the star,//

since for our sake the eternal <u>God</u> was <u>born</u> as a <u>lit</u>tle Child!



Tone 2 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Prokeimenon, Tone 2

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

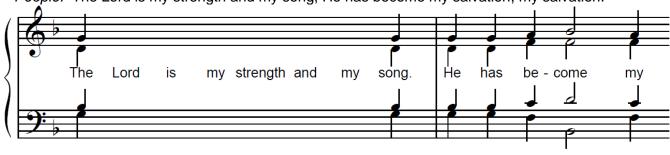
Reader: And with your spirit!

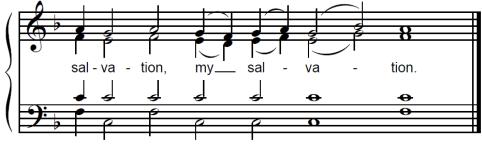
Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my

salvation.

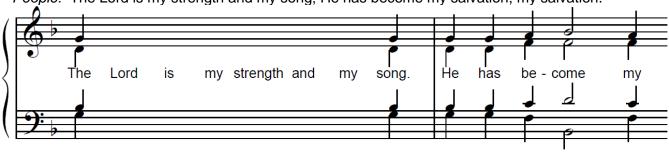
People: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation, my salvation.

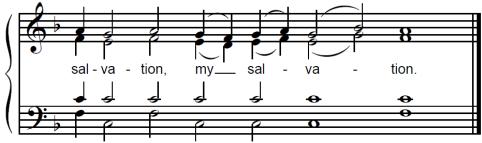




Reader: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

People: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation, my salvation.





Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Righteous Ones)

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

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



Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (200) Galatians 1:11-19 (Sunday after the Nativity)

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, regarding the Good News which I preached, I proclaimed this to you, that it is not of human origin. I did not receive it from man and I was not taught this Good News by man, but it came to me through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard about how I used to live in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure, and how I ravaged it. I advanced in the Jewish religion beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, as I was more extremely zealous for the traditions of my forefathers. But when it was the good pleasure of God (who had set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through his grace, to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles), I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood: I did not go up to Jerusalem to visit those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia. Later on, I returned to Damascus. Then, after three years, I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. However, I did not see any of the other apostles, except James, 'the Lord's brother.'

Priest: † Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 3

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 3rd Tone: Alleluia! In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put

to shame!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (4) Matthew 2:13-23 (Sunday after the Nativity)

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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 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, and flee into Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him." So Joseph arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. They remained there until the death of Herod, so that what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled:

Out of Egypt I have called my son.

When Herod saw that he had been outwitted by the wise men, he became extremely angry. He dispatched his men and killed all the male children who lived in Bethlehem and all the surrounding countryside, two years old and under, according to the exact time which he had learned from the wise men. And so, what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

A voice was heard in Ramah,

lamentation, weeping and great mourning:

Rachel weeping for her children.

She would not be comforted,

because they are no more.

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream when he was in Egypt, saying: "Arise! Take the young child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel; those who were trying to kill the young child are dead."

Joseph arose and took the young child and his mother, and they came into the land of Israel. However, when Joseph heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Being warned in a dream, he withdrew into the region of Galilee. He thus arrived and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

Choir: 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;

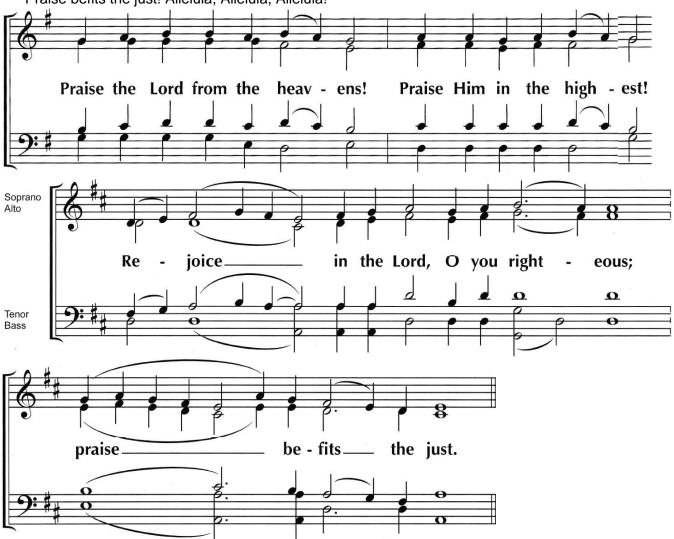
the manger — the place where Christ lay —





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!



- 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.

