"Lord I Call..." - Tone 4

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

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and <u>let</u> the lifting <u>up</u> 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!

We glorify Your Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God,

by always honoring Your life-creating Cross;

by it You have renewed the corrupted nature of man

O almighty One.

By it You have renewed our entrance to heaven,//

for You are good and the Lover of man.



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

You loosed the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior,

by being voluntarily nailed to the <u>tree</u> of the Cross.

By descending to Hades, O almighty God,

You broke the bonds of death.

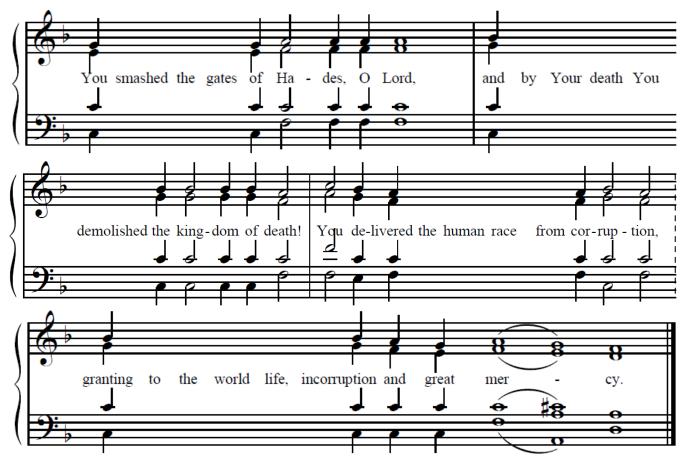
Therefore, we adore Your Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy://

"Glory to You, O all powerful Lord!"



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

You smashed the gates of <u>Ha</u>des, O Lord, and by Your death You demolished the <u>king</u>dom of death. <u>You</u> delivered the human race from cor<u>rup</u>tion,// granting the world life, incorruption and great <u>mer</u>cy.



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 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,

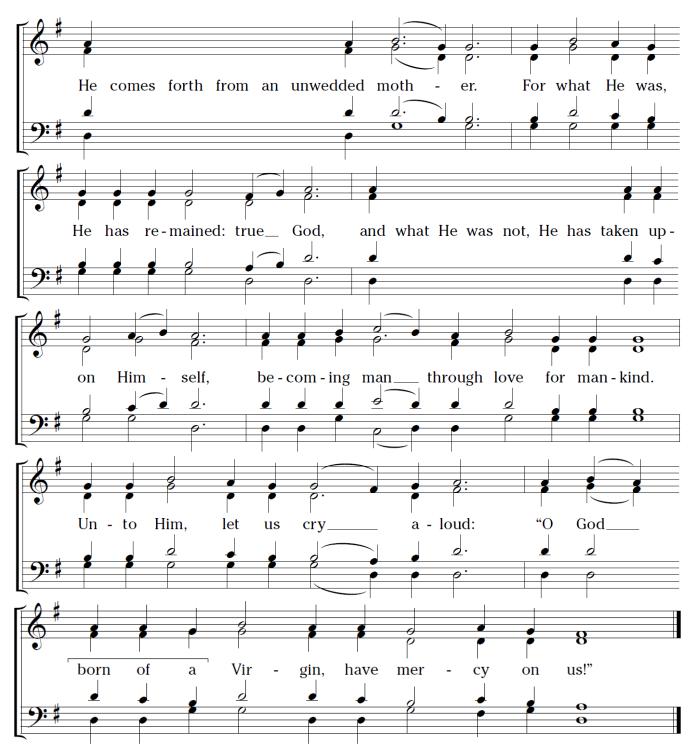
Becoming man through love for mankind

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 en<u>light</u>ened

The shepherds watched in the fields.

The Magi adored and the angels praised in song.

But Herod was t<u>rou</u>bled,//

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>Spir</u>it, made man of the ever-virgin <u>Ma</u>ry,

You have enlightened us by Your coming.

Light of light, Brightness of the Father,

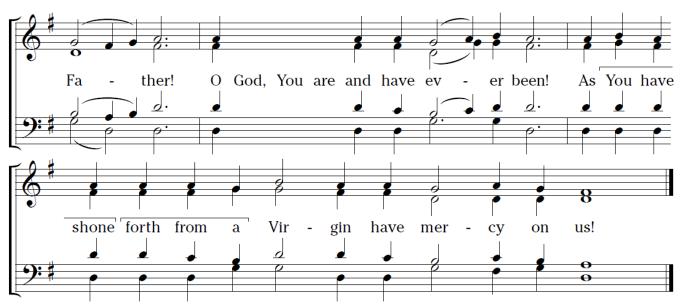
You have made the whole creation shine with joy.

All that has <u>breath</u> praises You, the image of the glory of the <u>Fa</u>ther!

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 earth as a man?

Every creature made by You offers You thanks:

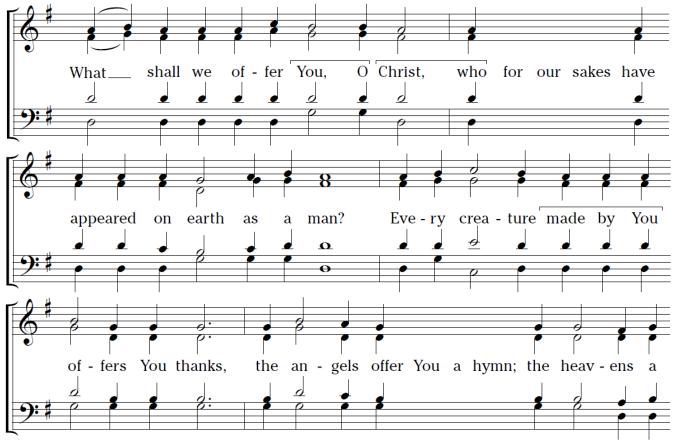
the Angels offer You a hymn; the heavens, a star;

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!





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.

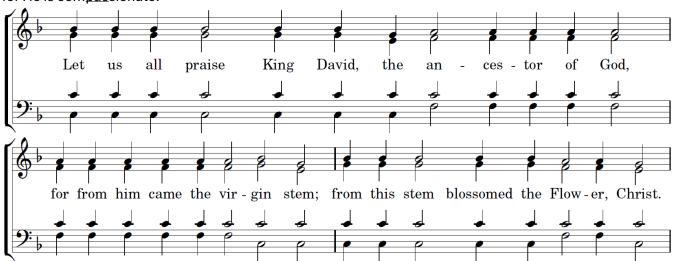
Tone 1 (for King David)

(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) In the Same Tone, 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) 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)

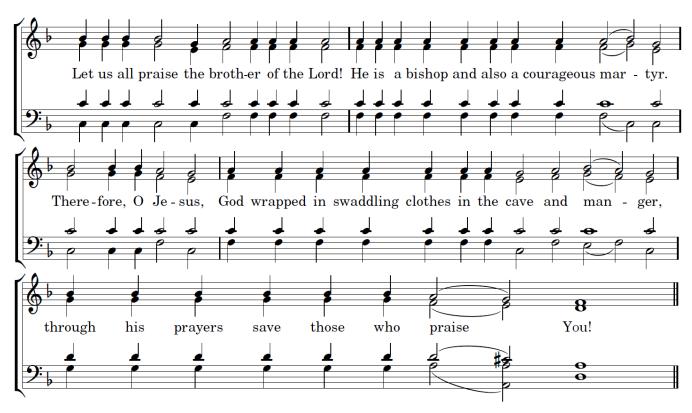
Let us all <u>praise</u> the <u>broth</u>er of the Lord!

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)

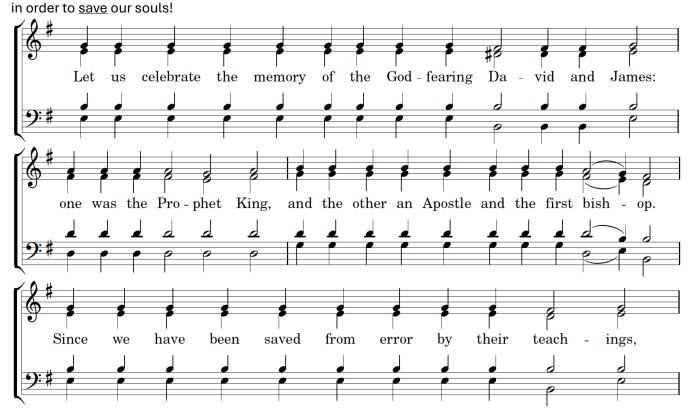
Let us celebrate the memory of the God-fearing <u>Da</u>vid and James:

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 the Fourth Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The Prophet David was a Father of the Lord

Through you, O Virgin.

He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonder in you:

"At Your right hand stood the Queen," Your Mother, the mediatrix of life,

since God was freely born of her without a father.

He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,

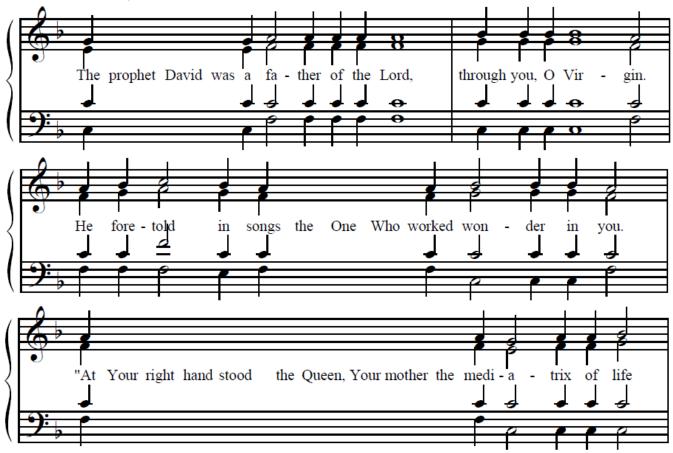
so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder

and brought it to His Father,

joining it to the heavenly pow'rs.

Christ who has great and rich mercy//

has saved the world, O Theotokos.





Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

Aposticha - Tone 4

By ascending the Cross, O Lord,

You have annulled our ancestral curse.

By descending to hell, You have freed the eternal prisoners,

granting incorruption to the <u>human race.//</u>

Therefore in songs we glorify Your life-creating and saving Resur<u>rec</u>tion.



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

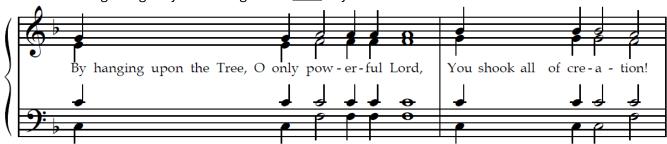
By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,

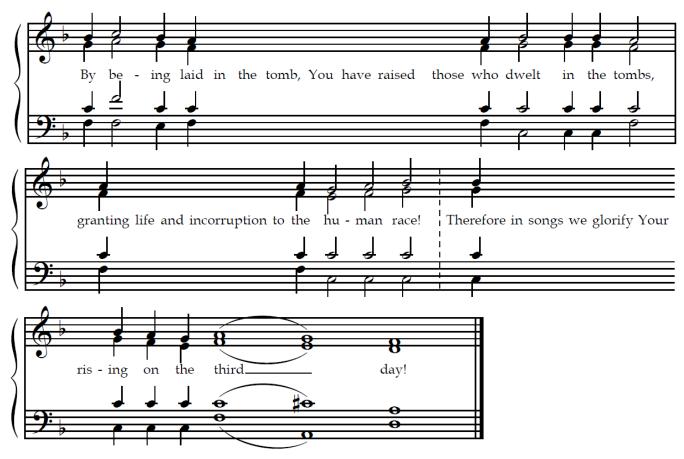
You shook all of creation.

By being laid in the tomb You have raised those who dwelt in the tombs,

granting life and incorruption to the human race.//

Therefore in songs we glorify Your rising on the third day.





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

The lawless people, O Christ,

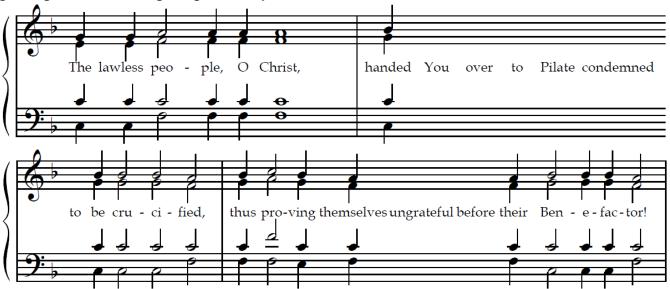
handed You over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified,

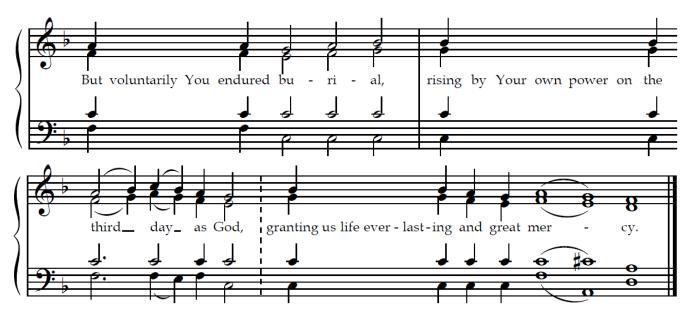
thus <u>prov</u>ing themselves ungrateful before their <u>Ben</u>efactor.

But voluntarily You endured burial,

rising by Your own power on the third day as God,//

granting us life everlasting and great mercy.





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

With tears the women reached Your tomb,

searching for You, but not finding You.

They <u>wept</u> with wailing and la<u>ment</u>ed:

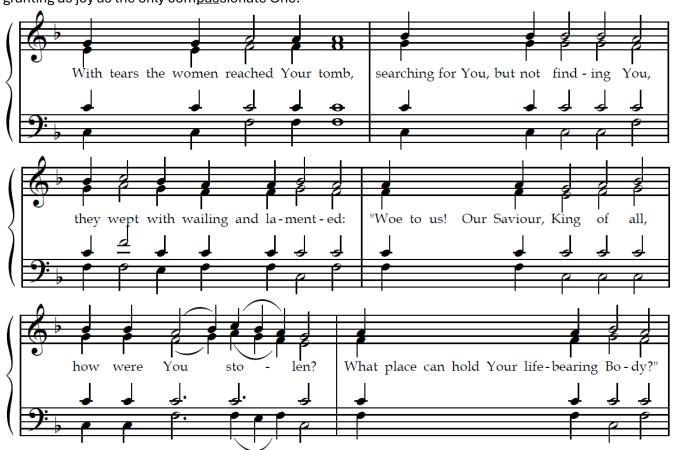
"Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all,

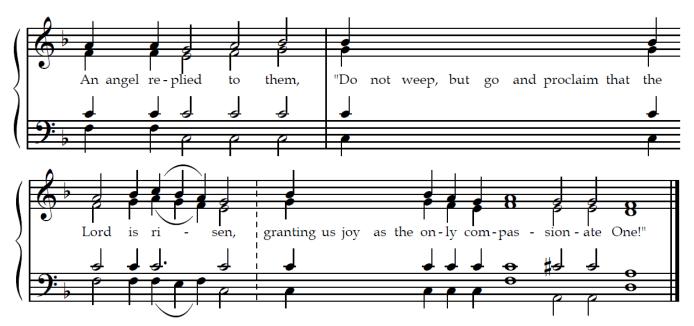
how were You stolen?

What place can hold Your life-bearing body?"

An Angel replied to them:

"Do not weep but go and proclaim that the <u>Lord</u> is <u>risen</u>,// granting us joy as the only compassionate One!"





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

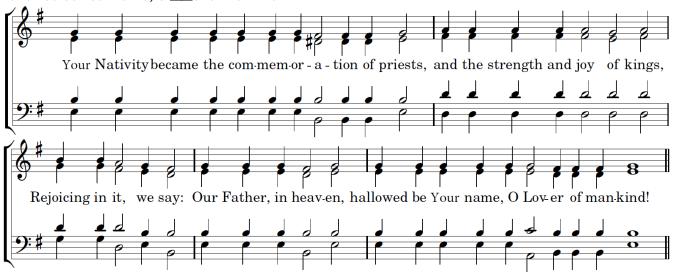
Tone 6 (for the Righteous Ones)

Your Nativity became the commemor<u>a</u>tion of priests, and the strength and <u>iov</u> 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 <u>Beth</u>lehem.

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

and with gold and frankincense and myrrh they foretell His three-day <u>bur</u>ial.//

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



Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion - Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel

the joyous message of Your Resurrection,

they cast away the ancestral curse

and elatedly told the Apostles:

"Death is overthrown!

Christ our God is risen,//

granting the world great mercy!"



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

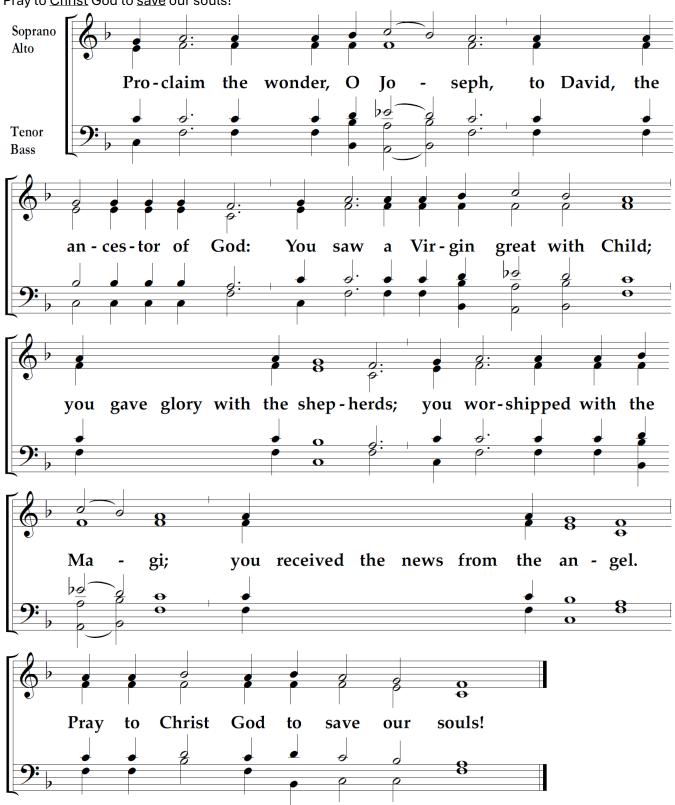
Tone 2 Troparion (Righteous Ones)

(Troparion for the Righteous Ones – Tone 2)

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph,

to David, the ancestor of God;

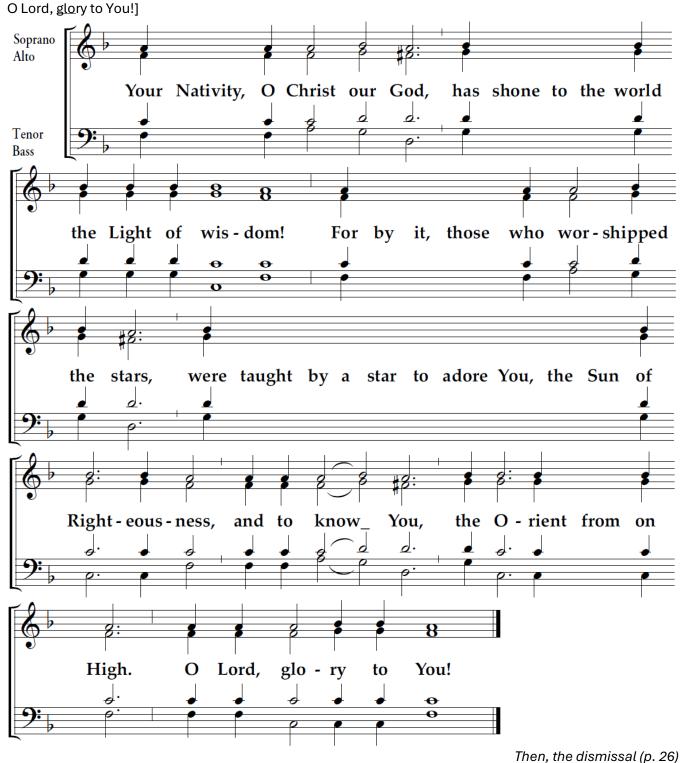
you <u>saw</u> a Virgin <u>great</u> with child; you gave glory with the <u>shep</u>herds; you <u>wor</u>shipped with the <u>Magi;</u> you received the news from the <u>Angel.//</u> Pray to <u>Christ</u> God to <u>save</u> our souls!



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 <u>wis</u>dom.
For by it, those who <u>wor</u>shipped the stars,
were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of <u>right</u>eousness,
and to <u>know</u> You,
the <u>Or</u>ient from on high.//



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(Troparion for the Feast – Tone 4)

Tone 4

Your Nativity, O Christ our God,

has shone to the world the light of wisdom.

Troparion

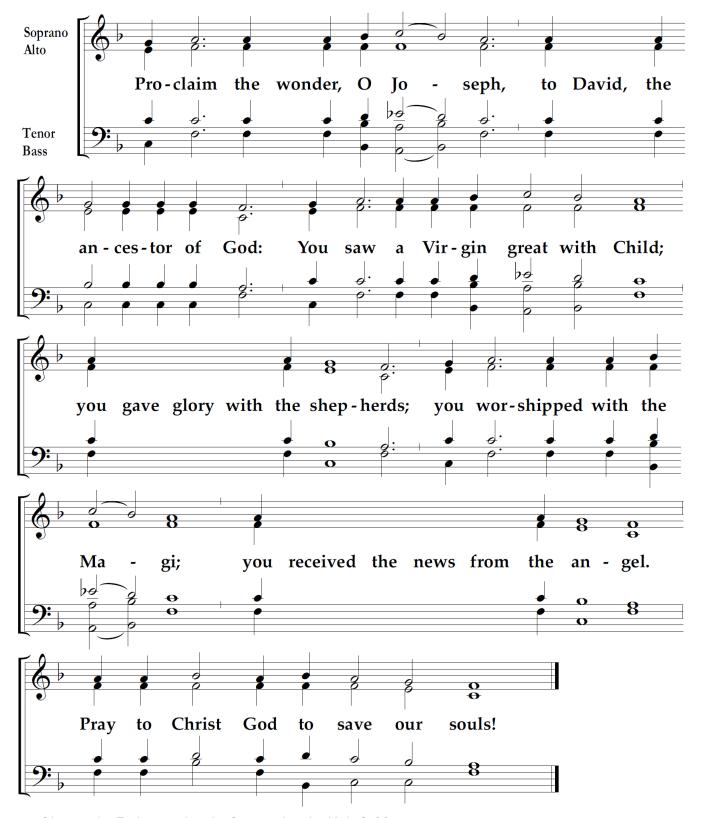
For by it, those who worshipped the stars,

(Feast)

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!] Soprano Alto Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world Tenor Bass the Light of wis - dom! For by it, those who wor-shipped 0 O were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of the stars, know the O-rient from on Right - eous - ness, and to You, 8 High. Lord, glo - ry You! to 0

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!



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 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!"



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

Tone 3 Kontakion (Feast)

(Kontakion for the Feast - Tone 3)

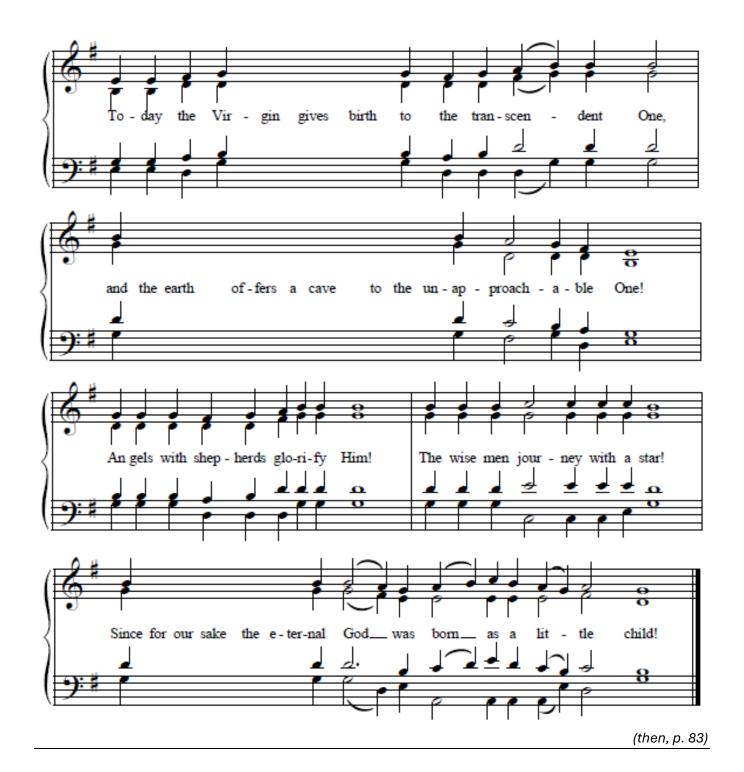
Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,

and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One.

Angels with shepherds glorify Him;

the Wise Men journey with the star,//

since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!



Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

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

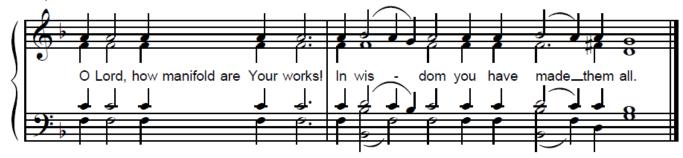
Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 4th Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You

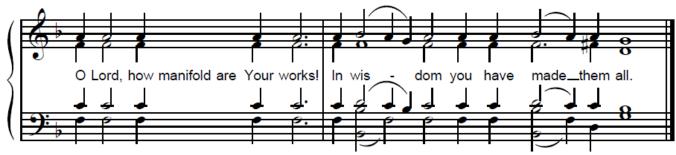
made them all.

People: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.



Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!

People: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.



Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Righteous Ones)

Reader: In the Same 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 to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 4

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 4th Tone: Alleluia! Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of

meekness, righteousness and truth! *People*: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the Same Tone, 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.

Sermon (then p. 89)

(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.

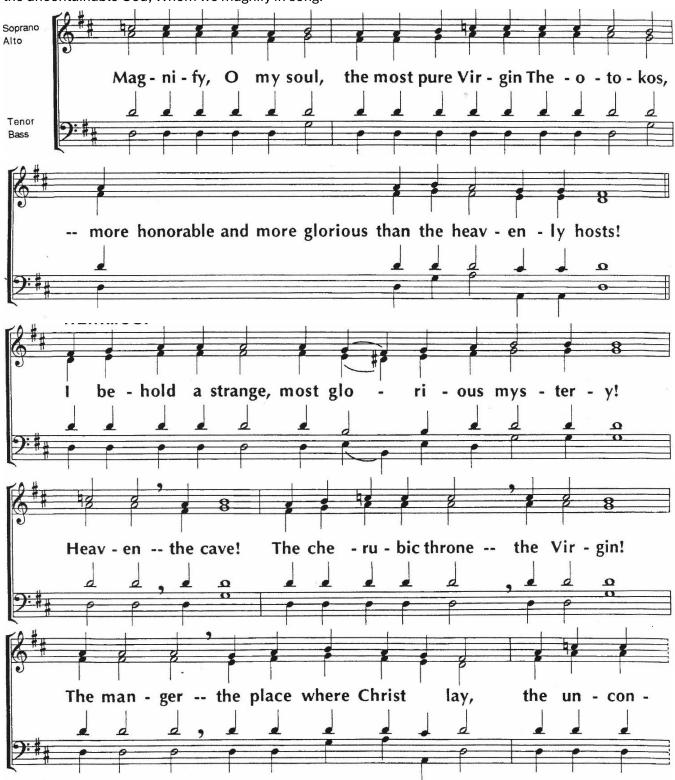
I behold a strange, most glorious mystery:

Heaven — the cave;

the cherubic throne — the Virgin;

the manger — the place where Christ lay —

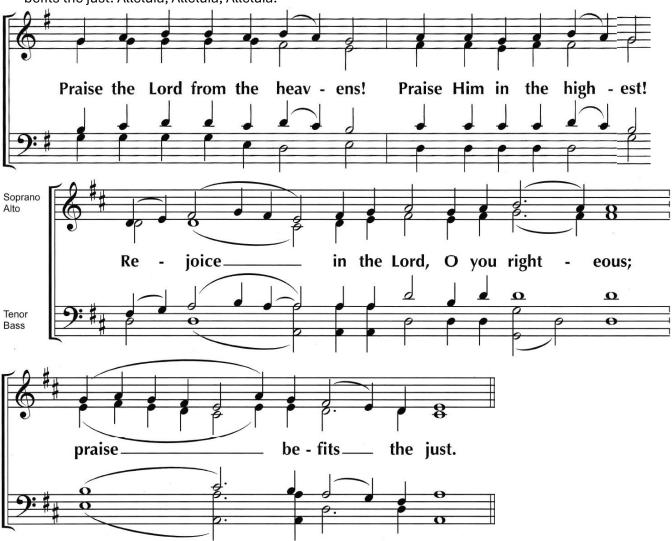
the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.





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.

