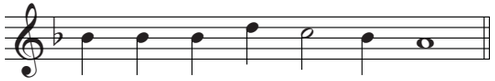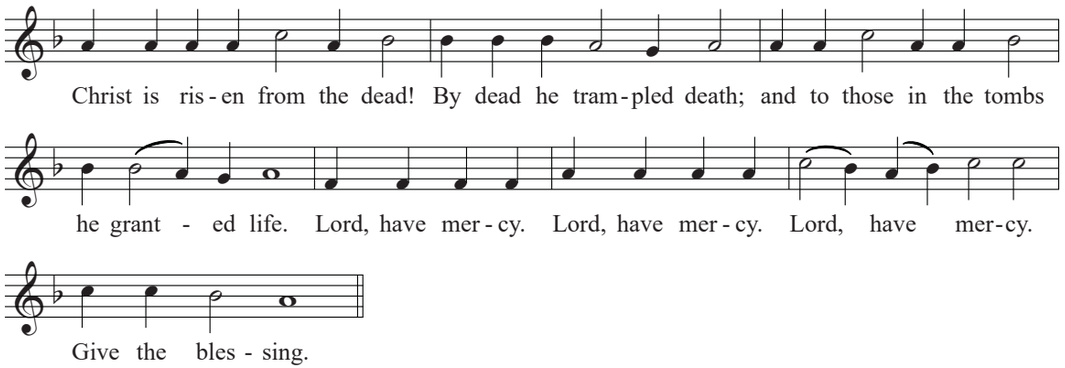


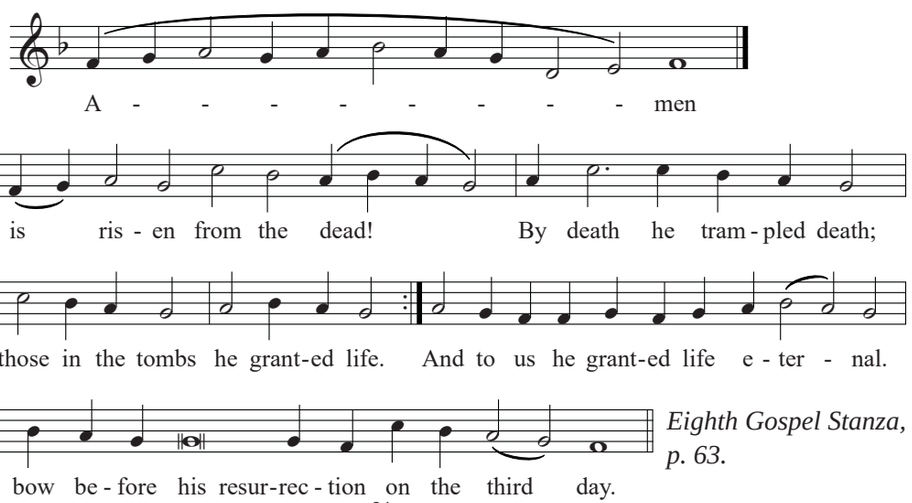
Celebrant: Glory to you, O Christ our God, our hope; glory to you!

Response:



Celebrant: May Christ our true God, risen from the dead, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother, through the might of the precious and life-creating Cross, through the prayers of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy _____ (patron of this Church), and of the holy _____ (commemorated this day), and through the prayers of all the saints; for he is gracious and loves us all.

Response:



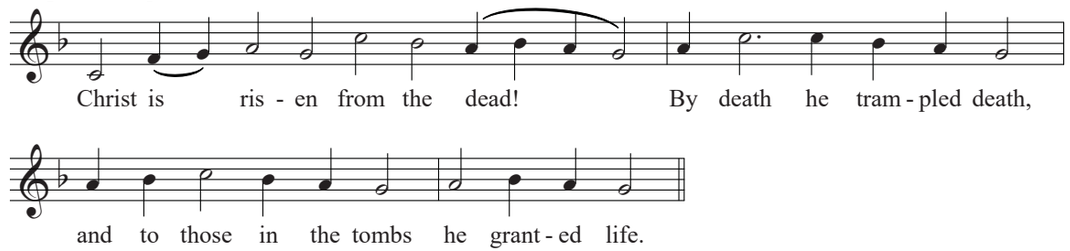
Eighth Gospel Stanza, p. 63.

Matins Propers
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After "Glory to the holy, consubstantial…Amen", the following is sung, once by the celebrant and twice by the faithful:

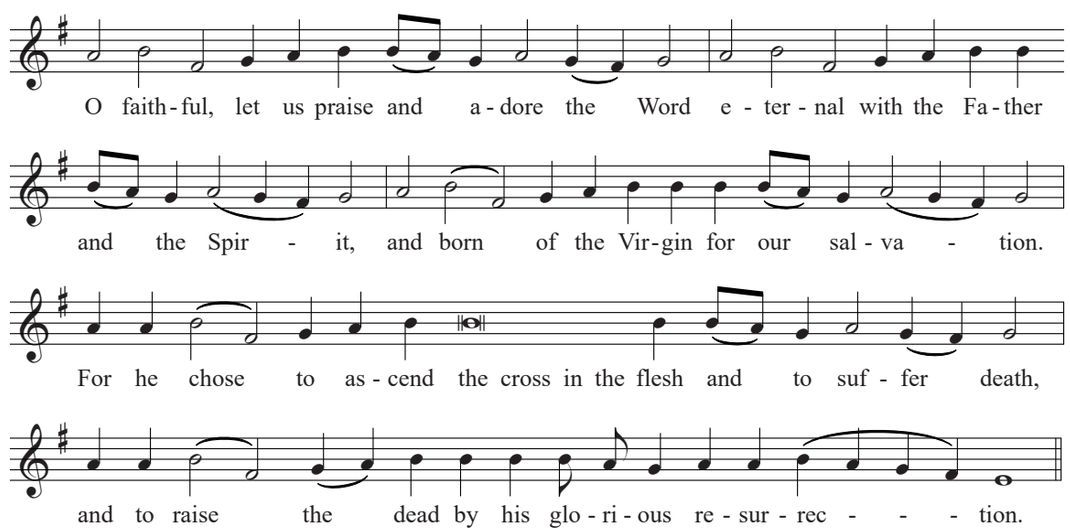
Troparion - *Special Tone 5*



The service continues with the Hexapsalmos, and the Litany of Peace.

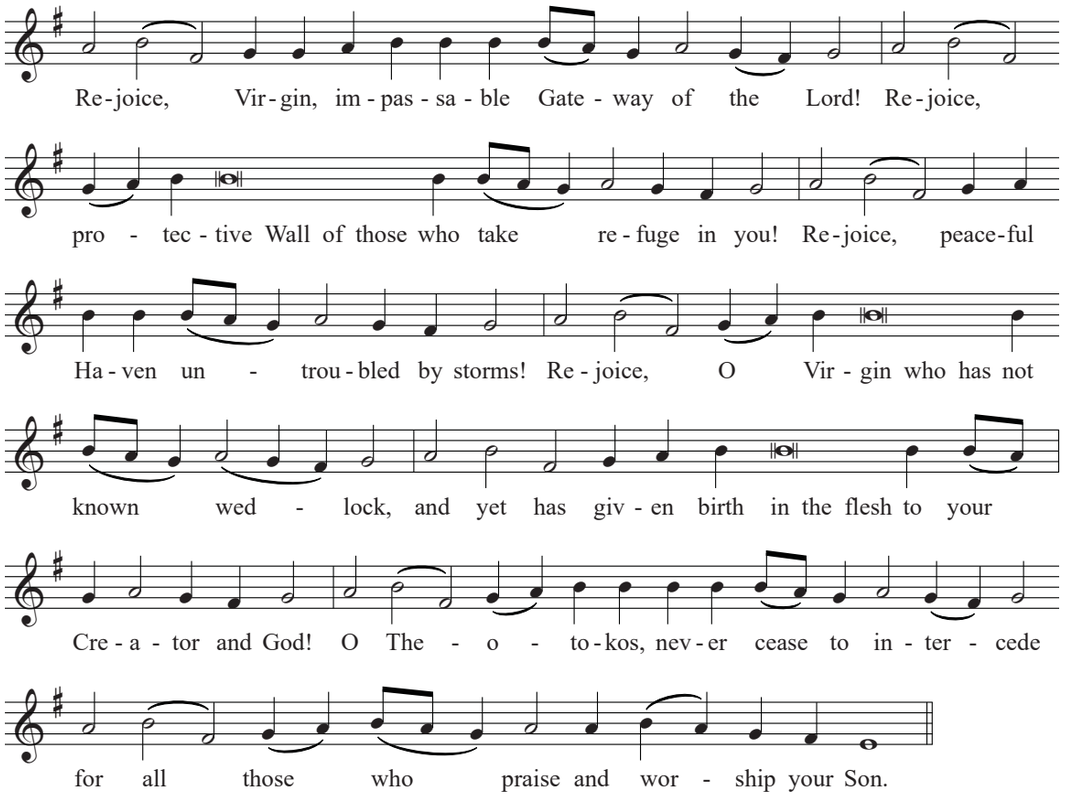
"The Lord is God" Tone 5, p. 191.

Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 5 (sung twice)*



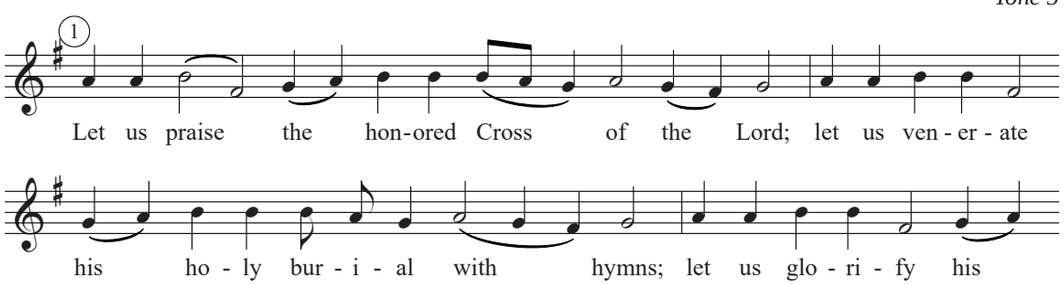
Cantor: Glory… now and ever…
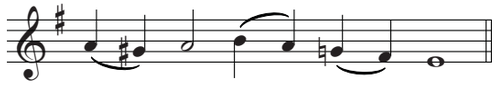
Theotokion - *Tone 5*



Sessional Hymn 1

Tone 5





Cantor: *(Tone 2)* Now and ever…
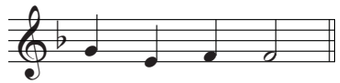
Theotokion for normal Sundays, p. 40.

Great Doxology, p. 41.
Troparion "Today salvation has come to the world…" p. 44.
Litany of Supplication, p. 45.
Prayer over Bowed Heads, p. 47.

Paschal Dismissal

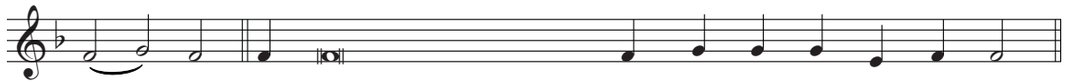
Deacon: Wisdom!

Response:



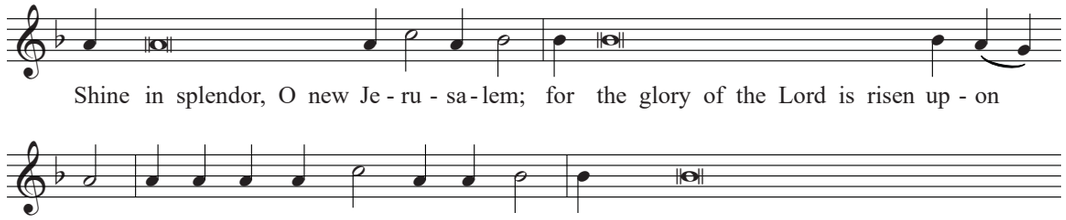
Celebrant: Blessed is Christ our God, the One-Who-Is, always, now and ever and forever.

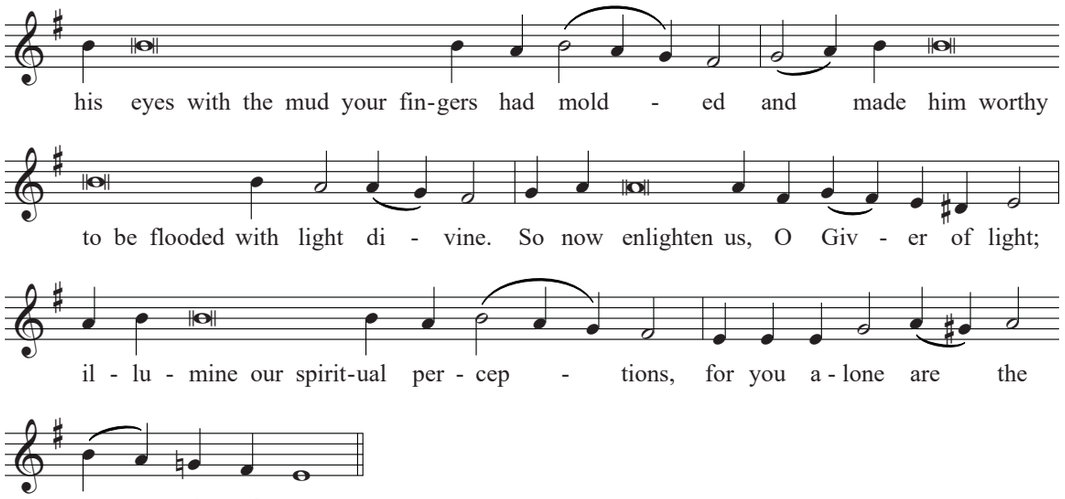
Response:



Celebrant: O most holy Theotokos, save us!

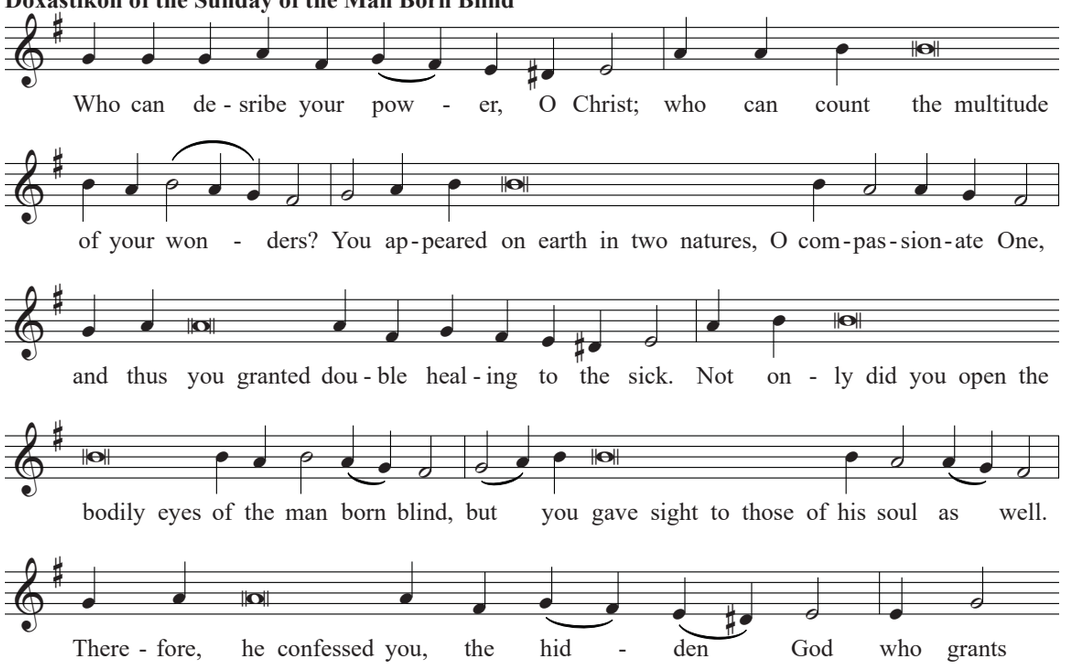
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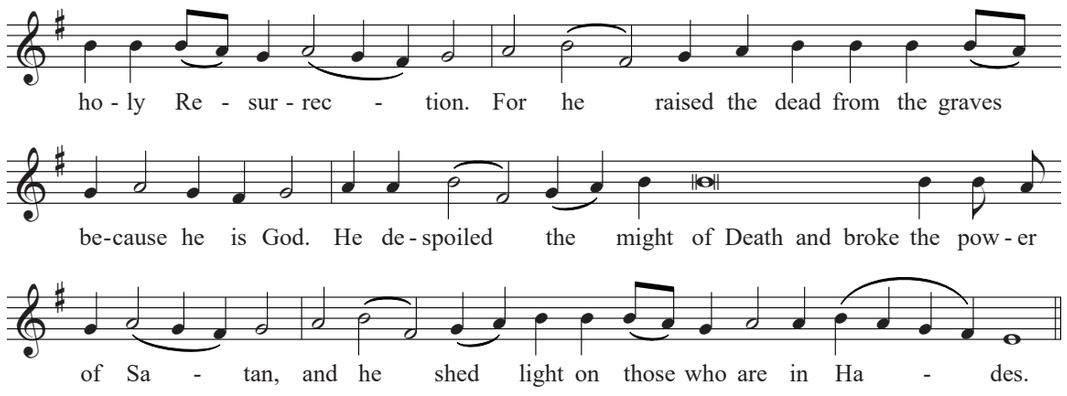




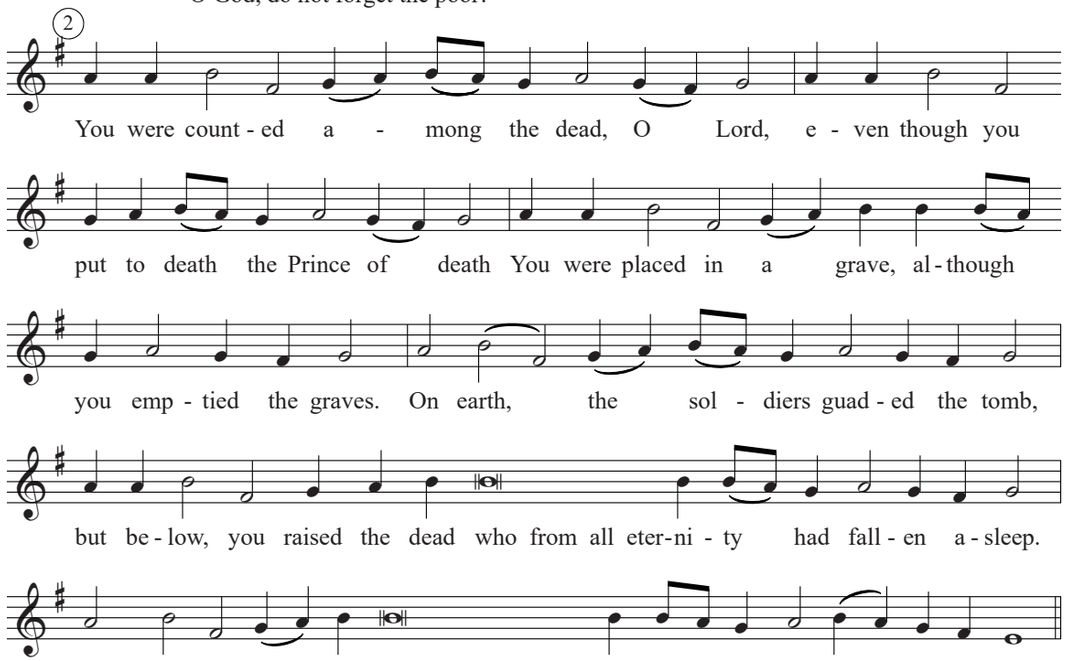
Cantor: Glory…

Doxastikon of the Sunday of the Man Born Blind *Tone 8*



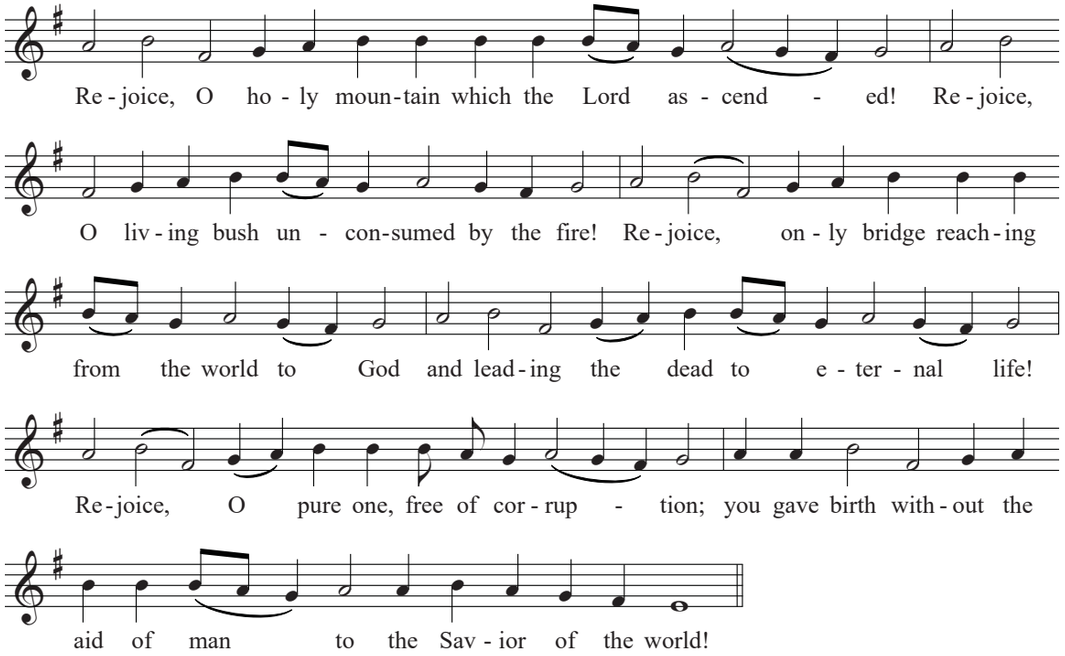


Cantor Arise, Lord, lift up your hand.
O God, do not forget the poor!



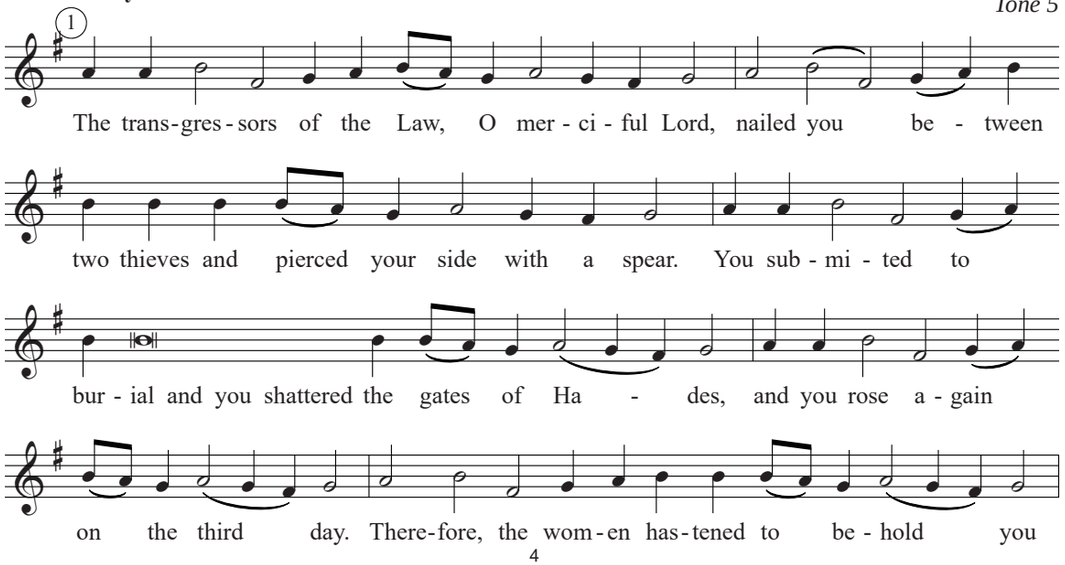
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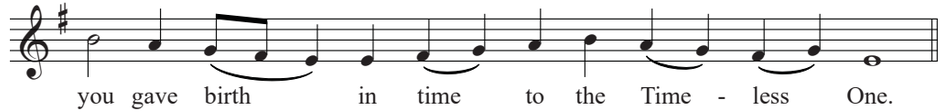
Theotokion - *Tone 5*



Sessional Hymn 2

Tone 5





"Holy is the Lord", Tone 5, p. 214.

Hymn of Light

You, O King and Lord, have fallen asleep in the flesh as a mortal man, but on the third day you arose again. You have raised Adam from his corruption and made Death powerless. You are the Pasch of Incorruption. You are the salvation of the world.

Glory…

Enlighten the eyes of my soul, blinded by the gloom of sin, O Lord. Anoint them with humility, O compassionate One, and wash me with tears of repentance.

Now and ever…

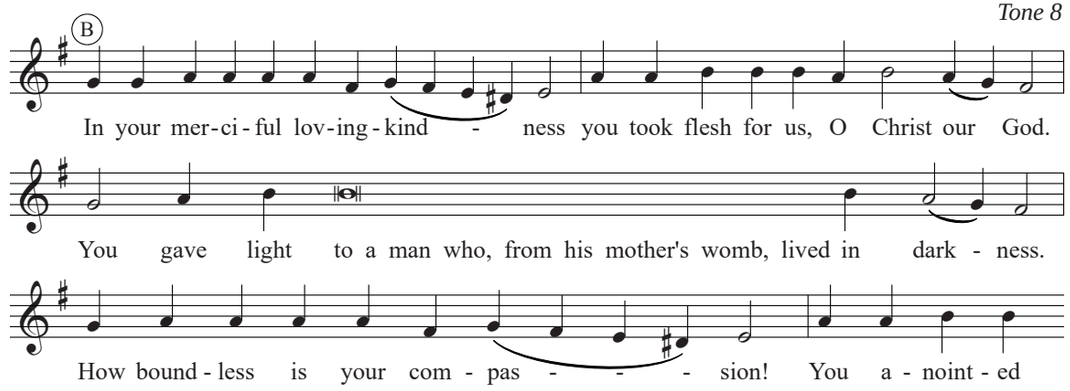
As he went on his way, Jesus the Lord who saves us met a man struck with blindness from his birth. Moistening the dust of the earth with his saliva, Christ made some mud to anoint the eyes of the Blind Man. The he sent him to Siloam to wash in the pool; when he had washed, the Blind Man returned, and he saw the brightness of your light, O Christ.

The Psalms of Praise are sung in Tone 5 through sticheron A (pp. 214-219).

Cantor: *(Tone 8)* Turn and show me your mercy;
(on B) show justice to your friends.

Sticheron of the Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Tone 8

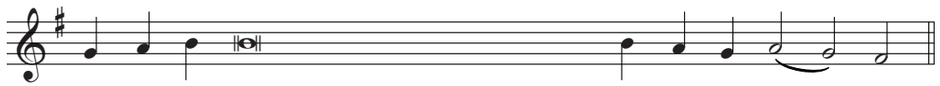


You were nailed to the Cross, O christ our God; you conquered the powers of the enemies; you wiped out the ancient curse. For this reason, O Lord, we extol you. *Refrain*
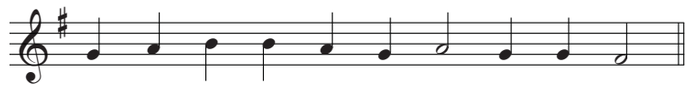
O Word, when Hades saw you descend to its depths, it was seized with fright, and it set free all the dead who recognized the strength of your divine power; and joining with them, we extol you. *Refrain*

Seeing him perform miracles and wondrous signs, the people were filled with jealousy and put to death the One who despoiled Hades by his Resurrection and who raised all the dead by his power. *Refrain*

You resurrected from the dead according to your word, and you appeared to your disciples after your Resurrection, O Giver of life; you performed miracles and gave sight to the blind. With them we extol you through the ages.



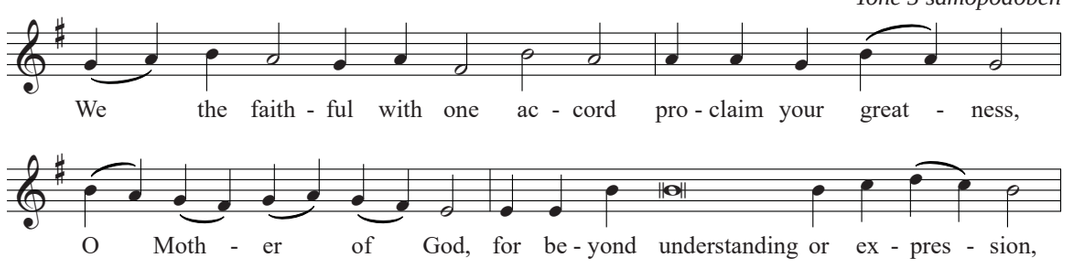
The Father is Light, the Son also is Light, and the Spirit of truth is Light; O indivisible Light in which three flames are united, I praise and glorify the divine King of all creation.
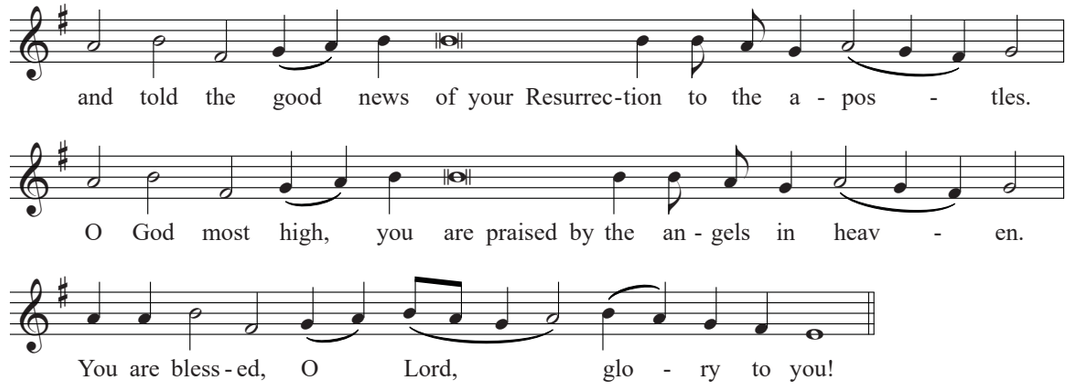


O holy Virgin, you have appeared as more spacious than the heavens; you bore the God whom no flesh could contain; and you gave birth to him for the redemption of all the faithful who extol you.

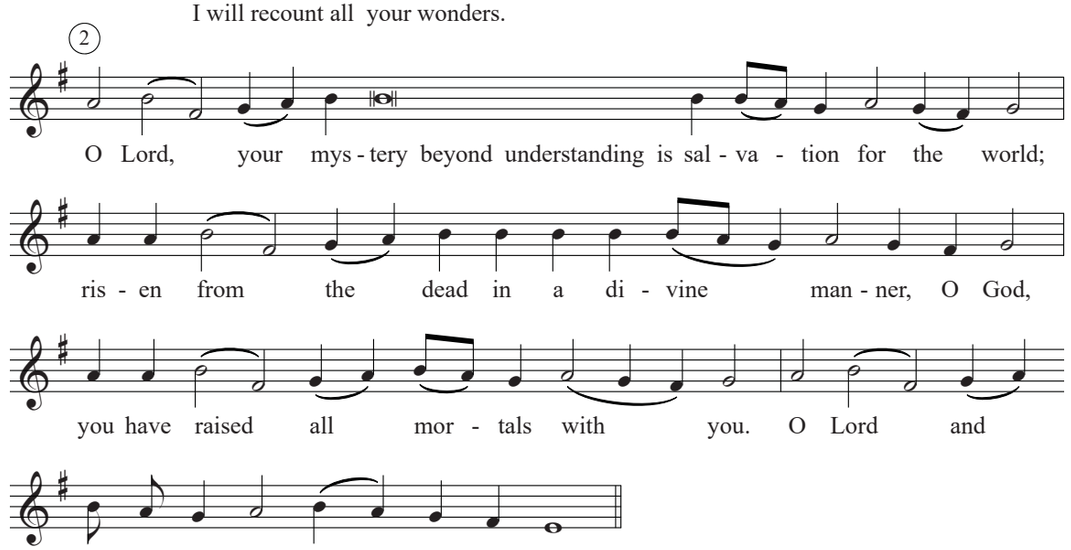
Katavasia

Tone 5 samopodoben
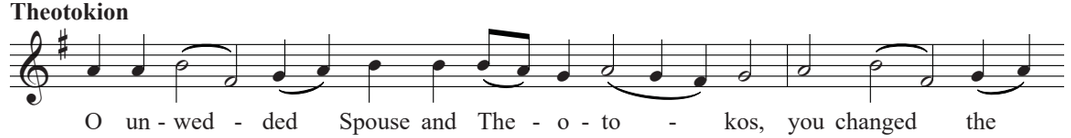




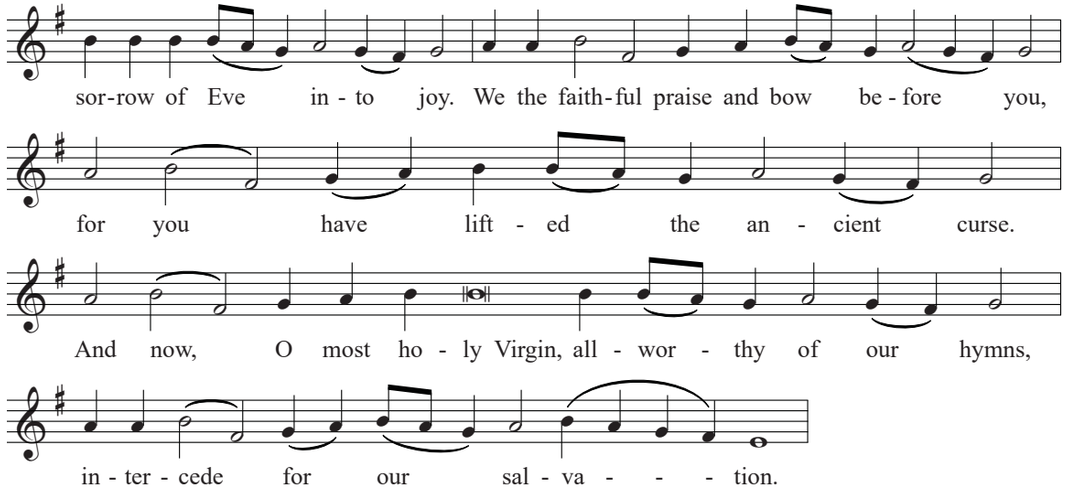
Cantor: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will recount all your wonders.



Cantor: Glory…now and ever…

Theotokion



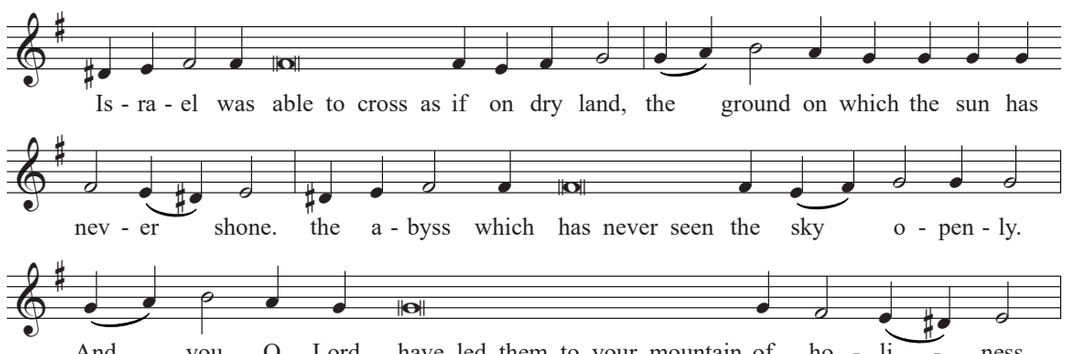


The service continues with Psalm 118 and "Hosts of Angels" , p. 18.
Hypakoe and Gradual Hymns, Tone 5, p. 196.
Prokeimenon, Tone 5, p. 200.
Preparation for the Gospel, p. 24.
"Let everything that lives", Tone 5, p. 200.
The eighth Resurrection Gospel: John 20: 11-18.
Hymn of the Resurrection, p. 26, sung once by the deacon and twice by the faithful
Psalm 50 and stichera, p.28.

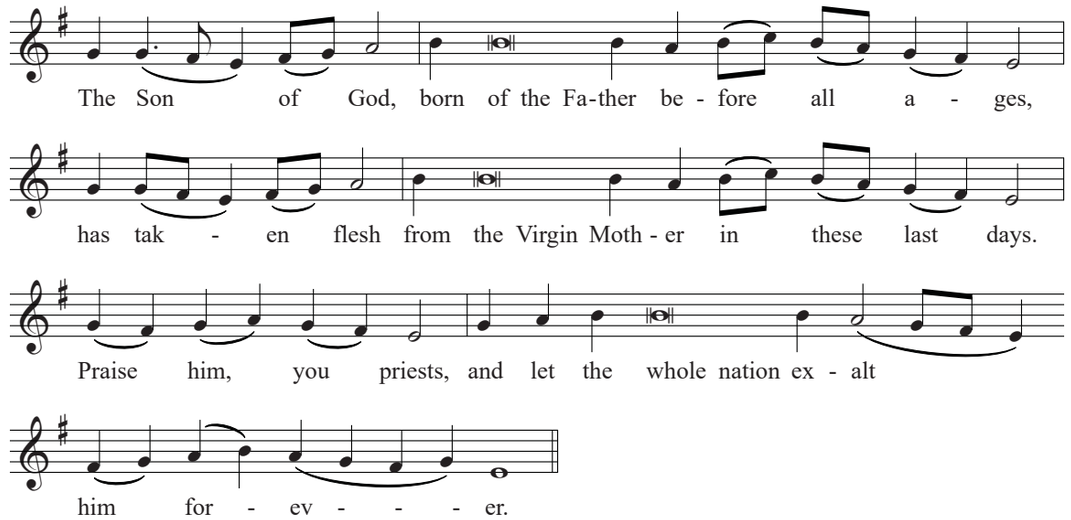
Canon

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Ode 1
Irmos *Tone 6*

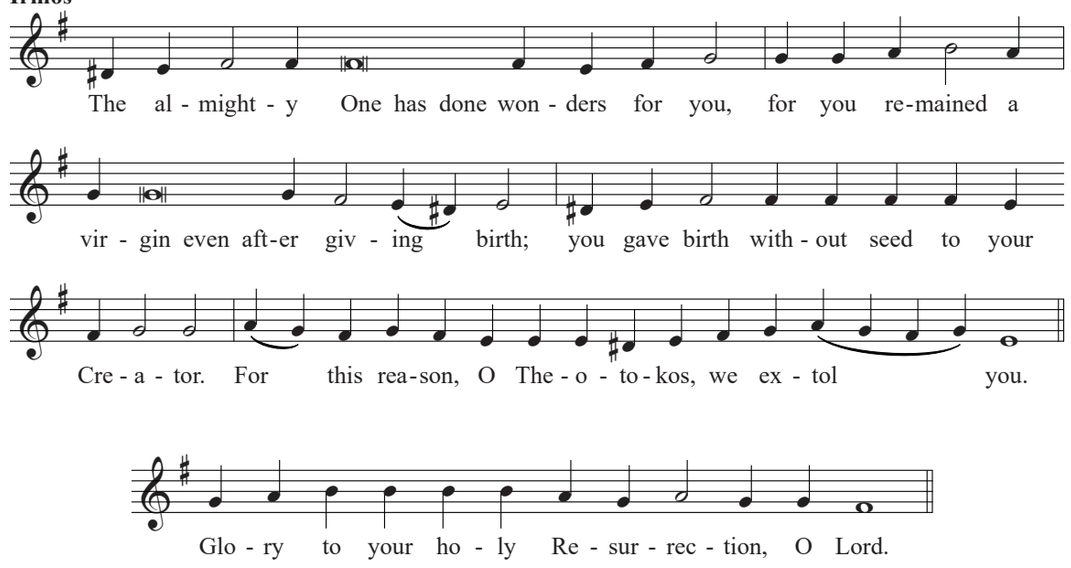


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*The Canticle of the Theotokos is **not** sung.*

Ode 9
Irmos *Tone 6*

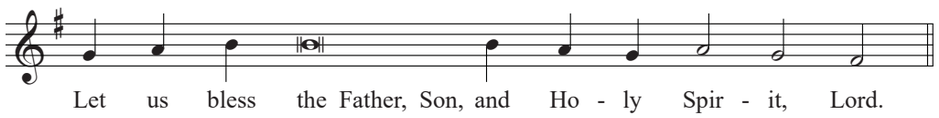


O Christ and King of the universe, when the angels saw you hanging on the Cross and all creation trembling with fear, they too were seized with fright and sang of your love for us. *Refrain*
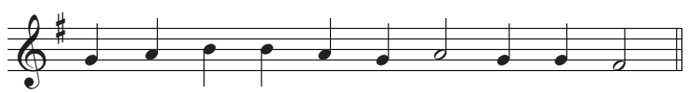
Seeing you in the depths, Hades lamented and hastened to give up all the dead which it had held in its power through the ages; and it praised your love for us, O Lord, *Refrain*

You performed unheard-of wonders, O Christ; you were willingly raised upon a Cross; you were conted among the dead even though you are the conqueror of Hades; and you freed all the captives by your mighty arm. *Refrain*

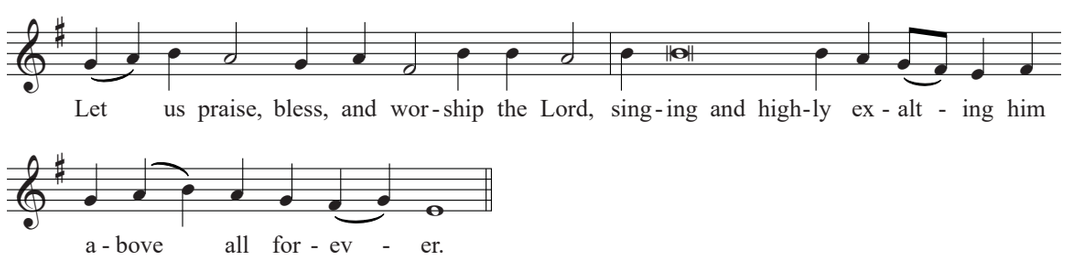
You gave sight to the blind man who met you, O Christ, and you ordered him to wash in the pool of Siloam that he might see and announce your divinity which has appeared in the flesh for the salvation of all.
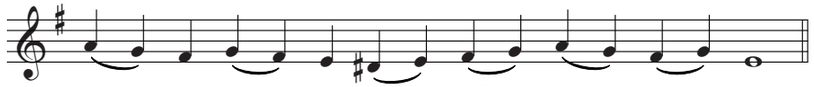


Indivisible Trinity and Unity beyond confusion, O God of all and Creator of the world, preserve from every ordeal those who praise your name and who faithfully adore your divine majesty.
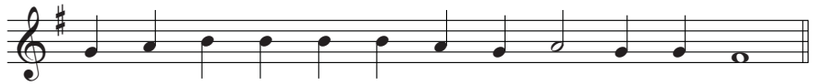


O most pure Virgin, full of grace, implore your Son and our God without ceasing: may he not be ashamed of me on the day of judgment; rather, may he count me among the elect of his flock.





Refrain



You bore your Cross in your flesh willingly, and you poured out life and blessings to the world, O Lord, the only blessed One and Creator of the universe. We praise you, we bless you, and we glorify you, as we sing a hymn of victory. *Refrain*
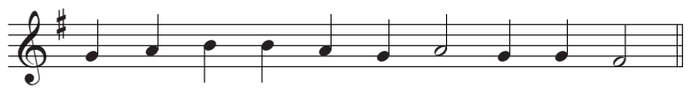
The noble Joseph placed your most pure body in a sepulcher, O long-suffering Lord, and rolled a stone before the entrance of the tomb. But you resurrected in glory and raised the world with you, and they sing a hymn of victory. *Refrain*

Why do you mix your tears with the myrrh that you carry, said the resplendent angel to te women. Christ is risen! Go and tell the holy apostles, who are crying and lamenting bitterly, so that they may rejoice and exalt with joy. *Refrain*

The Redeemer has worked marvelous wonders, for he healed the man born blind by making mud and saying: Go and wash in the pool of Siloam so that you may come to know your God who is walking on this earth; through his goodness he now bears our flesh.

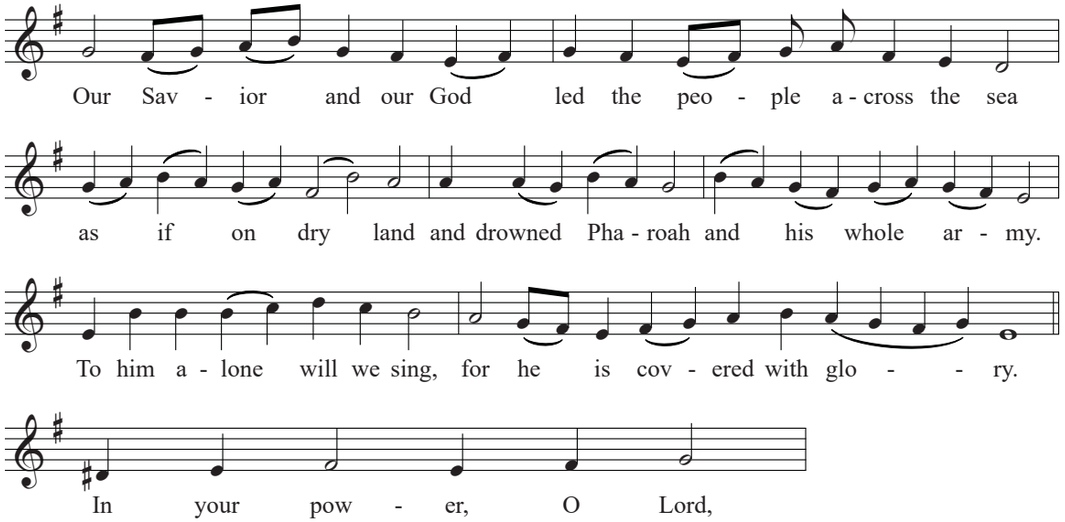


O faithful, let us venerate the unity of three Persons; let us glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. the Creator and Redeemer of the world. We praise the only uncreated God, and with the angels we sing: Holy, holy, holy are you, O Lord our God.



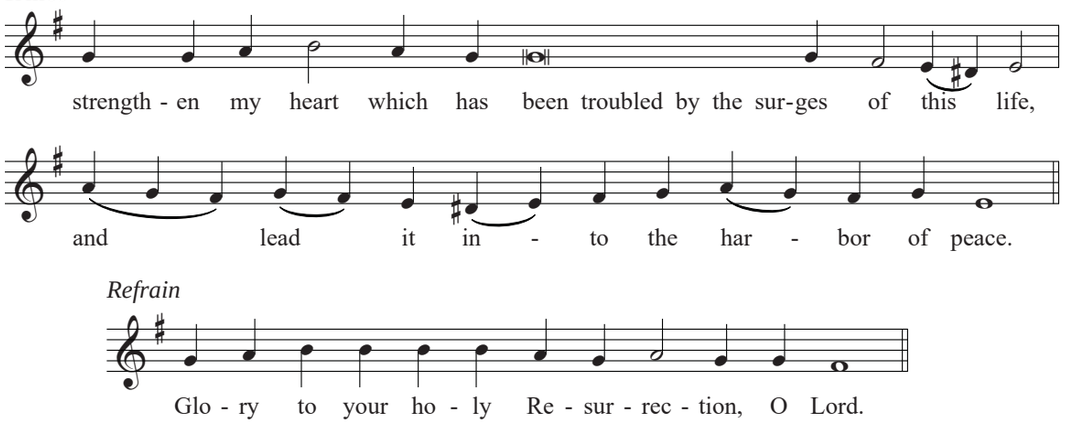
In his goodness, the Lord wished to save the human race which had fallen through the deceit of the Enemy; he dwelt in yur virginal womb, O holy Lady. Implore him to save the Christian people from the threat that endangers them.

Katavasia *Tone 5 samopodoben*



Ode 3

Irmos *Tone 6*
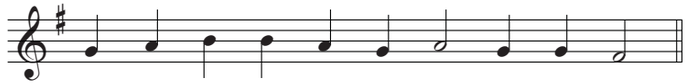


Refrain

You strengthened our shipwrecked hearts, O long-suffering Lord, when the whole earth was shaken by the crucifixion you suffered in the flesh. *Refrain*

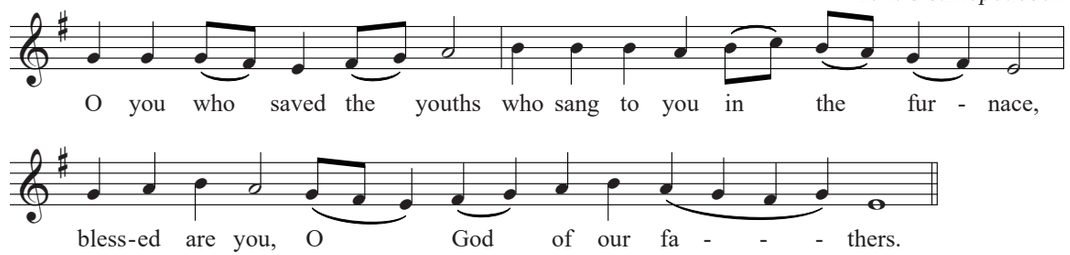
The noble Joseph placed you in a new tomb, O God of tenderness, and you renew us by your Resurrection from the dead on the third day. *Refrain*

Let us praise the Father without beginning, the co-eternal Son, and the Spirit of truth: Holy, holy, holy are you, o our God, Creator and King of the universe.



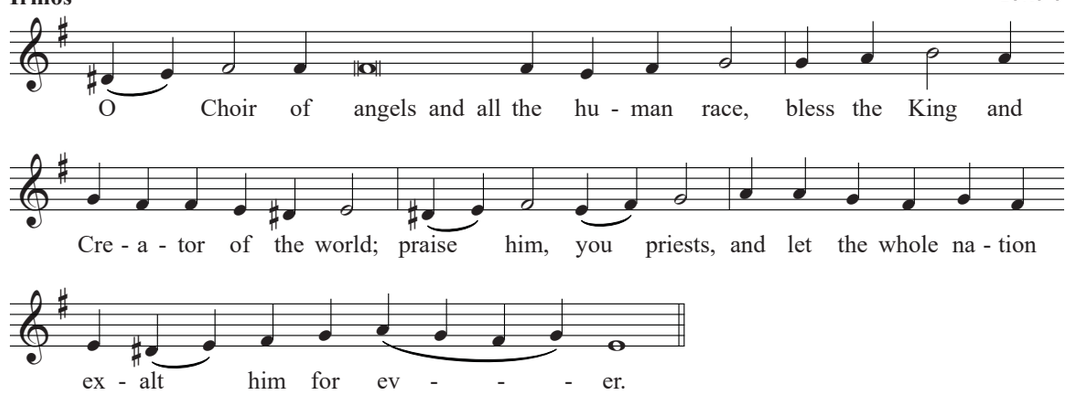
You remained both virgin and holy after giving birth; for you brought our God into the world, and his power renews all. Implore him unceasingly for our salvation.

Katavasia *Tone 5 samopodoben*
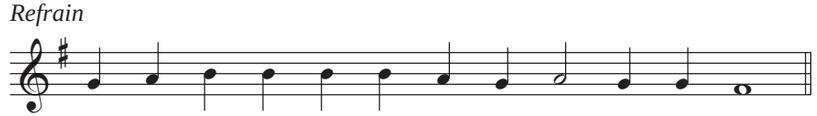


Ode 8

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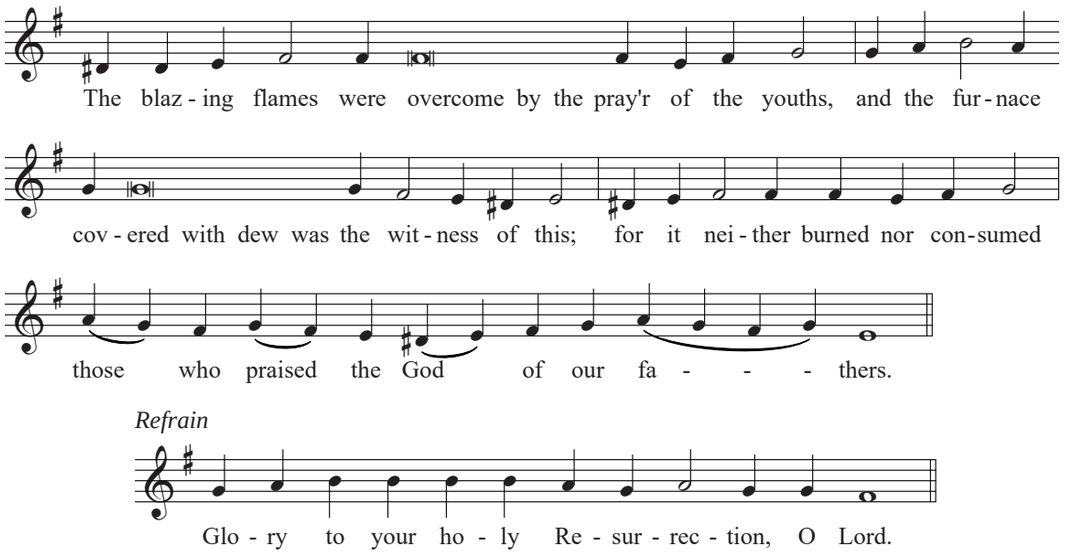


Refrain



Ode 7 *Tone 6*

Irmos

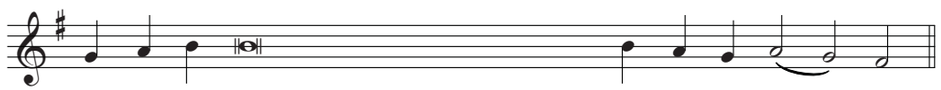


When you were raised upon the Cross, O Lord, the sun was darkened, the earth, trembled, all creation was shaken, and the dead were raised from their tombs. *Refrain*

O King, when you were raised from the dead, you also awakened the souls who were asleep; they glorified your sovereign power with which you broke the chains of Death. *Refrain*

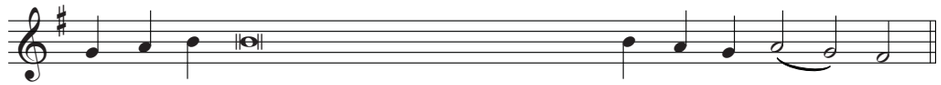
The myrrh-bearing women hastened together early in the morning, but when they learned of your Resurrection, O Lord, they rejoiced with the divine apostles; through their prayers grant us the forgiveness of our sins. *Refrain*

You smeared the eyes of the blind man with some mud, and you ordered him to go to Siloam; having washed, he recovered his sight, and he glorified you, O Christ, the supreme King of the universe.
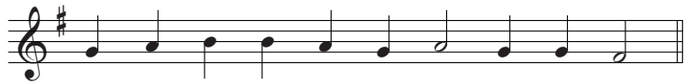


The angel shining with divine splendor said to the women: Why do you seek the Lord among the dead? He is risen as he promised. *Refrain*

You healed the man blind from birth, O God of mercy, as he came to you and glorified your marvels and your work of salvation.

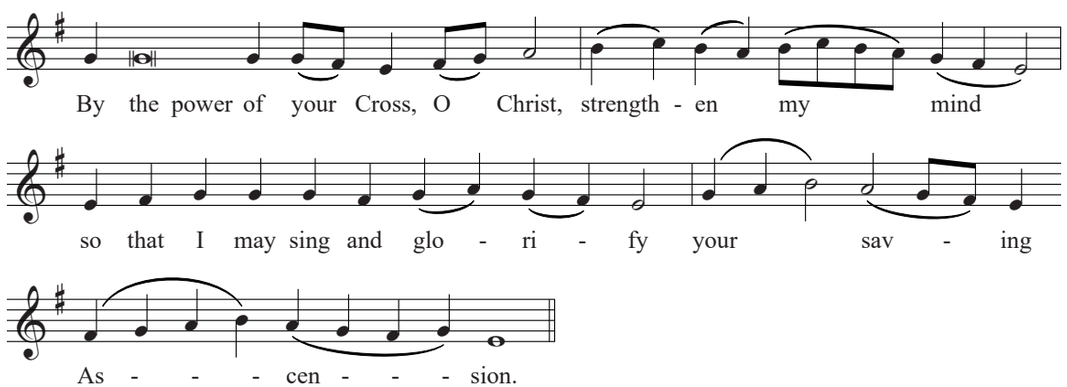


We adore you as the only God of the universe, the three Persons whom no other has created: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
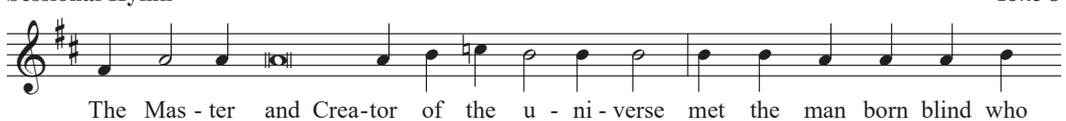


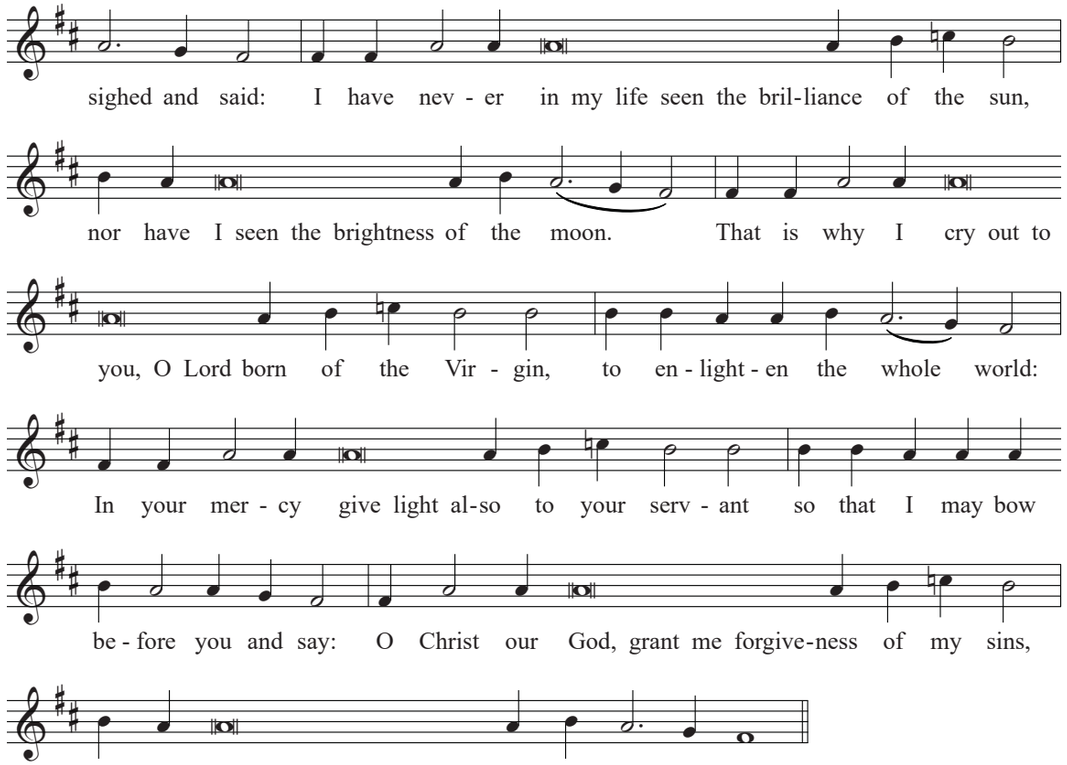
From your womb, o most holy Lady, you gave birth as a virgin to God who is clothed in our flesh; beseech him to have pity on us.

Katavasia *Tone 5 samopodoben*



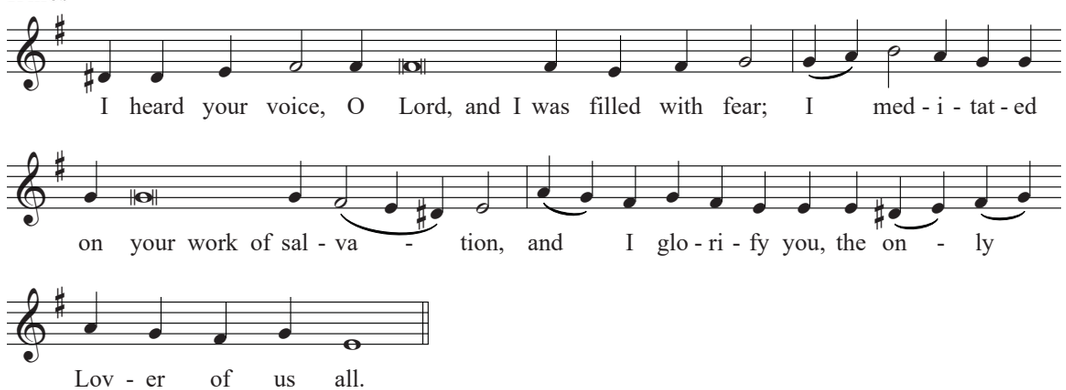
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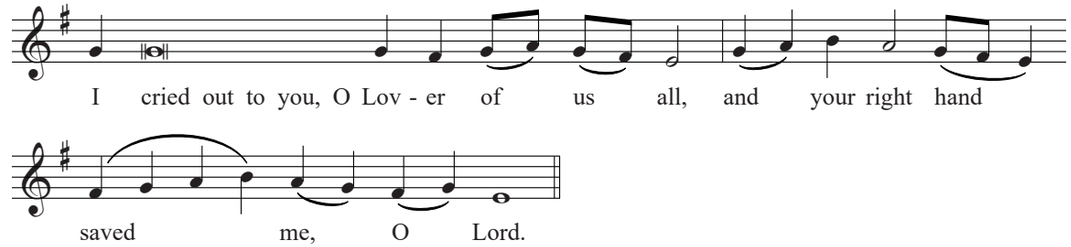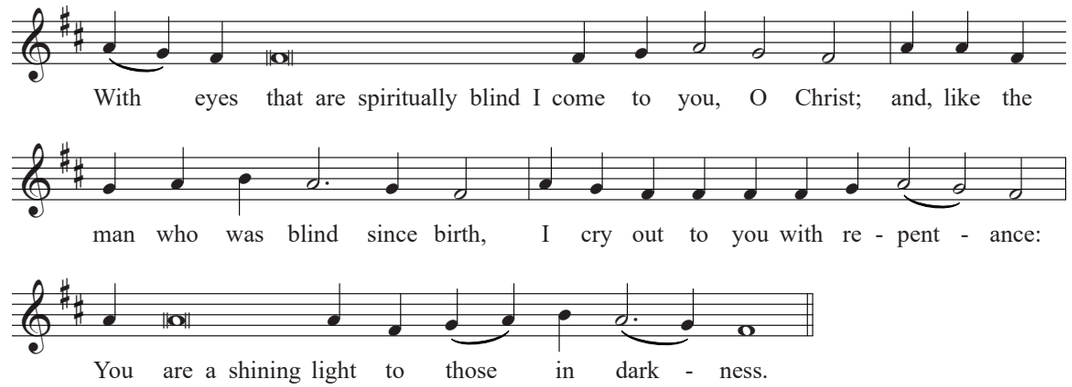




Ode 4

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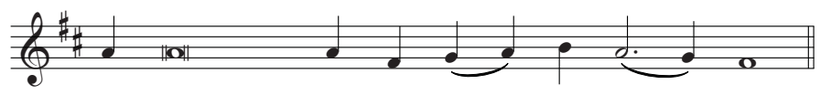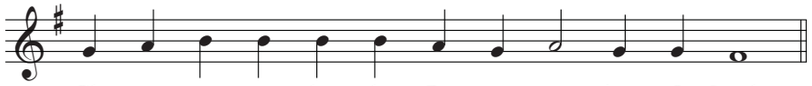




Kontakion *Tone 5*



Ikos Give me to drink of your boundless wisdom and of heavenly knowledge, O Christ, for you are the light of those in darkness and the guide of those who have lost their way. Thus I will clearly recount what the Holy Book teaches in the Gospel of peace, about the miracle you performed for the blind man. He had been in darkness from his birth, and he received from you both physical and spiritual sight, and cried out in faith:



Refrain

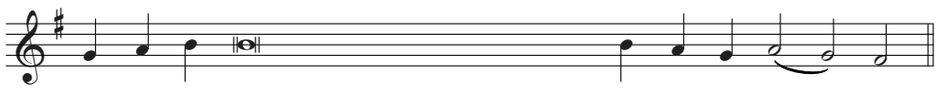


O Lord, you were crucified between two thieves; now deliver from the plunder of passions those who with one voice praise your Crucifixion and holy Resurrection. *Refrain*
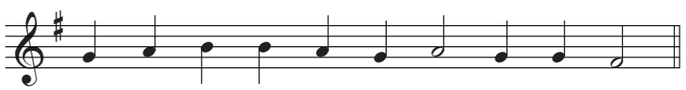
Your body was placed in the tomb, O Christ, the Giver of life to all the dead; but you resurrected, O Lord and Word, and by your divine power you emptied all the graves. *Refrain*

After your Resurrection, O Christ, you said to your friends: Remain in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high with an invisible protection. *Refrain*

You made mud and smeared it on the eyes of the man born blind; and you let him contemplate, O Word of God, the ineffable power by whom the world was saved.
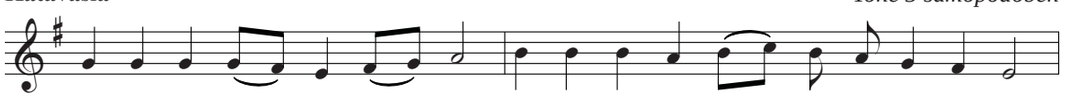


O unity of three Persons, the unbegotten Father, the only Son, and the Spirit who proceeds eternally, O unique Power of the thrice-holy Lord, save the people who are your own.
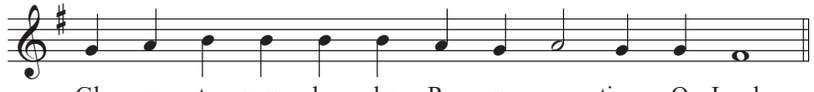


Who can explain your wonders, O Virgin immaculate? For you gave birth according to the flesh in a marvelous manner, O pure Virgin, to the One who saves the world from all iniquity.

Katavasia *Tone 5 samopodoben*



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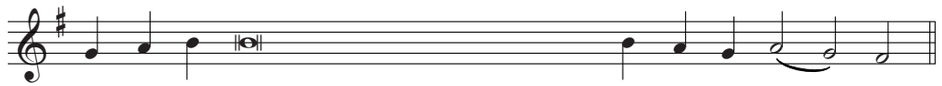


Beneath a tree I discovered death; but beneath the tree of the Cross, O Lord the Giver of life, you gave me life again in your goodness. That is why I glorify you, O Word. *Refrain*
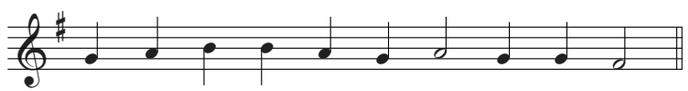
At the time of your marvelous appearing, O Lord, you said to your disciples: Go and announce my Resurrection to all nations. *Refrain*

To strengthen the faith in your Resurrection, O Lord, you appeared to your friends many times; and you filled them with joy, O Christ. *Refrain*

To the one who had always been blind, O Lord, you gave sight and said to him: Go and wash your eyes that you may see, and that you may glorify my divinity.

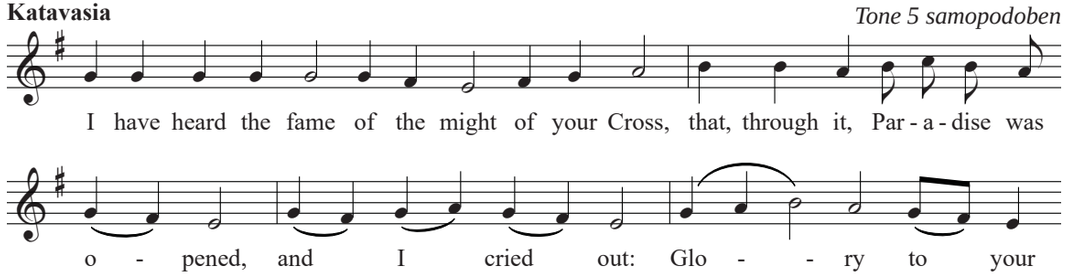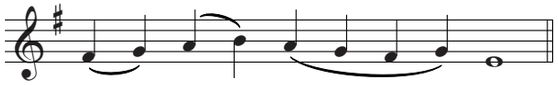


Trinity sharing the same glory and the same eternity, divinity that cannot be divided, in whom we see three Persons, save the faithful who glorify you.



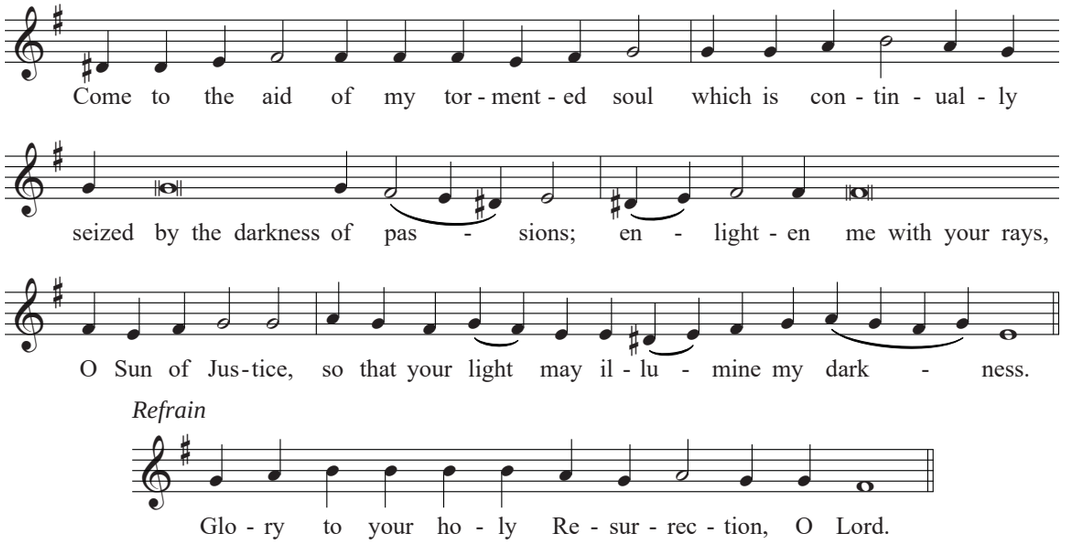
We glorify your birth-giving that surpasses nature, O most pure Virgin; and we call you blessed, O Virgin Immaculate, for you conceived the God of the universe.

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Ode 5
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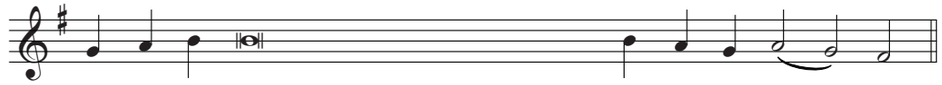
Refrain

You are raised upon the Cross to lift up all mortals, O God of mercy. You crushed our enemy, the serpent, to give life to the work of your hands, for you are the only God of the universe. *Refrain*
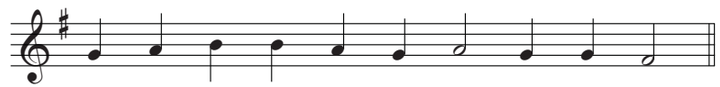
You freely suffered death and were placed in the tomb; you emptied the kingdom of Hades, O Lord and immortal King, and by your holy Resurrection you raised the dead with you. *Refrain*

You accomplished great wonders on earth, O Lord, and you were put to death by the impious ones; but you, O Lord, the only all-powerful One, resurrected from the dead as you promised. *Refrain*

Giving light to the one who had no earthly eyes, you also enlightened the eyes of his heart; and when he recognized you as his Creator, you led him to glorify the God of love who is seen in the flesh.
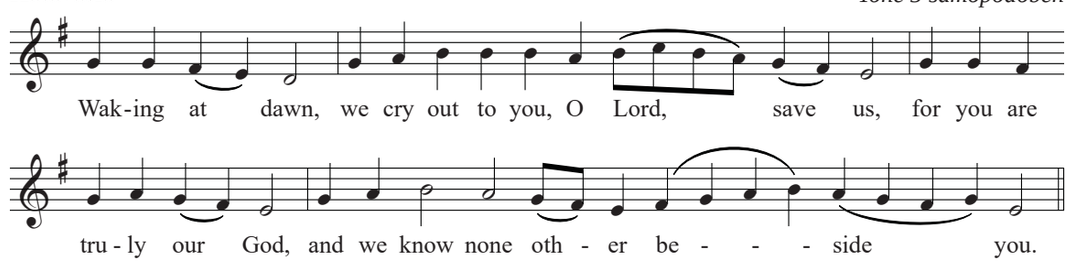


O faithful, with one heart let us glorify the triple Unity and the unique Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God and the Creator of the universe.



O Virgin and most pure Mother, how did you conceive without knowing man? How did you feed the One who feeds the world? God alone understands this, for he is the One who caused it to be

Katavasia *Tone 5 samopodoben*



Ode 6
Irmos *Tone 6*

