

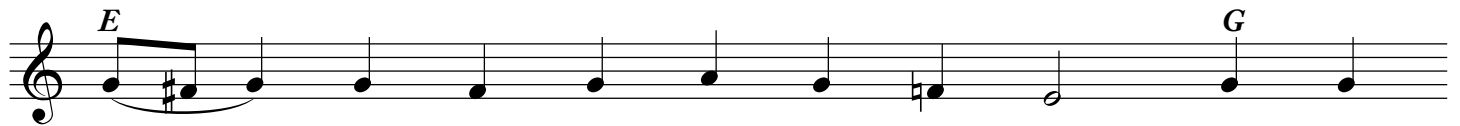
the prefestal canon for the eve of theophany

Chanted in Compline

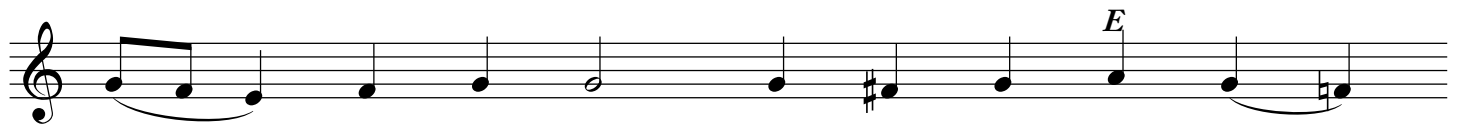
Ode One. Plagal of Second Tone



Heirmos: He that once had hid - den be - neath the sea's
Lord my God and Sav - iour, a pre - fest - al
Both those things a - bove earth, and those on the
That Thou might - est fill up all things with Thy



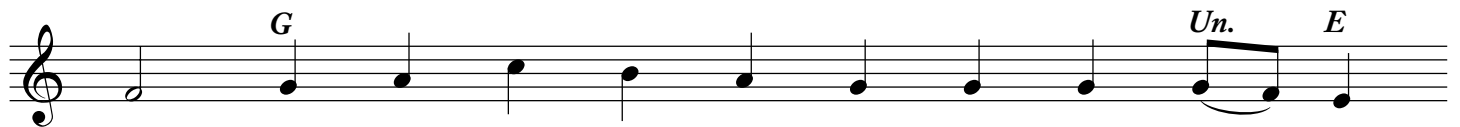
waves the pur - su - ing ty - rant king hath been
song now to hymn the Feast of Lights shall I
earth, were a - mazed as they be - held Thee, Who
glo - ry, Thou emp - ti - edst Thy - self to a



robed and con - cealed with - in the streams of
sing un - to Thee, Who to Thy splen - dour
wast man - i - fest on high be - fore all
mere ser - vant's form; and to the hand of



the Jor - dan, that He, be - ing cleansed there - in as
dost lead me, mys - tic' - ly re - gen - er - at - ing
the a - ges, now made new - ly man - i - fest be -
a ser - vant, like a ser - vant Thou dost bow Thy



man, might cleanse me of eve - ry stain. With glo - ry
me un - to God - like ra - di - ance through Thy di -
low; and, O Sav - iour, they ex - tolled Thy con - de -
head, grant - ing me re - fa - shion - ing and cleans - ing

is He glo - ri - fied.
vine The - o - pha - ny.
scen - sion past all speech.
from im - pu - ri - ty.

ode three

Heirmos: Thou that hung - est the whole earth with - out sup -
First Thou didst show the Proph - ets Thy dread The -
Trem - bling with awe and ter - ror, the Jor - dan
Bap - ti - sm hath been grant - ed as great pro -

port on the pri - me - val wa - ters, cre - a - tion
o - pha - ny in signs and fi - gures; but now the
out - spread - eth his flee - ing wa - ters, to wel - come
vi - sion for the soul's sal - va - tion by Christ to

saw Thee cov - ered in run - ning streams in
hid - den mys' - tries Thou mak - est known through
our Cre - a - tor, now bap - tized bo - di -
those per - ceiv - ing the shin - ing - forth of

the flesh, O Lord, and she was seized with awe -
Thy might - y works, as Thou ap - pear - est o -
ly in the streams, and sanc - ti - fy - ing all
His light di - vine as they in glad - ness cry

struck dread: There is no Ho - ly One, save for
 pen - ly un - to all men to - day, and Thou
 that cry: There is no Ho - ly One, save for
 a - loud: There is no Ho - ly One, save for

Thee, O Lord, she cried to Thee.
 grant - est new re - birth to them.
 Thee, O Lord, Thou Friend of man.
 Thee, O Lord, Thou Friend of man.

ode four

Heirmos: When Ab - ba - cum fore - saw Thee com - ing
 When Thou wast seen, ap - pear - ing bo - di -
 Now the Fore - run - ner from the wild - er -
 He that once turned the sea in - to dry

forth to be bap - tized as man, he cried out
 ly, then the wa - ters were blessed; the earth was
 ness com - eth forth, called by God, un - to the
 land, and from out of a rock made springs of

in a - maze - ment: O Sav - iour, Thou hast mount -
 like - wise hal - lowed; the heav - en was made whol -
 Jor - dan, say - ing: Re - pent ye, for the King -
 wa - ter gush forth, now mak - eth of the Jor -

Un. *G*

ed Thy hors - es in the sea, and they might -
 ly bright; and our mor - tal race was re - leased
 dom of Heav - en is at hand, and it call -
 dan's stream a re - fin - ing forge that doth burn

F *E*

i - ly trou - ble the ma - ny wa -
 from the en - e - my's bit - ter ty - ran -
 eth all men to the glo - ry of our
 a - way tres - pas - ses by the Spi - rit's

Un.

ters.
 ny.
 God.
 fire.

ode five

Un. *E*

Heirmos: Thou hast shown Thy The - o - pha - ny to us,
 Us born of earth Thou mak - est new, Thy - self,
 Thou through the Spi - rit mak - est new our souls,
 Born of her that had not tra - vailed, Thou, Whom

G

O Christ, for the sake of Thy mer - cy; and
 the Mak - er, be - come the new Ad - am, with
 and Thou sanc - ti - fi - est through wa - ter our
 the Fa - ther be - gat - ere the a - ges, cam -

F

E - sai - as, ris - ing ear - ly in the night,
 the Spi - rit and with wa - ter and with fire,
 com - po - site bo - dies, to re - fa - shion man
 est forth un - to the bar - ren wo - man's son

G *E*

saw its end - less light, and he cried a - loud:
 strange re - gen - er - a - tion ac - com - plish - ing,
 as a liv - ing be - ing; for Thou, O Lord,
 and didst ask for Bap - ti - sm as a man.

Un. *E* *G* *Un.*

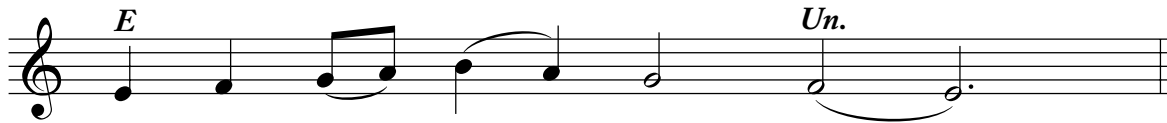
Ye en - ligh - tened, come wash you clean,
 and a won - drous re - fa - shion - ing,
 in wise fore - thought dost skil - ful - ly
 But by wa - ter and Spi - rit Thou,

G *E*

and pu - ri - fy your - selves both in soul and
 with - out a smel - ter's fire or a pot - ter's
 pro - vide the re - me - dy for our two - fold
 O Sav - iour, mys - ti - c'ly hast now made a -

Un. *G* *Un.*

bo - dy with wa - ter and the Di - vine
 break - ing re - new - ing man - kind through de -
 na - ture, since Thou art the Heal - er of
 bun - dant in chil - dren the Church that once

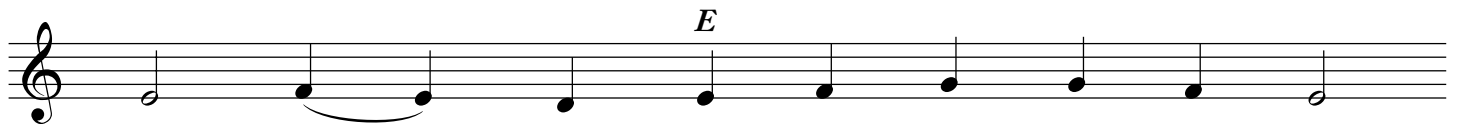


Spi - rit in ve - ry truth.
i - fy - ing Bap - ti - sm.
the bo - dy and the soul.
had suf - fered child - less - ness.

ODE SIX



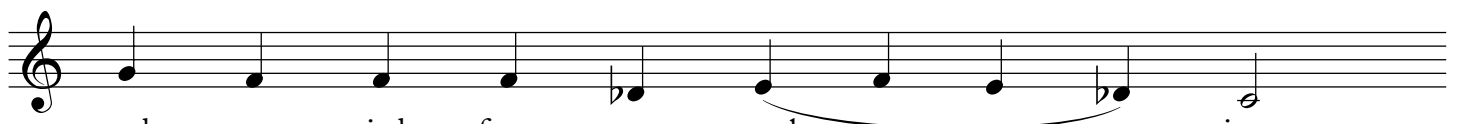
Heirmos: Seized with ter - ror, but not checked by ter -
By en - roll - ment, but not by en - slave -
King Thou reign - est, but no world - ly king -
In the old times had the prince of this



ror was the most god - ly Bap - tist John;
ment, Cae - sar's de - cree dost Thou o - bey;
ship, for Thou by na - ture art a King;
world al - so re - ceived the name of king



for though the grass had drawn back from the Fire
for though Thou grant - est com - fort un - to us
and in the flesh, O Sav - iour, as be - got -
of all things in the wa - ters; but, O Sav -



and tar - ried from ap - proach - ing,
from bon - dage and en - slave - ment,
ten of the tribe of Da - vid,
iour, by Thy hal - lowed cleans - ing,

E *G* *F* *E*

yet hear - ing: Suf - fer it to be so now,
 Thou pay - est tri - bute, and art sub - ject will -
 Thou didst in - her - it Da - vid's king - dom and
 he is de - stroyed and choked like Le - gion in

G *E*

he ran, as a ser - vant do - ing as com -
 ing - ly; yet to free - dom hast Thou now re -
 his throne; yet Thou hast do - min - ion ev - er -
 the lake. And with Thine al - migh - ty hand, Thou

Un. *E*

mand - ed; and the di - vine voice, he
 stored us, who had been for - mer - ly
 last - ing, Who with the Fa - ther and
 give - est the gift of free - dom to

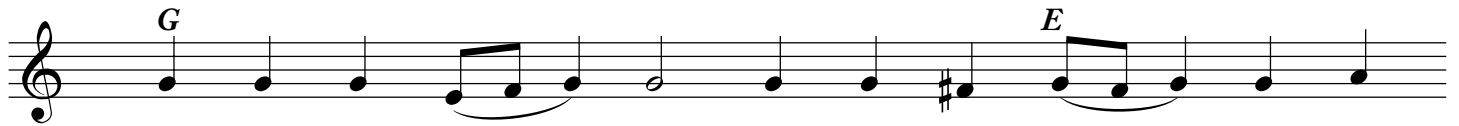
G *Un.*

heard from on high, which bare wit - ness to the
 sold to the law of sin, and Thou hast vouch -
 Spi - rit dost ev - er reign from be - fore all
 that which Thy hands have formed, which had been held

E *Un.*

Son, Who was be - fore all time.
 safed a - dop - tion un - to us.
 time and shalt for ev - er - more.
 fast in bon - dage un - to him.

ode seven



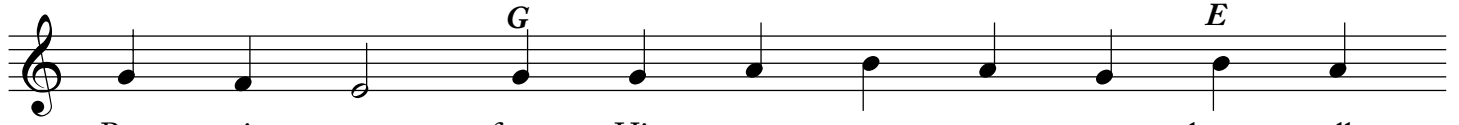
Heirmos: Mar - vel past tell - ing! He that had once in a
 Once did a man - tle sun - der in twain Jor - dan's
 Riv - er most bless - ed! which on re - ceiv - ing with -
 That di - vine dy - ing we show in im - age and
 Ve - ri - ly, one is the Fa - ther, Son, and Good



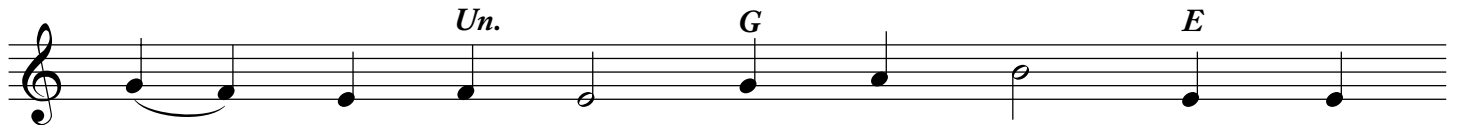
fur - nace saved the three righ - teous Child - ren from
 run - ning streams and pre - fi - gured Thine own Bap -
 in it - self the Cre - a - tor bap - tized in
 out - ward sign, when in wa - ter we de - scend
 Spi - rit's grace, which per - fect - eth all them who



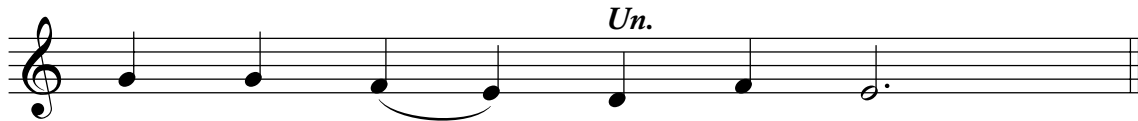
the flame now bow - eth His head and doth ask for
 ti - sm, which rend - eth the robe of the pas - sions
 the flesh be - come - eth a spring flow - ing with life -
 three times; and bur - ied with Christ through the gift of
 in faith long af - ter the gift of most god - ly



Bap - ti - sm from His own ser - vant, to cleanse all
 and doth weave a splen - did gar - ment of in - cor -
 giv - ing streams for the sal - va - tion of us who
 Bap - ti - sm, we al - so share in His ris - ing
 Bap - ti - sm, re - ceiv - ing pow'r to be - come sons



them that cry out: Blest art Thou, O our
 rup - tion for all that cry out: Blest art
 sing these prais - es: Blest art Thou, O our
 on the third day, and we cry: Blest art
 by a - dop - tion, and to cry: Blest art

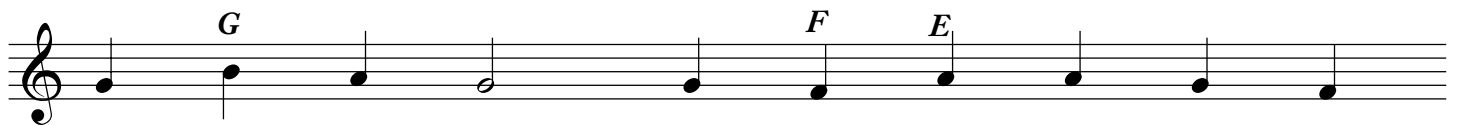


God and our Re - deem - er.
 Thou, O Christ our true God.
 God and our Re - deem - er.
 Thou, O Christ our Sav - iour.
 Thou, O God, our Sav - iour.

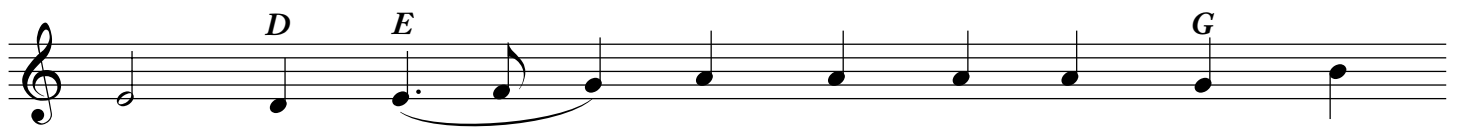
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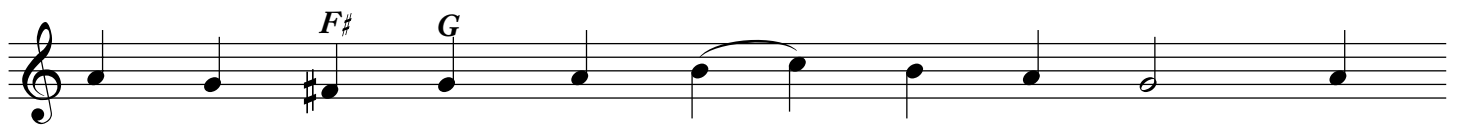
Heirmos: Trem - ble, O Heav - en, hor - ror struck; and ye
 Com - ing to grant de - li - ver - ance through ho -
 Ceased is the er - ror of the foe, for now
 O gifts most strange and mar - vel - lous! And O



foun - da - tion - stones of the earth, quake ye with
 ly Bap - ti - sm to all faith - ful men, Christ
 the voice of one cry - ing in the wild - er -
 what grace di - vine! O long - suf - fer - ing un -



fear for lo, He is en - closed with wa -
 God there - by now wash - eth Ad - am clean
 ness doth shout: Pre - pare ye the way of
 told! For lo, the Mas - ter and Ar - ti -



ters Who with wa - ter won - drous - ly burnt the
 a - gain and lift - eth up him that fell; He
 the Lord; make all His paths straight, saith he. For
 fi - cer, Who with - out sin hath put on my

E *Un.*

sac - ri - fice of His right - eous Proph - et.
 sham - eth the ty - rant that had felled him;
 look ye, the low and hum - bled val - ley,
 na - ture, be - hold now in the Jor - dan,

E *G* *E*

Ye ho - ly Chil - dren bless Him; O ye priests
 He o - pen - eth the Heav - ens; draw - eth down
 the na - ture of all mor - tals, is made high
 He cleans - eth me through wa - ter; and through fire

Un. *E*

sing His prais - es; ex - alt Him, O
 God's Good Spi - rit; and giv - eth un -
 and ex - alt - ed; but brought low is
 doth en - light - en; and through the Di -

G *E* *Un.*

ye peo - ple, to all the end - less a - ges.
 to man to par - take of in - cor - rup - tion.
 the moun - tain and hill of ad - ver - sar - ies.
 vine Spi - rit, He ren - der - eth me per - fect.

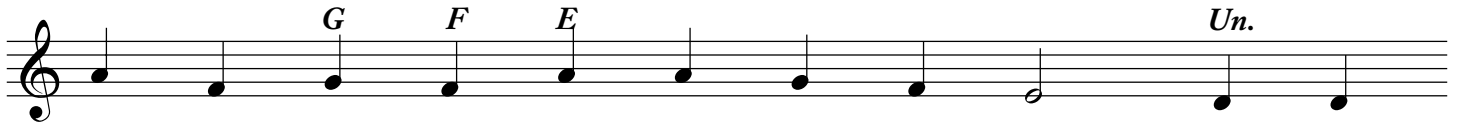
ode nine



Heirmos: Mourn not with - out cause, ye mor - tals, which be
 Thou wast made won - drous past na - ture when so
 O Word, the whole earth was hal - lowed by Thy
 Let all the earth leap in glad - ness; and let



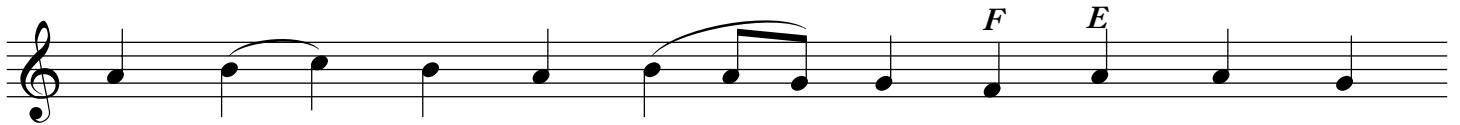
choked in the mesh - es of de - spair, and guil -
 strange - ly be - got - ten of the ho - ly Vir -
 birth, which was ho - ly, as the heav - ens loud -
 Heav - en make mer - ry; let the whole world skip



ty be - cause of work - ing wick - ed deeds; in com -
 gin in time be - fore, O Word of God; now dost
 ly de - clared Thy glo - ry with its stars, and now
 with de - light; let riv - ers clap their hands; let the



punc - tion of soul, come, let us all draw nigh un -
 Thou mag - ni - fy a might - y mys - te - ry: through
 blest is the na - ture of the wa - ters, as Thou
 foun - tains and lakes, a - byss - es and the seas, all



to Him that doth cleanse all, for He a - lone
 Thy wor - ship - ful pre - sence dost Thou most won -
 art bo - di - ly bap - tized; and all our earth -
 re - joice now to - geth - er, for Christ is come

G

is clean, and He grant - eth for - give - ness
 drous - ly make the font rich in chil - dren,
 born race hath as - cend - ed a - gain to
 to cleanse and to save fall - en Ad - am

E *Un.*

through ho - ly Bap - ti - sm.
 through the Di - vine Spi - rit.
 its first no - bi - li - ty.
 through god - ly Bap - ti - sm.