

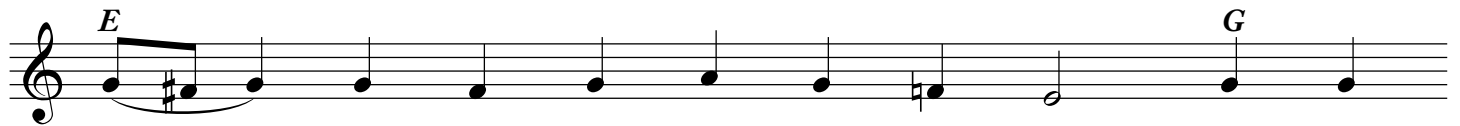
# the prefestal canon for the eve of theophany

*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



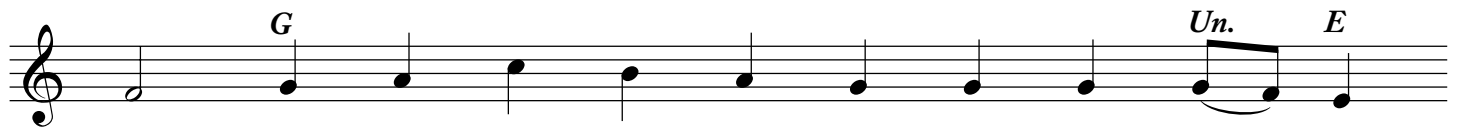
waves the pur - su - ing ty - rant king hath been  
song now to hymn the Feast of Lights shall I  
earth, were a - mazed as they be - held Thee, Who  
glo - ry, Thou emp - ti - edst Thy - self to a



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.

*Un.*

### 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 -

*G* *F*

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

*C* *Un.* *G*

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

*E*

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

*G* *E*

*G* *Un.*

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

*E* *Un.*

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

*E* *C*

*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

*G* *F* *G*

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

*E* *Un.* *G*

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.*

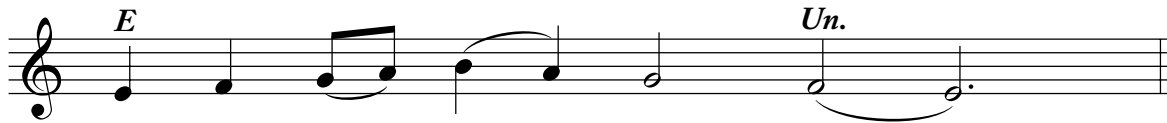
Ye en - ligh - tened, come wash you clean,  
 and a won - drous re - fa - shion - ing,  
 in wise fore - thought dost skil - ful - ly  
 But by wa - ter and Spi - rit Thou,

*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

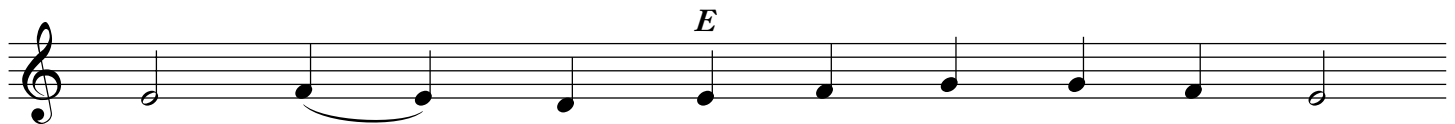


Spi - rit in ve - ry truth.  
i - fy - ing Bap - ti - sm.  
the bo - dy and the soul.  
had suf - fered child - less - ness.

## ODE SIX



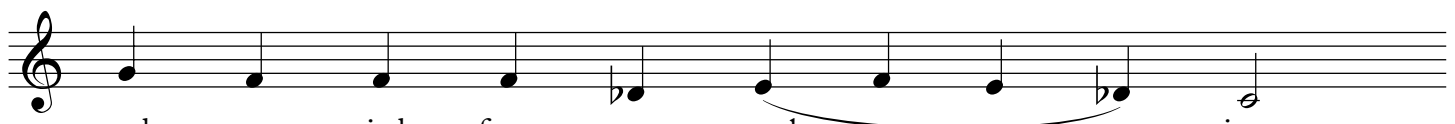
*Heirmos:* Seized with ter - ror, but not checked by ter -  
By en - roll - ment, but not by en - slave -  
King Thou reign - est, but no world - ly king -  
In the old times had the prince of this



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



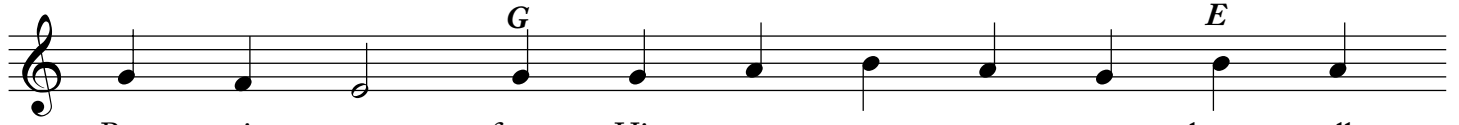
*Heirmos:* Mar - vel past tell - ing! He that had once in a  
 Once did a man - tle sun - der in twain Jor - dan's  
 Riv - er most bless - ed! which on re - ceiv - ing with -  
 That di - vine dy - ing we show in im - age and  
 Ve - ri - ly, one is the Fa - ther, Son, and Good



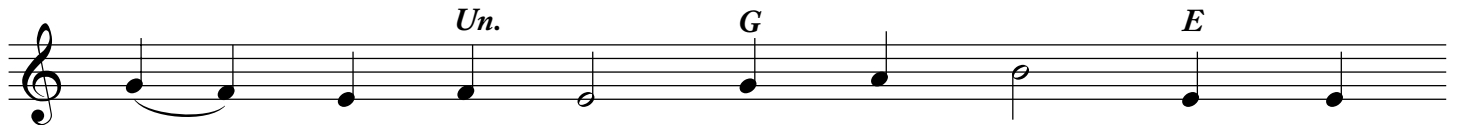
fur - nace saved the three righ - teous Child - ren from  
 run - ning streams and pre - fi - gured Thine own Bap -  
 in it - self the Cre - a - tor bap - tized in  
 out - ward sign, when in wa - ter we de - scend  
 Spi - rit's grace, which per - fect - eth all them who



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

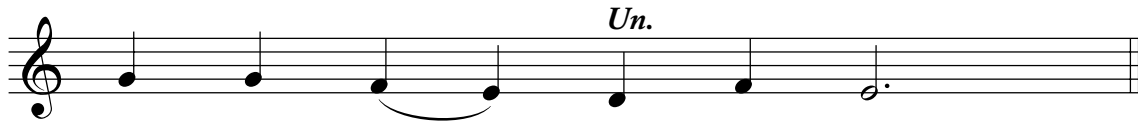


Bap - ti - sm from His own ser - vant, to cleanse all  
 and doth weave a splen - did gar - ment of in - cor -  
 giv - ing streams for the sal - va - tion of us who  
 Bap - ti - sm, we al - so share in His ris - ing  
 Bap - ti - sm, re - ceiv - ing pow'r to be - come sons



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



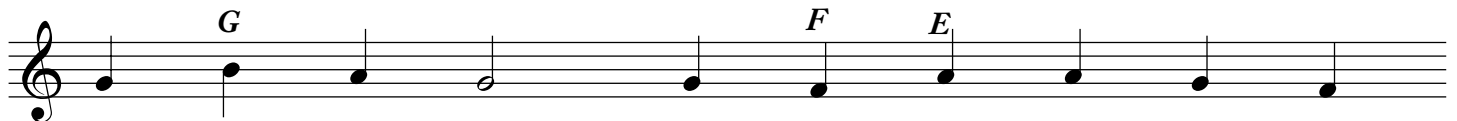


God and our Re - deem - er.  
 Thou, O Christ our true God.  
 God and our Re - deem - er.  
 Thou, O Christ our Sav - iour.  
 Thou, O God, our Sav - iour.

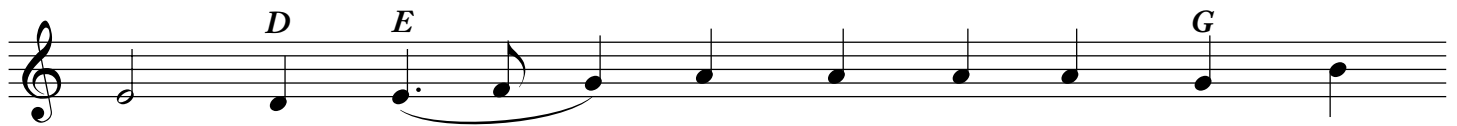
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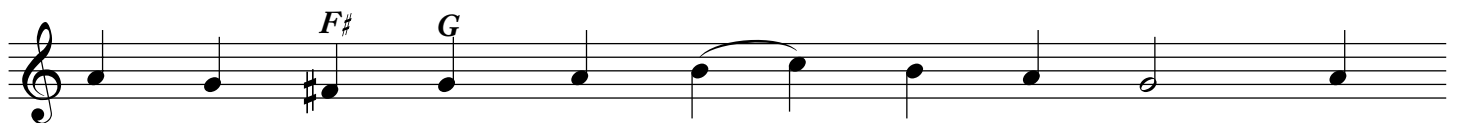
*Heirmos:* Trem - ble, O Heav - en, hor - ror struck; and ye  
 Com - ing to grant de - li - ver - ance through ho -  
 Ceased is the er - ror of the foe, for now  
 O gifts most strange and mar - vel - lous! And O



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.

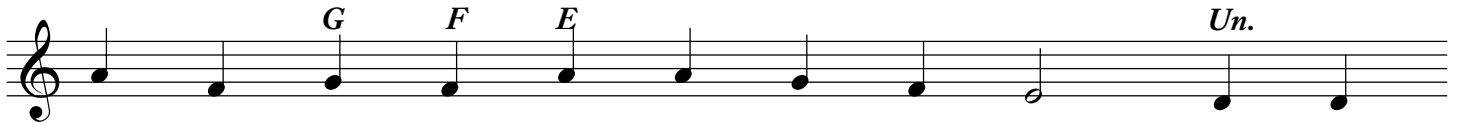
# ode nine



*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



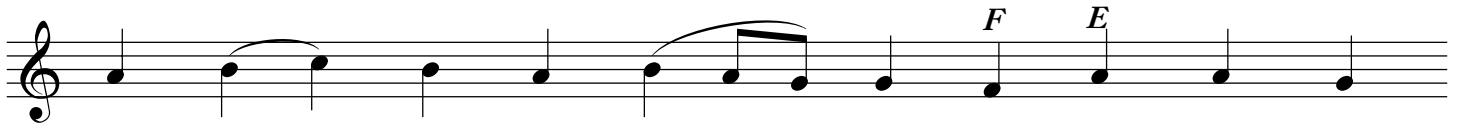
choked in the mesh - es of de - spair, and guil -  
 strange - ly be - got - ten of the ho - ly Vir -  
 birth, which was ho - ly, as the heav - ens loud -  
 Heav - en make mer - ry; let the whole world skip



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.