

Stichera on "Lord I have cried" for the Forerunner Tone 1, Kievan

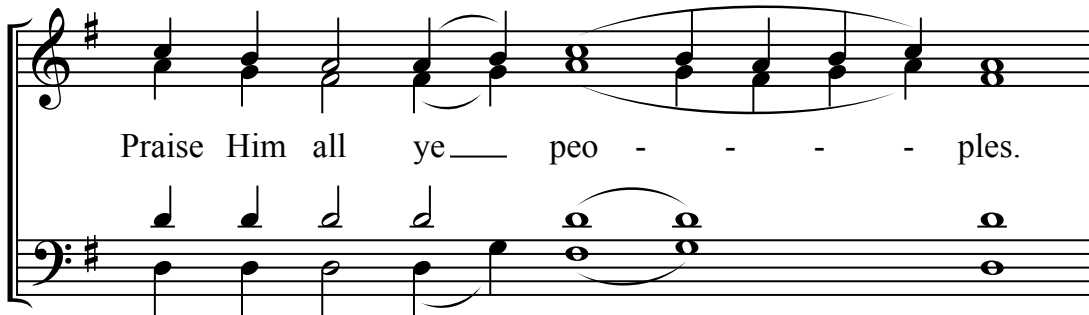
(3) *Reader:* In the **1st Tone:** For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

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And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - i - qui - ties.

Beholding Thee, O Christ, coming to him and requesting baptism, /
the Forerunner cried out with trembling: /
"Why dost Thou command me to do that which is beyond my power? /
How can I touch with my hand /
Thee Who holdest all things in Thy hand, O almighty Lord? //
It would be better that Thou baptize Thy servant!"

(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;



Praise Him all ye peo - - - - ples.

"I, Who am unapproachable by nature, /
have manifested myself as wholly man, accessible to thee. /
I, Who am rich, have impoverished Myself willingly, /
that I may enrich with incorruption and deliverance /
what hath become impoverished. /
Approach, then, and baptize Me /
Who am not subject to corruption, //
but rescue the world therefrom!"

(1) *Reader:* For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,



And the truth of the Lord a - bi - deth for ev - - - - er.

"I am constrained on every side! /
Whither I shall flee, I know not!" /
the Forerunner said to the Creator; /
"As Thou art the torrent of nourishment, O Compassionate One, /
how, then, can the river's streams receive Thee /
Who hast come, pouring forth salvation //
upon those who honor Thy holy epiphany, O Word?"