

The Aposticha

Reader: In the 2nd Tone— Thou wast born as Thou Thyself didst desire

Thou wast born as Thou Thy-self didst de-sire, and didst appear as

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff features a series of chords, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with single notes and chords.

Thou Thy-self didst will. Thou didst suf - fer in the flesh, O our God,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a more active line with some eighth notes, while the bass staff remains mostly chordal.

didst rise from the dead, trampling death un-der-foot, didst as-cend in glo-ry,

The third system shows the continuation of the hymn. The treble staff has a few rests, indicating a more contemplative or slower part of the melody.

fill - ing all things, and didst send the divine Spi - rit up - on us,

The final system of the hymn on this page. The treble staff concludes with a final chord, and the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

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that we may hymn and glorify Thy di - vin - i - ty.

Reader: Clap your hands, all ye nations;



Shout unto God with a voice of re - joic - ing.

When Thou wast taken up from the Mount of Olives, O Christ, /
the hosts, beholding Thee, cried one to another: "Who is this?" /
And it was said to them: "This is He Who is mighty and powerful! /
This is He Who is mighty in battle! /
This is He Who is truly the King of glory!" /
"Why are His garments red?" /
"He cometh from Bozrah, which is the flesh." /
And having as God sat at the right hand of majesty, //
Thou didst send us the Holy Spirit, that He might guide and save our souls.

Reader: God is gone up in jubilation,

The Lord with the voice of the trumpet.

The musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major. The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Thou didst ascend in glory /
 on the Mount of Olives, O Christ God, /
 in the presence of Thy disciples, /
 didst sit at the right hand of the Father, /
 O Thou Who fillest all things with thy divinity; /
 and Thou didst send them the Holy Spirit, //
 Who enlighteneth, confirmeth and doth hallow our souls.

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Reader: Glory, Both now, in the 6th Tone.

Glory...Both now and ever, and unto the a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

God hath gone up with jubilation, /
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, /
to raise the fallen form of Adam, //
and to send the Comforting Spirit to sanctify our souls.