

# Canon - Tone 3, Kievan

February 2

## The Meeting of our Lord

(Sung as Katavasia from January 15 till the Leavetaking of the Feast)

### Ode 1

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A

The sun once passed over the dry land born of the deep,

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B

Two-part setting of the first line of the canon. The Soprano and Alto parts are in the upper voice, and the Tenor and Bass parts are in the lower voice. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "The sun once passed over the dry land born of the deep,"

for the water became firm as a wall on either side when the people

Two-part setting of the second line of the canon. The lyrics are: "for the water became firm as a wall on either side when the people"

tra-versed the sea, chanting in God-pleasing manner:

Two-part setting of the third line of the canon. The lyrics are: "tra-versed the sea, chanting in God-pleasing manner:"

//ending

Let us sing to the Lord, for gloriously hath He been glorified!

Two-part setting of the ending line of the canon. The lyrics are: "Let us sing to the Lord, for gloriously hath He been glorified!"

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## Ode 3

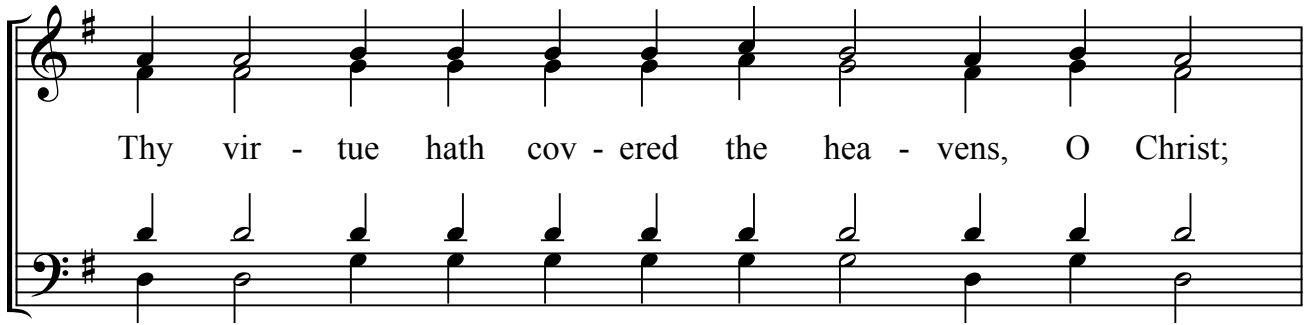
O Lord, Thou con-fir-ma - tion of those\_ who trust in Thee,

*//ending*

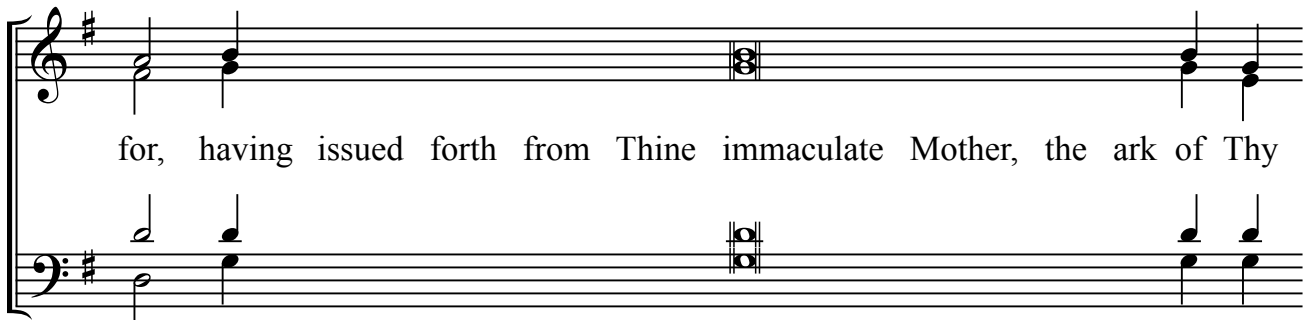
establish the Church which Thou hast acquired with\_ Thy\_ pre-cious blood.

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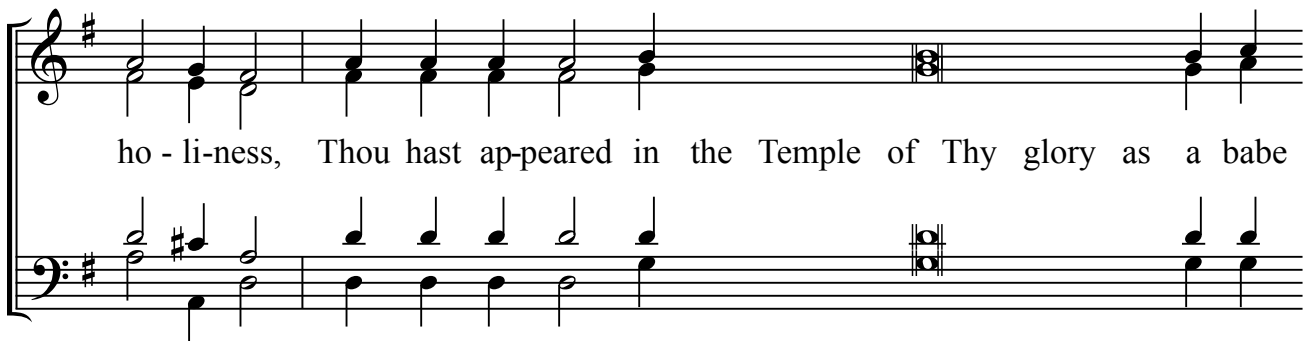
Ode 4



Thy vir - tue hath cov - ered the hea - vens, O Christ;



for, having issued forth from Thine immaculate Mother, the ark of Thy



ho - li - ness, Thou hast appeared in the Temple of Thy glory as a babe

*//ending*



borne\_\_ in arms, and all things have\_\_ been\_\_ filled with Thy praise.

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Ode 5

In a vis - ion Is - sai - ah be - held \_\_\_\_\_ God

ex - alt - ed upon a throne borne aloft by angels of glo - ry,

and he cried: \_\_\_\_\_ Woe \_\_\_\_\_ is me! for I have beheld beforehand

*//ending*

the In - car - nate God, the un - wan - ing Light, — Who — reign - eth with peace!

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Ode 6

The el - der, be - hold - ing with his own — eyes

the sal - va - tion which was come to the peo - ples from God,

*//ending*

cried out to Thee, O Christ: — Thou — art my God!

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Ode 7

We hymn Thee, — God — the Word Who be - dewed the

the - ol - o - giz - ing chil - dren in the fire and dwelt with - in the

*//ending*

in - cor - rupt Vir - - - gin, and piously we chant: Blessed is

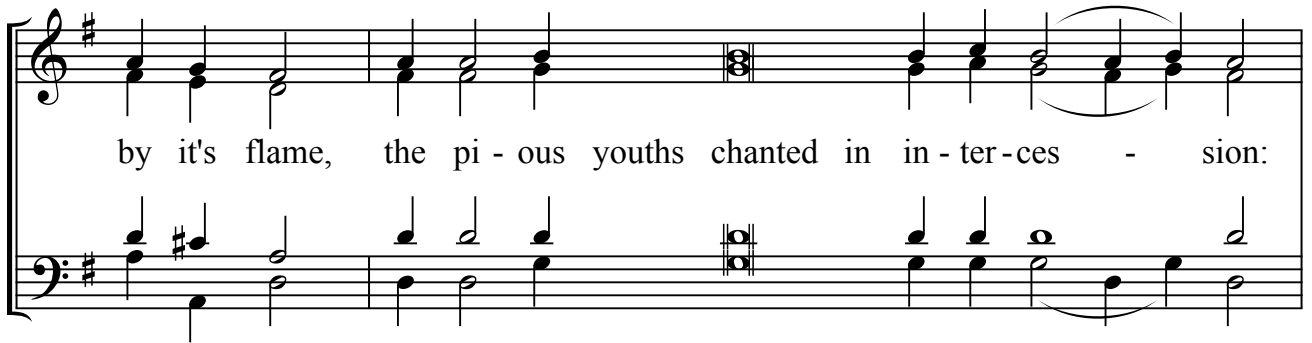
the God — of our fa - - - thers!

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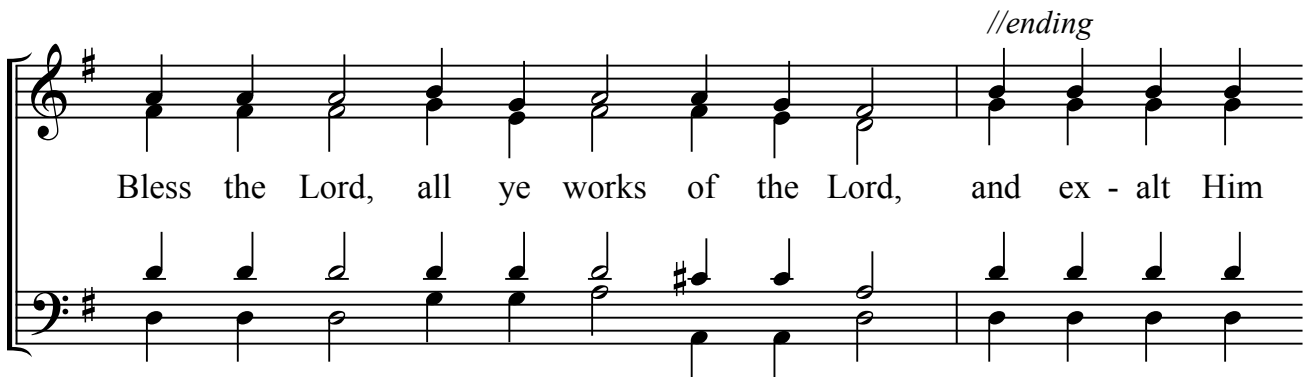
Ode 8



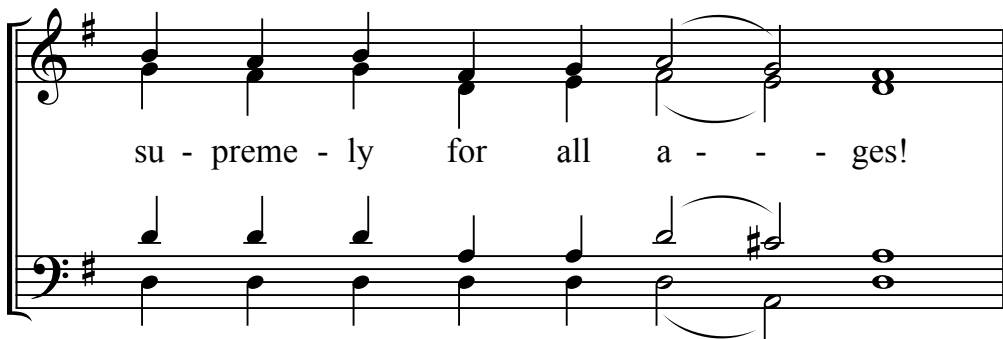
U - ni - ted in the un - bear - a - ble fire yet un - harmed



by it's flame, the pi - ous youths chanted in in - ter - ces - sion:



*//ending*  
Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and ex - alt Him



su - preme - ly for all a - - - ges!

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Before the Katavasia of the 8th Ode:

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord; praising and

supremely exalting Him unto all the a - - ges.



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Ode 9 - Refrain 1

O Vir - gin Theotokos, thou hope of Chris - - - tians,

pre - serve and save those — who — trust in thee.

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In the sha-dow and the let - ter of the law do we be-hold an im-age,

O ye faith - ful: ev - ery male child which o - pen - eth the womb

is con - se - cra - ted to God. Where - fore, we magnify

the first - born Word of the unorigin - ate Fa - - - ther,

//ending

the first - born Son of the Mo - ther who\_ knew not man.

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Ode 9 - Refrain 2

O Vir - gin Theotokos, thou good help of the world,

The first system of musical notation for the first part of Refrain 2. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a series of chords: G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, a double bar line, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4. The bass staff contains a series of notes: G3, B2, G3, a double bar line, G3, B2, G3, G3, G3, G3.

protect and preserve it from all want and grief.

The second system of musical notation for the first part of Refrain 2. It continues the treble and bass staves. The treble staff contains: a double bar line, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4. The bass staff contains: G3, B2, G3, a double bar line, G3, B2, G3, G3, G3, G3, G3.

Ode 9 - Refrain 3

O God - bearing Symeon, come thou and take up Christ,

The first system of musical notation for the second part of Refrain 3. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a series of chords: G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, a double bar line, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4. The bass staff contains a series of notes: G3, B2, G3, a double bar line, G3, B2, G3, G3, G3, G3.

to Whom the pure Virgin Mar - y hath given birth.

The second system of musical notation for the second part of Refrain 3. It continues the treble and bass staves. The treble staff contains: a double bar line, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4, G4-B4. The bass staff contains: G3, B2, G3, a double bar line, G3, B2, G3, G3, G3, G3, G3.

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Ode 9 - Refrain 4

With his arms the elder Symeon em - bra - - - ceth

The first system of musical notation for Refrain 4. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff in the key of D major. The melody is primarily chordal, with notes grouped in pairs or triads. The lyrics are: "With his arms the elder Symeon em - bra - - - ceth".

the Creator of the law and Mas - ter of all — things.

The second system of musical notation for Refrain 4. It continues the chordal melody from the first system. The lyrics are: "the Creator of the law and Mas - ter of all — things.". The system concludes with a double bar line.

Ode 9 - Refrain 5

"It is not the elder who holdeth Me, but rath - er I hold — him;

The first system of musical notation for Refrain 5. It features a treble and bass clef staff in D major. The melody is chordal. A dynamic accent (>) is placed above the final note of the first phrase. The lyrics are: "'It is not the elder who holdeth Me, but rath - er I hold — him;".

for he ask - eth Me — to dis - miss — him."

The second system of musical notation for Refrain 5. It continues the chordal melody. The lyrics are: "for he ask - eth Me — to dis - miss — him."". The system concludes with a double bar line.

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Ode 9 - Refrain 6

How dost thou hold the burning Coal, O mys - tic tongues?

The first system of musical notation for Refrain 6. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a series of chords: G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5. The bass staff contains a series of chords: G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

How dost thou feed Him — Who sus - tain - eth all?

The second system of musical notation for Refrain 6. It continues the treble and bass staves from the first system. The treble staff chords are: G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5. The bass staff chords are: G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Ode 9 - Refrain 7

O daugh - ter of Phaniel come and stand — with us,

The first system of musical notation for Refrain 7. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a series of chords: G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5. The bass staff contains a series of chords: G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

and give thanks to Christ the Sa - vior, the Son of God!

The second system of musical notation for Refrain 7. It continues the treble and bass staves from the first system. The treble staff chords are: G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5, G4-B4, A4-C5. The bass staff chords are: G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3, G3-B2, A2-C3. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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Ode 9 - Refrain 8

The chaste An - na pro - claim - eth awe - - - some things,

This system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is primarily composed of chords, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "The chaste An - na pro - claim - eth awe - - - some things,". The word "awe" is followed by three dashes, indicating a long note or a pause.

confessing Christ, the Cre - a - tor of hea - ven and earth.

This system continues the musical notation from the first system. It includes a repeat sign at the beginning and an 8-measure rest at the end of the phrase. The lyrics are: "confessing Christ, the Cre - a - tor of hea - ven and earth.".

Ode 9 - Refrain 9

Un - ap - proch - able to angels and men is what was wrought

This system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is primarily composed of chords. The lyrics are: "Un - ap - proch - able to angels and men is what was wrought".

with - in — thee, O pure Vir - gin — Mar - - y.

This system concludes the musical notation. It includes a repeat sign at the beginning and an 8-measure rest at the end of the phrase. The lyrics are: "with - in — thee, O pure Vir - gin — Mar - - y.".

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Ode 9 - Refrain 10

The pure dove, the un - blem - ished ewe - - - - lamb,

This system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is primarily composed of chords, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "The pure dove, the un - blem - ished ewe - - - - lamb,". The word "ewe" is followed by four dashes, indicating a long note or a specific rhythmic value.

beareth the Lamb and Shepherd in - to the tem - ple.

This system continues the musical notation from the first system. It includes a double bar line with repeat dots. The lyrics are: "beareth the Lamb and Shepherd in - to the tem - ple.".

Ode 9 - Refrain 11

O Christ, Thou — King — of all, grant victory over

This system of musical notation continues the piece. The melody consists of chords with some beaming. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Thou — King — of all, grant victory over".

all heresies to Thy faith - - ful — hi - er - archs!

This system concludes the musical notation for Refrain 11. It includes a double bar line with repeat dots. The lyrics are: "all heresies to Thy faith - - ful — hi - er - archs!".

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Ode 9 - Refrain 12

O Christ, Thou King of all, grant me fervent tears, that I

may weep over my soul, which I have wickedly ruined.

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