

December 6: St. Nicholas of Myra
1st Canon of Matins
Tone 1

Ode 1

II-chant melody

I-descant

Let us all chant a hymn of vic - - tor - y

un - to God, Who hath wrought marvelous wonders with His up-raised arm

and saved Is - ra - el, for He is glo - ri - ous.

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Ode 3

Let my heart be made steady in thy will, O Christ God,

Who didst establish the second heaven upon the waters

and didst found the earth upon the waters, O Almighty One.

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Ode 4

Fore-see - ing in the Spi - rit the In - car - na - tion of the Word,


O pro-phet Habbakuk, thou didst announce, cry - ing out: When the years

draw nigh, Thou shalt be ac-know - ledged; when the season cometh,

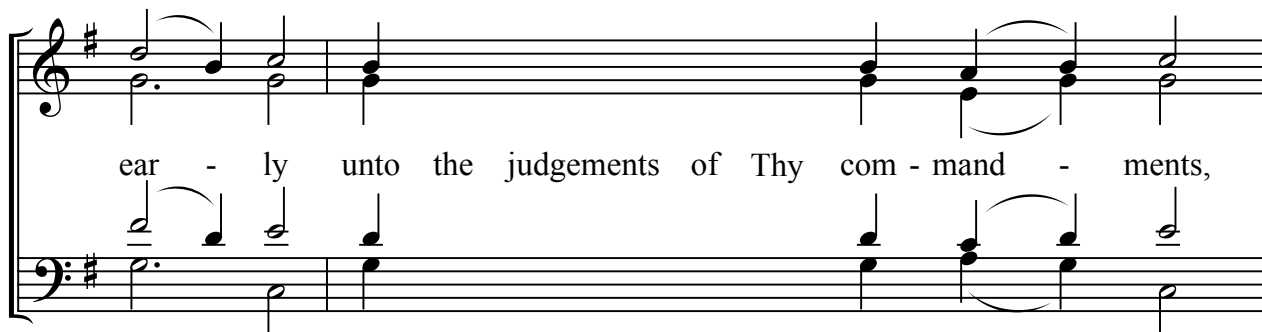
thou shalt be shown forth! Glo - ry to Thy pow - er, O Lord!

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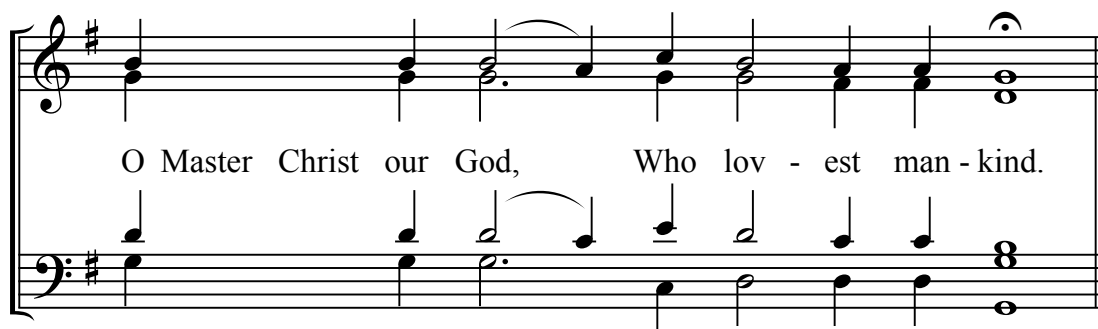
Ode 5



Shine forth Thy radiant and ever - last - ing light up - on us who rise



ear - ly unto the judgements of Thy com - mand - ments,



O Master Christ our God, Who lov - est man - kind.

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Ode 6

Em - u - lat - ing the prophet Jonah, I cry out:

O Good One, free me from cor-rup - tion! O Sa - vior of the world,

save me who cry out: — Glo - ry to Thee!

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Ode 7

The fur-nace was be-dewed, O Sa - vior, and the chil-dren, danc-ing

chant - ed: O God of our fa - thers, bless - ed art Thou!

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Ode 8

Him of Whom the angels and all the hosts of heaven stand in awe

as their Cre-a - tor and Lord: hymn, ye priests; glo - ri - fy ye chil - dren;

bless ye peo - ple, and exalt Him supremely for all a - ges!

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Ode 9

O ye faithful, let us magnify the Theo - to - - - kos, the ev - er -

flowing, life-receiving well - spring, the light-bearing lamp of grace,

the an - i - mate tem - ple, the all - pure tabernacle which is more

spa - cious than hea - ven and earth.

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