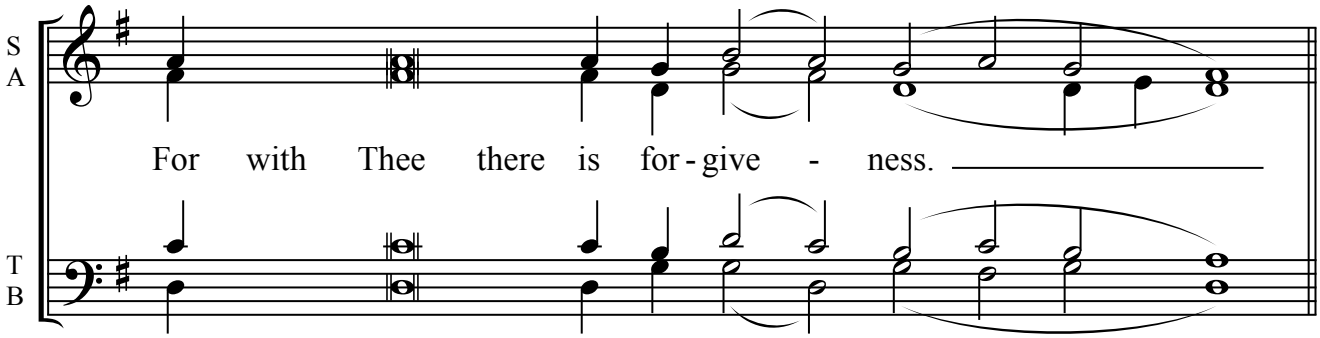
January 7 (Weekday): Synaxis of the Forerunner
Stichera on "Lord I have cried" for the Feast
Tone 2, Kievan

(6) *Reader:* In the **2nd Tone**: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord,
O Lord, who shall stand?



The Forerunner, beholding our Enlightener, /

Who illumineth every man, coming to be baptized, /

rejoiceth in soul and trembleth. /

He pointeth to Him with his hand and saith to the people: /

"This is He Who delivereth Israel, /

Who freeth us from corruption! //

O sinless Christ our God, glory be to Thee!"

Repeat above sticheron: "The Forerunner beholding our Enlightener..."

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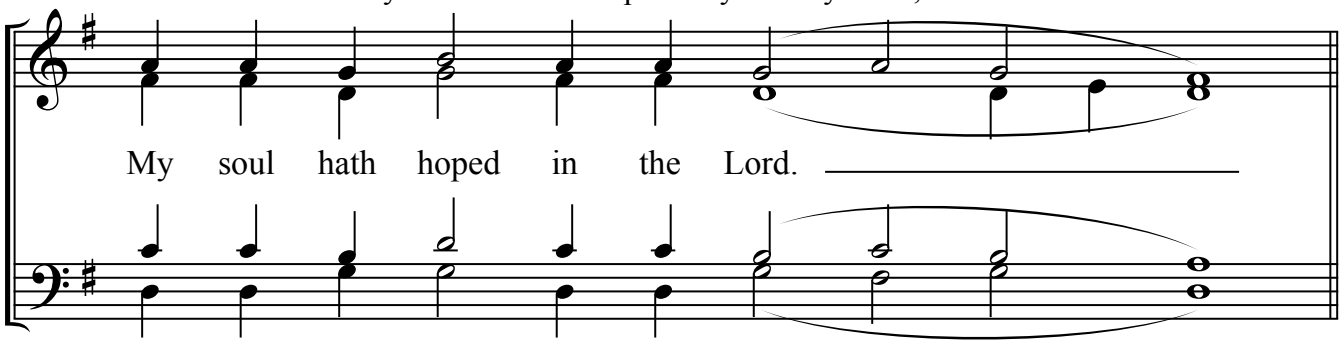
(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,



When our Deliverer was baptized by His servant /

and borne witness to by the coming of the Holy Spirit, /

the angelic armies, looking on, were stricken with awe; /

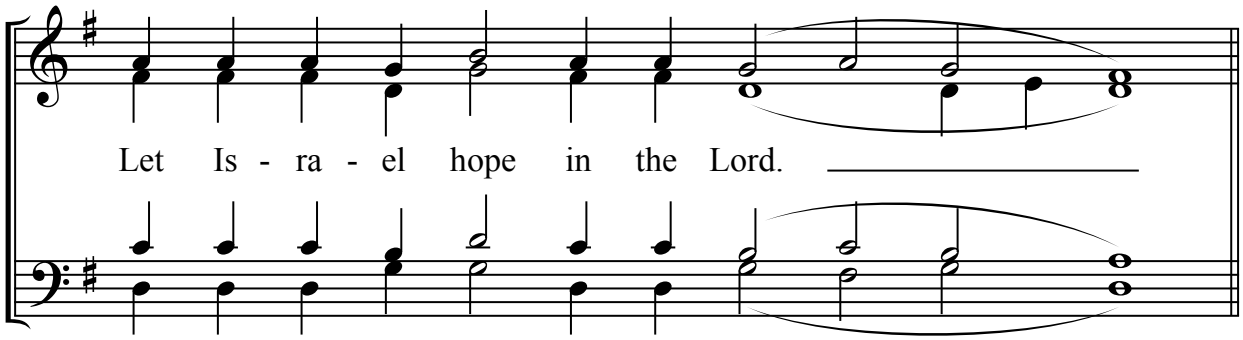
and a voice was borne down from the Father in heaven: /

"He Whom the Forerunner baptized with his hand is my beloved Son, /

in Whom I have been well pleased!" //

O Christ our God, glory be to Thee!

(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch



The currents of the Jordan received Thee, the Wellspring, /

and the Comforter descended upon Thee in the form of a dove. /

Thou Who bowed down the heavens dost bow Thy head, /

and the clay crieth out to the Potter: /

"What dost Thou command me do, O Thou Who art greater than I? /

It is I who must needs be baptized of Thee! //

O sinless Christ our God, glory be to Thee!