

June 24: Nativity of the Forerunner

Canon, Tone 4

Ode 1

Abbreviated Greek Chant

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O Thou Who wast born of the Vir - gin, drown Thou, I pray Thee,

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B

the three parts of my soul in the depths of dis - pas - sion,

as of old Thou didst drown the mounted captains of Phar - oah;

that in the mortality of my body, as on a tim - - - brel,

I may chant a hymn of vic - - - tor - y.

Ode 3

Neither in wisdom nor in pow - er, nor yet in riches do - we boast,

but in Thee, O Christ, the hypostatic Wisdom of the Fa - ther;

for none is ho - ly save Thee, O Thou Who_ lov - est man-kind.

Ode 4

Seated in glory upon the throne of the God - head,

Jesus most divine hath come on a light cloud,

and with His in - cor - rupt arm hath saved those who cry:

Glo - ry to Thy pow - - - er, O Christ!

Ode 5

"Now I shall a - rise, now I shall be glo - ri - fied,

now I shall be ex - al - ted, elevating fallen human nature,

which I received from the Vir - gin, to the noetic light

of My divinity!" said God through the pro - phet.

Ode 6

I have come unto the depths of the sea, and the

tempest of my many sins hath engulfed me; but, as God, lead up

my life from the abyss, O greatly merciful One.

Ode 7

The three youths in Bab - y - lon, hav - ing put to mockery the

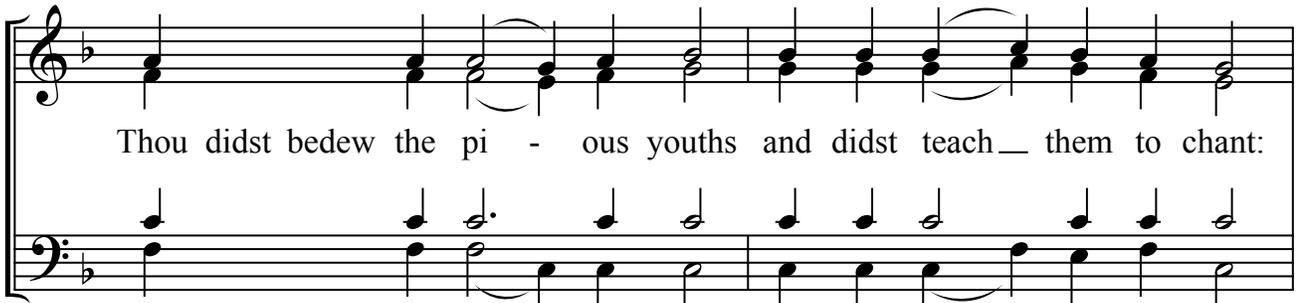
ty - rant's com - mand, cried out a - mid the flames: Bless - ed art Thou,

O Lord God of our fa - - - - - thers!

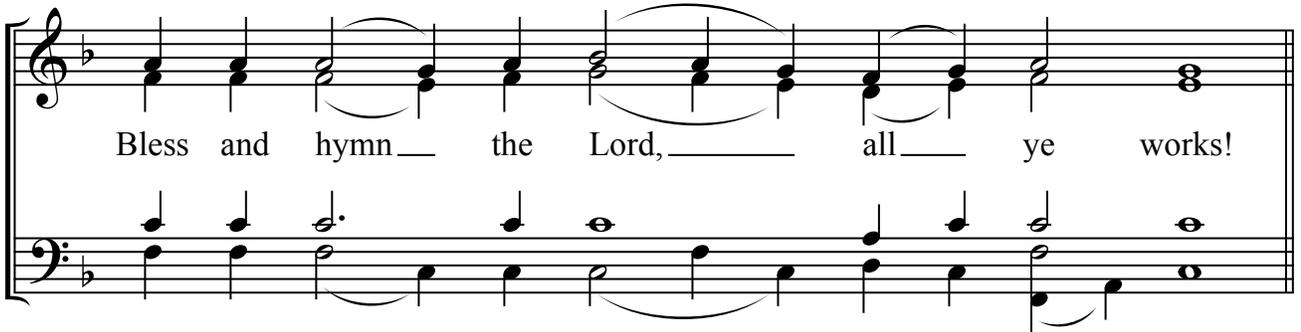
Ode 8



O Almighty De-liv-er-er of all, descending into the midst of the flame



Thou didst bedew the pi-ous youths and didst teach them to chant:



Bless and hymn the Lord, all ye works!

Ode 9

The ineffable hidden mys - ter - y of God is re - vealed in thee,

O all pure Vir - gin; for God hath become incarnate of thee

in His lov - ing kind - ness. Where - fore we mag - ni - fy thee

as the The - o - - to - - - - kos.

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