

Divine Liturgy Propers, February 2

THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON AND ANNA, celebrated forty days after the Birth of the Savior on Dec. 25. Coming to his believing and exultant people, as “a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of his people Israel.” St. Sophronius of Jerusalem wrote about this feast: “Let us all hasten to meet (encounter) Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light. Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the One who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal Light.”

Hymn

melody: Mendelssohn/ Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



1. Zi - on, see your Sav - ior come Now of old and new the sum;
2. See the old man; hear him cry: “Now, Lord, let Your serv - ant die!
3. Lord, we too shall bear Your light In a world so filled with night;



Not as mon - arch, grand and great, Not with king - ly pomp and state:
Your sal - va - tion You have shown, Light for ev - 'ry na - tion known!
Saved by You, our in - fant Lord, Now we sing with one ac - cord:



But as child of pov - er - ty, In His moth - er's arms is He:
An - na, too, takes up the song, Prais - ing God both loud and long,
Fa - ther, who has sent Your Son, Son, who has the vic - t'ry won,



Law ful - filled, His ran - som paid, Now in Sim - eon's arms is laid.
Thank - ing God for faith - ful Word, Tell - ing what they'd seen and heard.
Spir - it blest, the source of grace, Bring us all to see Your face!



Je - sus, light! Your praise we sing, Is - rael's Lord and Gen - tiles' King!

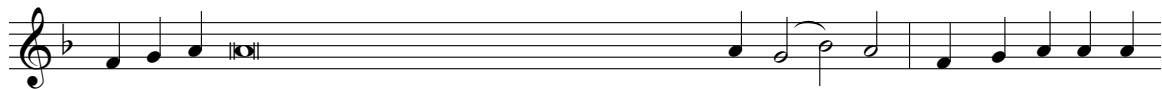
First Antiphon (Psalm 91: 2):



It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High.



Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior, save us.



Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; now and ev - er and



for - ev - er. A - men. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 92:1):



The Lord reigns: he is clothed in maj - es - ty; robed is the Lord and



girt a - bout with strength. Through the pray'rs of your saints, O Sav - ior, save us.

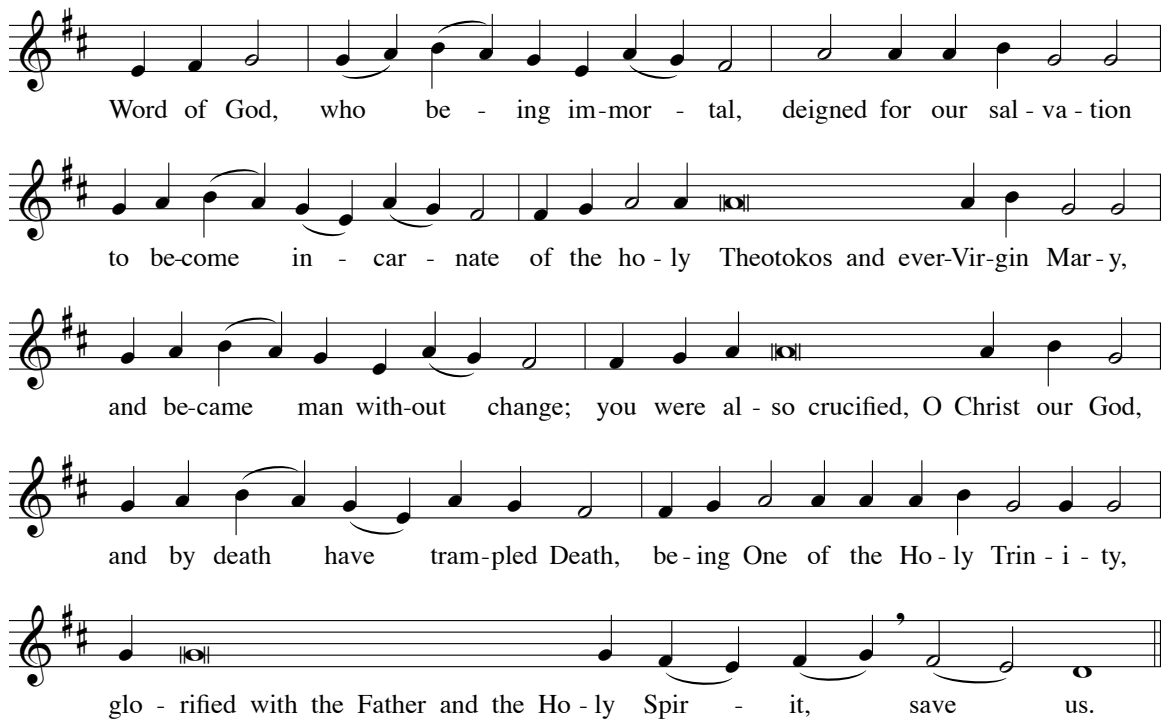
Hymn of the Incarnation - Resurrection Tone 7



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

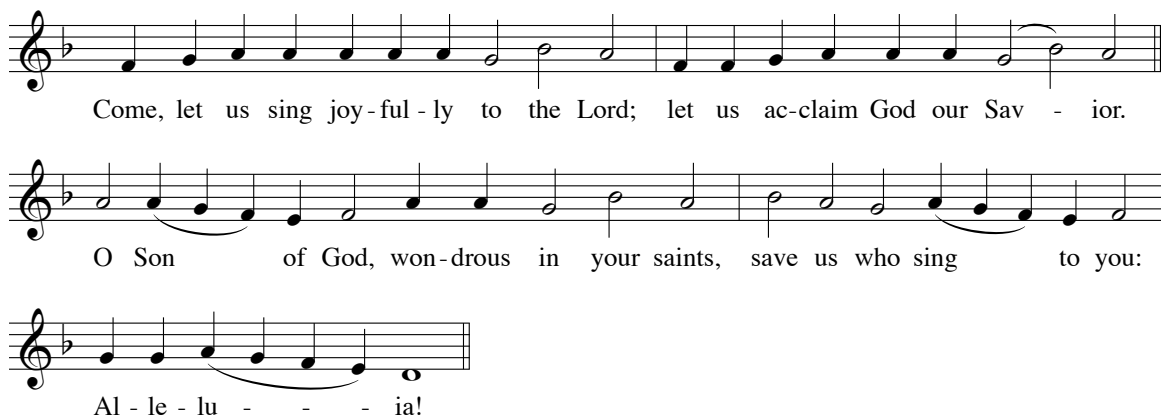


now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men. O on - ly - begotten Son and



Word of God, who be - ing im - mor - tal, deigned for our sal - va - tion
to be - come in - car - nate of the ho - ly Theotokos and ever - Vir - gin Mar - y,
and be - came man with - out change; you were al - so crucified, O Christ our God,
and by death have tram - pled Death, be - ing One of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,
glo - rified with the Father and the Ho - ly Spir - it, save us.

Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1)



Come, let us sing joy - ful - ly to the Lord; let us ac - claim God our Sav - ior.
O Son of God, won - drous in your saints, save us who sing to you:
Al - le - lu - ia!

Entrance Hymn - Tone 1 Troparion (Psalm 97:2):

The Lord has made his sal - va - tion known; in the sight of the nations he has re - vealed his jus - - - tice.

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1

Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Jus-tice, Christ our God, en-light-en-ing those who are in dark - ness. Re - joice al - so, you just el - der; you re - ceived in your arms the liber-a - tor of our souls, who grants us re-sur-rec - tion.

Cantor

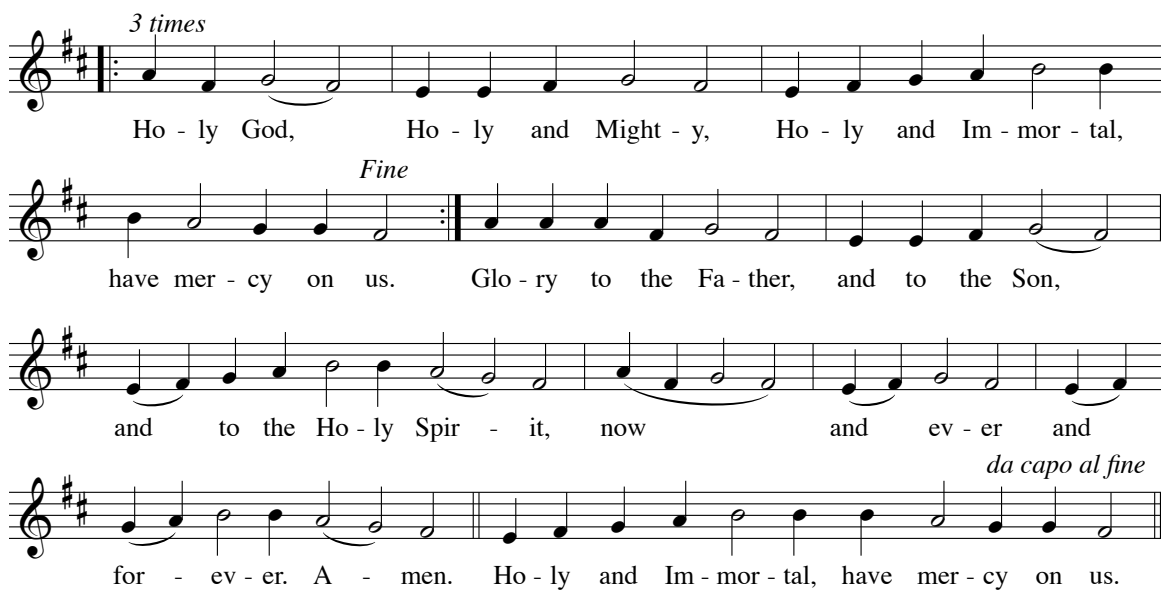
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it, now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1



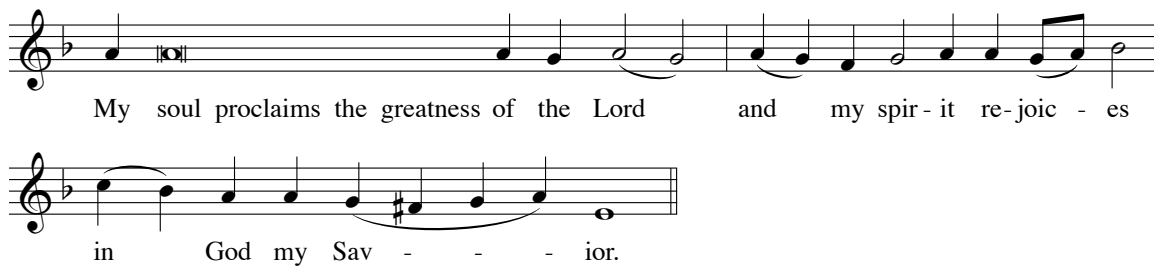
Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the vir-gin's womb and blessed
the hands of Sim - eon as was prop - er. Now you have come and
saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strength - en our gov-ern-ment.
You, a - lone, love us all.

Thrice-Holy Hymn



3 times
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal,
Fine
have mer - cy on us. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ev - er and
da capo al fine
for - ev - er. A - men. Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spir - it re - joic - es
in God my Sav - - - ior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;
from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Luke 2:29,32):



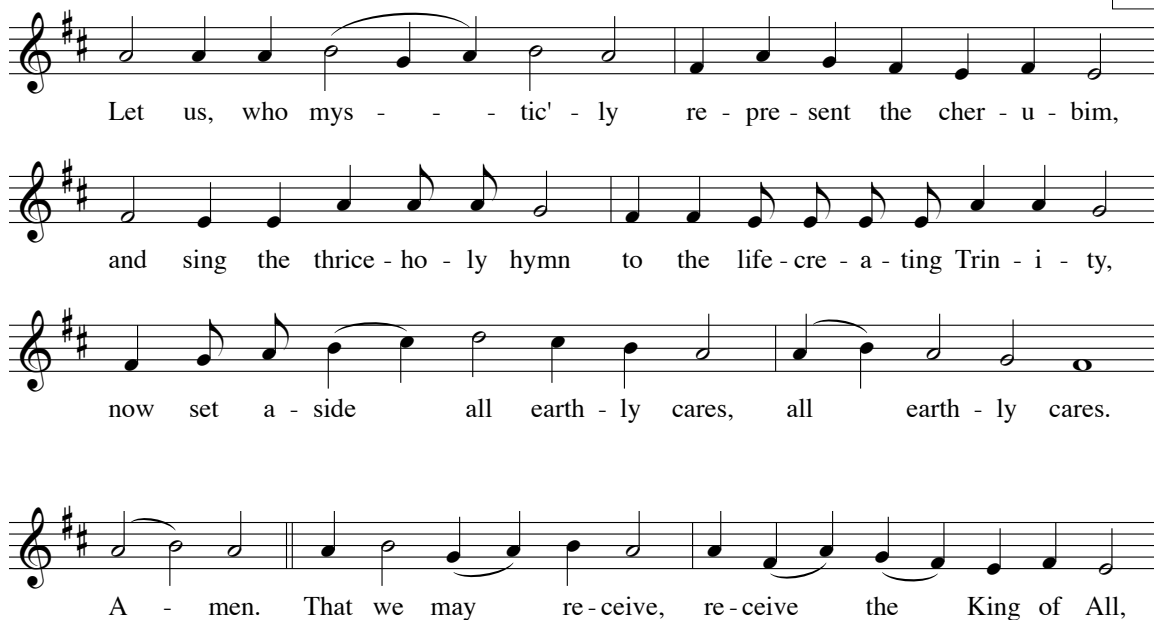
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Now you may dismiss your servant, O Lord, in peace according to your word.

Verse: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

Cherubic Hymn

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Let us, who mys - - - tic' - ly re - pre - sent the cher - u - bim,
and sing the thrice - ho - ly hymn to the life - cre - a - ting Trin - i - ty,
now set a - side all earth - ly cares, all earth - ly cares.
A - men. That we may re - ceive, re - ceive the King of All,

in - vis - i - bly es - cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Anamnesis Acclamation

A

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, O Lord,

and we pray to you, our God, pray to you, our God.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."
Magnification:

Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, the hope of Chris - tians, pro - tect, watch and save

those who have placed their hope in you.

Irmos

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

O faith - ful, let us recognize the fig - ure of Christ fore - shad - owed in

the letter of the Law which says: Ev - 'ry male child who opens the womb is

sanc-ti-fied to God. There-fore, the first-born Word and Son of the Father without
 be-gin-ning, the first - born Son of a mother who had not known man:
 him, let us ex - tol.

Or this melody:

Irmos

Tone 3 samopodoben

O faith-ful, let us recog-nize the fig - ure of Christ fore-shad-owed in the
 let - ter of the Law which says: Ev - 'ry male child who
 o - pens the womb is sanc - ti - fied to God. There-fore,
 the first - born Word and Son of the
 Fa - ther with-out be - gin - ning, the first-born Son of a moth-er
 who had not known man: him, let us ex - tol.

Communion Hymn of the Meeting (Psalm 115:4):

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I shall take the chal - ice, the chal-ice of sal - va - tion and call up - on the



name of the Lord, and call up - on the name of the Lord.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

We have seen the true light

Tone 2 Bolhar



We have seen the true light; we have re - ceived



the heav - en - ly Spir - it; we have found the true faith;



and we wor - ship the undi - vid - ed Trin - i - ty, for the Trin - i - ty



has saved us.

May our mouth be filled



May our mouth be filled with your praise, O Lord, so that we may sing of your

glo - ry, sing of your glo - ry; for you have deemed us wor - thy to par - take
of your ho - ly, di - vine, im - mor - tal, pure, and life - cre - at - ing mys - ter - ies.
Keep us in your ho - li - ness so that all the day long we may live ac - cord - ing
to your truth. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, now and for - ev - er,
now and for - ev - er, now and for - ev - er.