

Katabasiae - Nativity of Christ

1st & 2nd Canon - Tone 1

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Basil Kazan

Ode 1 - First Canon

Christ is born, — glo - ri - fy — him. Christ hath come — from the
heav - ens, re - ceive him. Christ is on earth, be ye el - e - vat - ed.
Sing un - to the Lord, — all thē earth; and ye na - tions,
praise him with joy; for he — hath been glo - ri - fied.

Ode 1 - Second Canon

Ison The Lord per - formed a mir - a - cle and saved the peo -
- ple when of old he — turned the moist waves of the sea — in - to
dry — land. And hav - ing been — born — now — of a
Vir - gin by his own choice, he hath trod - den for us the way to heav -
- en, be - ing e - qual to the Fa - ther and to men in
es - sence; there - fore, do we glo - ri - fy — him.

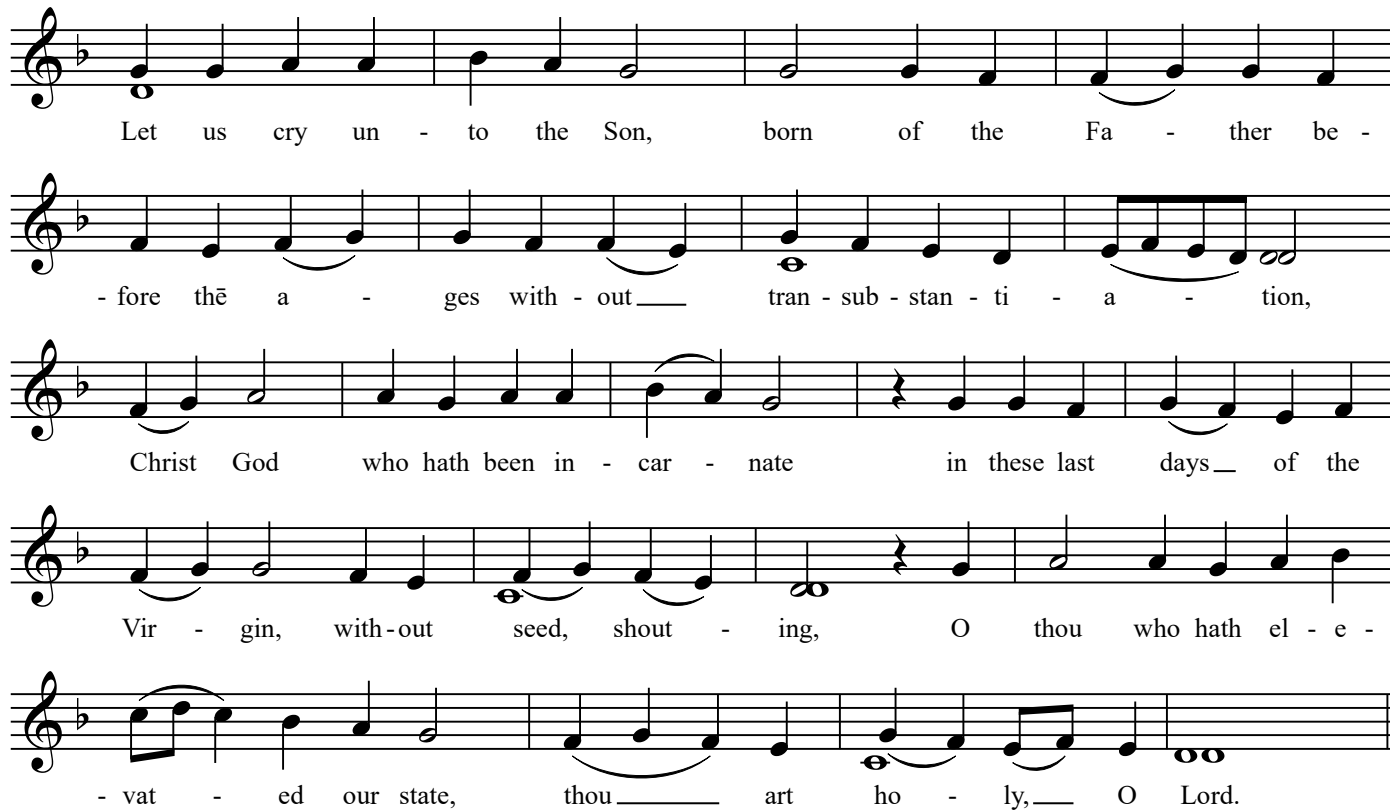
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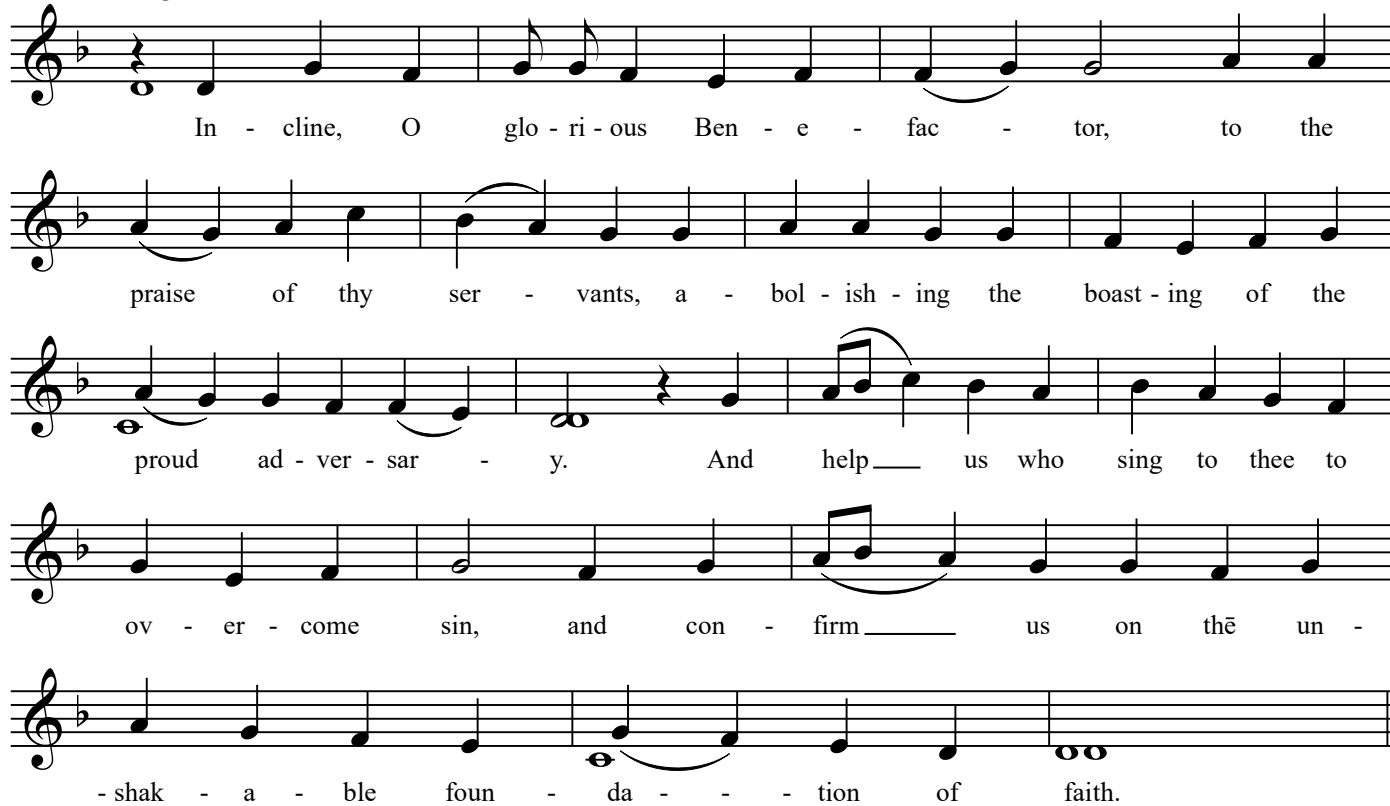
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Ode 3 - First Canon



Let us cry un - to the Son, born of the Fa - ther be -
- fore thē a - ges with - out — tran - sub - stan - ti - a - tion,
Christ God who hath been in - car - nate in these last days — of the
Vir - gin, with - out seed, shout - ing, O thou who hath el - e -
- vat - ed our state, thou — art ho - ly, — O Lord.

Ode 3 - Second Canon



In - cline, O glo - ri - ous Ben - e - fac - tor, to the
praise of thy ser - vants, a - bol - ish - ing the boast - ing of the
proud ad - ver - sar - y. And help — us who sing to thee to
ov - er - come sin, and con - firm — us on thē un -
- shak - a - ble foun - da - - - tion of faith.

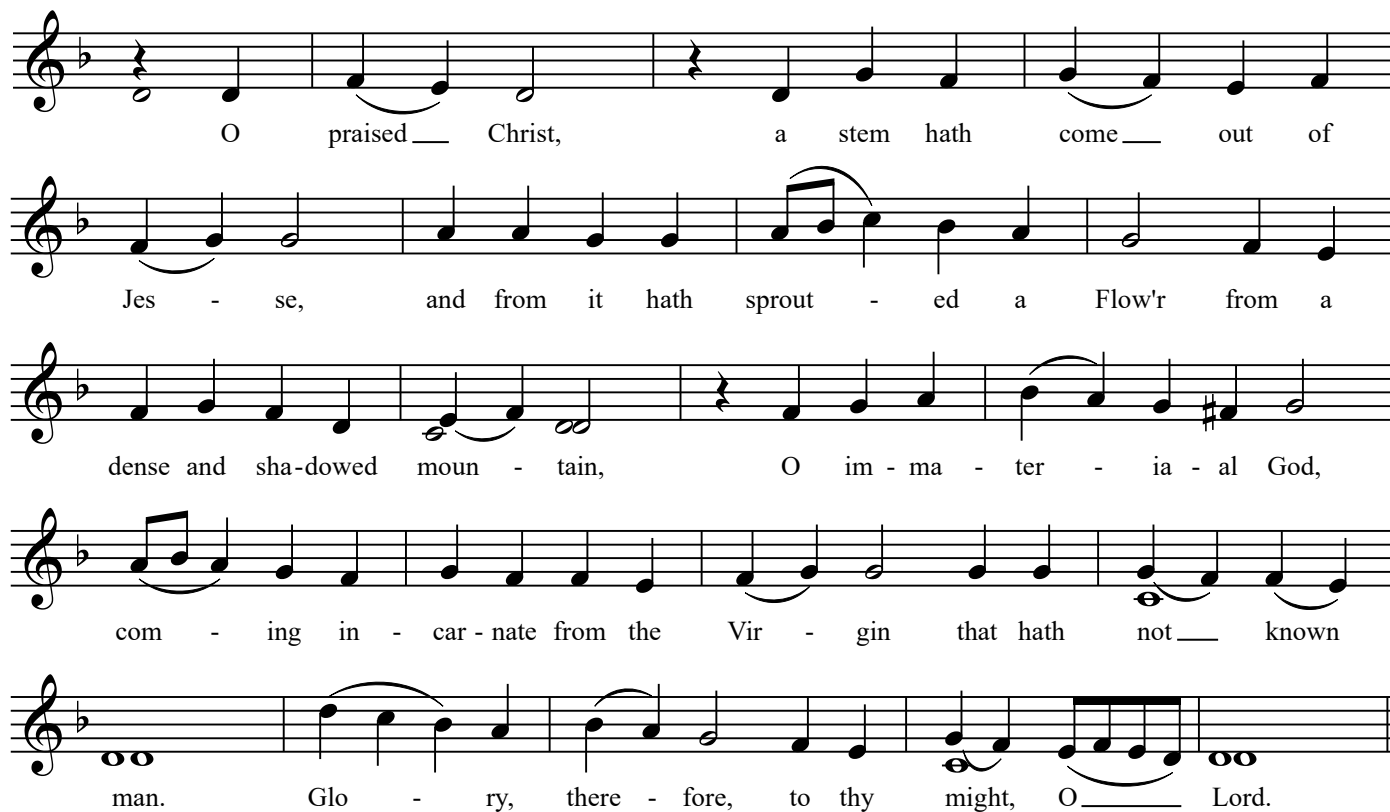
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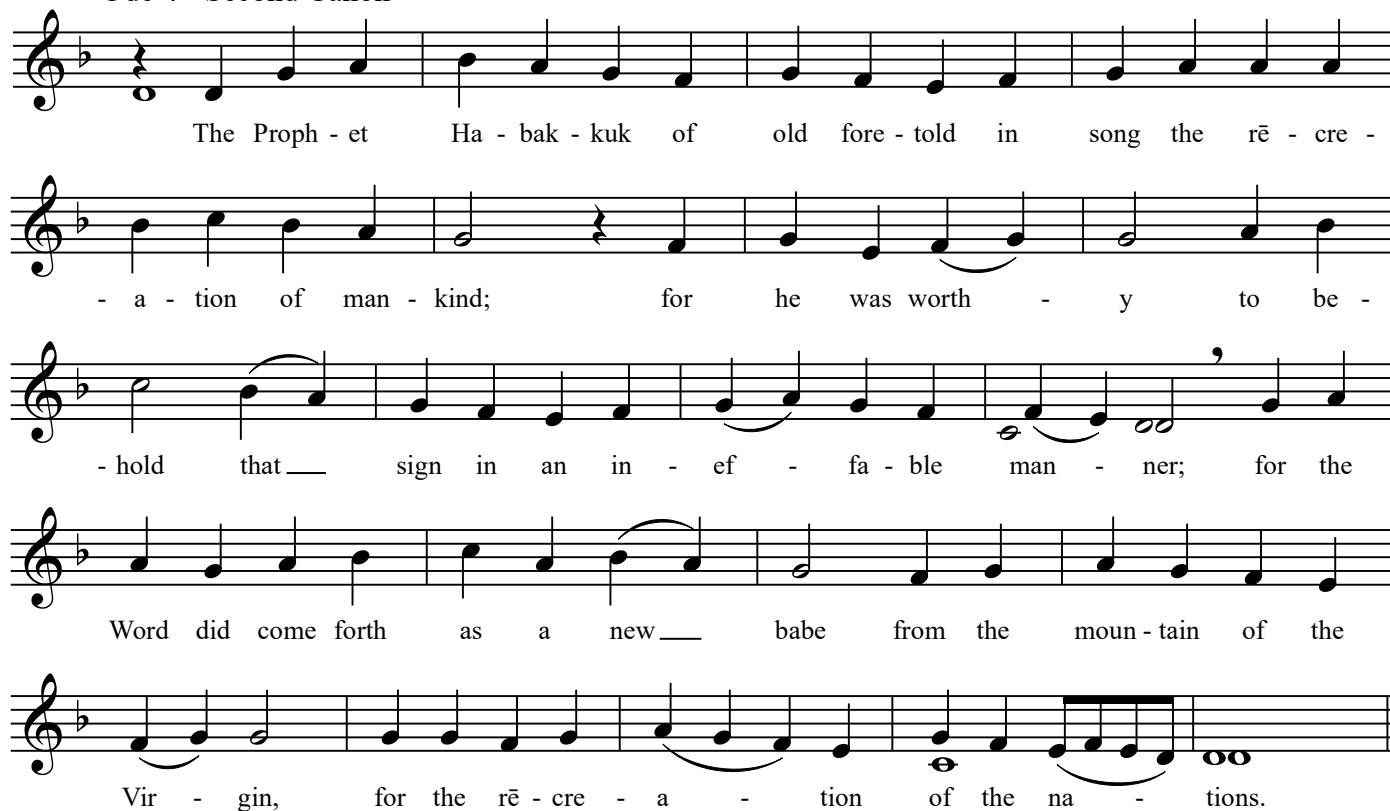
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Ode 4 - First Canon



O praised Christ, a stem hath come out of
Jes - se, and from it hath sprout - ed a Flow'r from a
dense and sha-dowed moun - tain, O im - ma - ter - ia - al God,
com - ing in - car - nate from the Vir - gin that hath not known
man. Glo - ry, there - fore, to thy might, O Lord.

Ode 4 - Second Canon



The Proph - et Ha - bak - kuk of old fore - told in song the rē - cre -
- a - tion of man - kind; for he was worth - y to be -
- hold that sign in an in - ef - fa - ble man - ner; for the
Word did come forth as a new babe from the moun - tain of the
Vir - gin, for the rē - cre - a - tion of the na - tions.

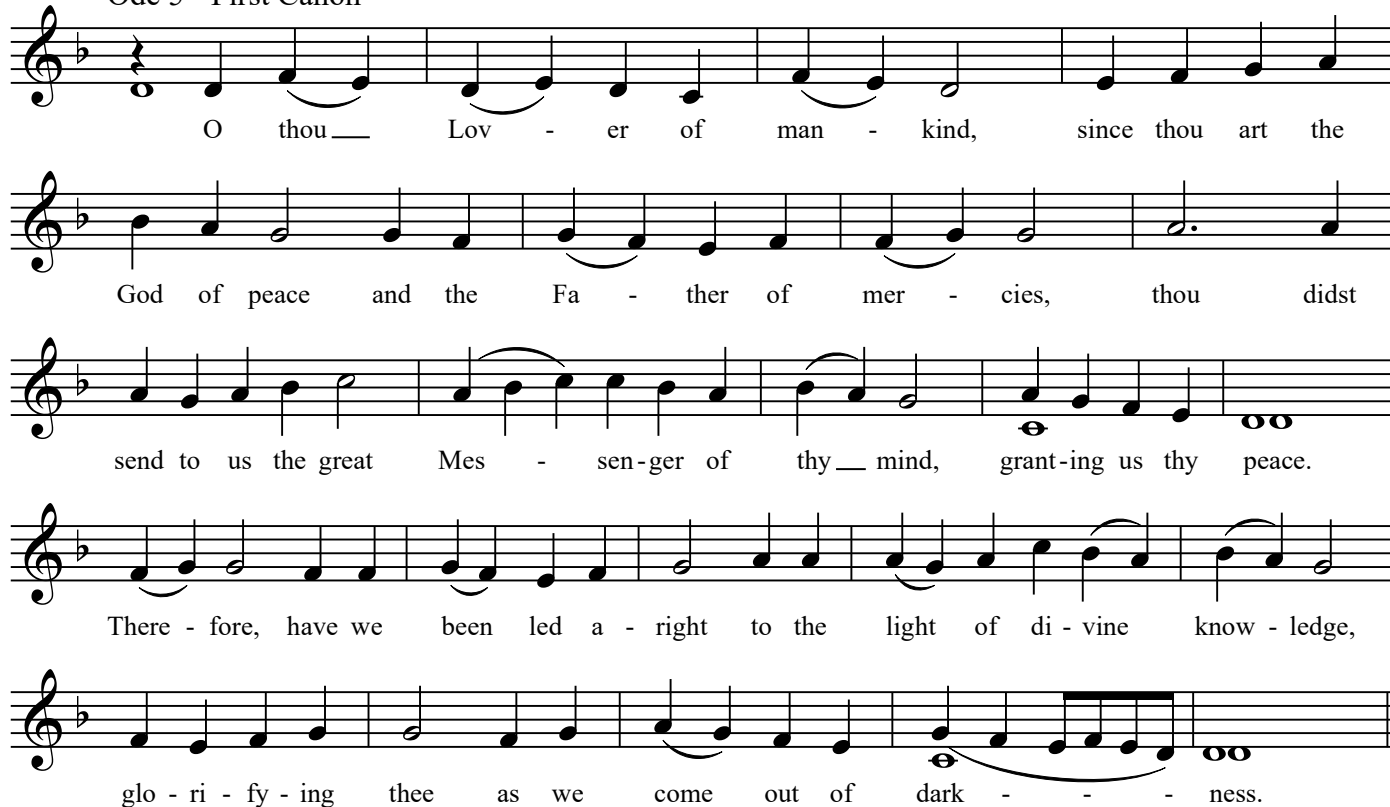
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Ode 5 - First Canon



O thou — Lov - er of man - kind, since thou art the
God of peace and the Fa - ther of mer - cies, thou didst
send to us the great Mes - sen - ger of thy — mind, grant - ing us thy peace.
There - fore, have we been led a - right to the light of di - vine know - ledge,
glo - ri - fy - ing thee as we come out of dark - - - ness.

Ode 5 - Second Canon



Grant for - give - ness, O Christ, to us who have been in the
dark - ness of our — deeds of er - ror since the night, who —
ea - ger - ly praise thee, since thou art the Ben - e - fac - tor;
that thou may has - ten to us and pre - pare for us a good way,
where - in if we walk we shall find — glo - ry and hon - our.

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Ode 6 - First Canon

The sea - mon - ster did dis - gorge Jon - ah from its bel - ly,
as it re - ceived him safe - ly like a fo - tus. As for the
Word, when he dwelt in the Vir - gin, tak - ing from
her a bod - y, he was born, pre - serv - ing her with - out cor - rup - tion,
and with - out trans - sub - stan - ti - a - tion, pre -
- serv - ing his Moth - er with - out harm.

Ode 6 - Second Canon

Ver - i - ly, Jo - nah when he was in the depths of the sea,
begged to as - cend to thee and to be res - cued from the
tem - pest. But as for me, hav - ing been pierced by the
ar - rows of the ty - rant, in thee I seek re - fuge, O

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e - vil - de - stroy - ing Christ. Has - ten thou to me and de -
- liv - er me — hast - i - ly from my neg - li - gence.

Ode 7 - First Canon

The youths hav - ing grown to - geth - er in true wor -
- ship, de - spis - ing the com - mand of thē in - fi - del, were not dis -
- mayed by the threat of fire; but were sing - ing as they stood in the
midst of the flames: Bless - ed art thou, God of our — Fa - thers.

Ode 7 - Second Canon

The youths, hav - ing clung stead - fast - ly to the love — of the
King of all, rid - i - culed the prāt - ing and blas - phem - y of the
blas - phem - ing ū - surp - er. And be - ing filled with wrath, he de -
- liv - ered them to the ter - ri - ble fire which did not harm them.

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Where - fore, they lift - ed their voic - es to the Mas - ter, say - ing,



Bless - ed art thou un - to all a - - - ges.

Ode 8 - First Canon



We praise, we bless, and we wor - ship the Lord.



Ver - i - ly, the dew - y fur - nace did sha - dow the



sign of the sū - per - nat - u - ral won - der; for it burned not the youths



whom it re - ceived, as the fire of di - vin - i - ty al - so



burned not the womb of the Vir - gin in which it dwelt.



Where - fore, let us of - fer praise with song, say - ing:



let all cre - a - tion praise the Lord, ex - alt - ing him



ev - er - more, to thē end of a - - - ges.

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Ode 8 - Second Canon

The youths who were cast of old in - to the fire and re-mained un -
burned, were a sign___ of the womb of the Maid - en
who gave birth___ sup - er - nat - u - ral - ly while yet sealed.
These two mat - ters grace___ hath ac - com - plished through one mir - a -
- cle, a - rous - ing the na - tions to praise._____