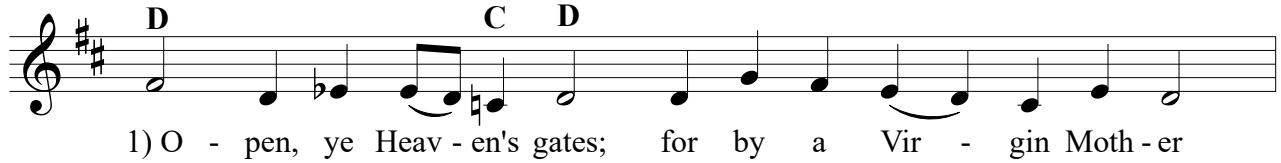


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# After-Feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord in the Temple Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 2  
Special melody: O house of Ephratha

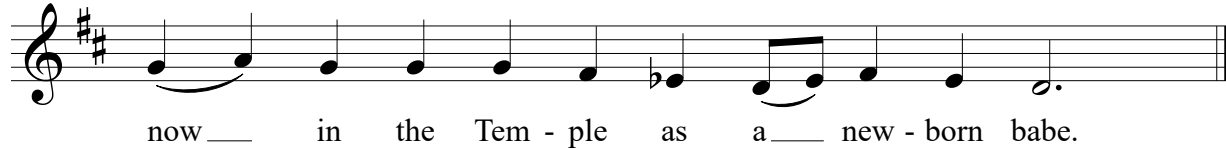
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1) O - pen, ye Heav - en's gates; for by a Vir - gin Moth - er

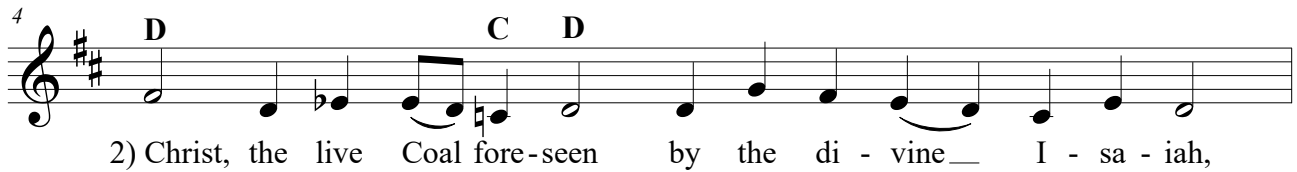


is Christ brought forth and of - fered to God the Fa - ther



now in the Tem - ple as a new - born babe.

*Verse:* Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.



2) Christ, the live Coal fore - seen by the di - vine I - sa - iah,



is giv - en to the El - der up - on the The - o -



- to - kos - 's spot - less hands as though with tongs.

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Verse: A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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3) Hold - ing the Sov - 'reign Lord in arms with joy and trem-bling,

great Sim - e - on the El - der be - sought re - lease from

life as he hymned the Moth - er of our God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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4) Car - ry - ing in her arms the Mas - ter and Cre - a - tor

be - come a new born in - fant, the pure and spot - less

Vir - gin doth en - ter in the Tem - ple's courts.