1) When he took Thee dead from off the Tree, the A r i - m a -
the - an pre - pared Thee with finest linen and myrrh
that he might give bur - i - al to Thee, the
Life of all. Then, com - pelled by his fer - vent love,
he longed to em - brace Thee and to press Thy
spot - less Bod - y to his heart and lips.
But his fear and rev 'rence re - strained him,
whilst with joy he cried to Thee: Glo - ry
to Thy con - de - scen - sion, O Thou Friend of man.
Verse 1: Thou hast been gracious, O Lord, unto Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.

2) When Thou hadst been laid in the new tomb for the sake of all men, O Thou Who art the Redeemer of all,

Hades the most ludicrous saw Thee and shook with fear; then destroyed were the bars thereof;

the gates burst asunder; sepulchers were opened and the dead were roused from sleep;

then was Adam filled with thanksgiving,

and with joy he cried to Thee: Glory to Thy descent, O Thou Friend of man.
Verse 2: Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

3) When the hosts of Heaven, O Christ God, saw Thee slandered as a deceiver by lawless men, then they quaked at Thine inexpressible long suffering, as they saw that the hands that had lately pierced Thy spotless divine side sealed the stone upon Thy tomb, and they were sore afraid.

But rejoicing at our salvation, mightily they cried to Thee: Glory to Thy descent, O Thou Friend of man.