

Katabasiae - Nativity of Christ

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Ode 1

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.

Ode 3

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 -
33 - y. And help ___ us who sing to thee to ov - er - come sin, and con -
38 - firm ___ us on thē un - shak - a - ble foun - da - tion of faith.

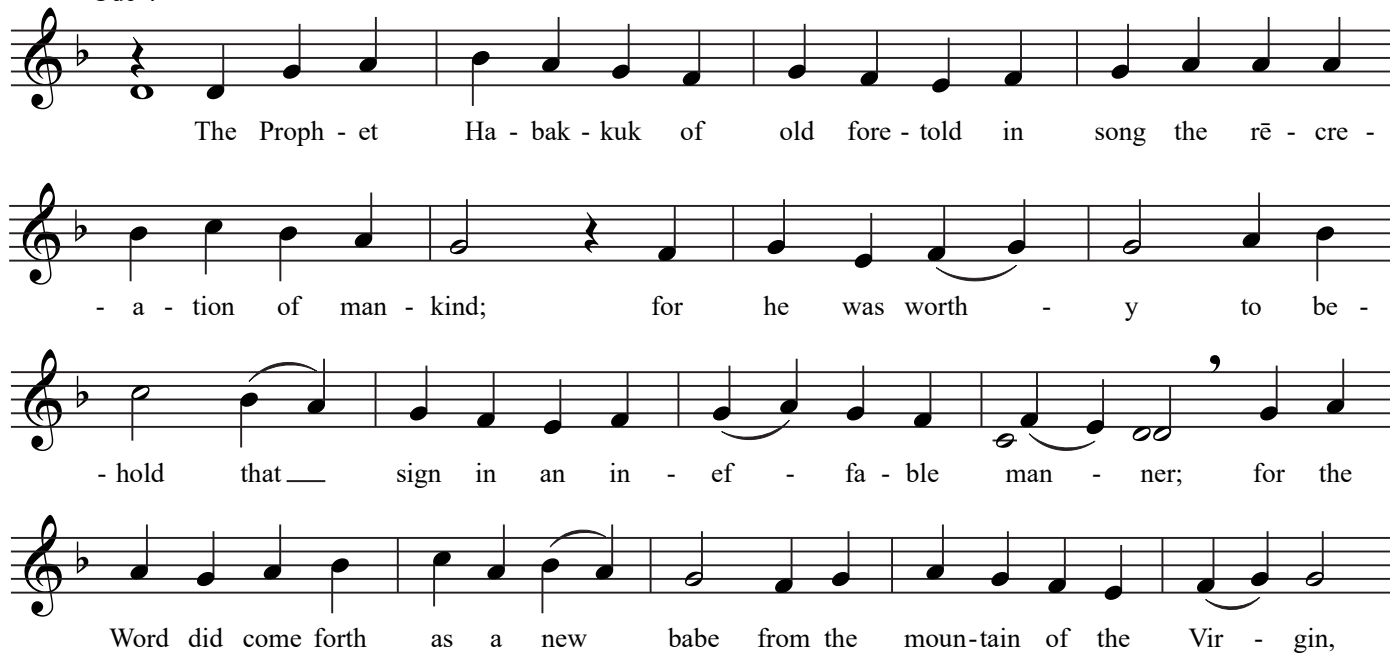
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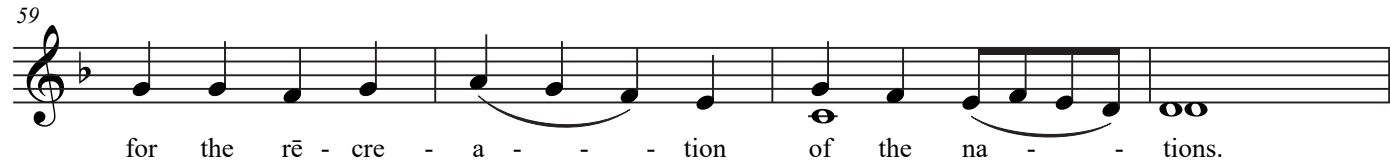
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Ode 4



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,

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for the rē - cre - a - - - tion of the na - - - tions.

Ode 5



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

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 thē
ar - rows of the ty - rant, in thee I seek re - fuge, O
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

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



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



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 super - 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.

Priest/Deacon: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light, let us honor and magnify in song.