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he divided the Red Sea for Israel, who went on foot; then he turned and
smote the sea, once again uniting it o'er Pharaoh's chariots, with
transverse stroke portraying the invincible weapon. Therefore,
let us praise in song Christ our God; for He truly is glorified.

The rod is perceived as a figure of the Mystery, for
by its blossoming it showed who was chosen to be priest. And for the
Church that formerly was barren hath the Wood of the Cross now
blossomed forth unto strength and steadfastness.
Ode 4

I have hearkened and heard, O Lord, of thy dispensation's most awesome mystery; and I came to knowledge of Thy works, and I sang the praise of Thy Divinity.

Ode 5

O Tree divine and thrice blessed! whereon Christ God was outstretched, though He is King and Lord of all. He who once had through the tree wrought wicked beguilement, fell himself because of thee, ensnared when God was nailed unto thee in our mortal flesh, He Who granteth peace unto our souls.

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Ode 7

The ungodly tyrant's most insensate decree af-frighted common folk, breathing forth with threats and wicked mouthings of blasphemy.

But the Three Children were not struck with fear by
rage wild and bestial, nor by roaring fire; but in an echoing and dew-be-sprinkling breeze, they stood amidst the
fire and sang: O Thou supremely praised God of our Fathers and our God, forever art Thou blessed.

Ode 8

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

O ye Children, equal in number to the Trinity, bless ye God the Father and Creator; praise ye the Word, Who descended and changed the fire into dew; and supremely exalt the All-holy Spirit, Who granteth life unto all for ever.

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