

January 5th

Paramon (Eve) of Theophany

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 6
Special Melody: *Ye angelic hosts*

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1) Why, O Bap - tist John, dost thou doubt the dis - pen - sa - tion



which I now per - form for hu - man - i - ty's sal - va - tion?

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Leave off, there - fore, the old things and con -



- sid - er that which is new; come, be - lieve in God Who



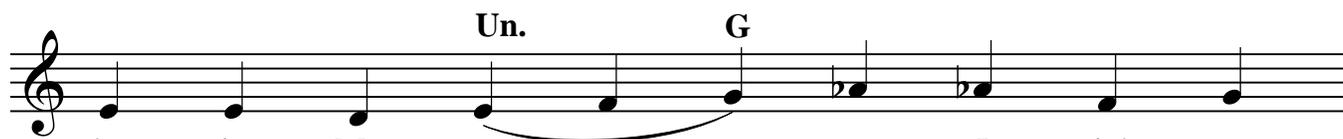
con - de - scend - eth; draw thou nigh un - to Me and serve Me,

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for I, God, am come

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that in My mer - - - cy I might purge

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and cleanse Ad - am of his fall.

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2) Tak-ing up our sins on Thy shoul-ders, Thou, O Je - sus,



ver - i - ly art come to the streams of Riv - er Jor - dan;

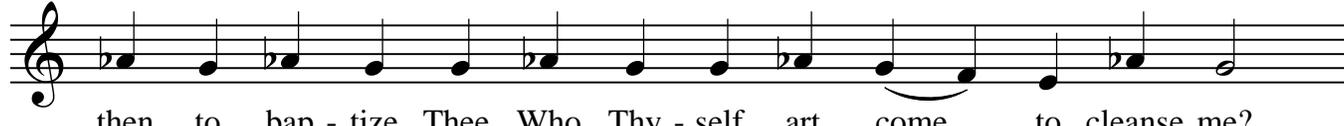
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yet dread - ful I Thy com - ing, and it



mak - eth me sore a - fraid. How dost Thou com - mand me



then to bap - tize Thee, Who Thy - self art come_ to cleanse me?

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And how_ dost_ Thou_ ask

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Bap - tis - m at_ my hand, Who art

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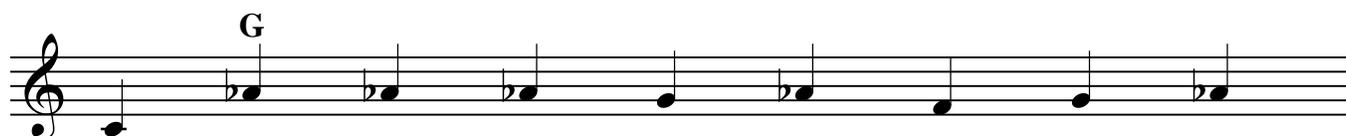
the cleans - ing of_ all_ man - kind?_



3) Past all un - der - stand - ing in Mine un - fath - omed na - ture;



yet clothed in the form of a ser - vant, I am come forth



to Riv - er - Jor - dan. Where - fore, do not



doubt_ Me in an - y wise. Come thou hith - er and be



not a - fraid; draw nigh to Me and stretch out_ thy right hand



on My_ head_ and_ cry:



Bless - ed art Thou_ Who hast ap - peared,



our God,_ glo - ry_ be_ to Thee_

