If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord who shall stand, for with thee there is forgiveness.

When the Forerunner saw him who is our Illumination, who doth illuminate ev'ry man, coming to be baptized, his soul rejoiced, and his hand trembled. Then, pointing to him he said to the people, Behold the Rescuer of Israel, who delivereth us from corruption.

Therefore, O Christ our God, who art

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Vespers - Menaion
Verses and Idiomela
Tone 2

Verse 1 Fast

Idiomelon 1

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Verse 2 Fast

Because of thy name have I waited for thee,

O Lord. My soul hath waited upon thy word,

my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

After singing verse 2, repeat the first Idiomelon, "When the forerunner saw him who is our Illumination...". Then sing verse 3 and Idiomelon 3.

Verse 3 Fast

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let

Israel trust in the Lord.

Idiomelon 3

The hosts of the angels trembled when they beheld our Redeemer being baptized by a servant, and testified to by the presence of the
Spir-it, while a heav'n-ly voice from the

Fa-the-r cried, say-ing, Ver-i-ly, this One on

whom the Fore-run-ner plac-eth his hands, is

my be-loved Son in whom I am well pleased. Where-fore, O Christ our

God, glo-ry to thee.

Verse 4 Fast

For with the Lord there is mer-cy, and with him is

a-bun-dant re-dem-p-tion, and he will de-

liv-er Is-ra-el from all his in-qi-uiti-es.

After singing verse 4, repeat the 3rd Idiomelon, "The host of the angels trembled when they beheld our Redeemer...". Then sing verse 5 and Idiomelon 5 on the following page.
Praise the Lord all ye nations. Praise him all ye people.

The courses of the Jordan received thee, O Fountain; and the Comforter descended in the likeness of a dove. Yea, he who bowed the heavens, boweth his own head; and the clay crieth unto the potter, saying, How dost thou command me to do what is more exalted than my station? It is I who need to be baptized by thee. Wherefore, O Christ God, who art sinless,
For his mercy is great t'ward us, and the truth of the Lord endur eth for ever.

When thou didst choose to save lost man, thou didst not disdain to put on the likeness of a servant; for it was meet for thee, O Lord

God, to accept what is ours for our sake; for when thou wast baptized in the flesh, O Redeemer, thou didst make us

worthy of forgiveness.

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Wherefore, we cry to thee, O Christ our benevolent God, glory to thee.