

# CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

## Vespers

Tone 8

LORD, I CALL UPON THEE, HEAR ME. HEAR ME, O LORD. LORD I CALL

UP - ON THEE, HEAR ME. RE - CEIVE THE VOICE OF MY PRAYER, WHEN I

CALL UP - ON THEE, HEAR ME, O LORD. LET MY PRAYER A - RISE IN

THY SIGHT AS IN - CENSE, AND LET THE LIFT - ING UP OF MY

HANDS BE AN EVE - NING SAC - RI - FICE. HEAR ME, O LORD.

8. Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.  
 7. Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Verses 8 and 7 — Tone 8

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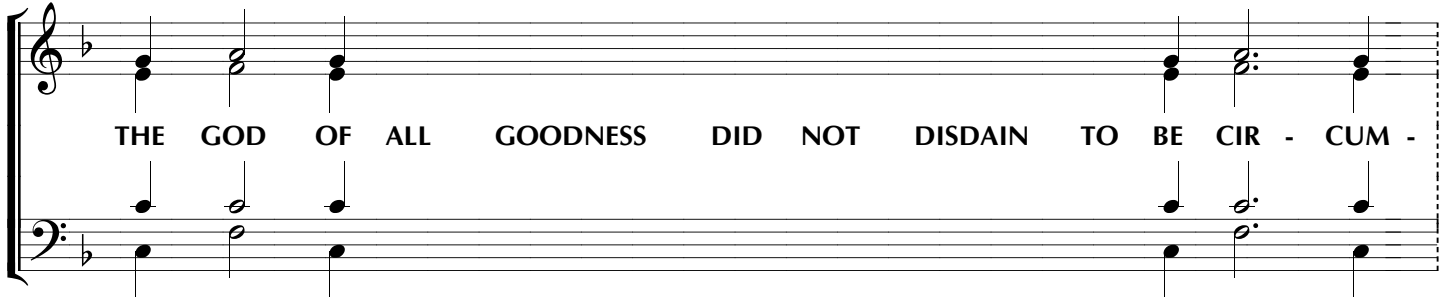
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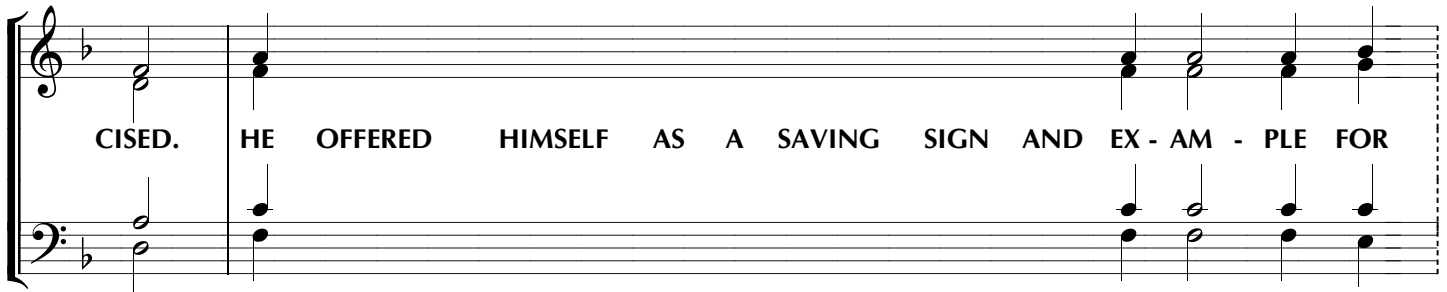
US CRY TO HIM: YOU ARE OUR GOD; HAVE MER - CY ON US. TWICE

6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand. But there is forgiveness with Thee.  
5. For Thy name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word, my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Verses 6 and 5



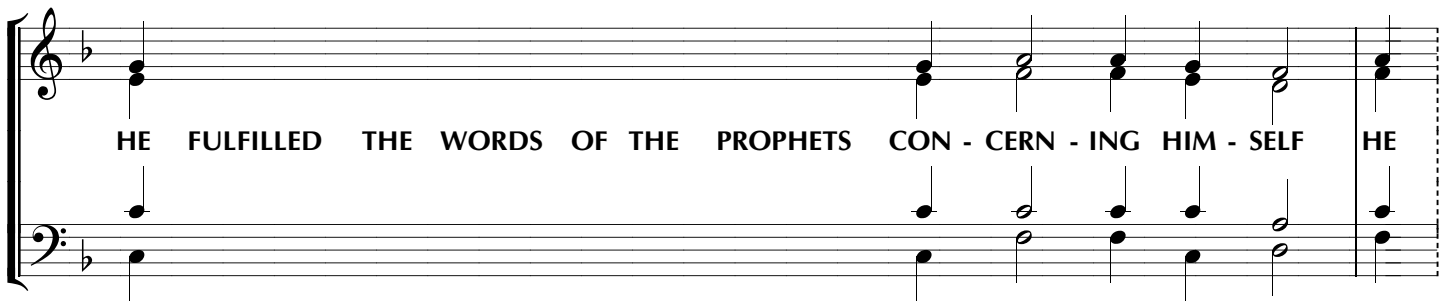
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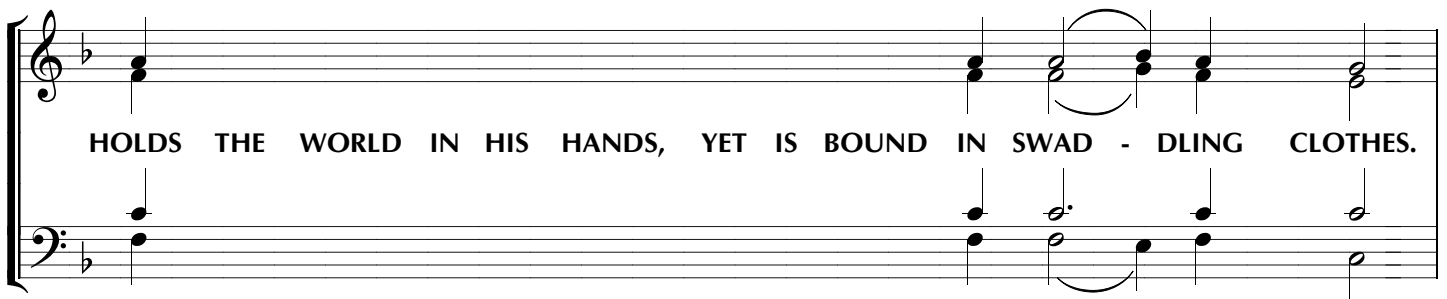
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HOLDS THE WORLD IN HIS HANDS, YET IS BOUND IN SWAD - DLING CLOTHES.

LET US GLO - RI - FY HIM.

TWICE

Detailed description: This block contains a short musical phrase in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'LET US GLO - RI - FY HIM.' The word 'HIM.' is followed by a fermata. The instruction 'TWICE' is placed to the right of the staff.

4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.

3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Verses 4 and 3 —Tone 4

YOUR VERY NAME MEANS "THE ROY - AL ONE". YOU LED CHRIST'S ROYAL

Detailed description: This block contains the first two lines of the main text. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'YOUR VERY NAME MEANS "/>

PEOPLE IN WISDOM AND KNOW - LEDGE. THE KING OF KINGS AND THE

Detailed description: This block contains the third and fourth lines of the main text. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'PEOPLE IN WISDOM AND KNOW - LEDGE. THE KING OF KINGS AND THE'.

LORD OF ALL, THE SON, OF ONE ESSENCE WITH THE FA - THER,

Detailed description: This block contains the fifth and sixth lines of the main text. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'LORD OF ALL, THE SON, OF ONE ESSENCE WITH THE FA - THER,'. A slur is placed over the words 'FA - THER,'.

A - DORNED YOU WITH THE CROWN OF HIS KING - DOM.

Detailed description: This block contains the seventh and eighth lines of the main text. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'A - DORNED YOU WITH THE CROWN OF HIS KING - DOM.'. A slur is placed over the words 'KING - DOM.'.

TWICE

PRAY TO HIM, FATHER BA - SIL, TO ENLIGHTEN AND SAVE OUR SOULS.

2. Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise Him, all peoples.

Verse 2

ROBED IN THE VESTMENTS OF A BISH - OP YOU PREACHED THE GOSPEL

OF THE KINGDOM WITH GLAD - NESS. YOU Poured OUT STREAMS OF

TRUE TEACH - ING FOR THE CHURCH, IL - LU - MINED BY YOUR WORDS,

WE HAVE LEARNED HOW TO GLO - RI - FY ONE GOD - HEAD:

FATHER ALMIGHTY, DIVINE WORD AND HO-LY SPIR-IT, THREE PERSONS

UN-DI-VID-ED. PRAY TO HIM, O FA-THER BA-SIL,

TO ENLIGHTEN AND SAVE OUR SOULS.

1. For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Verse 1

YOU DWELL WITH THE HOSTS OF HEA-VEN; YOU IMITATED THEIR WAY OF LIFE

ON EARTH. YOU LIVED WITH MAN-KIND AS AN EARTH-LY AN-GEL.

NOW PRAY FOR US, WHO DELIGHT IN YOUR THE - OL - O - GY. MAY CHRIST

OUR GOD SAVE US FROM THE DARK - NESS OF UN - BE - LIEF MAY

HE ENLIGHTEN AND SAVE OUR SOULS.

Glory in the 8th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

YOU BE - CAME A LOVER OF WISDOM, RIGHT - EOUS FA - THER. YOU

PREFERRED LIFE WITH GOD ABOVE ALL EARTH - LY DE - LIGHTS.

CONTEMPLATING DEATH, YOU A - BAN - DONED ALL YOUR WEALTH.

YOU STRIPPED AWAY FLESHLY DESIRES THROUGH RIGOROUS AB - STI - NENCE.

YOU STUDIED GOD'S LAW, AND SUBJECTED YOUR FLESH TO THE SPIR - IT.

YOU WERE RICH IN VIRTUES, A CON - QUER - OR OF PAS - SIONS. YOU

CAST THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND THE DE - VIL A - WAY. NOW YOU



STAND BEFORE THE THRONE OF CHRIST. EN - TREAT HIM TO GRANT

US GREAT MER - CY.

Now and ever in the same tone: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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O GLADSOME LIGHT  
 PROKIMENON OF THE DAY  
 3 SCRIPTURE READINGS

**THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**  
**ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*

**Reading from Genesis (17:1-2, 4, 5-7, 8, 9-10, 11-12, 14)**

The Lord appeared to Abram and said to him: “I am your God. Be well pleasing before Me, and be blameless. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly. And you shall be a father of many nations. And your name shall no more be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. And I will increase you very exceedingly; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you, in their generations, for an everlasting covenant; and I will be a God to them.” And Abraham fell down on his face, and worshiped the Lord.

And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations. And this is the covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you, in their generations: You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be for a sign of the covenant between Me and you and your seed after you, in their generations. And the child of eight days shall be circumcised by you, every male throughout your generations. And the male child, who shall not be circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin on the eighth day, that soul shall be cut off from his family, for he has broken My covenant.”

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*

**Reading from Proverbs (8:22-30)**

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Reading*  
**Reading from Proverbs (10:31-11:12)**

The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but an accurate weight is his delight. When pride comes, then comes disgrace; but wisdom is with the humble. The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them. Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. The righteousness of the blameless keeps their ways straight, but the wicked fall by their own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright saves them, but the treacherous are taken captive by their schemes. When the wicked die, their hope perishes, and the expectation of the godless comes to nothing. The righteous are delivered from trouble, and the wicked get into it instead. With their mouths the godless would destroy their neighbors, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered. When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; and when the wicked perish, there is jubilation. By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. Whoever belittles another lacks sense, but an intelligent person remains silent.

# Litiya

## Tone 3 — Verse 1

BY YOUR PURE WAY OF LIFE, HO - LY BA - SIL YOU BROUGHT CHRIST,

THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE IN - TO YOUR SOUL. YOU POURED OUT STREAMS

OF WA - TER ON THE WORLD. THE FAITHFUL OF THE CHURCH DRINK OF

THEM AND PRAISE THE FRUIT OF YOUR LIPS. THEY OFFER THE BOUNTY

OF GRACE TO HIM WHO GLORIFIES YOUR MEMORY THROUGH - OUT ALL

A - GES.

Verse 2

THE MYRRH OF GRACE WAS POURED OUT ON YOU, ANOINTING YOU

TO MINISTER THE GOSPEL OF THE KING - DOM. YOU REVEALED THE

THINGS OF GOD, O BA - SIL, FOR AS THE SWEET IN - CENCE OF CHRIST,

YOU FILLED THE WORLD WITH THE FRAGRANCE OF HIS KNOW - LEDGE.

ACCEPT WITH FAVOR THE SONGS OF YOUR SER - VANTS AND ASK

GREAT MERCY FOR THOSE WHO HON - OR YOU.

Verse 3

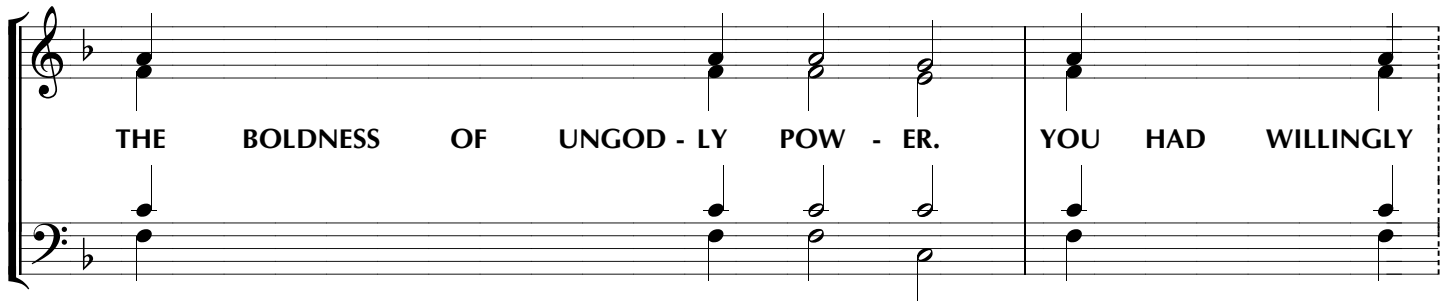
YOU STOOD BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT, O BA - SIL, WEARING YOUR

PRIEST - LY VEST - MENTS. YOU BRAVED DAN - GER FOR THE FAITH,

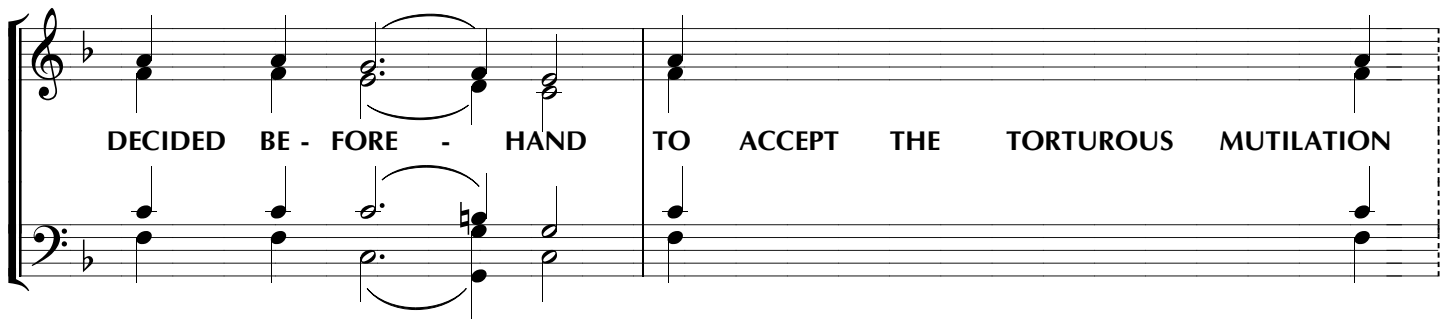
AS A CHAMPION OF THE TRIN - I - TY YOU SHOWED THE RESISTANCE



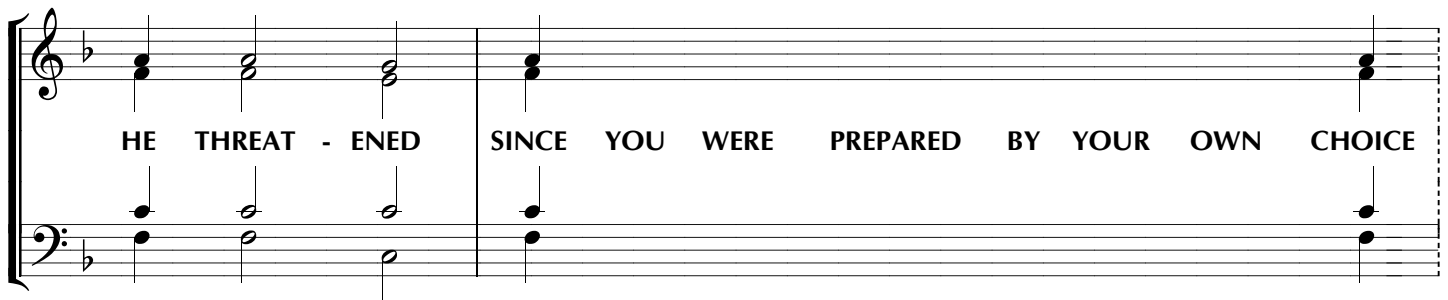
OF A FIGHT - TER, PUTTING TO SHAME THE PRE - FECT'S AN - GER;



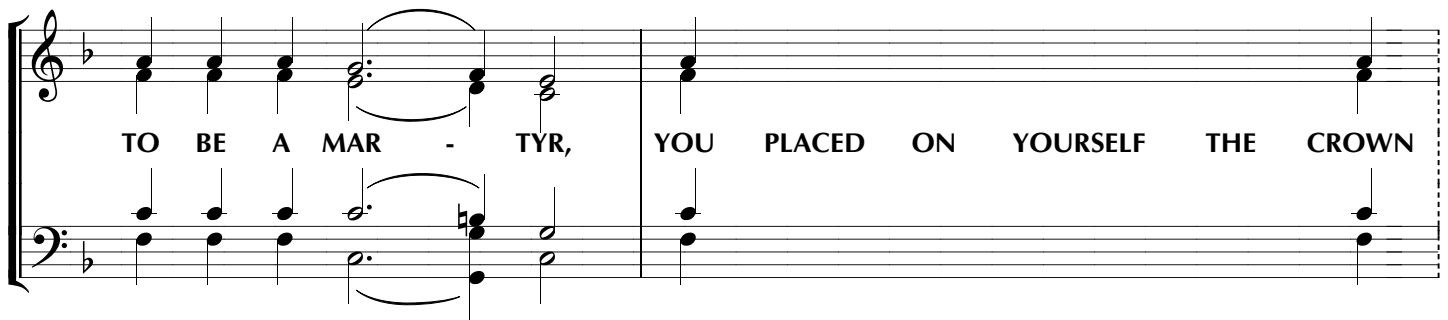
THE BOLDNESS OF UNGOD - LY POW - ER. YOU HAD WILLINGLY



DECIDED BE - FORE - HAND TO ACCEPT THE TORTUROUS MUTILATION



HE THREAT - ENED SINCE YOU WERE PREPARED BY YOUR OWN CHOICE



TO BE A MAR - TYR, YOU PLACED ON YOURSELF THE CROWN



OF VIC - TO - RY FROM CHRIST WHO HAS GREAT MER - CY.

Glory in the 6th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

GRACE WAS SHED FROM YOUR LIPS, VENERABLE FA - THER, AND YOU

WERE A SHEPHERD OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST TENDING SHEEP OF A

RATIONAL NA - TURE, THAT THEY MIGHT BELIEVE IN THE CONSUBSTAN - TIAL

TRIN - I - TY, IN ONE GOD - HEAD.

Now and ever in the 8th tone: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE SAV - IOR WAS WILLING TO BE WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES FOR

The first line of the hymn is written on a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of chords, with some single notes in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "THE SAV - IOR WAS WILLING TO BE WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES FOR".

THE SAKE OF MAN - KIND. HE WAS EIGHT DAYS OLD ON HIS MO - THER'S

The second line continues the hymn. It features a repeat sign over the first measure. The lyrics are: "THE SAKE OF MAN - KIND. HE WAS EIGHT DAYS OLD ON HIS MO - THER'S".

SIDE, BUT ETERNAL ON THE SIDE OF HIS FA - THER. HE DID NOT

The third line continues the hymn. It features a repeat sign over the first measure. The lyrics are: "SIDE, BUT ETERNAL ON THE SIDE OF HIS FA - THER. HE DID NOT".

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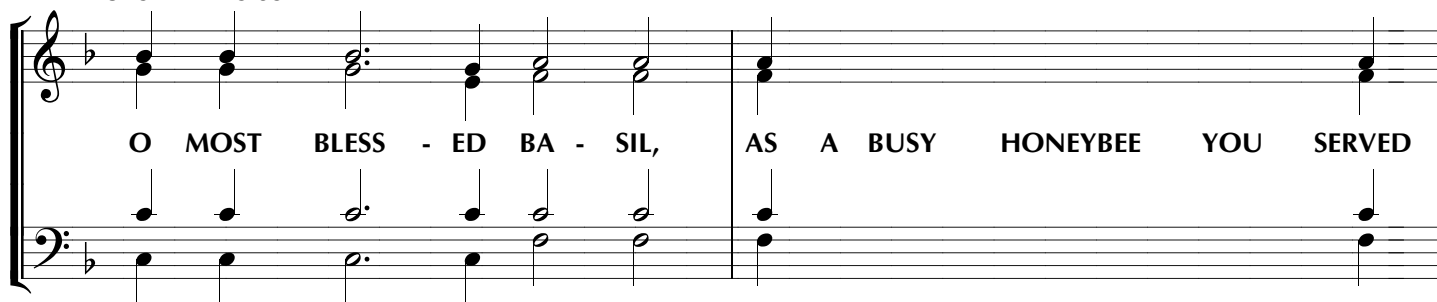
The fourth line continues the hymn. The lyrics are: "DISDAIN THE CIR - CUM - CIS - ION OF HIS FLESH. O YOU FAITHFUL, LET".

US CRY TO HIM: YOU ARE OUR GOD; HAVE MER - CY ON US.


The fifth line concludes the hymn. It features a repeat sign over the first measure. The lyrics are: "US CRY TO HIM: YOU ARE OUR GOD; HAVE MER - CY ON US." The piece ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

# Aposticha


## Tone 1 — Verse 1



O MOST BLESS - ED BA - SIL, AS A BUSY HONEYBEE YOU SERVED



THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. ARMED WITH DI - VINE ZEAL, YOU STUNG THE



BLASPHEMERS AND WOUND - ED THE HE - RE - TICS. YOU STORED THE



SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL IN THE HIVE OF HEA - VEN. NOW THAT YOU



REST IN THE GREEN PAS - TURES OF GOD, RE - MEM - BER ALL OF US

AS YOU STAND BEFORE THE HO - LY TRIN - I - TY.

VERSE: My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Verse 2

O HO - LY FA - THER BA - SIL, YOU ACQUIRED THE VIR - TUES OF ALL

THE SAINTS: THE MEEK - NESS OF MOSES, E - LI - JAH'S ZEAL,

THE FAITH OF PETER, JOHN'S THE - O - LO - GI - CAL E - LO - QUENCE.

YOU CRY WITH PAUL THE A - POS - TLE: WHO IS WEAK, AND I AM

NOT WEAK? WHO IS MADE TO FALL, AND I DO NOT BURN IN

IN - DIG - NA - TION? NOW YOU DWELL WITH THEM ALL IN HEA -

VEN. PRAY THAT OUR SOULS MAY BE SAVED.

VERSE: The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.

Tone 2 — Verse 3

YOU REVEALED NOBLE TRUTHS, O BA - SIL; YOU STUDIED THE NATURE

OF CRE - A - TED THINGS. YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL THINGS WILL PASS

A- WAY; THAT GOD ALONE IS E - TER - NAL. HE IS TRANSCENDENT

IN ESSENCE, THE CRE - A - TOR OF ALL. AS YOUR LONG - ING FOR

HIM IN - CREASED, YOU ABANDONED DESIRE FOR TEMP - OR - AL THINGS.

PRAY THAT WE MAY BE FILLED WITH LONG - ING FOR GOD.

Glory in the 6th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

O MOST BLESS - ED BA - SIL, YOU WERE FILLED WITH HEA - VEN - LY

GRACE. YOUR THEOLOGY EXPOSES THE ERRORS OF FALSE TEA - CHERS.

YOU ARE THE PRIDE OF PAS - TORS, YOU ARE THE CORNERSTONE

OF BISH - OPS, THE EXAMPLE OF THE FA - THERS. YOU POSSESS

FA - VOR WITH CHRIST: PRAY THAT HE MAY SAVE OUR SOULS.

Now and ever in the 8th tone: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE GOD OF ALL GOODNESS DID NOT DISDAIN TO BE CIR - CUM -

CISED. HE OFFERED HIMSELF AS A SAVING SIGN AND EX - AM - PLE FOR

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# PROPARION TO ST. BASIL THE GREAT

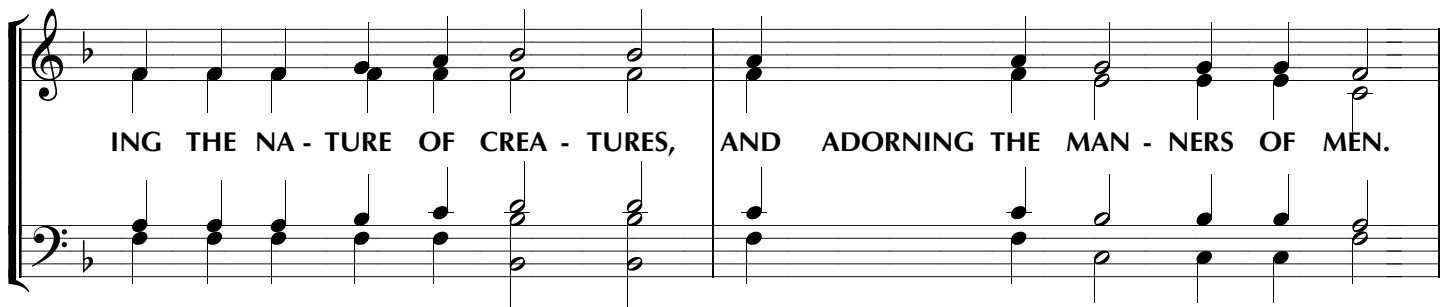
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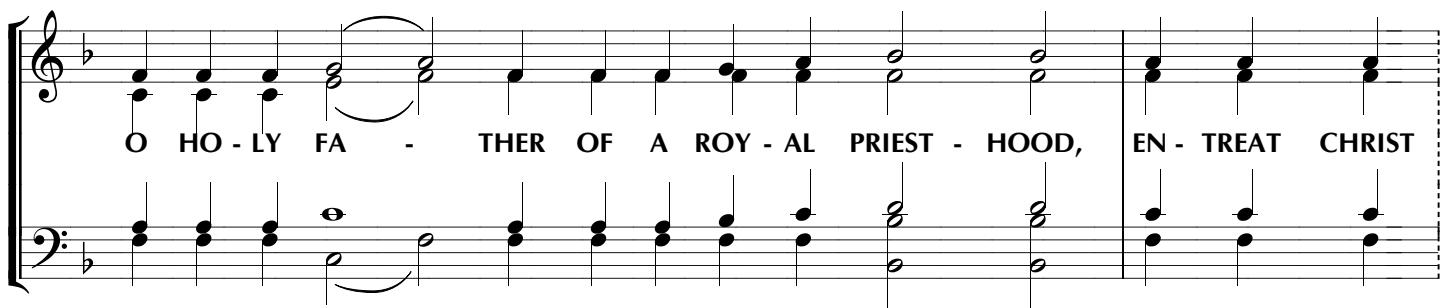
YOUR PRO - CLA - MA - TION HAS GONE OUT IN - TO ALL THE EARTH



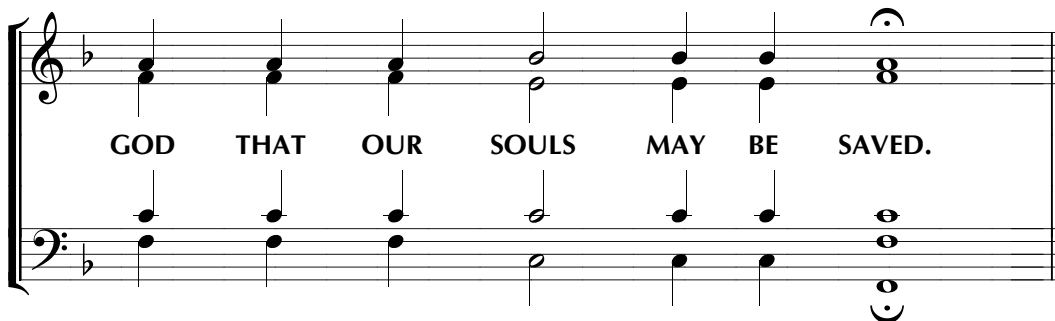
WHICH WAS DIVINELY TAUGHT BY HEAR - ING YOUR VOICE. EX - POUND -



ING THE NA - TURE OF CREA - TURES, AND ADORNING THE MAN - NERS OF MEN.



O HO - LY FA - THER OF A ROY - AL PRIEST - HOOD, EN - TREAT CHRIST



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# TROPARIUM TO THE CIRCUMCISION

Tone 1

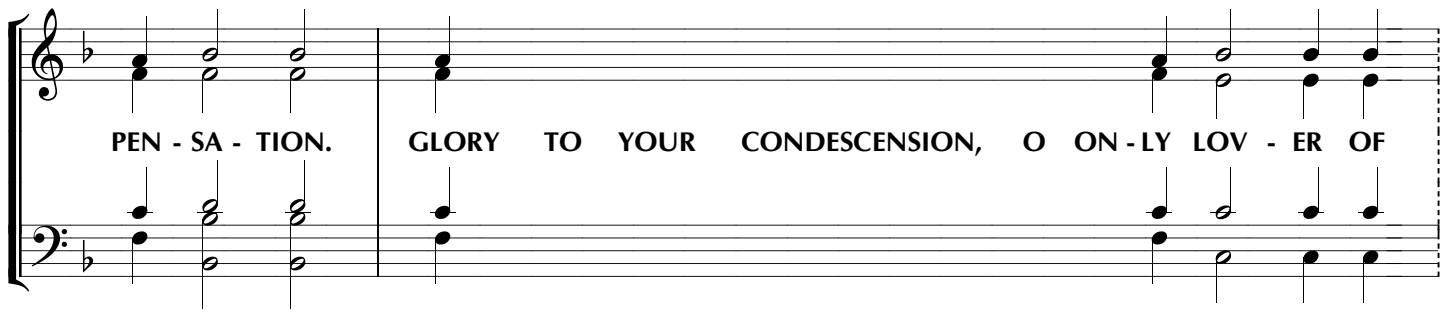
EN - THRONED ON HIGH WITH THE E - TER - NAL FA - THER

AND YOUR DI - VINE SPIR - IT, YOU WILLED TO BE BORN ON EARTH, O

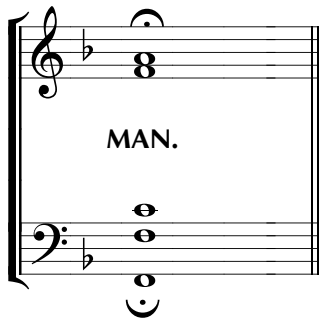
JE - SUS FROM YOUR UNWEDDED HANDMAID, YOUR MO - THER

THERE - FORE YOU WERE CIRCUMCISED AS AN EIGHT - DAY CHILD. GLO - RY

TO YOUR MOST GRA - CIOUS COUN - SEL. GLO - RY TO YOUR DIS -



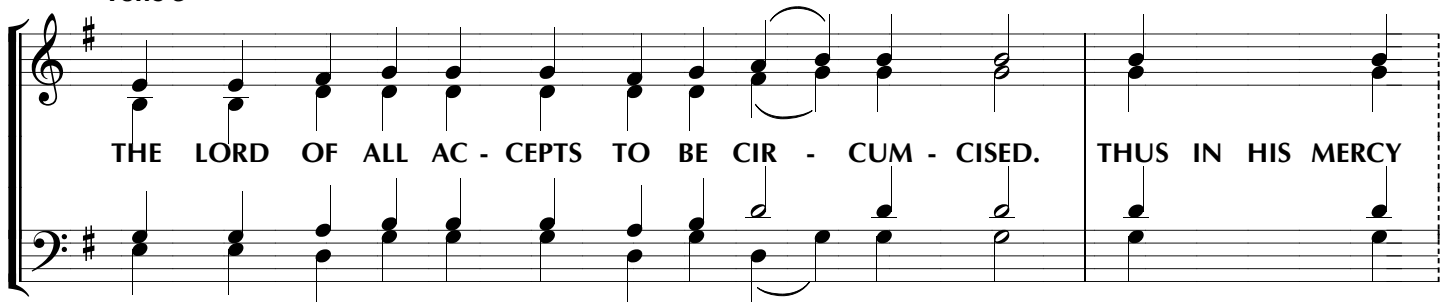
Musical score for the first system, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: PEN - SA - TION. GLORY TO YOUR CONDESCENSION, O ON - LY LOV - ER OF



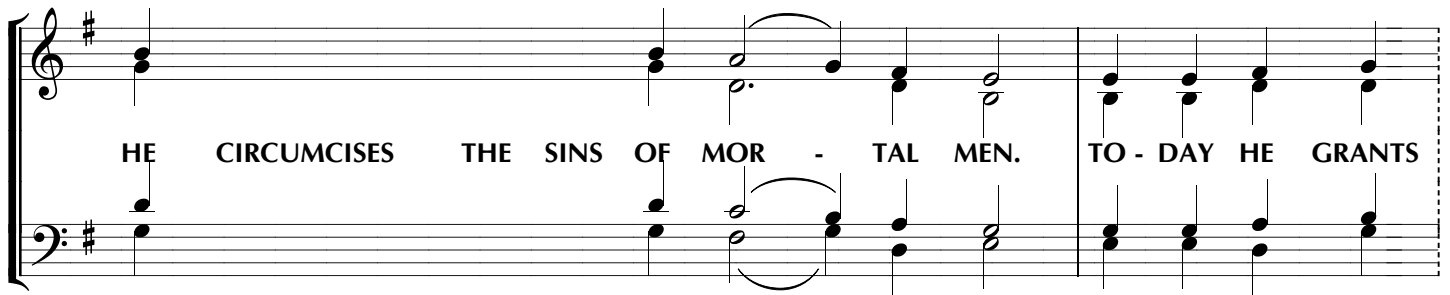
Musical score for the second system, showing a vocal line with the word: MAN.

# KONTAKION TO THE CIRCUMCISION

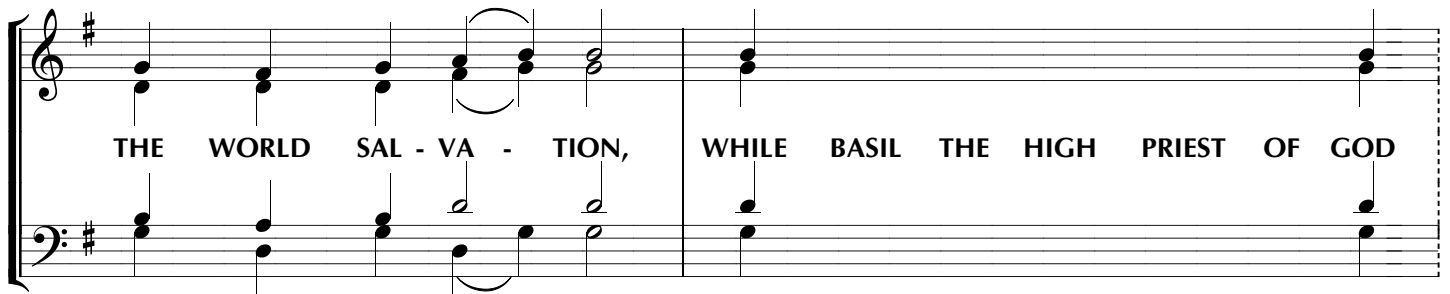
Tone 3



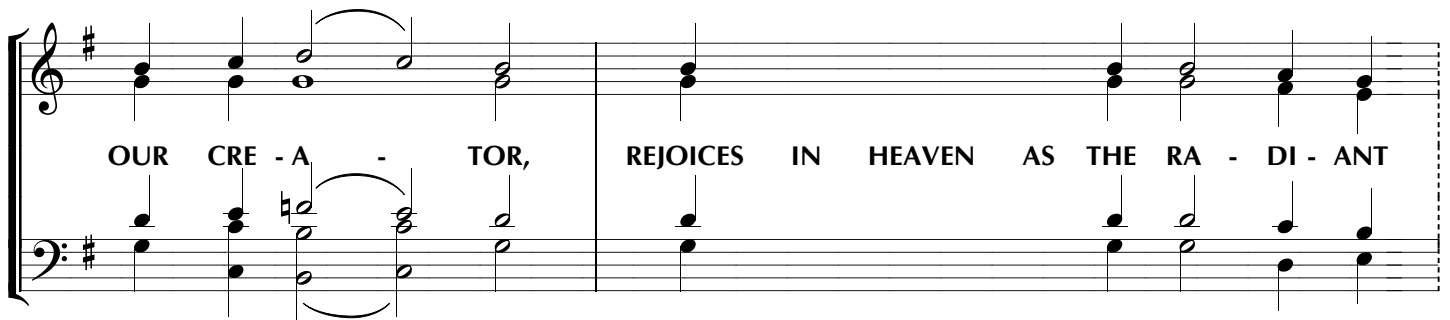
THE LORD OF ALL ACCEPTS TO BE CIRCUMCISED. THUS IN HIS MERCY



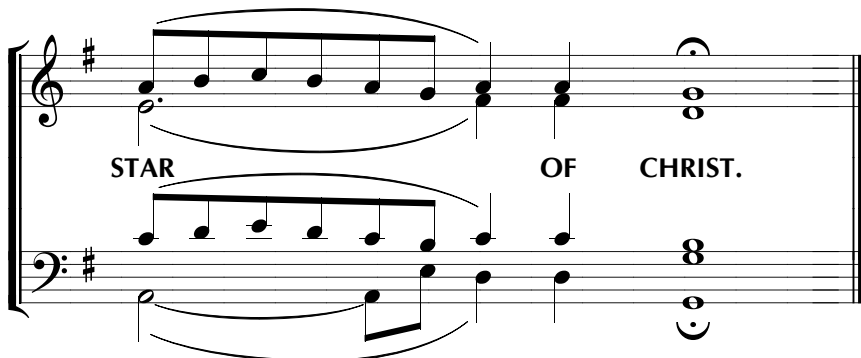
HE CIRCUMCISES THE SINS OF MORTAL MEN. TODAY HE GRANTS



THE WORLD SALVATION, WHILE BASIL THE HIGH PRIEST OF GOD



OUR CREATOR, REJOICES IN HEAVEN AS THE RADIANT



STAR OF CHRIST.

# KONTAKION TO ST. BASIL

Tone 4

YOU WERE REVEALED AS THE SURE FOUN - DA - TION OF THE CHURCH,

GRANTING ALL A LORDSHIP WHICH CANNOT BE TA - KEN A - WAY,

SEALING IT WITH YOUR PRECEPTS, VENERABLE FA - THER BA - SIL

# MAGNIFICATION TO OUR HOLY HIERARCH FATHER BASIL

WE MAG - NI - FY, WE MAG - NI - FY YOU, O HO - LY

HI - ER - ARCH FA - THER BA - SIL, AND WE HON - OR YOUR HO -

LY MEM - O - RY FOR YOU PRAY TO CHRIST OUR GOD

FOR US.

VERSE 1: Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all in-hab-itants of the earth.

VERSE 2: My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be under-stand-ing

# PROKIΜENON

## Circumcision - Tone 6

O LORD, SAVE THY PEO - PLE AND BLESS THINE IN - HER - I - TANCE,

THINE IN - HER - I - TANCE.

VERSE: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

## St. Basil - Tone 1

MY MOUTH SHALL SPEAK WIS - DOM AND THE MED - I - TA - TION OF MY

HEART SHALL BE UN - DER - STAND - ING.

EPISTLES: Col. 2: 8-12 (Circumcision)  
Heb. 7:26-8:2 (Saint)