

PALM SUNDAY

Vespers

Tone 6

LORD, I CALL UPON THEE, HEAR ME. HEAR ME, O LORD. LORD, I CALL UPON 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 LIFTING UP OF MY HANDS BE AN

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

10. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name.

9. The righteous will surround me, if Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Verses 1 and 2

THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIR - IT TODAY HAS AS - SEM - BLED US; HAV - ING

TAKEN UP THY CROSS, WE CRY: BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME

OF THE LORD. HO - SAN - NA IN THE HIGH - EST.

8. Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.

7. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Verses 3 and 4

THE WORD OF GOD THE FA - THER WHOSE THRONE IS HEAVEN, WHOSE

FOOT - STOOL IS EARTH THE CO - EVER - LAST - ING SON HUMBLER HIMSELF,

COMING TO BE - THAN - Y ON A FOAL. THE HEBREW CHILDREN PRAISE

HIM WITH PALMS AND CRY: BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES THE KING

OF IS - RA - EL.

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 5 and 6

LET US ALSO, THE NEW IS - RA - EL THE CHURCH OF THE GEN - TILES

ASSEMBLE TODAY AND SING WITH THE PROPHET ZECH - A - RI - AH: RE - JOICE

GREATLY, O DAUGHTER OF ZI - ON. SHOUT ALOUD, O DAUGHTER OF JE - RU -

SA - LEM. LO, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU HUMBLE AND RID - ING ON A

FOAL; HE IS MEEK, HAVING SAL - VA - TION. PRAISE HIM WITH PALMS AND

CRY: HOSANNA IN THE HIGH - EST. BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES, THE

KING OF IS - RA - EL.

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 plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all His iniquities.

Verses 7 and 8

PREFIGURING FOR US THY HOLY RE - SUR - REC - TION O LOV - ING LORD

BY THY COMMAND THOU HAS RAISED UP FROM DEATH LA - ZA - RUS

THY FRIEND WHO WAS WITHOUT THE BREATH OF LIFE AND AFTER FOUR DAYS

IN THE TOMB HE HAD BE - GUN TO SMELL THEN, O SAVIOR, MOUNTED ON

A FOAL, AND AS THOUGH RIDING IN A CHAR - I - OT THOU HAS GIVEN A SIGN

TO THE GEN - TILES. THEREFORE ISRAEL THY BELOVED OF - FERS THEE PRAISE.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INNOCENT BABES AND SUCK - LINGS AS THEY BE - HELD

THEE, CHRIST, ENTER THE HOLY CITY SIX DAYS BE - FORE THE PASS - O - VER.

2. Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise Him all peoples.
1. For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Verses 9 and 10

SIX DAYS BEFORE PAS - CHA JESUS CAME TO BETH - A - NY HIS DISCIPLES

ASKED HIM: WHERE SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR THY PASS - O - VER? HE ANSWERED:

GO TO THE TOWN; FIND A MAN CARRYING A JAR OF WA - TER; FOLLOW HIM

AND SAY TO THE LORD OF THE HOUSE: THE TEACHER SAYS: HERE I

WILL PERFORM THE PAS - CHA WITH MY DIS - CI - PLES.

Glory in the 6th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
 Now and ever in the same tone: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIR - IT TODAY HAS AS - SEM - BLED US;

HAVING TAKEN UP THE CROSS, WE CRY: BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES

Musical score for the text: IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, HO - SAN - NA IN THE HIGH - EST. The score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of chords and single notes. The text is printed below the notes. The word 'Repeated' is written to the right of the final measure.

O GLADSOME LIGHT
PROKIMENON OF THE DAY
3 READINGS

GREAT VESPERS OF PALM SUNDAY

Reading from the Book of Genesis (49:1-2, 8-12)

Then Jacob called his sons, and said, “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in days to come. Assemble and hear, O sons of Jacob, and hearken to Israel your father. Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hands shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a Lion’s whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as a lioness; who dares rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a ruler from his loins, until he comes that is to be sent, and he shall be the expectations of nations. Binding his foal to the vine, and ass’s colt to the choice vine, he washes his garments in wine, and his vesture in the blood of the grape. His eyes are more beautiful than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.”

Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah (3:14-19)

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! the Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. Behold at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame, and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you together; yea, I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

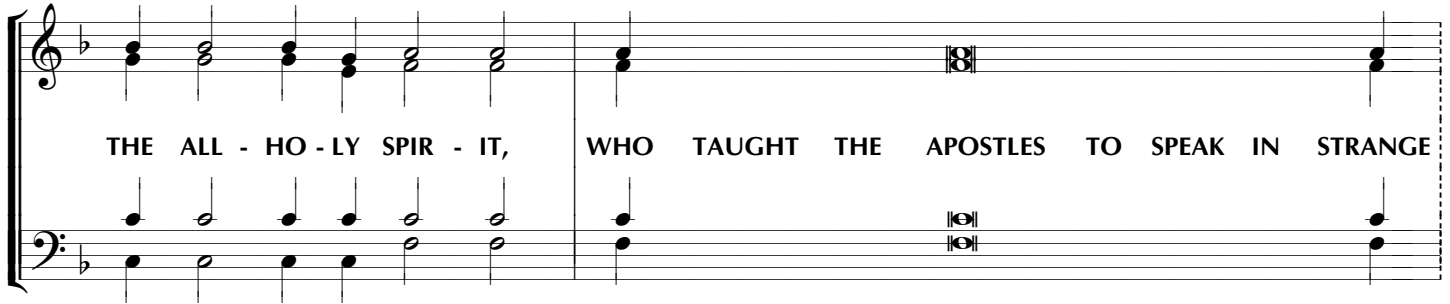
Reading from the Prophet Zechariah (9:9-16)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is your righteous Savior. He is meek, and rides on an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass. He will destroy the chariot from Ephraim, and the war horse from Jerusalem, and the bow for war shall be broken, and He shall speak peace to the Gentiles. He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your captives free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will brandish your sons, O Zion, over your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior’s sword. Then the Lord will appear over them, and His arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord God will sound the trumpet, and march forth in the worldwinds of the south. The Lord of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour them and overwhelm them with slingstones, and they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. On that day the Lord their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

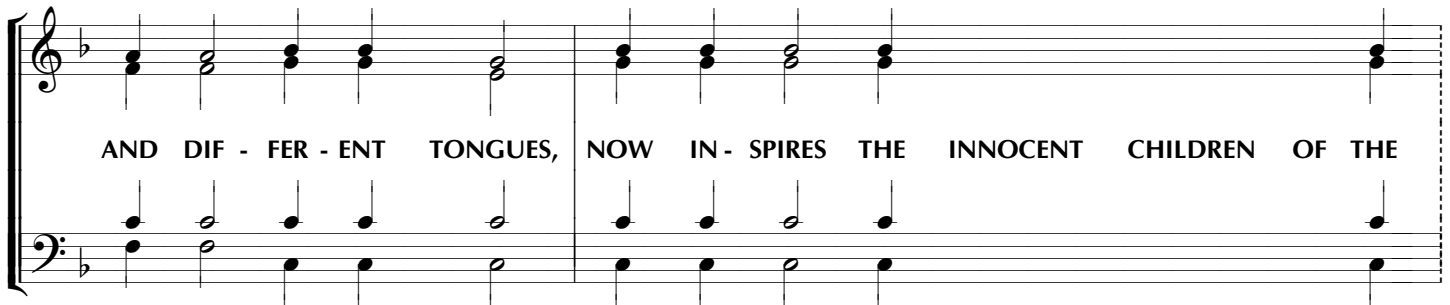
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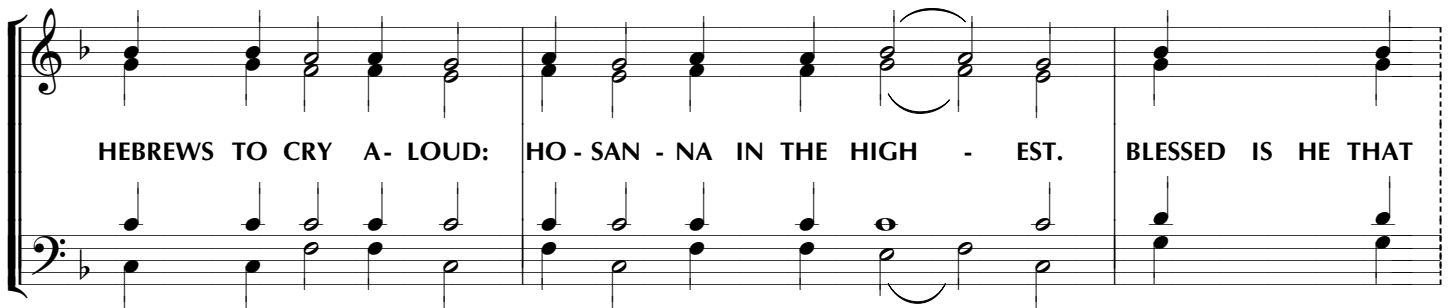
Tone 1 — Verse 1



THE ALL - HO - LY SPIR - IT, WHO TAUGHT THE APOSTLES TO SPEAK IN STRANGE



AND DIF - FER - ENT TONGUES, NOW IN - SPIRES THE INNOCENT CHILDREN OF THE

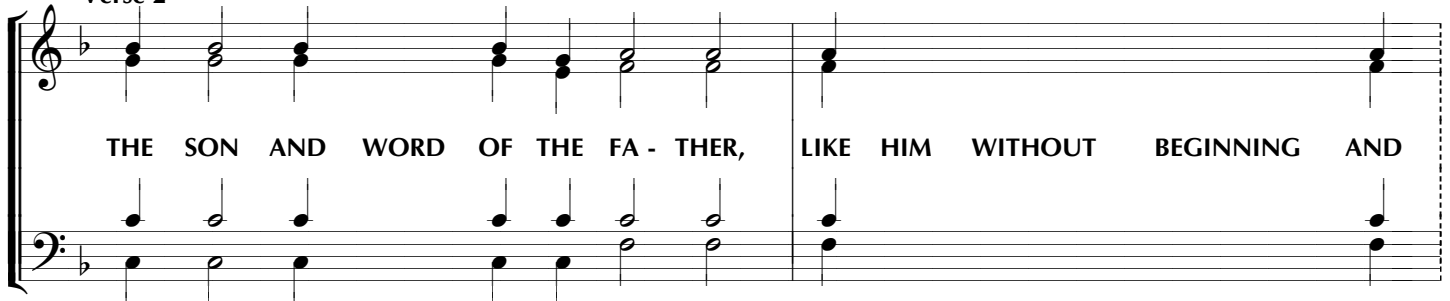


HEBREWS TO CRY A - LOUD: HO - SAN - NA IN THE HIGH - EST. BLESSED IS HE THAT



COMES, THE KING OF IS - RA - EL.

Verse 2



THE SON AND WORD OF THE FA - THER, LIKE HIM WITHOUT BEGINNING AND

E- TER - NAL, HAS COME TO-DAY TO THE CITY OF JE- RU - SA - LEM, SEATED ON A DUMB

BEAST ON A FOAL. FROM FEAR THE CHERUBIM DARE NOT GAZE UP-ON HIM;

YET THE CHILDREN HONOR HIM WITH PALMS AND BRANCH - ES, AND MYS - TI -

C'LLY THEY SING A HYMN OF PRAISE: "HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST, HOSANNA TO

THE SON OF DA - VID, WHO HAS COME TO SAVE FROM ERROR ALL MAN - KIND".

Verse 3

SIX DAYS BE - FORE THE PASS - O - VER, O LORD, THY VOICE WAS HEARD IN THE

DEPTHS OF HELL, AND FROM IT THOU HAS RAISED UP LAZARUS WHO WAS FOUR DAYS

DEAD. THEN THE CHILDREN OF HE - BREWS CRIED A - LOUD: "HOSANNA TO

OUR GOD: GLO - RY TO THEE!"

Tone 2 - Verse 4

ENTERING, O LORD, INTO THE HOLY CI - TY, SEATED UP - ON A FOAL, THOU

HAS DRAWN NEAR WITH HASTE UNTO THY PAS - SION, TO FULFILL THE LAW AND

THE PRO - PHETS. THEN THE CHILDREN OF THE HE - BREWS, FORE - TELL - ING THE

VICTORY OF THE RE - SUR - REC - TION, CAME TO MEET THEE WITH PALMS AND

BRANCH - ES SAY - ING: "BLESSED ART THOU, O SAVIOR; HAVE MER - CY UP - ON US."

Verse 5

GLORY BE TO THEE, O CHRIST, WHO ART SEATED IN THE HEIGHTS UP - ON

THE THRONE, AND WHOM WE NOW AWAIT WITH THY PRE - CIOUS CROSS,

THEREFORE THE DAUGHTER OF ZI - ON IS GLAD, AND THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH

REJOICE EX - CEED - ING - LY. THE CHILD - REN HOLD BRANCHES AND THE DISCIPLES

SPREAD THEIR GAR - MENTS IN THE WAY; AND ALL THE INHABITED EARTH IS

TAUGHT TO CRY A - LOUD TO THEE: BLESSED ART THOU, O SAVIOR; HAVE

MER - CY UP - ON US.

Glory, now and ever in the third tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

SIX DAYS BEFORE THE PASSOVER JESUS CAME TO BE - THA - NY, TO CALL BACK

LAZARUS WHO WAS FOUR DAYS DEAD, AND TO PROCLAIM THE COMING RE - SUR -

REC - TION. THE WOMEN MARTHA AND MARY, SISTERS OF LAZARUS, CAME TO

MEET HIM CRY - ING: "LORD, IF THOU HAD BEEN HERE, OUR BRO - THER HAD

NOT DIED. THEN HE ANSWERED THEM: "DID I NOT SAY TO YOU BE - FORE:

HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE?

SHOW ME WHERE YOU HAVE LAID HIM. AND THE MAKER OF ALL CRIED UNTO

HIM, LA - ZA - RUS COME FORTH.

Aposticha

Tone 8 — Verse 1

RE - JOICE AND BE GLAD, O CITY OF ZI - ON! EXULT AND BE JOYFUL, O

CHURCH OF GOD! YOUR KING IS COM - ING UP - ON A FOAL! HOSANNA IN THE

HIGH - EST! BLESSED ART THOU OF GREAT MERCY, HAVE MER - CY UP - ON US!

READER: Out of the mouths of babes and infants Thou hast fashioned perfect praise.

Verse 2

TO - DAY THE SAVIOR COMES TO JE - RU - SA - LEM FULFILLING THE SCRIP - TURES.

HE IS GREETED WITH PALMS AND A CAR - PET OF CLOTHES. ALL KNOW IT IS HE!

THE LORD WHOM THE CHE - RU - BIM PRAISE. HO - SAN - NA IN THE HIGH - EST!

BLESSED ART THOU OF GREAT MERCY, HAVE MER - CY UP - ON US.

READER: O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Thy Name in all the earth.

Verse 3

O THOU WHO RODE ON THE CHE - RU - BIM AND ART PRAISED BY THE SER - A

- PHIM, THOU HAS SAT, O GRACIOUS LORD, LIKE DA - VID ON A FOAL, AND THE

CHILDREN HONORED THEE WITH PRAISE FIT - TING FOR GOD, BUT THE JEWS

BLASPHEMED UNLAWFULLY A - GAINST THEE. THY RIDING ON A FOAL PREFIGURED

HOW THE GENTILES, AS YET UN - TAMED AND UN - IN - STRUC - TED, WERE TO PASS

FROM UN - BE - LIEF TO FAITH, GLORY TO THEE, O CHRIST, WHO ALONE ART

MERCIFUL AND LOV - EST MAN - KIND.

Glory, in the Sixth tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
 Now and ever in the same tone: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIR - IT TODAY HAS AS - SEM - BLED US HAVING TAKEN

UP THY CROSS, WE CRY: "BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE

LORD! HO - SAN - NA IN THE HIGH - EST".

ST. SIMEON'S PRAYER
TRISAGION

1st Troparion

Tone 1

BY RAI - SING LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD BE - FORE THY PAS - SION,

THOU DIDST CONFIRM THE UNIVERSAL RESURRECTION O CHRIST GOD; LIKE

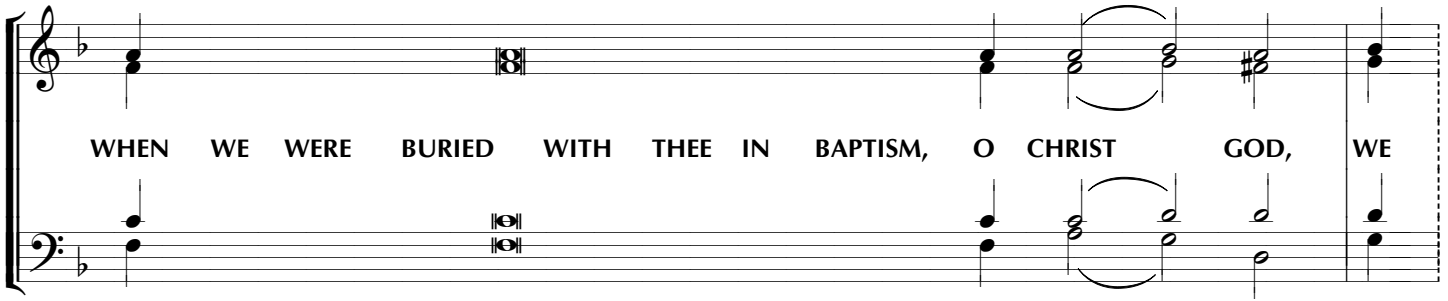
THE CHILD - REN WITH THE PALMS OF VIC - TO - RY WE CRY OUT TO

THEE, O VAN - QUI - SHER OF DEATH: HO - SAN - NA IN THE HIGH -

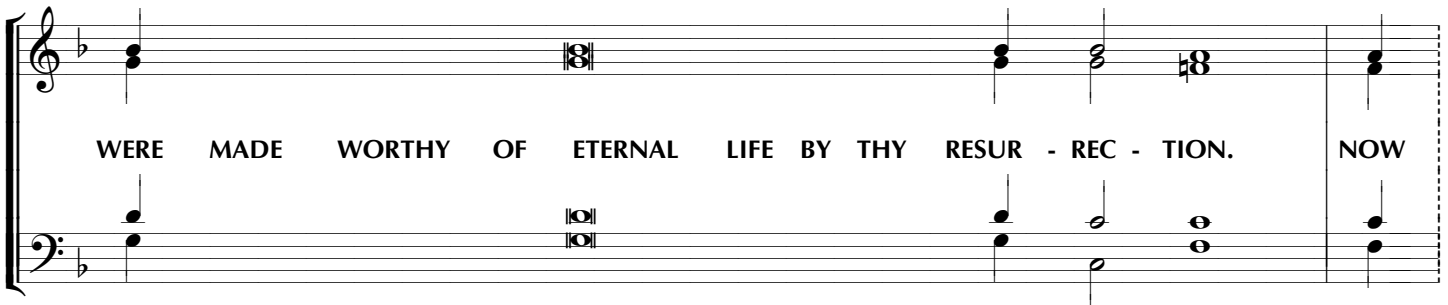
EST, BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! Twice

2nd Troparion

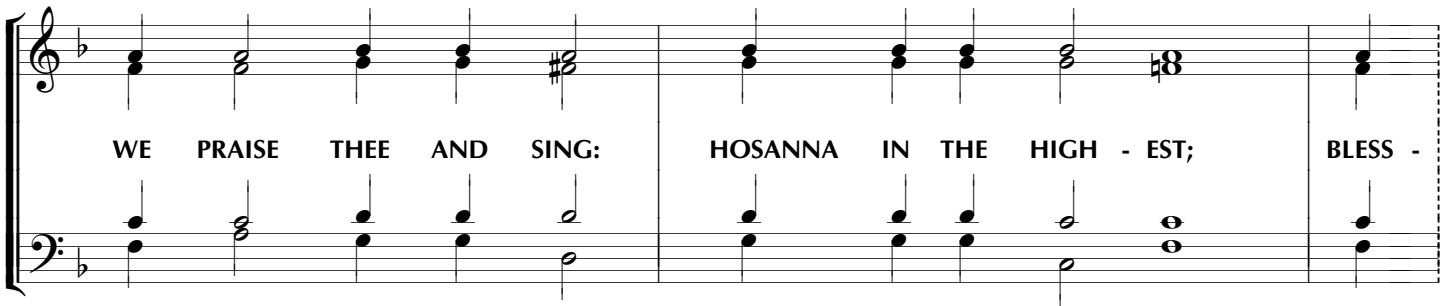
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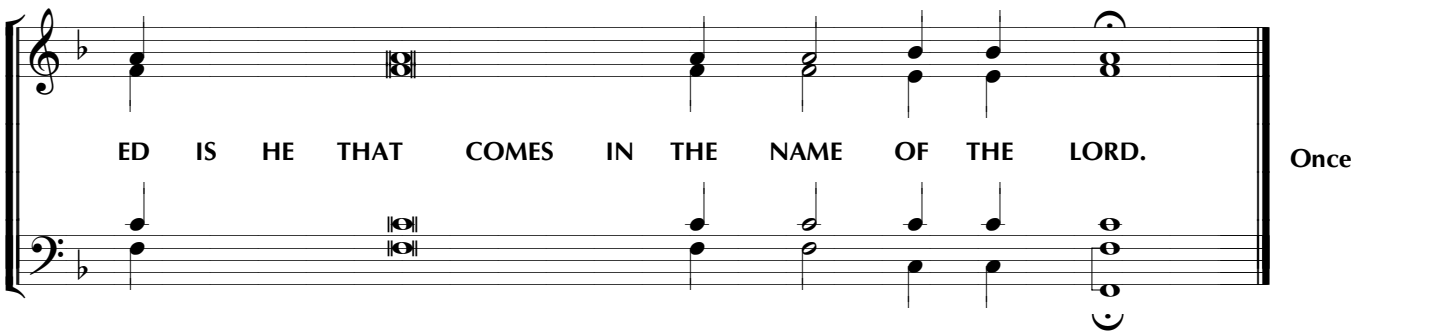
WHEN WE WERE BURIED WITH THEE IN BAPTISM, O CHRIST GOD, WE



WERE MADE WORTHY OF ETERNAL LIFE BY THY RESUR - REC - TION. NOW



WE PRAISE THEE AND SING: HOSANNA IN THE HIGH - EST; BLESS -



ED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. Once