Stichera and Verses for Theophany (Tone 2)



When the Forerunner saw Him Who is our Illumination, Who doth illuminate every 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. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Who art sinless, glory to Thee.



Because of Thy name have I waited for Thee, O Lord: my soul hath waited upon Thy word;



(Repeat Sticheron One.)



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



The hosts of the angels trembled when they beheld our Redeemer being baptized by a servant, and testified to by the presence of the Spirit, while a heavenly voice from the Father cried, saying, Verily, this One on whom the Forerunner placeth his hands, is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. Wherefore, O Christ our God, glory to Thee.

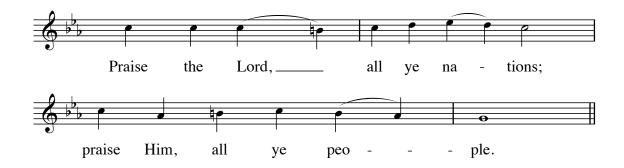


For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is abundant redemption, and



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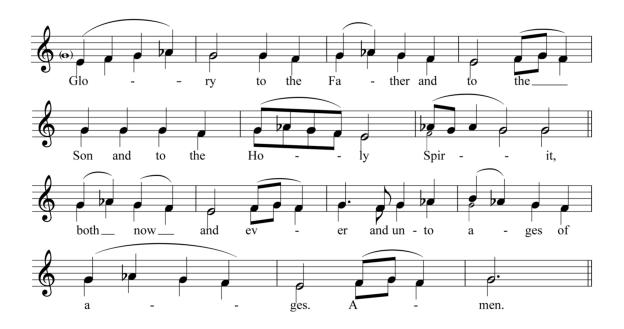
(Repeat Sticheron Two.)



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, glory to Thee.



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 sakes; for when Thou wast baptized in the flesh, O Redeemer, Thou didst make us worthy of forgiveness. Wherefore, we cry to Thee, O Christ our benevolent God, glory to Thee.



Thou didst bow Thy head to the Forerunner, thereby crushing the heads of the dragons. And having stood in the streams, Thou didst illuminate the whole creation. Wherefore, let it glorify Thee, O Savior, Thou Illumination of our souls.