Matins Canon, Tone 8

Ode 1

In days of old, Pha - raoh at the head of his cha - ri - ots

was drowned be - cause of the staff of Mo - ses;

in a won - drous way he struck the sea in the form of a cross

and it di - vi - ded. But He saved Is - ra - el

who was a - ble to flee as on dry ground sing - ing a hymn to the Lord.

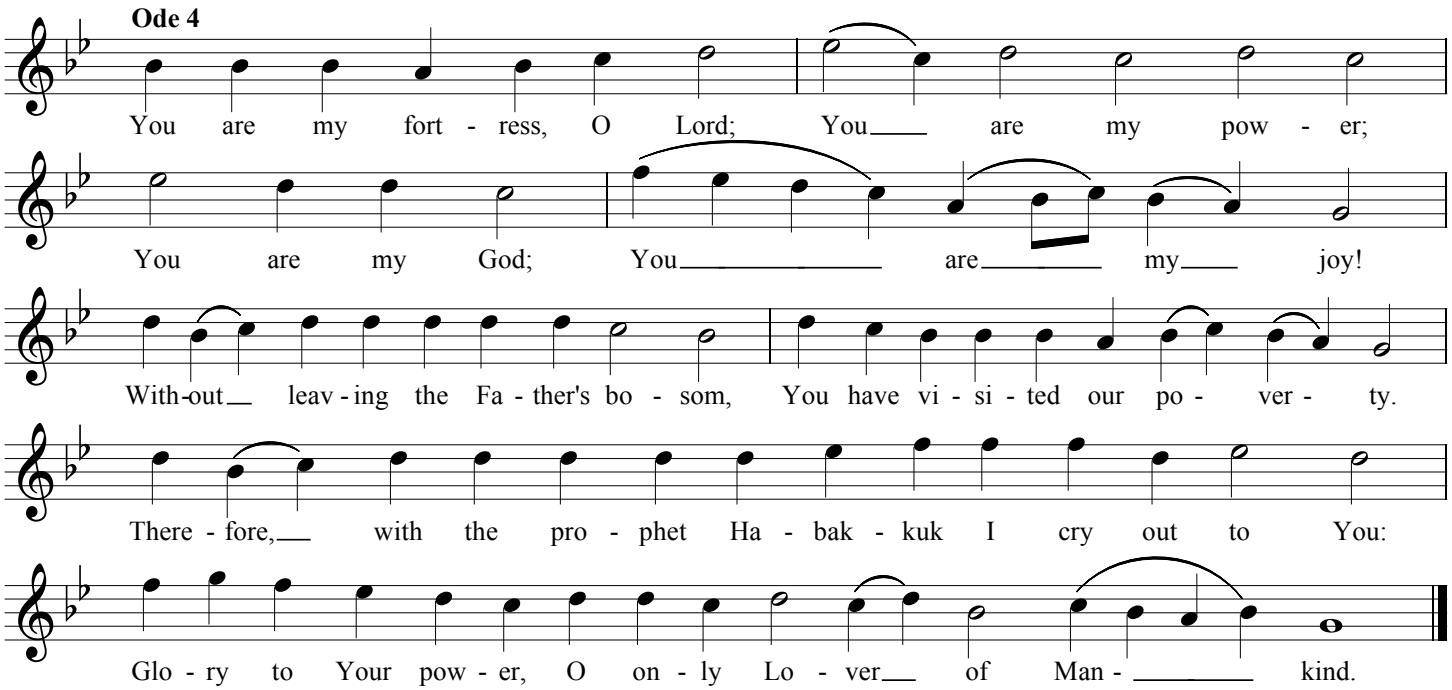
Ode 3

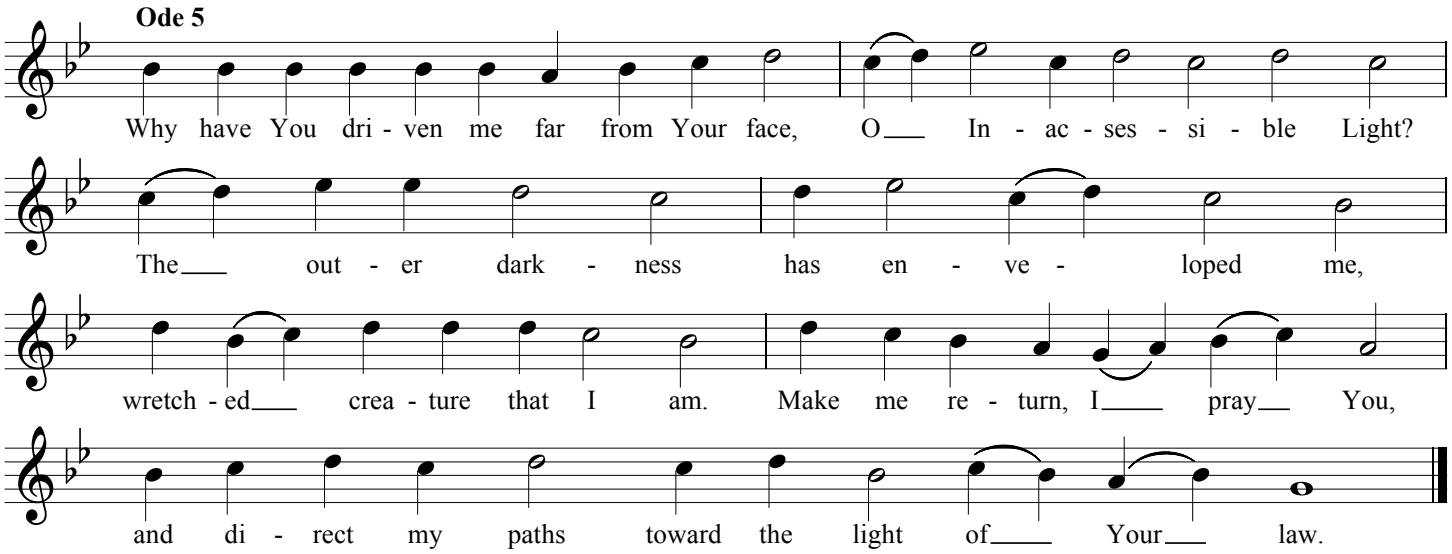
In the be - gin - ning You made the skies firm in Your wis - dom,

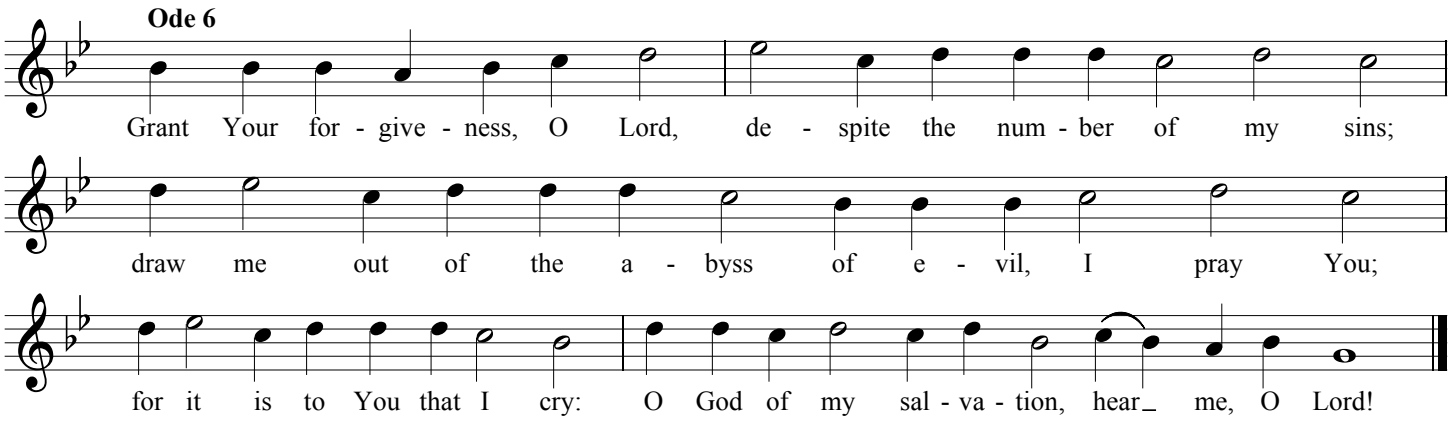
and You found - ed the earth on the wa - ters. O Christ,

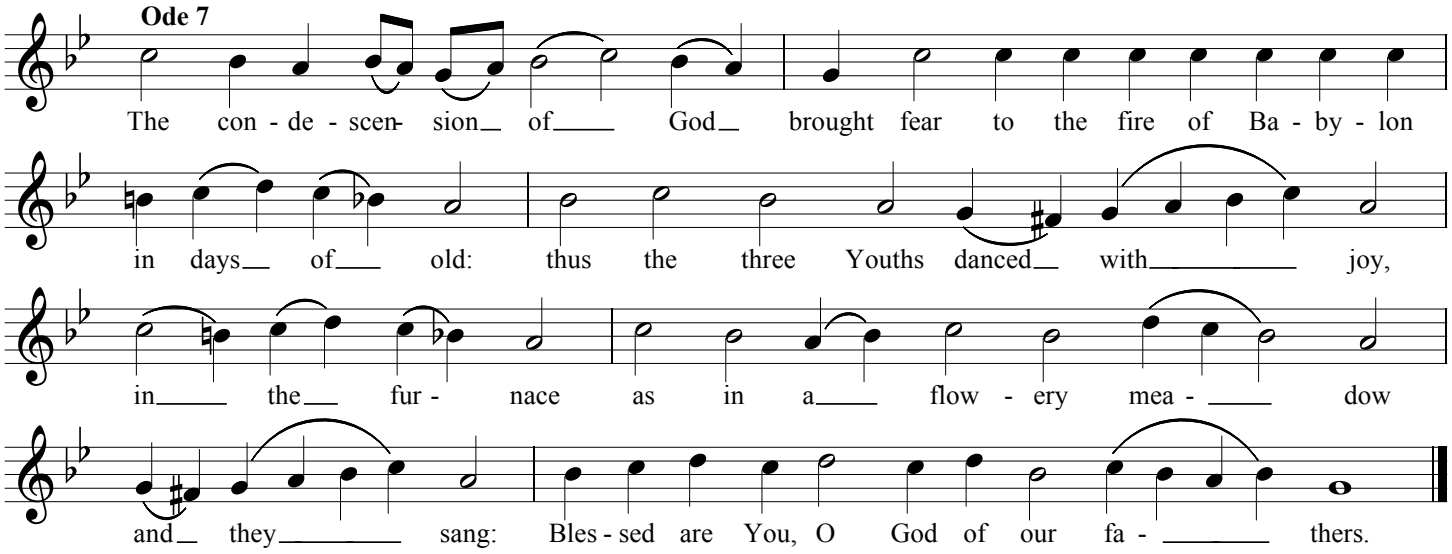
make me firm on the rock of Your com - mand - ments,

for none is ho - ly but You, O on - ly Lov - er of Man - kind.


Ode 4
You are my fort - ress, O Lord; You___ are my pow - er;
You are my God; You_____ are_____ my___ joy!
With-out__ leav - ing the Fa - ther's bo - som, You have vi - si - ted our po - ver - ty.
There - fore,__ with the pro - phet Ha - bak - kuk I cry out to You:
Glo - ry to Your pow - er, O on - ly Lo - ver__ of Man - _____ kind.


Ode 5
Why have You dri - ven me far from Your face, O__ In - ac - ses - si - ble Light?
The___ out - er dark - ness has en - ve - loped me,
wretch - ed___ crea - ture that I am. Make me re - turn, I___ pray__ You,
and di - rect my paths toward the light of___ Your__ law.


Ode 6
Grant Your for - give - ness, O Lord, de - spite the num - ber of my sins;
draw me out of the a - byss of e - vil, I pray You;
for it is to You that I cry: O God of my sal - va - tion, hear me, O Lord!


Ode 7
The con - de - scen- sion of God brought fear to the fire of Ba - by - lon
in days of old: thus the three Youths danced with joy,
in the fur - nace as in a flow - ery mea - dow
and they sang: Bles - sed are You, O God of our fa - thers.

Ode 8

In his fu - ry the ty - rant of the Chal - de - ans

had the fur - nace heat - ed se - ven - fold for the faith - ful ser - vants of the Lord;

but when he saw them saved by a more pow - er - ful

force he cried out: O Youths, bless your Cre - a - tor and Re - deem - er;

you priests, O praise Him; and all you peo - ple ex - alt Him

for all a - ges.

Ode 9

Hea - ven was seized with won - der and the ends of the earth

struck with a - sto - nish - ment when God re - vealed Him - self

clothed in hu - man flesh. and your womb has be - come more spa - cious than the

hea - vens; O God - bear - er,

the an - gels and peo - ple to - ge - ther mag - ni - fy you.