

Stichera at the Great Blessing of Water

The Holy Theophany, the Baptism of Our Lord - January 6

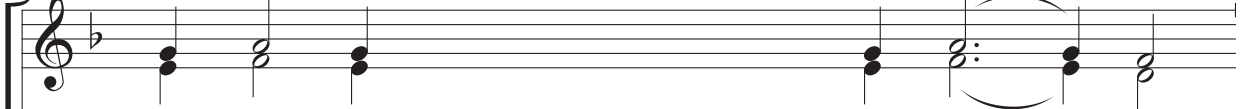
Tone 8

Russian Imperial Court Chant

Sticheron 1 (by Patriarch Sophronios)

arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto




Tenor
Bass

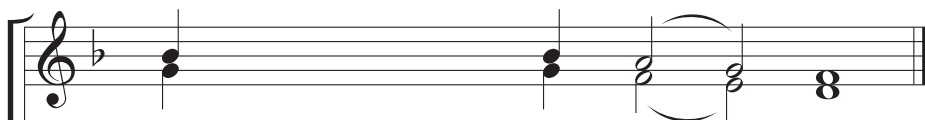

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters cry - ing:



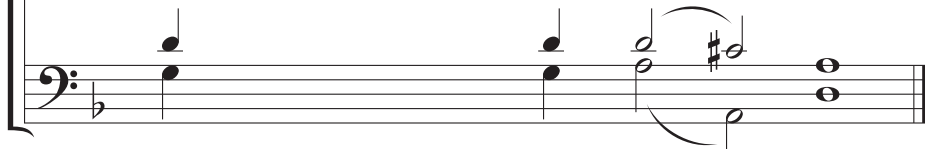
"Come, one and all, re-ceive the Spir - it of wis - dom,



the Spirit of under-stand - ing, the Spirit of the fear — of God, //



from Christ Who now has shone — forth."



Sticheron 2

To-day the nature of the waters is sanc - ti-fied. The Jordan is

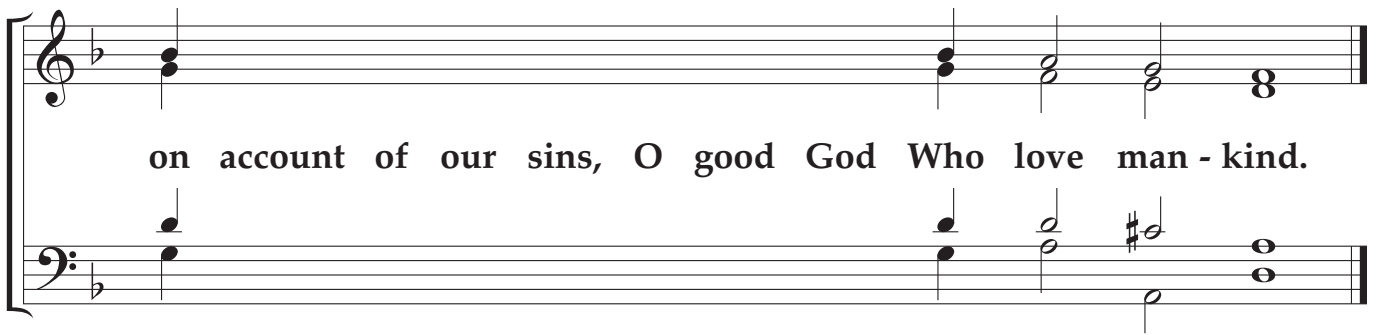
part - ed in two. It holds back the flow of its wa - ters, //
as it beholds the washing of the Mas - ter.

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Sticheron 3

You have come to the river as a Man, O Christ the King,

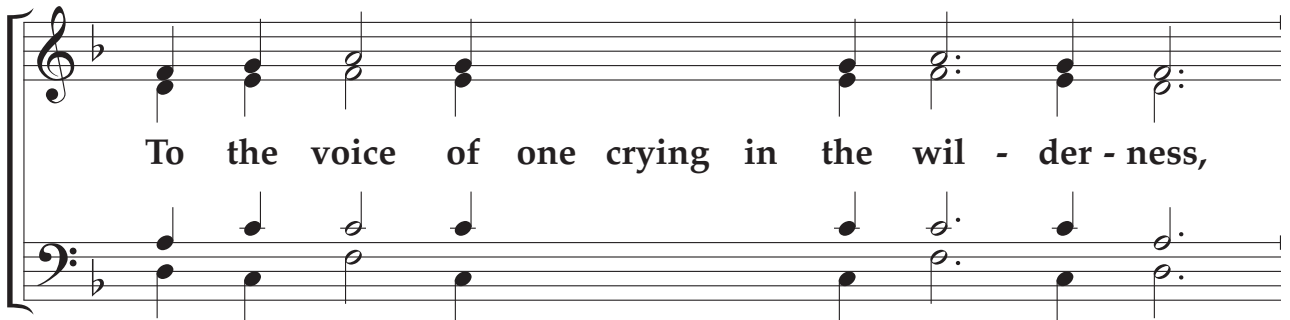
hastening to be baptized like a servant by the Fore - run - ner //
[on account of ...]



on account of our sins, O good God Who love man-kind.

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

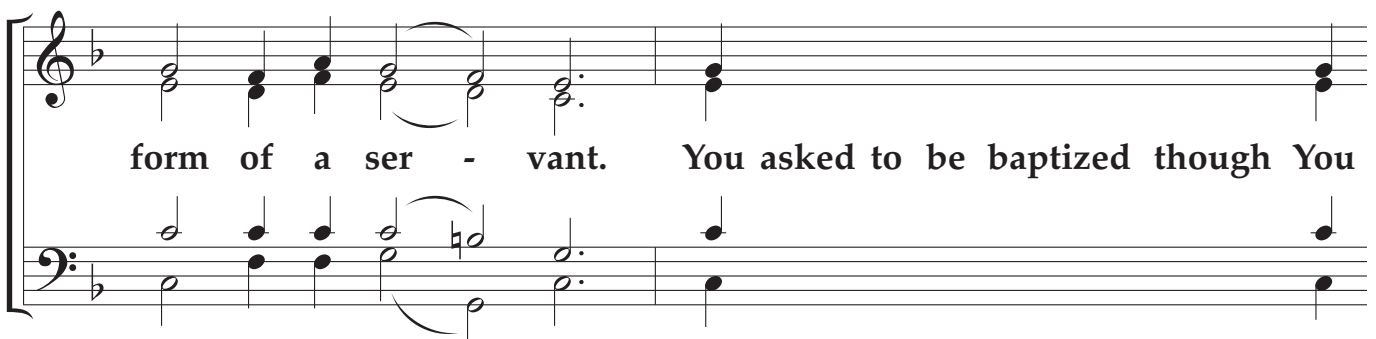
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To the voice of one crying in the wil-der-ness,



"Pre-prepare the way of the Lord!" You came, O Lord, taking the



form of a ser-vant. You asked to be baptized though You



have no knowl-edge of sin. The wa-ters saw You and

[were afraid.]

were a - fraid. The Fore-run-ner trem - bled and cried a - loud:

"How will the Lamp il - lu - mine the Light? How will a servant

lay his hand on the Mas - ter? You take away the

sin of the world, O Sav - ior. // Sanctify both

me and the wa - ters!"