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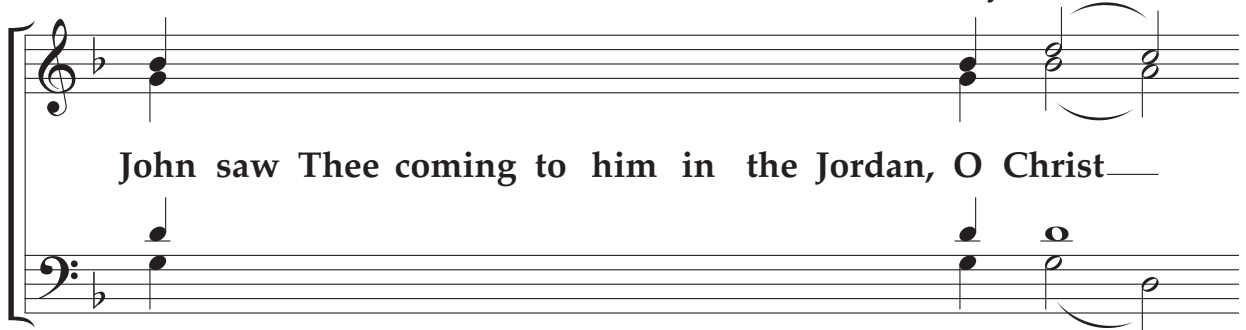
The Holy Theophany, the Baptism of Our Lord - January 6

Tone 2
Sticheron 1

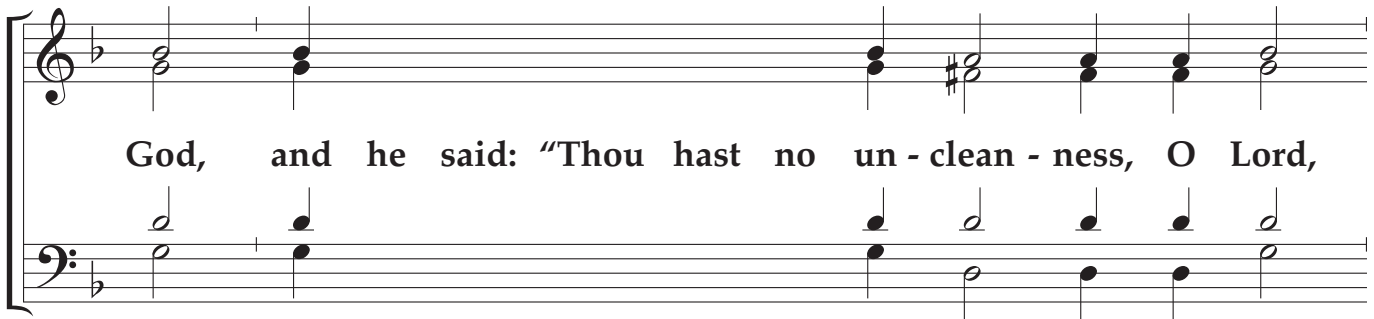
Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. by L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

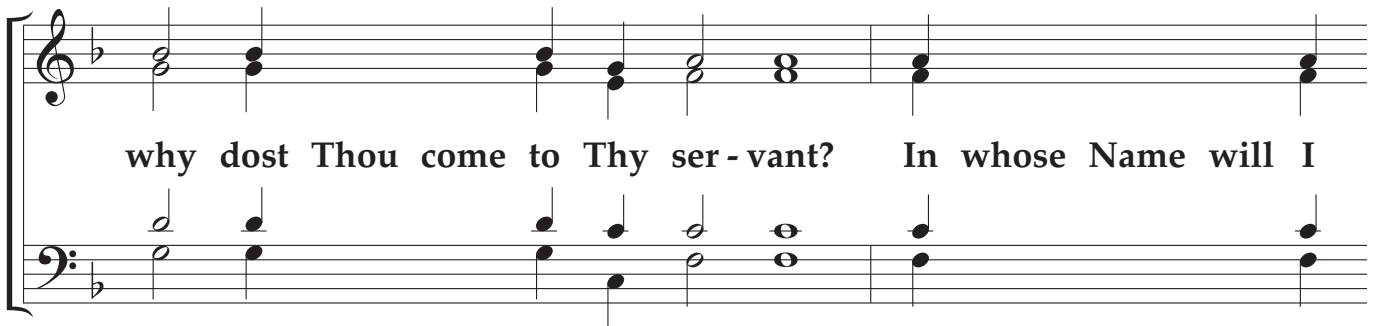
Tenor
Bass



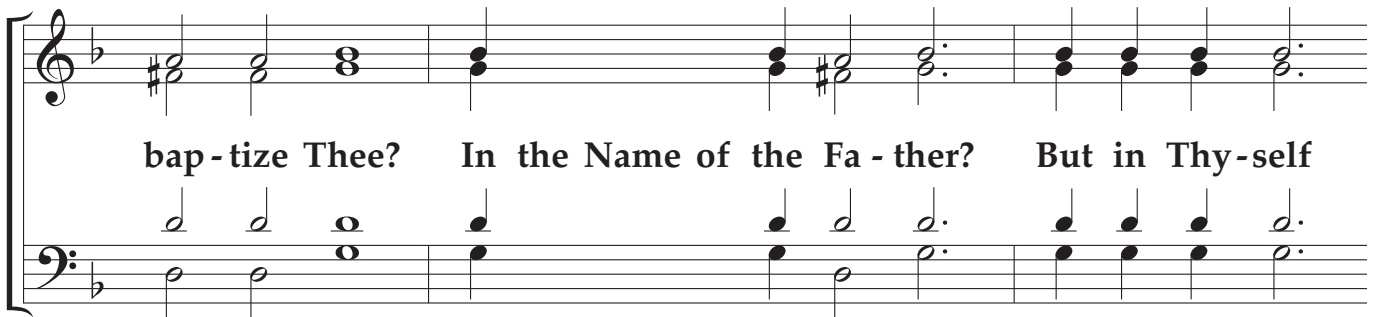
John saw Thee coming to him in the Jordan, O Christ —



God, and he said: "Thou hast no un - clean - ness, O Lord,



why dost Thou come to Thy ser - vant? In whose Name will I



bap - tize Thee? In the Name of the Fa - ther? But in Thy - self

[Thou bearest the Father.]

Thou bear - est the Fa - ther. In the Name of the Son?

But Thou Thyself art the Son in - car - nate. In the Name

of the Ho - ly Spir - it? But by Thy breath Thou canst

give the Spirit to the faith - ful." // O God Who didst shine

forth, have mer - cy on us!

v. The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. (Ps. 113:3)

Sticheron 2

The wa-ters saw Thee, O God, the waters saw Thee and
 were a - fraid. For the Cher - ubim cannot lift up their eyes
 to Thy glo - ry, and the Seraphim cannot gaze at Thee;
 but they stand by Thee in fear: the Cher-ubim bear Thee up,
 and the Ser - a - phim glo - ri - fy Thy might. With them,

[O merciful Lord...]

O merciful Lord, we proclaim Thy praise and say: // "O God

Who hast shone forth, have mer - cy on us!"

v. What ailed thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? O Jordan, that thou didst turn back? (Ps. 113:5)

Sticheron 3

Today the Maker of heaven and earth comes to the Jordan in

hu - man flesh. He Who is sinless asks to be bap - tized,

that He may cleanse the world from the error of the En - e - my.

[The Master of all...]

The Master of all is baptized by a ser-vant; through wa - ter

He gives cleansing to the hu - man race. Let us cry a -

loud to Him: // "O God Who hast shone forth, - glo - ry to Thee!"