

THE CANON HOLY PENTECOST

Ode 1

choir: In the sea hath he covered Pharoah and his chariots...

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: Thou hast shone forth as light to the world, O Christ, the lover of mankind, by sending the comforting Spirit as thou promised Thy disciples!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: That which was foretold by the Law and the prophets is fulfilled: Today the grace of the Holy Spirit Has been poured out upon all believers!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: The pure and sacred Word cried out: 'I will not be separated from you, my friends, for sitting upon the throne with the Father, I will pour out the grace of the Spirit upon those who desire it.'

reader 1: Glory...now & ever... Amen.

reader 2: Having performed His task, the Word calms the heart. Having accomplished his work, Christ gladdens His friends By granting them the Spirit as He promised, In a great breath and fiery tongue!

Ode 3

choir: Thou, O Christ, didst say to Thy disciples....

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: The power with which the divine Spirit descended harmonizes the dissonant voices, granting believers knowledge of the Trinity in whom we are established.

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: The divine manner is incomprehensible, for the fishermen who were unlearned are now eloquent, overcoming all with their speech,

bringing countless nations out from the darkest night with the enlightenment of the Spirit.

reader 1: Glory...now & ever... Amen.

reader 2: The all-powerful, shining light, proceeding from the eternal light, being the Image of the Father: The Son is now revealed to all the nations by the fiery sound on Zion!

Ode 4

choir: Foreseeing Thy coming, O Christ, in the latter days...

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: He who spoke through the Prophets and was foretold in the Law: The Comforter, the true God, is known today by the witnesses and ministers of the Word!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: Bearing the sign of divinity, the Spirit was distributed among the Apostles by strange tongues of fire because the power of the Father is unequalled.

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: Thou hast established the washing of regeneration by a word, O Word of God and union of natures, and now Thou dost cause this water to flow for me from Thy wounded but incorrupt side, sealing it with the warmth of the Spirit!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: The light has shone from the grace of the Spirit, and all things bend their knees to the Comforter, the Son and the Father, for they behold three persons in the true essence: unapproachable, eternal and one.

reader 1: Glory... now & ever... Amen.

reader 2: Let whoever serves the triply-lit essence be filled with divinity, for Christ, the Benefactor, has perfected and illumined us for salvation by granting all the grace of the Spirit!

Ode 5

choir: Because of fear of Thee, O Lord...

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: Today power has come upon us: The good Spirit, the Spirit of divine Wisdom, the Spirit who proceeds from the Father! Through the Son He appears to the faithful, dwelling in them in the holiness by which He is known!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: As the Word has spoken, the Spirit came freely from the Father, granting wisdom to the speech of the Apostles, sealing them with the life-giving Word, Who is the Image of the Father, and equal to Him in power.

reader 1: Glory... now & ever... Amen.

reader 2: The Almighty God, the Word, cleansed the minds of the Apostles, building them to be pure dwellings for the light of the Spirit, Who is one nature with Him and equal to Him in power.

Ode 6

choir: Sailing on billows of the cares of life...

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: As Thou didst say, Thou hast poured out Thy spirit on all flesh Filling all with the knowledge of Thee: The incorruptibly born Son of the Father, And the Spirit, united with the Father!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: Renew in us, O Almighty One, the right Spirit for whom we long, that we may ever have Him who is united to the Father by proceeding from Him, and who purges with fire the stains made by the stranger, cleansing our minds.

reader 1: Glory... now & ever... Amen.

reader 2: As for the Apostles in Sion who awaited Thy coming, O Spirit, Thou, with Thy fiery breath, hast consecrated them with a coveted

dignity: even the knowledge of the Word, begotten of the Father, which swiftly exposed the cruel prattle of the heathens' babblings.

choir sings the kontakion: When the Most High came down and confused the tongues....

reader: Ikos - Grant swift and steadfast consolation to Thy servants, O Lord Jesus Christ, when our spirit is downcast within us. Do not depart from our souls in affliction, do not be far from our thoughts in time of trouble, but always defend us. Draw near to us, for Thou art present everywhere. As Thou art ever with Thine Apostles, so also, bountiful One, unite Thyself to those who long for Thee...//

choir: Therefore, with one voice we glorify the all holy Spirit!

Ode 7

choir: Thrown into the fiery furnace, the holy youths...

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: The working of the Holy Spirit Made the Apostles proclaim divine things, but the unbelievers thought this was drunkenness! Through the Apostles we know the Trinity as the one God of our fathers!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: We rightly glorify the undivided nature: the unoriginate God the Father, and the equally powerful Word and Spirit, calling out: 'Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers!'

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: Not understanding the voice of the prophet, the foolish thought it drunkenness when they heard the Apostles speak in strange tongues. But those who fear God divinely cry: 'Blessed art Thou, O Benefactor of all!'

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: With a voice like thunder, the divinely inspired Joel, the seer of visions, spoke the sacred words of God the Word: "Those upon whom I will

pour out my spirit shall exclaim: ‘Blessed art Thou, one nature in three Lights!’”

reader 1: Glory... now & ever... Amen.

reader 2: Grace was distributed at the third hour to teach us that at one hour we shall honor the three persons in a unity of power: Blessed art Thou, Father, Son, and Spirit!

Ode 8

choir: The bush on Sinai, burning with fire...

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: When the life-giving breath of the all-Holy Spirit descended upon the fishermen with a rushing sound and in fiery tongues, they proclaimed the glorious works of the Lord: ‘Praise the Lord, all works of the Lord, and exalt Him throughout all the ages!’ As those who walked upon the mountain which could not be touched did not fear the dreadful fire, let us go up and stand on Mount Zion, the city of the living God, and with the spirit-bearing Apostles cry out: ‘Praise the Lord, all works of the Lord, and exalt Him throughout all the ages!’

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: Christ told the Apostles the teaching of salvation as He heard it from the Father. Now the Spirit descends on them in the form of tongues that they may remember all. Therefore all creation, once alienated, but now reconciled, praises Thee, the Blessed One!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: Thou camest as a Savior to invest the Apostles with that Light which came of Itself, being Lord and Light and Giver of light. Thou dost distribute to Thy suppliants as It were a cherished breeze, the prayed-for Spirit.

reader 1: Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

reader 2: The prophets sang of Thine incarnation, O King, and with the coming of the uncreated Spirit, co-enthroned, from the bosom of the Father, the faithful sing praises together with them.

choir: We praise, bless, and worship the Lord...

Ode 9

choir: O thou who without corruption gavest birth...

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: The flaming chariot which carried the zealot in gladness prefigured the radiant breath which now shines on the Apostles, leading them to reveal the Trinity to all!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: When the disciples spoke, strange things were heard: things foreign to the laws of nature! Speaking with one voice, by the grace of the Spirit, different peoples, tribes and nations heard of the wonders of God, learning of the Trinity!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: It is good to hymn the life-giving maiden! She alone carried in her womb the Word, Who came to heal mankind's diseased nature, and now sitting at the right hand of the Father, He sends down the grace of the Spirit!

reader 1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

reader 2: He upon whom the grace breathed by God has come is made brilliant and shining, wondrously changed in glory! We who have seen the nature equal in might, indivisible, filled with wisdom, and triply radiant, ever glorify Him!

reader 1: Glory... now & ever... Amen

choir – katavasia Ode 9: Rejoice, O Queen, boast of virgins and mothers...

