

'Lord I Call' - Annunciation

March 25

Reader (7): Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Reader (6): If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Reader (5): For Thy name's sake I have waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Tone 6

Obikhod

Revealing to thee the pre - eternal coun - sel, Gabriel came and stood
before thee, O Maid - en, and greeting thee, he said:
"Rejoice, O earth that has not been sown! Rejoice, burning bush
that re - mains un - con - sumed! Rejoice, un - search - a - ble depth!
Rejoice, bridge that leads to Heav - en! Rejoice, ladder raised on high that Ja - cob saw!

Rejoice, divine jar of man - na! Rejoice, de - liv - er - ance from the curse!

Rejoice, restoration of A - dam; the Lord is with thee!"

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a vocal piece. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the lyrics: "Rejoice, divine jar of man - na! Rejoice, de - liv - er - ance from the curse!". The second system contains the lyrics: "Rejoice, restoration of A - dam; the Lord is with thee!". The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some notes tied across bar lines.

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Reader (4): From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Reader (3): For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Tone 6

Obikhod

"Thou dost appear to me in the form of a man,"

said the undefiled Maid to the chief of the Heav - en - ly Hosts.

"How then dost thou speak to me of things that pass man's pow'r?

Thou hast said that God shall be with me

and shall take up His dwell - ing in my womb.

How shall I become the spacious ha - bi - ta - tion

and the holy place of Him Who rideth upon the Cher - u - bim?

Do not deceive me with trick - er - y; for I have not known plea - sure,

I have not entered into wed - lock. How then shall I bear a Child?"

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Reader (2): Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Reader (1): For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Tone 6

Obikhod

Then the bodiless An - gel re - plied: "When God
so willeth, the order of nature is o - ver - come, and what is
beyond man comes to pass. Believe that my say - ings are true,
O all - holy and immaculate La - dy!" And she cried a - loud:
"Let it be to me ac - cord - ing to thy word,
and I shall bear Him Who is with - out flesh!

He shall borrow flesh from me, that through this union of na - tures

He may lead man up to his ancient glor - y, for He alone has power so to do."

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Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6

Obikhod

The Archangel Gabriel was sent from heav - en,
to announce to the Virgin the good news of her con - ceiv - ing.
And coming to Nazareth, he was filled with wonder at the mir - a - cle,
and reasoned with-in him-self: "How is it that He Who dwell - eth on high,
and Whom none can comprehend, is to be born of a Vir - gin?
How is He, Whose throne is Heaven and Whose foot - stool is the earth,

to be contained in the womb of a wom - an? He upon Whom the

six-winged Seraphim and the many-eyed Cherubim are not a - ble to gaze

is well - pleased to be made flesh from her at a sin - gle word.

It is the Word of God Who is to come.

Why then do I hesitate, and not say to the Maid - en:

Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Rejoice, pure Vir - gin! Rejoice, Bride without Bride - groom!

Rejoice, O Moth - er of the Life! Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb!"