

FEBRUARY 2

The Meeting of the Lord

GREAT VESPERS

At Lord, I have cried. *Stichera*

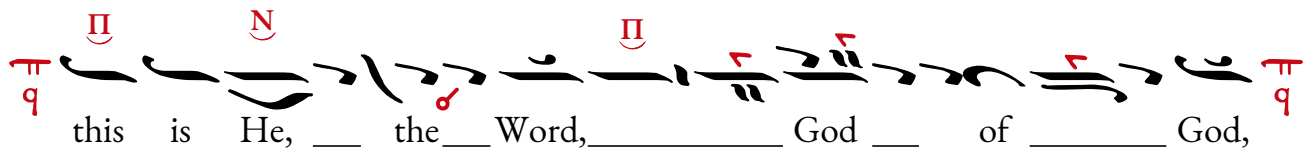
Mode $\frac{4}{9}$ Pa ♀

By Patriarch Germanos

1st Sticheron

 im - e - on, __ tell __ us, whom dost thou bear __
in thine __ arms, __ that thou dost re - joice so __ great - - ly in __
the Tem - - - ple? __ To whom dost thou cry and _ shout: Now am __
I set __ free, __ for I __ have seen __ my Sav - - - iour? 'This
is He who was born __ of a __ Vir - - - gin; this is He, the
__ Word, God __ of __ God, who for our sakes has __ tak - en __
flesh __ and has saved man.' Let __ us wor - - - ship __
Him.

** Alternate line:*



2nd Sticheron

π
q

Π

M

Π

π
q

e - ceive, O ___ Sim - e - on, Him whom Mo - ses once be - held

M

Π

___ in ___ dark - ness grant - ing ___ the ___ Law on Si - -

M

Π

- nai, and who has now be - come a ___ babe ___ sub - -

M

- ject to ___ the ___ Law. This is He who spoke ___ through ___

Π

π
q

the ___ Law: this is He whose ___ voice was heard ___ in ___ the

π
qπ
q

proph - - - ets, who for our sakes has ___ tak - en ___ flesh and has

saved man. Let ___ us wor - - - ship ___ Him.

π
q

* Alternate line:

Π

N

Π

π
qπ
q

this is He whose voice was heard in ___ the proph - - - ets,

3rd Sticheron

π
q

Π

ome, and with di - vine _____ songs _____ let us al - so

go _____ to meet _____ Christ _____ and let us re - ceive Him whose sal - va -

tion Sim - - e - on _____ saw. This is He whom Da -

- vid an - nounced: this is He whose words the proph - ets ut

- - - tered, who for our sakes has _____ tak - en _____ flesh _____ and speaks to

us in the Law. Let _____ us wor - - - ship _____ Him.

* Alternate line:

π
q Π N Π π
q this is He whose words the proph - ets ut - - - tered,

Glory. Both now.

Mode  Pa 

By John the Monk



et the gate of __ heav - en be o - - pened __ to
 - - day: for He who is with - out be - gin - ning, the Word of
 __ the Fa - - - ther, has made a be - gin - ning in __ time with - out
 for - sak - ing His __ di - vin - i - - - ty, and as a
 babe __ for - - ty days __ old He is of His own __ will
 brought by the Vir - gin __ His __ Moth - - - er as an of - fer -
 - ing in the tem - ple of __ the __ Law. Thē El - der
 re - ceived Him __ in his __ arms, cry - ing as a ser - vant to the __
 __ Mas - - - ter: 'Let __ me de - part: for mine eyes __
 have __ seen __ Thy sal - va - - - tion.' Glo - ry to Thee,
 O __ Lord, who hast come in - to the world __ to save __ man -

- kind. _____



Alternate line:

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cry - ing as a _____ ser - - vant _____ to _____ the _____ Mas-

- - ter: 'Let _____ me _____ de - - part: for my eyes have _____

seen _____ Your sal - va - - - tion.' Glo - ry to _____ You, _____

_____ O _____ Lord, _____ who have come in - to the world _____ to save _____

man- - kind. _____



*At the Lity. Stichera*Mode $\frac{4}{q}$ Pa ♀*1st Sticheron. By Anatolios*

he An - - - cient of ___ Days, who in times past gave
 Mo - ses the Law ___ on ___ Si - nai, ap - pears this day ___
 as ___ a ___ babe. As Mak - er of the Law ___ He ful - fils
 the ___ Law, and ac - cord - ing to the Law He is
 brought in - to ___ the ___ tem - ple and giv - en ___ o - -
 - ver to ___ the El - - - der. Sim - e - on the right - eous re -
 - ceives ___ Him, and be - hold - ing the ful - fil - ment of the
 di - vine ___ or - di - nance now ___ brought to ___ pass, re - joic - ing ___
 he cries ___ a - - - loud: 'Mine eyes have seen ___ the
 mys - ter - y ___ hid - den from ___ the ___ ag -
 - - - es, made man - i - fest in these lat - - - ter ___

— days, the Light that dis - pers - es the dark fol - - ly of the
 Gen - tiles with - out — faith and the Glo - - ry of the new - ly -
 - cho - sen Is - - - ra - - - el. There - fore let Thy ser - vant
 de - part from the bonds — of this — flesh to the life filled with —
 won - der that knows — nei - ther age nor — end, — O Thou who grant -
 - est the world great — mer - - - cy.'

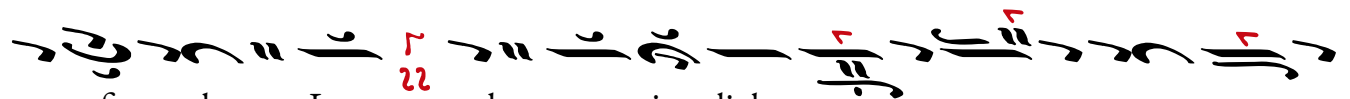
2nd Sticheron
By John the Monk



o - day He who once gave the law to Mo - ses on __ Si -
 - - nai sub - mits Him - self to thē or - di - nanc - es __ of the __ Law,
 in His com - pas - sion be - com - ing for our _____ sakes __
 as we _____ are. Now the God of pu - ri - ty as a ho
 - ly __ child has o - pened a __ pure __ womb, and as God He is
 brought as an of - fer - ing to Him - self, set - ting us free from the
 curse _____ of the __ Law and __ grant - ing light _____ to __
 our _____ souls.

Alternate ending:

Now the God of pu - ri - ty as a __ ho - - - ly _____
 child has o - pened a pure __ womb, and as God He is
 brought as an of - fer - ing to Him - self, set - ting us free from the curse __



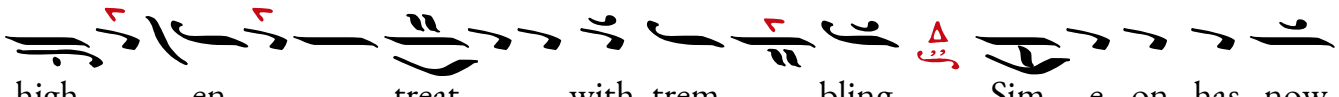
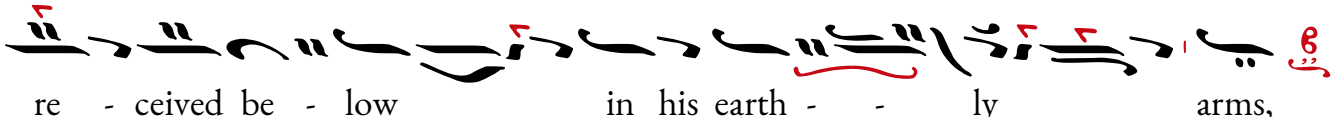
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 souls.



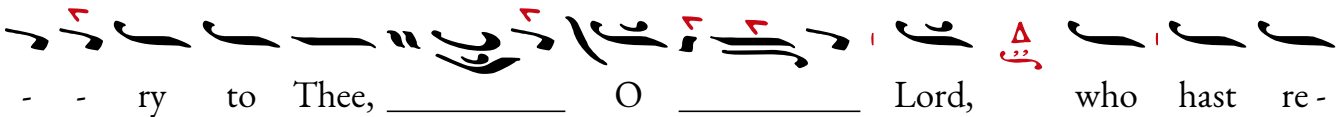
*3rd Sticheron*Mode  Thi *By Andrew Pyros*


 im whom the _____ Min - is - ters at the Lit - ur - gy on

 high _____ en - - treat _____ with trem - bling, Sim - e - on has now

 re - ceived be - low _____ in his earth - - ly _____ arms,

 and he pro-claims the un - ion of the God - - head with _____ man -

 - kind. See - ing the heav - - en - ly _____ God as mor - - -

 - tal _____ man, he makes read - y to with-draw from _____ earth - ly _____

 things, _____ and rais - - - es his cry _____ in _____ joy: 'Glo -

 - - ry to Thee, _____ O _____ Lord, who hast re -

 -vealed _____ to those in _____ dark - - - ness _____ the Light that knows _____

 no _____ eve - - - ning.'

*Alternate opening:*Mode  Thi 

im whom the Min - is - ters at the Lit - ur - gy on __ high __

en - treat with __ trem - -bling,

Alternate ending:

who hast re - vealed to __ those __ in __ dark - - ness

the __ light that knows __ no __ eve - - ning.'

*4th Sticheron**By Germanos*

o - day Sim - e - on takes in his arms the
 Lord of Glo - - - ry whom Mo - ses saw of old in the
 dark - - - ness, when on Mount Si - nai he re - ceived the ta - bles
 of the Law. This is He who speaks through the proph - - - ets;
 He is the Cre - a - - tor of the Law. This is
 He whom Da - - - vid an - nounced; He is fear - - - ful
 to all, yet has great and a - bun - dant mer -
 - - - cy.

Final ending:

yet has great and a - bun - dant mer - - - - cy.

*5th Sticheron**By Germanos or John the Monk*

he ho - ly Vir - gin of - fered in the _____ Ho - ly _____ Place _____
 Him _____ who _____ is Ho - ly, _____ giv - ing Him to the min -
 - is - ter of ho - - ly _____ things. And Sim - e - on _____ with
 ex - ceed - ing _____ joy _____ re - ceived Him in his out - - - stretched _____
 arms, _____ and _____ he _____ cried _____ out: _____ 'O Mas - - ter, now
 lett - est Thou Thy ser - vant de - - part in _____ peace _____ ac - cord - ing
 to Thy _____ word, _____ O _____ Lord.'

Final ending:

ac - cord - ing to Thy _____ word, _____ O _____ Lord. _____



*6th Sticheron**By the same*

he Cre - a - tor of heav - - en and ___ earth is car -
 - ried ___ to - - day by ho - ly Sim - e - on ___ the
 El - der in ___ his ___ arms: and he said ___ in the Ho - -
 - ly Spir - it: 'Now ___ am ___ I ___ set ___ free, for
 I ___ have ___ be - held ___ my Sav - - - iour.'

7th Sticheron

By Anatolios or Andrew of Jerusalem



To - day Sim - e - on the El - der en - ters the tem - - ple
 re - joic - ing in spir - it, to re - ceive in his arms Him who gave
 the Law to Mo - ses and who Him - self ful - fills the
 Law. For Mo - - ses was count - ed wor - thy to
 see God through dark - ness and sounds not clear;
 and with his face cov - - - - - ered he re - buked the
 un - be - liev - ing hearts of the He - - - brews. But
 Sim - e - on car - - - ried the pre - e - ter - nal Word of the
 Fa - ther in bod - - - i - ly form, and he re
 - vealed the Light of the Gen - - - tiles, the Cross and the
 Res - - - ur - - - rec - - - - tion; and An - na was proved to be


 a __proph-et - ess, preach-ing the Sav - iour and De - liv - er - er ____

 of Is - - ra - - - el. Un - to Him let us ____ cry a -

 - - loud: O Christ ____ our ____ God, through the The - o -

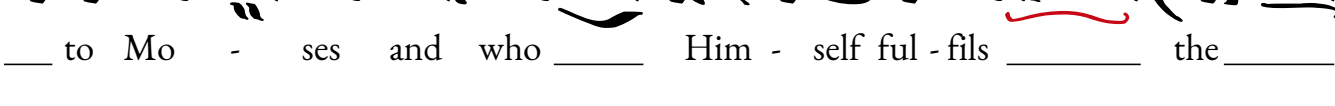
 - to - - kos have __mer - - cy __ on ____ us.

Alternate opening:

Mode  Thi 

 
 o - day __ Sim - e - on the ____ El - - der en - ters ____ the

 tem - ple re - joic - ing in __ spir - - - it, to re - ceive

 ____ in __ his ____ arms Him who gave the ____ Law ____

 __ to Mo - ses and who ____ Him - self ful - fils ____ the ____

 __ Law.

*8th Sticheron **
By Andrew of Crete



o - day the ho - ly Moth - er who is high - er than an - y ____
 tem - - - ple, has come in - to the tem - ple, dis - clos - ing
 to the ____ world the Mak - er ____ of ____ the ____ world
 and Giv - - er ____ of ____ the ____ Law. Sim - e - on
 thē El - der re - ceives Him in his ____ arms and, ven - er - at - ing Him,
 he ____ cries ____ a - - loud: 'Now lett - est Thou Thy ser -
 - - vant de - part, for I have seen ____ Thee, ____ the Sav - iour
 of our ____ souls.'

** This hymn is also the Glory at Lord, I have cried at Small Vespers.*

Glory.

Mode $\pi \dot{q}$ Pa φ

By the same



earch the__ Scrip - - tures, as Christ our God _____ said_____

_____ in _____ the Gos - - - pels. For in them we _____ find _____ Him

born _____ as _____ a _____ child and bound _____ in _____ swad -

- - dling _____ clothes, laid in a _____ man - - ger and fed

_____ up - on _____ milk, re - ceiv - ing cir - cum - ci - sion

and car - ried _____ by Sim - - - e - - - on: not in

fan - cy nor in im - ag - - - i - na - - - tion but in

ver - y _____ truth _____ has He ap - peared _____ un - to _____ the _____

world. To Him _____ let us _____ cry _____ a - - - loud:

Glo -- ry to Thee, O pre - e - ter - nal _____ God. _____

Both now.

Mode $\pi \dot{q}$ Pa φ *By Germanos or Anatolios*

T Π hē An - - - - - cient of Days, κ a young

child in the flesh, Δ φ was brought to the tem - ple by

His Moth - er the Vir - - gin, Δ π ful - fil - ling thē or - di - nance

of His own Law. $\pi \dot{q}$ Re - ceiv - ing Him, Sim - - e -

- on said: φ Δ π 'Now lett - est Thou Thy ser - - vant de -

- part in peace Δ π ac - cord - - ing to Thy word, Δ π for mine

eyes have seen Thy sal - va - - - tion, O Lord.' $\pi \dot{q}$

Alternate opening:

T Π hē An - - - - - cient of Days, $\pi \dot{q}$ a

young child in the flesh, φ

*At the Aposticha. Stichera**By Cosmas of Maiuma*Mode $\overline{\alpha\psi}$ Ga ϕ *1st Sticheron*

- dorn thy brid - al cham - ber, O Zi - on, and wel - come Christ the
 King; sa - lute ___ Mar - y, the heav - en - ly gate. For she has been
 made ___ as the throne of the cher - u - bim, and she car - ries the King
 of glo - ry. A cloud of light is the Vir - gin, who has
 borne in the flesh the Son be - got - ten be - fore the morn - ing star. Sim - e -
 - on, tak - ing Him in his arms, pro - claimed ___ to the peo - ples: 'This is
 the Lord of life and death and the Sav - iour of the world.'

Verse

ⲓⲁⲓ ⲛⲓ

ⲁⲓⲁ ⲛⲓ

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word:

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ⲓ

for mine eyes have seen ___ Thy sal - va - tion.

(Luke 2:29-30)

ⲓⲁⲓ

2nd Sticheron



ⲓ

ⲛ

he Moth - er who has nev - er known wed - lock has brought in - to

the tem - ple Him who shone forth be - fore thē ag - es from the Fa - ther,

ⲓⲁⲓ

ⲛ

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ⲓ

and who in the lat - ter times was born from a vir - gin womb. He who

ⲛ

gave the Law up-on Mount Si - nai, ⲁⲓⲁ makes Him-self o - be - di - ent to thē

ⲓ

ⲓ

ⲛ

or - di - nance of the Law; and she has brought Him to the priest and

right - eous El - der, ⲁⲓⲁ whose ap - point - ed lot it was to see ___ Christ the

ⲛ

Lord. ⲓⲁⲓ Sim - e - on, re - ceiv - ing Him in his arms, ___ great - ly re - joiced, cry - ing

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ⲛ

a - loud: ⲁⲓⲁ 'This is God co - e - ter - nal with the Fa - ther, ⲁⲓⲁ and the

ⲓ

De - liv - er - er of our souls.'

ⲓⲁⲓ

Verse


 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple

 (Luke 2:29-30)
 Is - ra - el.

3rd Sticheron


 he The - o - to - kos Mar - y car - ried in her arms Him who is
 borne a - loft up - on the char - i - ot of the cher - u - bim, and praised in
 song ____ by the ser - a - phim, who was made flesh of her with - out ____
 know - ing wed - lock, the Giv - er of the Law who ful - fils the com - mand -
 - ment of the Law. She gave ____ Him in - to thē arms of the priest and El -
 - der; and hold - ing the Life, he asked to be re - leased from life, ____
 say - ing: 'Now, O Mas - ter, let me de - part to de - clare to
 Ad - am that I have seen the pre - e - ter - nal God and the Sav -
 - iour of the world made a babe with - out un - der - go - ing change.'

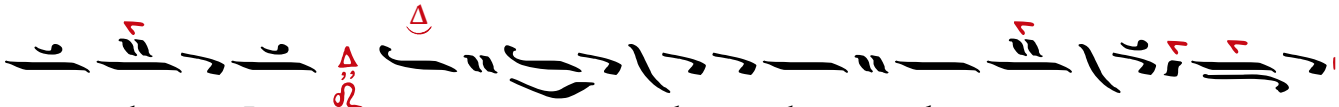
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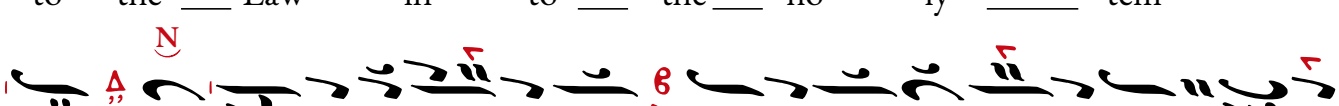
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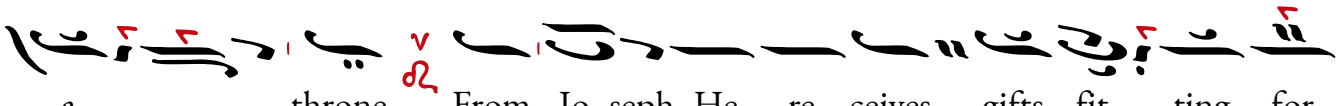



 e who is borne on high by the ___ cher - u - bim  and praised


 in hymns by the ___ ser - a - phim,  is brought to - day ac - cord - ing


 to the ___ Law  in - to ___ the ___ ho - ly ___ tem - - -

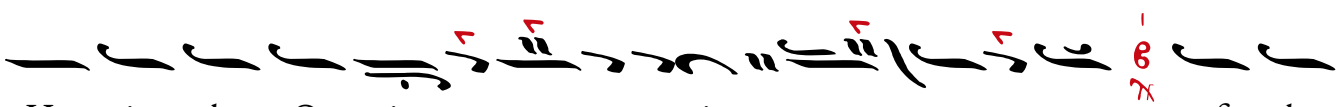

 - ple  and rests ___ in the ___ arms  of the El - der as ___ on ___


 a ___ throne. From Jo - seph He re - ceives ___ gifts fit - ting for

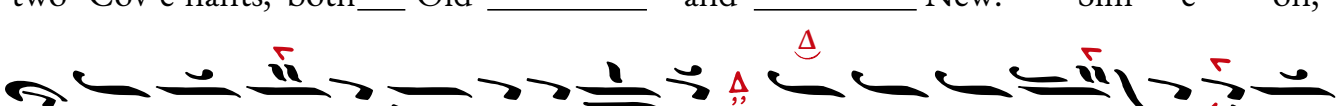

 ___ God:  a pair ___ of ___ doves,  sym-bol of the ___


 ___ spot-less Church  and of the new - ly - cho - sen ___ peo - ple of


 the ___ Gen - - - tiles;  and two young ___ pi - - geons,  for


 He is the O - rig - - - i - na - - - tor  of the


 two Cov-e-nants, both ___ Old ___ and ___ New.  Sim - e - on,


 hav - ing now been ___ grant - - - ed  the ful - fill - - ment ___ of


 the ___ proph-e - cies con - cern - - ing ___ him - - self,


 bless - es the ___ Vir - - gin and The - o - to - - - kos ___ Mar -

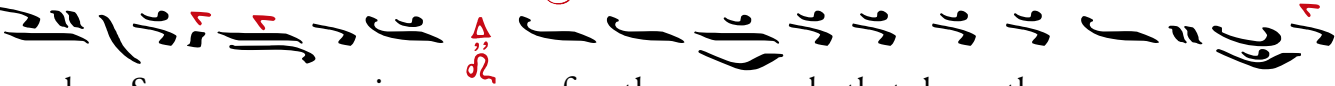

 - - - y, and fore - tells in _____ fig - - ures the Pas - sion of ___


 _____ her _____ Son. From Him he ___ begs re - lease, cry - ing


 a - loud: "Now let me de - part, ___ O ___ Mas - - ter, as Thou


 hast be - - fore prom - - ised ___ to _____ me: for I have ___


 seen _____ Thee the pre - e - ter - nal ___ Light, the Lord ___


 and Sav - - - iour of the peo - ple that bear the name _____


 of _____ Christ." _____

FEBRUARY 2

The Meeting of the Lord

ORTHROS (MATINS)

After the Gospel

Mode  Pa 

Verse



Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy, and according to the multitude

of Thy compassions  blot out _____ my _____ trans - gress - - - ions. 

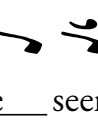
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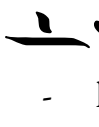


et the gate of _____ heav - en be o - - - pened _____ to
 - - day:  for He who is with - out be - gin - ning, the Word of
 _____ the _____ Fa - - - ther, has made a be - gin - ning in _____ time with - out
 for - sak - ing His _____ di - vin - i - - - ty, and as a
 babe _____ for - - ty days _____ old He is of His own _____ will
 brought by the Vir - gin _____ His _____ Moth - - - er as an of - fer -


 -ing in the tem - ple of ____ the ____ Law. Thē El - der

 re - ceived Him__ in his __ arms, cry - ing as a ser - vant to the __


 ____ Mas - - ter: 'Let ____ me de - part: for mine eyes __

 have__ seen____ Thy sal - va - - - tion.' Glo - ry to Thee,

 O __ Lord, who hast come in - to the world__ to save____ man -

 - kind. _____

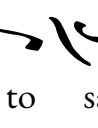
Alternate line:



 cry - ing as a ____ ser - - - vant__ to ____ the __ Mas -


 - - ter: 'Let ____ me __ de - - - part: for my eyes have__

 seen____ Your sal - va - - - tion.' Glo - ry to __ You, __


 ____ O __ Lord, who have come in - to the world__ to save____

 man - - kind. _____

At the Praises

Glory. Both now.

Mode  Pa 

              
 Christ _____ our _____ God, who hast been pleased

                
 to__ rest this _____ day _____ in thē arms of _____ thē El - - - der

                
 as up - on the char - iot of the cher - - - u - - - bim,

                
 from the tyr - an - ny _____ of the pas - - sions _____ now

                
 de - liv - er _____ us who sing Thy prais - es, _____ and save _____

                
 _____ our _____ souls.

Alternate line:

                
 from the tyr - an - ny _____ of the pas - - sions now _____ de -

                
 - liv - er _____ us _____ who _____ sing _____ Thy _____ prais - - - es, _____

                
 and save _____ our _____ souls.

*Another Setting*Mode  Pa 

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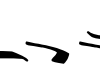



Christ our God, who hast been pleased to rest













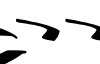



this day in the arms of the El - - der as up - on

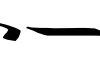










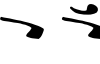





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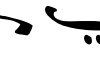





us who sing Thy prais - - - es, and save
















our souls.

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