

DIODION FOR DECEMBER 21

ODE EIGHT

The Heirmos. Second Tone

The stern de - cree of the ty - rant king did not per - suade

the three most right - eous Child - ren, who, be - ing cast in

the fur - nace, con - fessed God with thanks and sang the hymn:

Bless the Lord and ex - alt Him, ye works of

the Lord our God.

D

While cast - ing off far a - way from us the sleep of sloth,

Un.

with watch - ful soul and spi - rit, come let us sing out

D

to Christ, Who is born of a Maid - en pass - ing pure:

C

Bless the Lord and ex - alt Him, ye works of

D

the Lord our God.

D

Un.

D

Let do - ing good with a right - eous life wax great with - in

Un.

D

the trea - su - ry with - in us, that with our coun - te -

C

D

nance bright, we may chant un - to Christ, Who hath been born:

C

Bless the Lord and ex - alt Him, ye works of

D

the Lord our God.

D Through work-ing good, let us all in-crease the tal-ent as

Un.

D

a gift un-to the Giv-er; instead of frank-in-

cense, gold, and sweet myrrh, let us of-fer it to Christ,

C

D

Who doth come to be born of the Maid-en

C

and Child of God.

Ode Nine. *The Heirmos*

D

O thou who held - est in thy womb God, Whom no - thing

D

can con - tain, and didst bring forth Joy for

C

the world en - tire, we ex - tol thee, O thou all -

D

ho - ly Vir - gin.

D

Christ doth com - mand those tru - ly wise to be watch - ful

D

at all times, ev - en them that hope in

C

His ad - vent here; for He com - eth to be born

D

of a Vir - gin.

The musical score consists of six staves of music for voices. The voices are labeled with letters above them: D, Un., D, C, D, Un., D, C, D, and D. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are as follows:

 When Thou shalt come the sec - ond time, then, O Christ, grant

 me to dwell with Thy sheep as - sem - bled

 at Thy right hand; for I hon - our Thine in - car -

 nate ap - pear - ing.

 In Thy first com - ing, Thou didst save fall - en Ad - am,

 O Christ God; in Thy sec - ond, do Thou

 more - ov - er save them that hon - our Thy Na - ti -

 vi - ty right - ly.