The sun once shone on dry land that was be-got-ten of the abyss; for the wa-ter be-came as hard as a wall on either side for the peo-ple that crossed the sea by foot,

and sang in a God-pleas-ing man-ner: Let us sing to the Lord; for glo-ri-ously is He glo-ri-fied.

Thou foun-da-tion of them that hope in Thee,

O Lord, make stead-fast the Church, which Thou hast pur-chased with Thy pre-cious Blood.

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Ode One. Third Tone

Ode Three
Thy virtue hath covered the heavens, O Christ; for coming forth from the Ark of Thy holiness, even Thine undeiled Mother, Thou hast appeared in the temple of Thy glory as an infant borne in arms, and all things were filled with Thy praise.

When Esaias beheld God symbolically on an exalted throne attended by Angels of glory, he cried: O wretched man that I am!
For I have seen beforehand the incarnate God, the Lord of peace and unwaning light.

Ode Six

When the Elder had seen with his eyes the salvation that came from God unto the peoples, he cried to Thee: O Christ, Thou art my God.

Ode Seven

Thee, the Word of God, we praise with hymns, Who in the fire didst once bestrew the Three Children that confessed and praised Thee as their God, and Who dweltest in a Virgin who was...
free of defilement; and with all reverence, we sing: Blessed is the God of our Fathers.

We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

Ode Eight

Standing together in the unbearable fire,
yet not harmed by the flame, the Children, the champions of godliness, sang a divine hymn: O all ye works, bless ye the Lord, and supremely exalt Him unto all the ages.
O Theotokos, thou hope of all Christians: Keep and shelter and preserve them that set their hope on thee.

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful contemplate a prefiguring: Every male child that openeth the womb is holy unto God. Therefore do we magnify the first-born Word, the Son of the Father Who is without beginning,
the first-born Child of a Mother who hath not known wedlock.