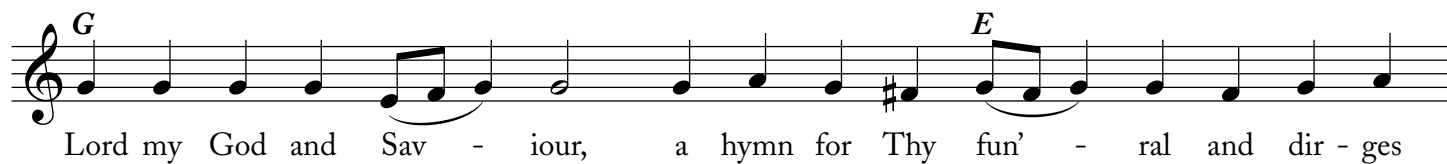
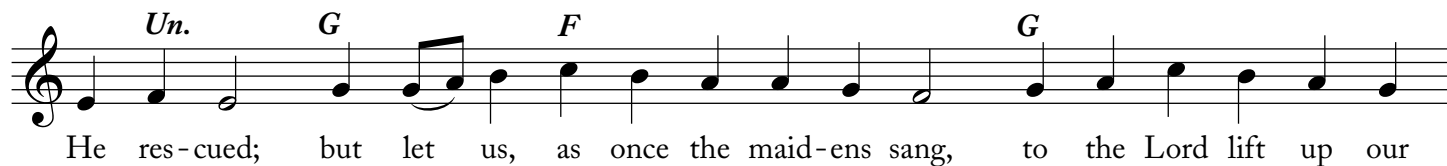
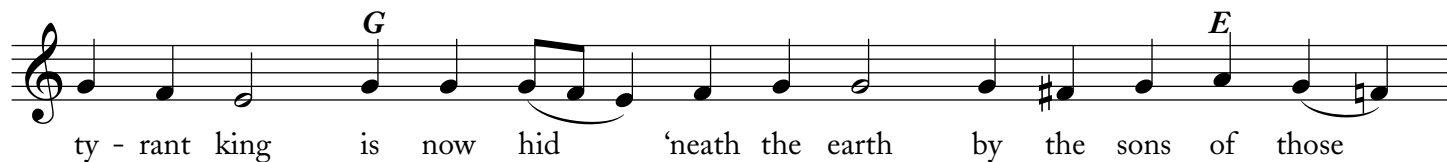


# the canon of holy and great saturday

*Ode One. Plagal of Second Tone*



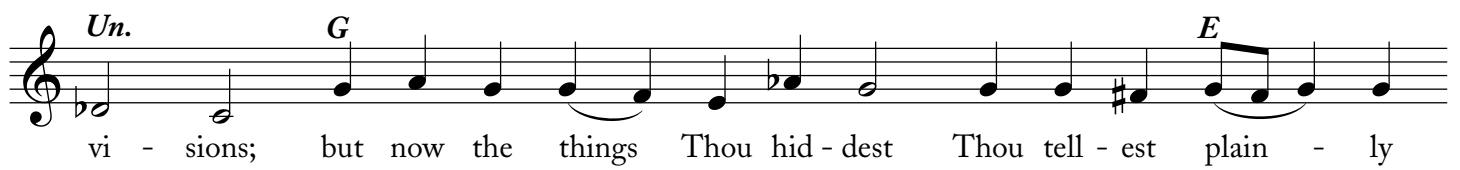
*Un.* *G* *F* *G*  
 the earth-born, quaked with dread, O Sav-iour, at Thy death, dazed in mind when Thou wast  
*Un.* *E* *Un.*  
 seen a Corpse and yet the Source of life.  
*G* *E*  
 That Thou might-est fill up all things with Thy glo-ry, O on-ly  
*G* *E*  
 Friend of man, in-to earth's low-est depths didst Thou de-scend, since  
*Un.* *G* *F* *G*  
 mine es-sence, framed in Ad-am, was not hid from Thee; and en-tombed, Thou mak-est  
*Un.* *E* *Un.*  
 me, who am cor-rupt-ed, new a-gain.

### ode three

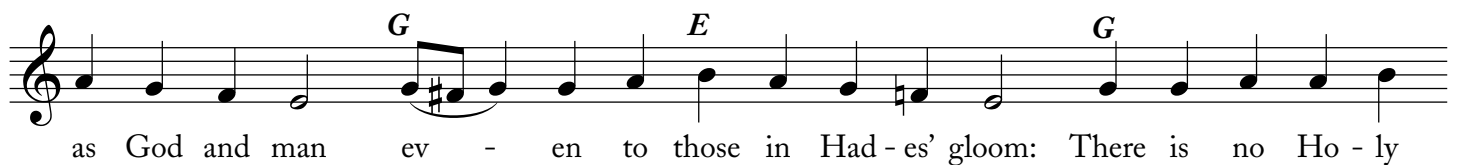
*G* *F* *C*  
 Thou that hung-est the whole earth with-out sup-port on the prim-ev-al  
*Un.* *G* *E*  
 wa-ters: cre-a-tion saw Thee hang-ing up-on that mount, the  
*G* *E* *G*  
 Place of the Skull; and she was seized with awe-struck dread: There is no Ho-ly  
*Un.* *E* *Un.*  
 One, save for Thee, O Lord, she cried to Thee.



Fig-ures of Thine en - tomb - ment didst Thou por - tray while mul - ti - ply - ing



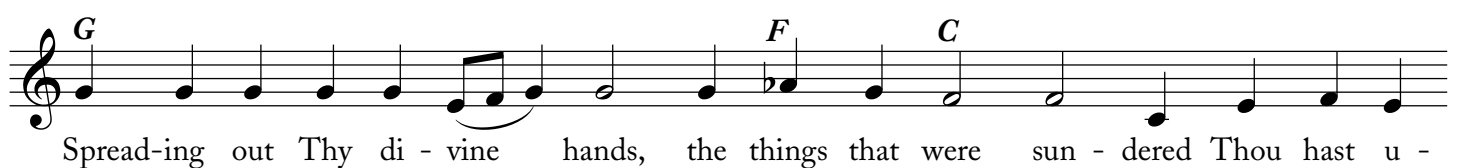
vi - sions; but now the things Thou hid - dest Thou tell - est plain - ly



as God and man ev - en to those in Had - es' gloom: There is no Ho - ly



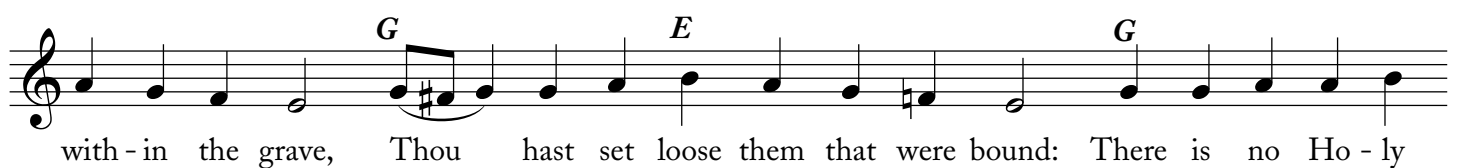
One, save for Thee, O Lord, they cried to Thee.



Spread - ing out Thy di - vine hands, the things that were sun - dered Thou hast u -



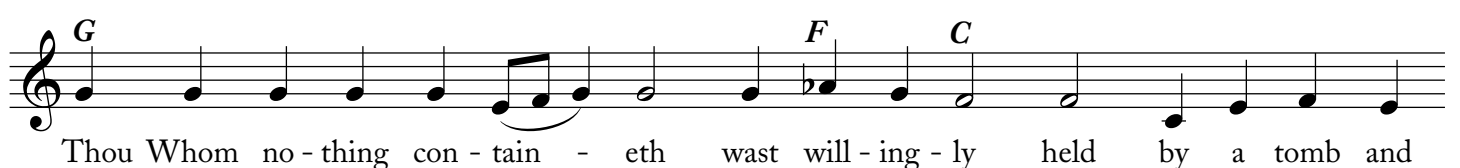
nit - ed; and be - ing wrapped, O Sav - iour, in fin - est lin - en



with - in the grave, Thou hast set loose them that were bound: There is no Ho - ly



One, save for Thee, O Lord, they cry to Thee.



Thou Whom no - thing con - tain - eth wast will - ing - ly held by a tomb and



sealed in, while mak - ing known Thy pow - er in all Thou wrought - est

with might di - vine which hath ap-peared to them that sing: There is no Ho - ly  
 One, save for Thee, O Lord, Thou Friend of man.

*G* *E* *G*  
*Un.* *E* *Un.*

## ode four

When Ab - ba - cum fore - saw Thee on the Cross stripped of glo - ry di - vine,  
 he cried out in a - maze-ment: The strength of all the might - y ones Thou, Good  
 Lord, hast crushed by Thy pre-sence in Had - es as the Al - might - y God.

*E* *C* *G* *F* *G*  
*E* *Un.* *G* *Un.*  
*G* *F* *E* *Un.*

To - day Thou hal - low - est the sev - enth day, which of old Thou hadst blest,  
 by rest - ing from Thy la - bours; for Thou dost gath - er all the world and dost  
 make it new, keep - ing Sab - bath, my Sav - iour, and gain - ing back Thine own.

*E* *C* *G* *F* *G*  
*E* *Un.* *G* *Un.*  
*G* *F* *E* *Un.*

*E* *C* *G* *F* *G*  
When, by the strength that no-thing can sub-due, Thou hadst con-querred, O Word,

*E* *Un.* *G* *Un.*  
Thy soul and flesh were part-ed; where-on, Thy soul did break a-part all the

*G* *F* *E* *Un.*  
heav-y chains both of death and of Had-es, by Thine ex-ceed-ing might.

*E* *C* *G* *F* *G*  
O Word, when Had-es met Thee face to face, it em-bit-tered him sore

*E* *Un.* *G* *Un.*  
as he be-held a mor-tal all pierced with wounds, yet de-i-fied and su-

*G* *F* *E* *Un.*  
preme-ly strong; then in ru-in he cried out a-gainst Thy dread-ed form.

## ode five

*Un.* *E*  
Thou hast shown Thy The-o-pha-ny to us, O Christ, for the sake of

*G* *F* *G*  
Thy mer-cy; and E-sai-as, ris-ing ear-ly in the night, saw its end-less

*E* *Un.* *E* *G* *Un.*  
light, and he cried a-loud: Lo, the dead shall a-rise a-gain

*G* *E* *Un.* *G*  
and they that sleep in tombs shall a - wake from slum - ber and all that

*Un.* *E* *Un.*  
be in the earth shall be ex - ceed - ing glad.

*Un.* *E*  
Us born of earth Thou mak - est new, Thy - self be - come clay like us, O

*G* *F* *G*  
our Mak - er; the fine lin - en and Thy tomb both dark - ly tell of the mys - t'ry

*E* *Un.* *E* *G* *Un.*  
hid - den with Thee, O Word; for the coun - s'lor of hon - oured name

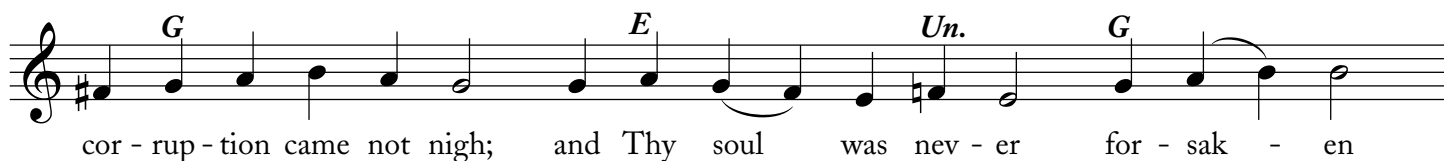
*G* *E* *Un.* *G*  
in this wise hon - our - eth Thy Be - get - ter's coun - sel, Who will - eth

*Un.* *E* *Un.*  
to make me new through Thee in ma - je - sty.

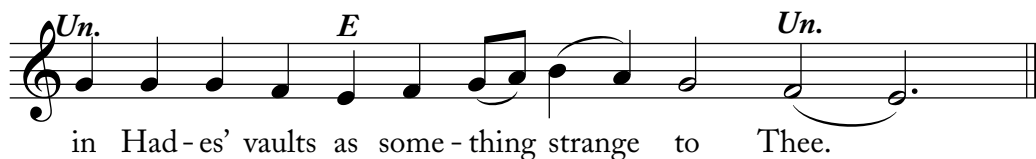
*Un.* *E*  
Thy death doth change mor - tal - i - ty, and Thine en - tomb - ment trans - form - eth

*G* *F* *G*  
cor - rup - tion; for with God - like might, the flesh Thou hast as - sumed dost Thou make im -

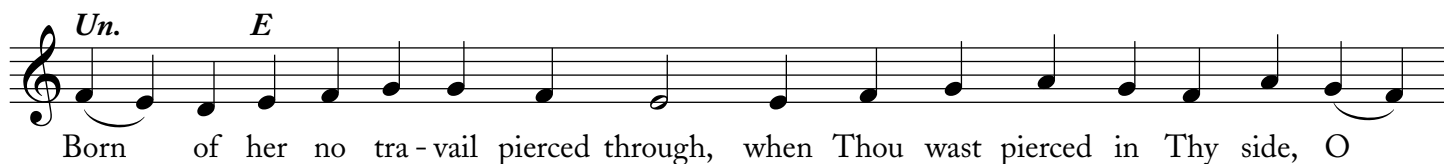
*E* *Un.* *E* *G* *Un.*  
mort - al and in - cor - rupt. For, O Sov' - reign Lord, to Thy flesh



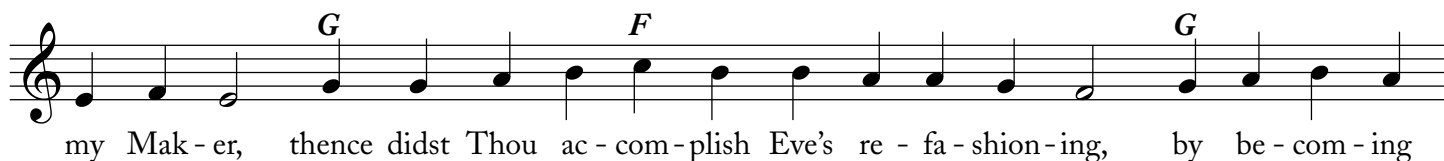
*G* *E* *Un.* *G*  
cor - rup - tion came not nigh; and Thy soul was nev - er for - sak - en



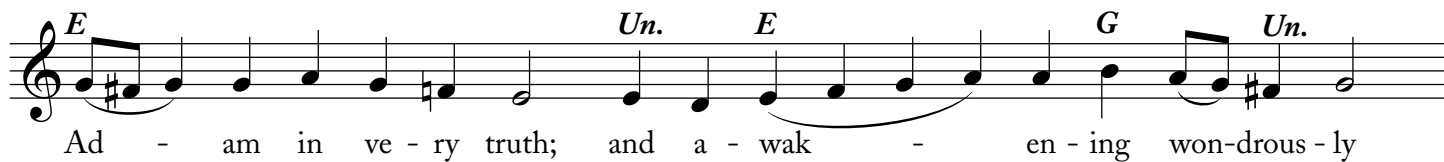
*Un.* *E* *Un.*  
in Had-es' vaults as some - thing strange to Thee.



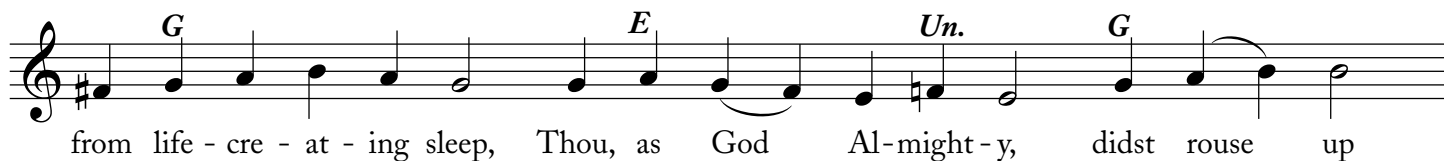
*Un.* *E*  
Born of her no tra - vail pierced through, when Thou wast pierced in Thy side, O



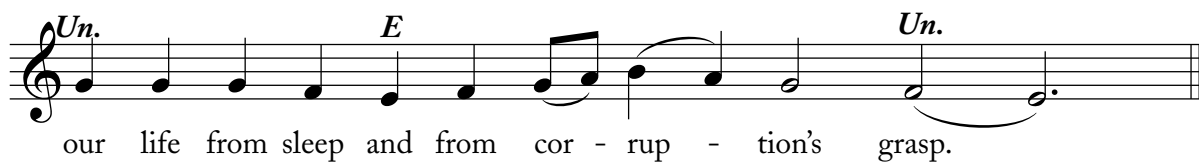
*G* *F* *G*  
my Mak - er, thence didst Thou ac - com - plish Eve's re - fa - shion - ing, by be - com - ing



*E* *Un.* *E* *G* *Un.*  
Ad - am in ve - ry truth; and a - wak - en - ing won - drous - ly

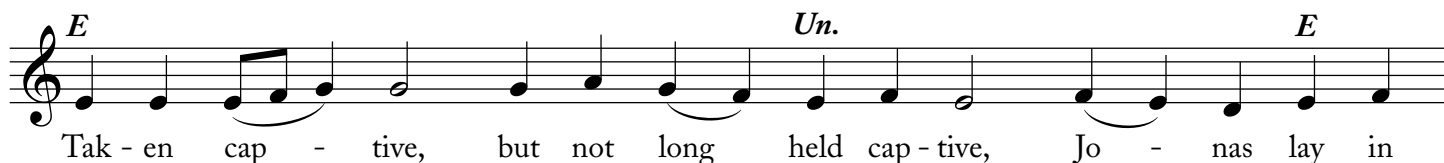


*G* *E* *Un.* *G*  
from life - cre - at - ing sleep, Thou, as God Al - might - y, didst rouse up



*Un.* *E* *Un.*  
our life from sleep and from cor - rup - tion's grasp.

## ODE SIX



*E* *Un.* *E*  
Tak - en cap - tive, but not long held cap - tive, Jo - nas lay in



*G* *C*  
the mon - ster's breast; for since he bare Thine im - age, Who as man didst suf - fer

and wast bur ied, out of the sea - beast, as from brid - al - cham -

bers fair, he sprang forth and cried out to the guards - men: Ye that ob - serve

nought but false things and van - i - ties have for - sak - en hope of mer - cy for

your - selves.

Thou wast slaugh - tered, yet Thou wast not sun - dered from the flesh Thou

didst share with us; brok - en though was Thy Tem - ple in the sea - son of Thy

ho - ly Pas - sion, yet ev - en so there was but One Hy - po -

sta - sis of Thy flesh, O Word, and of Thy God - head; for in both Na -

tures Thou art but a sin - gle Son, ve - ry Word of God, both ve - ry God

and man.



*E* *Un.* *E*  
Mort-al - slay - ing, but not God - head-slay - ing Ad - am's trans-gres -

*G* *C*  
sion proved to be; for though the clay-wrought es - sence of Thy flesh was bowed be -

*E* *G* *F* *E*  
neath great suff' - rings, yet did Thy God - head still dis - pas - sion - ate

*G* *E* *Un.* *E*  
a - bide. And trans-form-ing un - to in - cor - rup - tion man-kind's cor - rupt

*G* *Un.* *E*  
na - ture, Thou didst show forth the source of life in - cor - rupt from Thine a - ris -

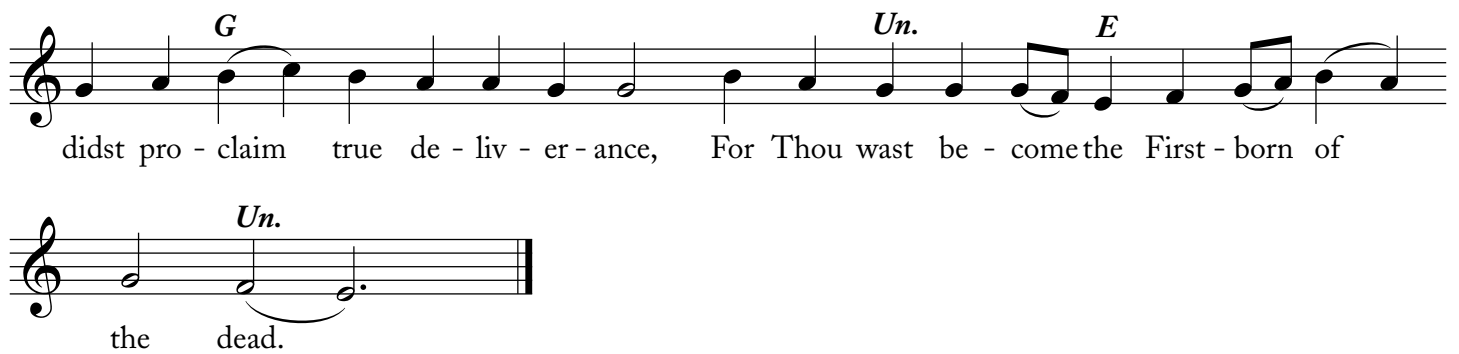
*Un.*  
ing a - gain.

*E* *Un.* *E*  
King is Had - es, but not king for ev - er, ov - er the race

*G* *C*  
of mor - tal - kind; for when Thou hadst been bur - ied, with Thy life - en - gend' - ring

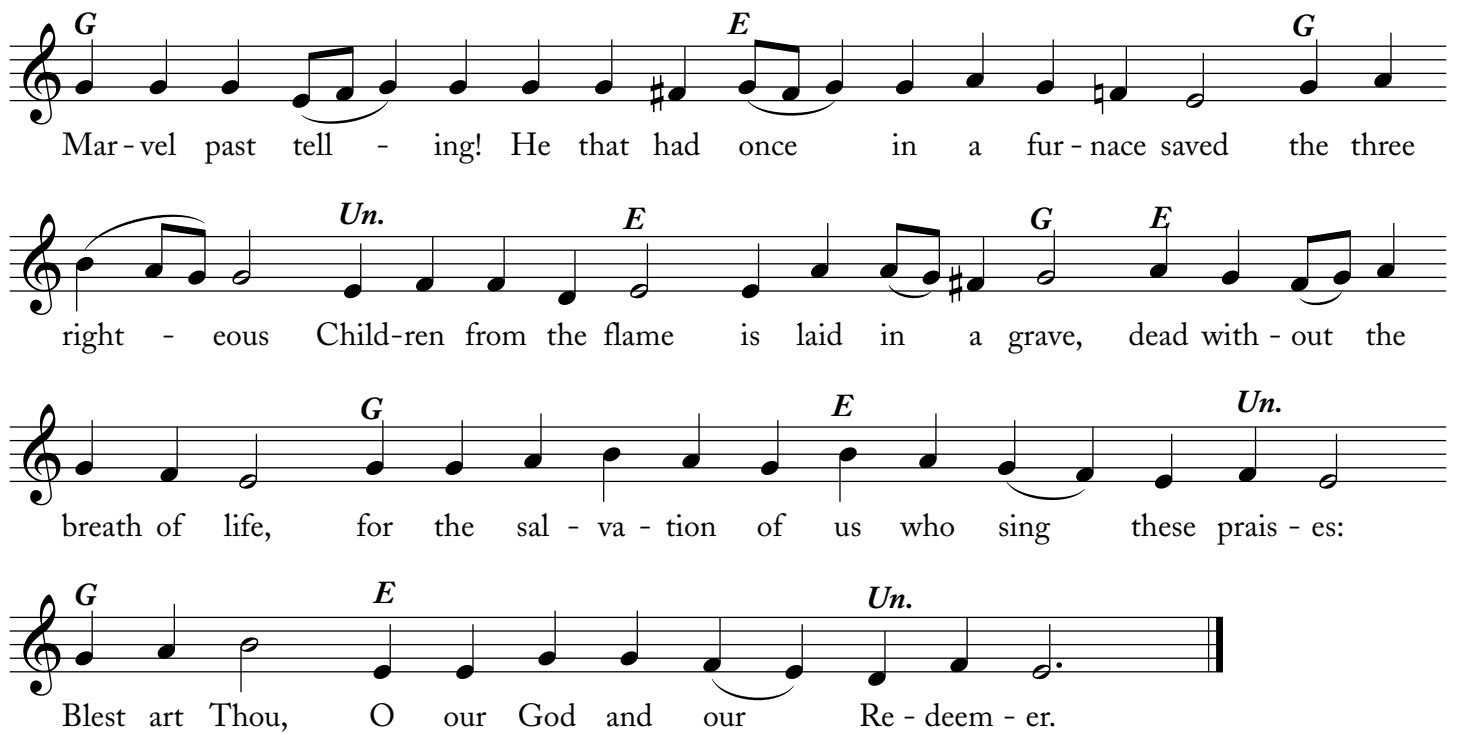
*E* *G* *F* *E*  
hand, O Strong One, Thou brak - est 'sun - der the un - brok - en bars

*G* *E* *Un.* *E*  
of death and to them that slept there from all a - ges, O Sav - iour, Thou

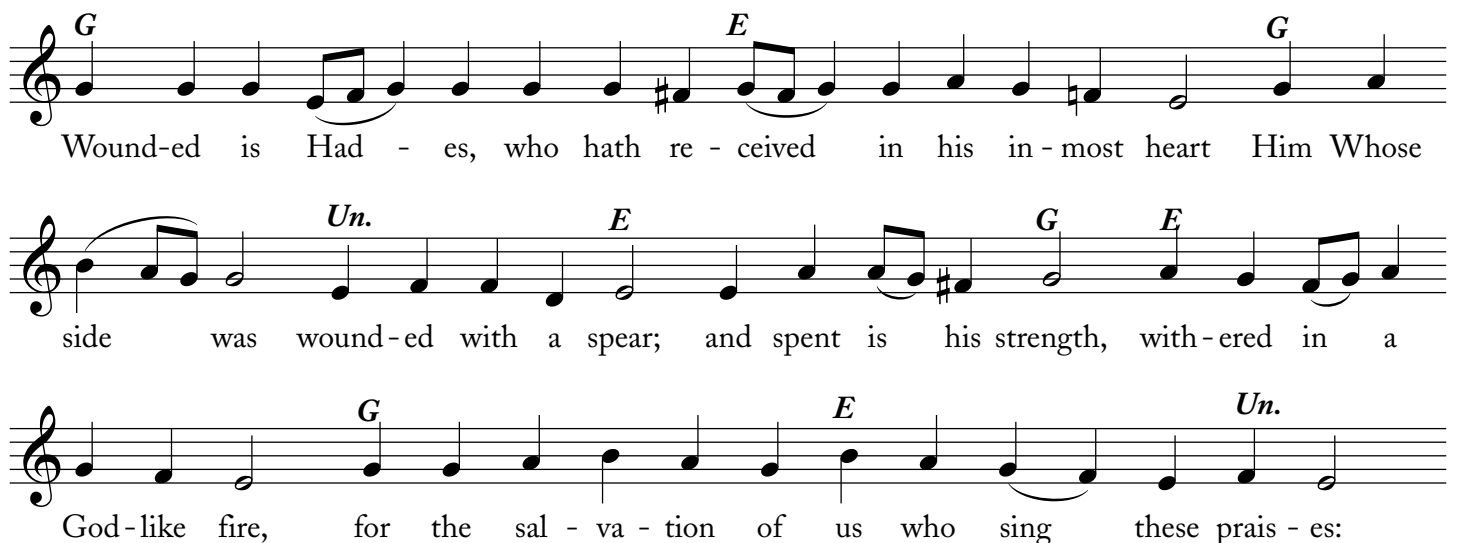


*G* *Un.* *E*  
 didst pro - claim true de - liv - er - ance, For Thou wast be - come the First - born of  
*Un.*  
 the dead.

## ode seven



*G* *E* *G*  
 Mar - vel past tell - ing! He that had once in a fur - nace saved the three  
*Un.* *E* *G* *E*  
 right - eous Child - ren from the flame is laid in a grave, dead with - out the  
*G* *E* *Un.*  
 breath of life, for the sal - va - tion of us who sing these prais - es:  
*G* *E* *Un.*  
 Blest art Thou, O our God and our Re - deem - er.



*G* *E* *G*  
 Wound - ed is Had - es, who hath re - ceived in his in - most heart Him Whose  
*Un.* *E* *G* *E*  
 side was wound - ed with a spear; and spent is his strength, with - ered in a  
*G* *E* *Un.*  
 God - like fire, for the sal - va - tion of us who sing these prais - es:

*G* *E* *Un.*  
Blest art Thou, O our God and our Re-deem-er.

*G* *E* *G*  
O grave most bless-ed! which on re-ceiv-ing with-in it-self the Cre-

*Un.* *E* *G* *E*  
a-tor as a man a-sleep is proved a di-vine trea-su-ry of

*G* *E* *Un.*  
end-less life for the sal-va-tion of us who sing these prais-es:

*G* *E* *Un.*  
Blest art Thou, O our God and our Re-deem-er.

*G* *E* *G*  
As is the cus-tom with all the dead, lo, the Life of all now ac-

*Un.* *E* *G* *E*  
cept-eth plac-ing in the grave, and show-eth it forth as our Re-sur-

*G* *E* *Un.*  
rec-tion's source, for the sal-va-tion of us who sing these prais-es:

*G* *E* *Un.*  
Blest art Thou, O our God and our Re-deem-er.

*G* *E* *G*  
One with the Fa-ther and Ho-ly Spi-rit, and sun-dered not, was Christ's

*Un.* *E* *G* *E*  
 God - head, when with - in the grave, in Had - es be - low, and in Ed - en's  
*G* *E* *Un.*  
 shin - ing realm, for the sal - va - tion of us who sing these prais - es:  
*G* *E* *Un.*  
 Blest art Thou, O our God and our Re - deem - er.

## ode eight

*Un.* *E* *G* *F*  
 Trem - ble, O Heav - en, hor - ror-struck; and ye foun - da - tion-stones of the  
*E* *D* *E* *G*  
 earth, quake ye with fear; for lo, a - mong the dead is reck - oned He  
*F#* *G* *E* *Un.*  
 that in the high - est doth dwell, and now a small grave doth give Him lodg -  
*E* *G* *E* *Un.*  
 ing. Ye ho - ly child-ren, bless Him; O ye priests, sing His prais - es;  
*E* *G* *E* *Un.*  
 ex - alt Him, O ye peo - ple, to all the end - less a - ges.  
*Un.* *E* *G* *F*  
 Now is that spot - less Tem - ple felled, yet with Him-self shall raise the felled

*E* *D* *E* *G*  
ta - ber - na - cle up; as Se - cond Ad - am, come to save the first,

*F#* *G* *E* *Un.*  
He that doth dwell in the heights, went down ev - en to the vaults of Had -

*E* *G* *E* *Un.*  
es. Ye ho - ly child-ren, bless Him; O ye priests, sing His prais - es;

*E* *G* *E* *Un.*  
ex - alt Him, O ye peo - ple, to all the end - less a - ges.

*Un.* *E* *G* *F*  
Gone the dis - ci - ples' bra - ver - y, now Jo - seph of Ra - mah doth out -

*E* *D* *E* *G*  
strip all dar - ing men; for, see - ing as a dead and nak - ed man

*F#* *G* *E* *Un.*  
God, Who doth rule ov - er all, he ask - eth to bu - ry Him, while cry -

*E* *G* *E* *Un.*  
ing: Ye ho - ly child-ren, bless Him; O ye priests, sing His prais - es;

*E* *G* *E* *Un.*  
ex - alt Him, O ye peo - ple, to all the end - less a - ges.

*Un.* *E* *G* *F*  
Won - ders like these were nev - er seen! O good-ness past be - lief! O long -

*E* *D* *E* *G*  
 suf - fer - ing un - told! Be - neath the earth is He sealed will - ing - ly  
*F#* *G* *E* *Un.*  
 that in the high - est doth dwell; and God is tra - duced as a de - ceiv -  
*E* *G* *E* *Un.*  
 er. Ye ho - ly child - ren, bless Him; O ye priests, sing His prais - es;  
*E* *G* *E* *Un.*  
 ex - alt Him, O ye peo - ple, to all the end - less a - ges.

## ode nine

*G* *F* *G* *E* *Un.*  
 Mourn not for Me, O My Mo - ther, though be - hold - ing Me bur - ied,  
*G* *F* *G* *F* *E* *Un.*  
 Whom as thy Son thou didst con - ceive with - out seed in thy womb; for be -  
*G*  
 hold, I shall rise and shall be glo - ri - fied, and with glo - ry un -  
*F* *E* *G*  
 end - ing, as God I shall ex - alt all them that mag - ni - fy thee  
*E* *Un.*  
 with faith and fer - vent love.

*G* *F* *G* *E* *Un.*  
Hav - ing es - caped from all birth-pangs when so strang - ely I bare Thee,

*G* *F* *G* *F* *E* *Un.*  
past all na - ture bless - ed was I, my Son Be - gin - ning - less; but to

*G*  
see Thee, my God, now dead, be - reft of breath, I am ter - ri - bly

*F* *E* *G*  
pierced with the sword of bit - ter grief; but I pray Thee, a - rise Thou,

*E* *Un.*  
that I be mag - ni - fied.

*G* *F* *G* *E* *Un.*  
Earth hid - eth Me of Mine own will, O My sor - row - ing Mo - ther;

*G* *F* *G* *F* *E* *Un.*  
yea, but Had - es' gate - keep - ers quake with ter - ror to be - hold that I

*G*  
am in this blood - ied robe of ven - geance clad; for as God hav - ing

*F* *E* *G*  
smit - ten My foes up - on the Cross, I shall rise a - gain straight - way,

*E* *Un.*  
while mag - ni - fy - ing thee.

*G* *F* *G* *E* *Un.*  
Let all cre - a - tion re - joice now; let the earth - born make mer - ry,

*G* *F* *G* *F* *E* *Un.*  
for de - stroyed is Had - es our foe, and all his wealth de - spoiled; let the

*G*  
wo - men come forth to bring their myrrh to Me. I re - deem fall - en

*F* *E* *G*  
Ad - am and Eve with all their race, and the third day here - af - ter

*E* *Un.*  
I shall a - rise a - gain.