

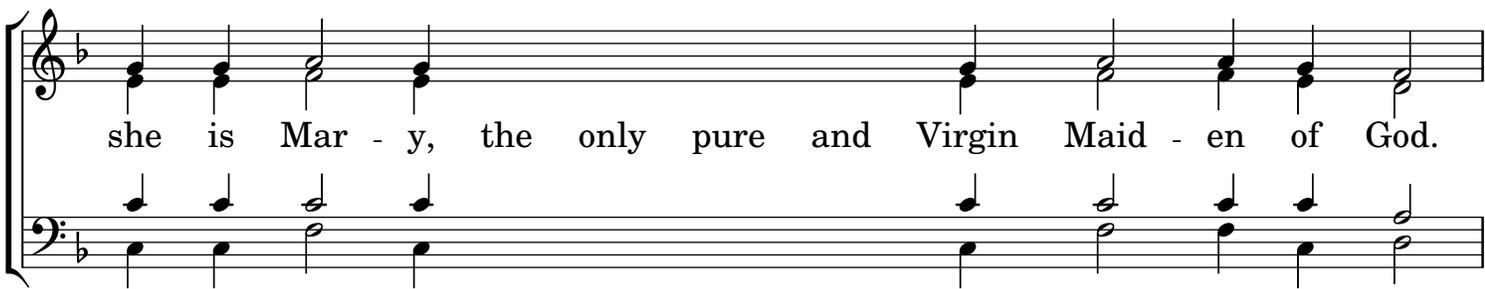
'Lord I Call' - Forefathers of Christ

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

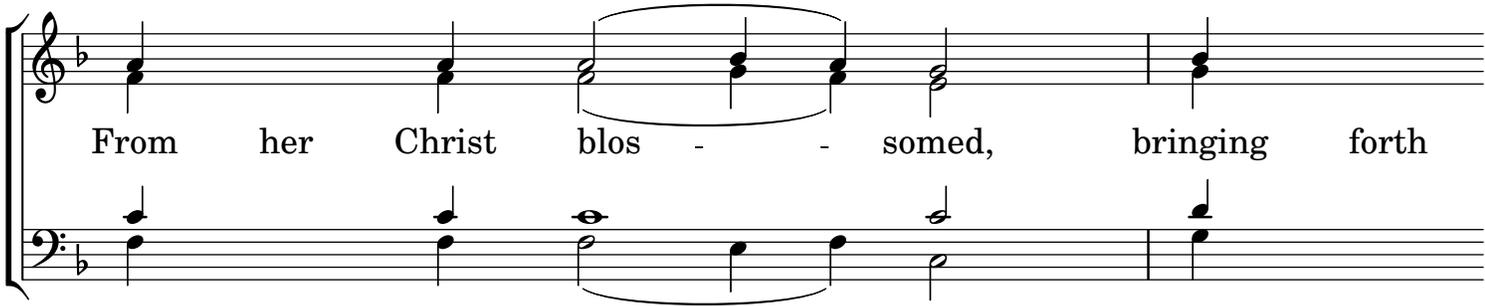
Tone 8

Obikhod

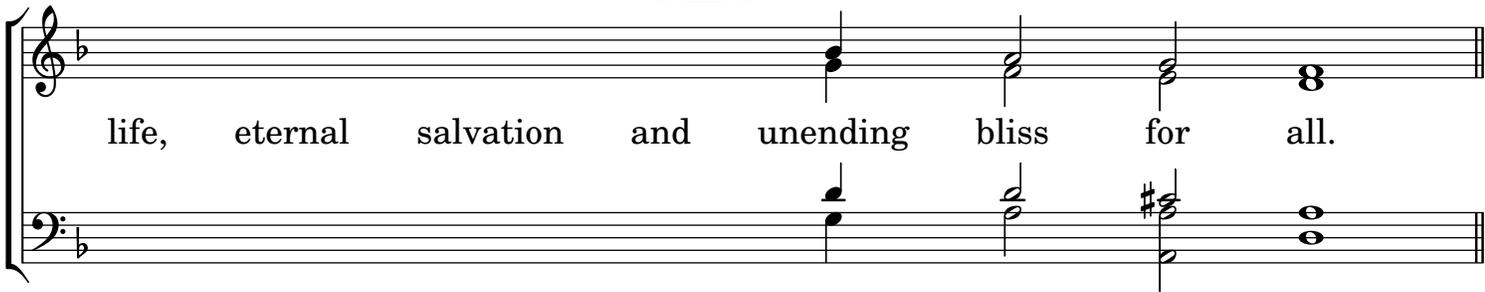
To - day, as we celebrate the Forefathers' mem - o - ry,
let us the faithful praise Christ the Re - deem - er,
Who magnified them in all the na - tions!
He is the Lord Who does won - drous deeds,
for He is powerful and might - y!
Through them He has shown us the rod of His strength:



she is Mar - y, the only pure and Virgin Maid - en of God.



From her Christ blos - - - - - somed, bringing forth



life, eternal salvation and unending bliss for all.

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

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Obikhod

O Mas - ter, Thou didst deliver the Holy Youths from the fire,
and Daniel from the mouths of li - - ons;
Thou didst bless Abraham, Isaac, Thy ser - vant, and
Ja - cob, his son; Thou didst con - sent to become like us by
being born of their seed, to be crucified and bur - - ied,
in order to save our Fore - fath - ers, who fell of old.

Thus Thou didst crush the bonds of death

and raised with Thyself all the dead of a - ges past,

who worship Thee, O Christ, King of the a - ges.

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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.

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Obikhod

Walk - ing amidst the flames as in a gentle show - er of rain,

the Godly Youths exulted in the dew of the Spir - it. By this

they mystically prefigured the Trinity and Christ's in - car - na - tion.

Wise through faith, they quenched the pow - er of fire.

So also the righteous Daniel stopped the mouths of li - ons.

Through their intercessions we beseech thee, O Sav - ior, the Lov - er

of man - kind: "De - liv - er us from the unquenchable and

e - ter - nal fire, and make us worthy of Thy heavenly King - dom!"

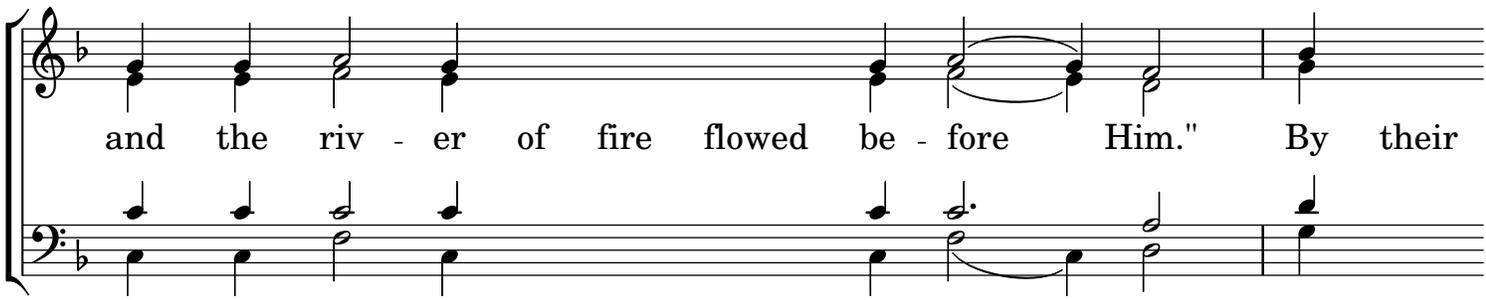
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Reader (4): From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

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Obikhod

Stand - ing in a furnace of flaming fire as though in dew,
the Holy Youths mystically prefigured Thy coming from a Vir - gin,
by which we are il - lum - ined but not con - sumed.
So al - so the righteous Daniel, glorious among the Proph - ets,
clearly revealed Thy divine second coming when he cried out:
"I saw thrones set up, and the Judge was seat - ed,



and the riv - er of fire flowed be - fore Him." By their

intercessions save us from this fire, Christ our Mas - ter!