

Stichera at “Lord, I Call”

1sr & 2nd Finding of the Honorable Head of the Forerunner, and Baptist of the Lord, John

Februry 24

Tone 5

Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Re-joice, O holy and light-bear-ing head, venerated by
the an - gels! Of old, thou wast cut off by the sword,
for thou hadst cut through the shameful deeds with sharp
re-proach-es. Like a fountain refreshing the faithful with won-ders,
[thou didst de-clare ...]

thou didst de - clare the saving coming of the Sav - - ior,
 and didst per - ceive the coming of the Spir - it, Who took up
 His a - bode in thee, as thou didst stand between the grace
 of the Old and New Cov - e - nants. // Entreat Christ God to
 grant our souls great mer - - cy!

Sticheron 2

The head of the Forerunner is made man - i - fest. Once it

was concealed in an earthen ves - sel; now it is openly given

up from the depths of the earth, pour - ing forth streams of

heal - ing. For he washed in the waters the head of the

One Who e - ven now covers the chambers of the firmament

[with wa-ters ...]

with wa - ters and rains down di - vine for - give - ness for

man-kind. Then let us bless this truly praise-wor - thy head

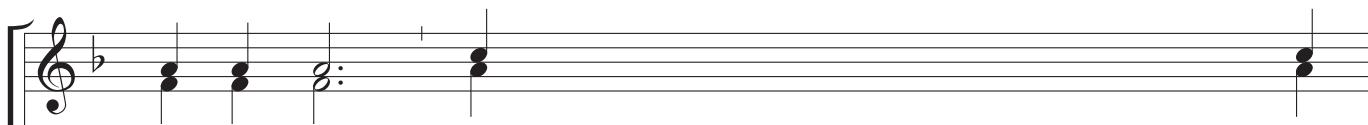
and joy - fully celebrate its find - ing, // entreating Christ to

grant our souls great mer - cy!

Sticheron 3

The head that proclaimed the Lamb of God Who ap-peared

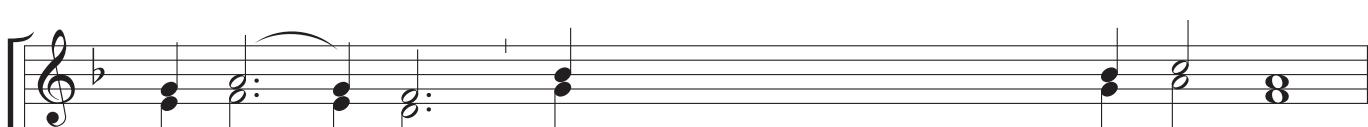
[in the flesh...]



 in the flesh declared to all the ways of saving repentance with



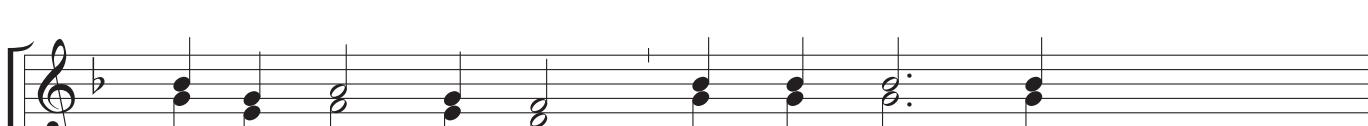
 di-vine pre-cepts, be-fore it had denounced the lawlessness



 of Her - od and therefore was severed from its bod - y.



 It was con-cealed for a time and has ris - en to us



 as a shin - ing sun, cry - ing out: "Repent and with

[compunction . . .]

compunction of soul sub - mit to the Lord // Who grants the

world great mer - cy!"