Stichera at “Lord, I Call”

Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John - January 7

NOTE: This model melody consists of 8 phrases, none of which repeat. The text has been divided accordingly.

When the Forerunner beheld You, O Christ,

drawing near to him to ask for baptism, he cried out in trembling:

“Why do You ask me for what is beyond my strength? How shall I touch You with my hand, O all-powerful Lord?”
hand, O all-powerful Lord, for You hold all things

with Your hand? // But instead baptize me, Your servant!"

"This day have I appeared as a complete Man; approachable by nature, I have become approachable to you. Rich, I have willingly [made Myself poor.]"
made My - self poor, that what has grown poor I may make

rich with incorrup - tion and de - liv - er - ance. Draw near and bap -

tize __ Him __ Who is not subject to corrup - tion, //

and Who delivers the world from de - cay!"

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"I am con - strained _ on eve - ry side," said the Forerunner

[ said the Forerunner. . .]
to the Creator, “and cannot tell which way to go.

Bountiful Lord, You are a stream flowing with nourishment;

how then shall the flowing streams receive You, O Word,

Who come to pour forth salvation on all //

who honor Your holy Epiphany!”