Of old He Who buried the pursuing tyrant

beneath the waves of the sea, now is cloaked and

hidden in the stream of Jordan!

As Man He is cleansed that I may be made clean,

For gloriously has He been glorified!
You suspended the earth upon the waters;

now creation beholds You in the flesh, covered by the streams.

It was seized with great amazement and cried:

"None is holy but You, O Lord!"
Heirmos 4

Foreseeing Your coming to be baptized, Habakkuk cried out trembling, “You have trampled the sea with Your horses, O Deliverer, troubling many waters!”
I: Isaiah saw the never-setting light of Your compassionate manifestation to us as God, O Christ. Rising early from the night he cried out: “Come, all who are enlightened and wash yourselves! Cleanse your souls and bodies through divine water and the Spirit!”
The divine Baptist was caught but not held fast by fear.

For though grass withers before the fire, yet he heard the words of Christ: “Let it be so now!” And ran in obedience to fulfill the command. From on high, he heard the voice of God bearing testimony to the eternal Son!
Inexpressible wonder! He Who saved the
Holy Youths in the furnace from the flame, now bows His
head and asks for Baptism from His servant
for the cleansing of us who sing: “Blessed are
You, O God, our Redeemer!”
Be amazed, O heavens! Be shaken, O foundations of the earth!

Behold, He Who once caused the sacrifice of His righteous prophet to burn wondrously with water wraps Himself in the waters of Jordan!

Dank dan! Bless Him, O youths, praise Him, O priests!
O people, exalt Him above all, forever!
Do not weep, O mortal men, choked with ropes of despair
and weighed low with guilt. Let us approach with com-
punction of soul, the One Who cleanses all mankind:
the only Pure One grants pardon through Bapt-
ism!