The wonder-working rod of Moses, striking the sea in the form of a cross and dividing it, once submerged Pharaoh as he drove his chariot; but it saved Israel as they fled on foot, singing a song to God.
You, who in the beginning established the heavens with understanding and founded the earth upon the waters, firmly establish me upon the rock of Your commandments, O Christ, for none is holy but You, O only lover of mankind.
You are my strength, O Lord, and You are my power, You are my God, You are my joy, who did not leave Your Father’s bosom yet visited our poverty; so with the Prophet Habbakuk I cry to You: // “Glory to Your power, O Lover of mankind!”
Why have You cast me away from Your face,

O never setting Light, and why has the alien darkness

covered me, wretch that I am?

But turn me back, I pray

You, and to the light of Your commandments direct my ways.
Cleanse me, O Savior, for my iniquities are many; and from the deep of evils bring me up, I pray, for unto You have I cried: "Hear me, O God of my salvation!"
At the descent of God, the fire in Babylon was quenched

in days of old. Therefore the Youths in the furnace, as if

in a meadow, danced with joyful feet as they sang:

“Blessed are You, the God of our Fathers!”
The Chaldean Tyrant in his fury heated the furnace

sevenfold for those who feared God; but when he saw them

saved by a greater power he cried aloud: "O Youths, bless the

Creator and Redeemer, you priests, praise Him, and you

people, highly exalt him to all the ages."

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Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

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Heaven was amazed and all the earth was struck with wonder that God had appeared to mankind in bodily form, and that your womb had become more spacious than the heavens.

Therefore the ranks of angels and men magnify you, O Theotokos.