

The Canon of the Nativity of Our Lord

Ode 1

Resanovic

Serbian chant : Tone 1

Allegro moderato

Soprano
Alto

mf

Christ is born — glo - ri - fy Him!

Tenor
Bass

Christ — is from heav - en re - ceive Him!

Christ — is on earth be lift - ed up!

Sing — to the Lord of the earth and praise Him with joy,

O — peo - ple, for — He — has been glo - ri - fied.

Ode III:

mf

To the Son Who be - fore all time was born im - mor - tal

of the Fa - ther, and in these lat - ter days be - came

in - car - nate with - out seed of a Vir - gin.

mp

Let us cry un - to Christ our God: "Thou Who hast raised

up our horn Ho - ly art Thou, O Lord."

Ode IV:

mf

Rod of the root of Jes - se, and flow - er that blos - somed

from his stem, - O - - Christ, Thou hast sprung - from the Vir - gin.

From the moun - tain o - ver - shad - owed by the for - est, Thou hast come,

mp *mf*

made flesh from her that knew - not wed - lock, O - - God, Who

art not formed from mat - ter glo - ry - - to - - Thy - pow - er, O Lord.

Ode V:

mf

As Thou art God of peace and Fa - ther of mer - cies,

Thou hast sent un - to us thine An - gel of great coun - sel,

mp *mf*

grant - ing us peace. So are we guid - ed to - wards the light

mp

of the know - ledge of God, and watch - ing by night

mf

we glo - ri - fy Thee, O Lov - er of man - kind.

Ode VI:

mf

The sea — mon - ster cast out Jo - nah un - harmed.

As it had re - ceived him like a babe — from the womb.

mp

And when the Word — came to dwell — in the Vir - gin and was made — flesh.

mf

He — came — forth pre - serv - ing her un - cor - rupt.

mp

For He Him - self was not — sub - ject to de - cay,

mf *ritard*

and He kept His mother free from harm.

Kontakion:**Adagio ma non tanto**V. Ilich-Resanovic
Serbian chant: Tone 3

p *p*

To - day the Vir - gin gives birth to the Trans -

p

cend - ent One! And the earth of - fers

a cave, to the Un - ap - proach - a - ble One!

f An - gels, with shep - herds, *mp* glo - ri - fy Him!

p The wise men jour - ney with a star.

p Since, for our sake *mf* the e - ter - nal

pp dolce rit. God was born as a lit - tle child!

Ode VII:

(Tone 1)

mf Allegro moderato

Scorn - ing the im - pi - ous de - cree,

the child - ren brought up to - geth - er in God - li - ness

feared not the threat of fire,

mf

but stand - ing in the midst of the flames they sang:

f

"O God of our fa - thers, bless - ed art Thou."

Ode VIII:

mf

The fur - nace moist with dew was the im - age

and fig - ure of a won - der past na - ture.

mp

For it burnt not the child - ren whom it had re - ceived,

mf

e - ven as the fire of the God - head

mp

con - sumed not the Vir - gin's womb

mf

in - to which it had de - scend - - ed.

mp

There - fore, in praise let us sing:

mf

"Let the whole cre - a - tion bless the Lord and ex - alt

rit.

Him a - bove all for - ev - - er."

Ode IX:**Meno mosso - poco maestoso**

mf

Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, the most pure

mp

Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, more hon - or - a - ble

and more glo - ious than the heav - en - ly hosts.

mf

I be - hold a strange, most glo - rious mys - te - ry!

Heav - en the cave! The che - ru - bic throne the Vir - gin!

mp
The man - ger the place where Christ lay,

mf
the Un - con - tain - a - ble God

rit.
Whom we mag - ni - fy in song!