THE BYZANTINE CANON

Essentially, the canon is an hynmodic complex comprised of nine odes which were originally attached to the nine Biblical canticles and to which they were related by means of corresponding poetic allusion or textual quotation. The nine canticles are:

(1) The Song of the Sea (Exodus 15:1-19);
(2) The Song of Moses (Deuteronomy 32:1-43);
(3) The prayer of Hannah (1 Kings [1 Samuel] 2:1-10);
(4) The prayer of Habakkuk, Habakkuk 3:1-19;
(5) The prayer of Isaiah (Isaiah 26:9-20);
(6) The prayer of Jonah (Jonah 2:3-10);
(7) The prayer of Azariah (apoc. Dan. 3:26-56)
(8) The song of the three children (apoc. Dan. 3:57-88)

Each ODE consists of an initial TROPARION, the HEIRMOI, followed by three, four or more TROPARIA which are the exact metrical reproductions of the HEIRMOI, thereby allowing the same music to fit all TROARIA equally well. The nine HEIRMOI, however, are metrically dissimilar; consequently, an entire canon comprises nine independent melodies (eight, when the second ode is omitted), which are united musically by the same mode and textually by references to the general theme of the liturgical occasion, and sometimes by an acrostic. HEIRMOI in syllabic style are gathered in the HEIRMOLOGION, a bulky volume which first appeared in the middle of the tenth century and contains over a thousand model TROPARIA arranged into an OKTOECHOS (the eight-mode musical system).

Ode 1 – The song of the Sea (Exod. 15.1-19)
15.1 Τότε ἦσαν Μωσαὴς καὶ οἱ νῦι Ισραήν τὴν ὕδην ταύτην τῷ θεῷ καὶ εἰπαν λέγοντες Ἄσωμεν τῷ κυρίῳ, ἐνδόξως γὰρ δεδώκασαι· ἵππον καὶ ἀναβάτην ἔριψεν εἰς θάλασσαν.15.2 βοήθως καὶ σκέπασθης ἐρένετο μοι εἰς σωτηρίαν· οὐτὸς μοι θεός, καὶ δοξάσω αὐτόν, θεὸς τοῦ πατρὸς μου, καὶ υψόσω αὐτόν.15.3 κύριος συντρίβαιν πολέμους, κύριος δόμοι αὐτοῦ.15.4 ἀκμάτα Φαραώ καὶ τὴν δύναμιν αὐτοῦ ἔριψεν εἰς θάλασσαν, ἐπιλέκτου ἀναβάτας τριστάτας κατεπόντισεν ἐν ἐρυθρῇ θαλάσσῃ. 15.5 πόντῳ ἐκάλυψεν αὐτούς, κατέδωκαν εἰς βυθὸν ὑσεί λίθος. 15.6 ἡ δεξιά σου, κύριε, δεδώκασαι ἐν ιαχίν· ἡ δεξιά σου χεῖρ, κύριε, ἐδώκασαι ἐν χρόνοις. 15.7 καὶ τῷ πλῆθε τῆς δόξης σου συνέστρωσας τοὺς ὑπεναντίους· ἀπέστειλας τὴν ὅργην σου, καὶ κατέρριψαν αὐτούς ὡς καλάμην. 15.8 καὶ διὰ πνεύματος τοῦ θυμοῦ σου δέστη τὸ ὕδωρ· ἐπάγα ὡσεὶ τείχος τὰ ὑδάτα, ἐπάγα τὰ κύματα ἐν μέσῳ τῆς θαλάσσης. 15.9 εἶπεν ὁ ἐξήρωσεν Διός καταλήψασαι, μεριδίω σκόλα, ἐμπλήσας ψυχήν μου, ἀνελθὼ τῇ μαχαίρῃ μου, κυνηγεῖσαι ἡ χεῖρ μου. 15.10 ἀπέστειλας τὸ πνεῦμά σου, ἐκάλυψεν αὐτοὺς θάλασσα· ἔδυσαν ὡσεὶ μόλις εἰς ὕδατι σφοδρῷ. 15.11 τῆς ὑμιὸς σοι ἐν
1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying,

I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. 2 The Lord [is] my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he [is] my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father’s God, and I will exalt him. 3 The Lord [is] a man of war: the Lord [is] his name. 4 Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. 5 The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. 6 Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. 7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, [which] consumed them as stubble. 8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, [and] the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. 10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. 11 Who [is] like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who [is] like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful [in] praises, doing wonders? 12 Thou stretchest out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. 13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people [which] thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided [them] in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. 14 The people shall hear, [and] be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina. 15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. 16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be [as] still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O Lord, till the people pass over, [which] thou hast purchased. 17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, [in] the place, O Lord, [which] thou hast made for thee to dwell in, [in] the Sanctuary, O Lord, [which] thy hands have established.
18 The Lord shall reign for ever and ever. 19 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry [land] in the midst of the sea.

Ode 2 the Song of Moses (Deuteronomy 32:1-43)

32.1 Πρόσεχε, οὐρανε, καὶ λαλήσω, καὶ ἀκούστω γῆ ὄρματα εἰκόματος μου. 32.2 προσδοκάσθω ὃς ὠ τὸ ἀπόφθεγμά μου, καὶ καταβήτω ὃς δρόσου τὰ ὄρματα μου, ὥσει ὁμόρος εἰς ἄγριον καὶ ὡσεὶ νεριτός ἐπὶ χόρτον. 32.3 ὦ ὁ νόμος χυρίων ἐκάλεσα· ὅτε μεγαλοπίστην τῷ θεῷ ἤμων. 32.4 θεός, ἀληθινά τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ, καὶ πᾶσι αἱ ὁδοὶ αὐτοῦ χρίσεις· θεὸς πιστός, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ἄδικα, δίκαιος καὶ δῶς κύριος. 32.5 ἠμάρτουσαν οὐκ αὐτῷ τέχνα μωμητά, γενεᾶ σκολιά καὶ δειστραμάν. 32.6 ταῦτα χυρίῳ ἀνταποδίδοτε ὁ θεός, λάδις μορφός καὶ ὑψί σοφός; οὐκ αὐτὸς οὕτως σου παῖς ἐκτήσατο σε καὶ ἑσφίγεσ τε σε καὶ ἐκτίσεσ τε; 32.7 μὴ βῆθη γείρας αἰῶνος, σόου γείρας γείρεις· ἐπερώθησαν τὸν πατέρα σου, καὶ ἀναγγέλει σου της προσφέρεσιν σου, καὶ ἔρυθες. 32.8 ὅτι διέμερίζεν  ὑπόστρεφεν ὑπόστρεφεν τούς τοὺς μετέπεσεν τούς μετέπεσεν, διεκέντησεν νιώθας Σαμα. ἔστησεν ὑμᾶς ἔστησεν κατά ἀριθμόν ἄριστον ἔστησεν. 32.9 καὶ ἐγενήθη μερίς χυρίων λάδις αὐτοῦ Ιακωβ, σχοινόμα κληρονομίας αὐτοῦ Ἰσραήλ. 32.10 αὐτοί εἰς γῆ ἔρις, ἐν δίσει καύσιμος ἐν ἀνόδῳ· ἐκάλεσαν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐπαίδευσαν αὐτὸν καὶ διεφύλαξαν αὐτὸν ὡς χώραν ὁρθαλμοῦ 32.11 ὡς ἀτός σκεπάσαι νοσοῦν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπί τούς νεοσοῦς αὐτοῦ ἐπεπόθησαν, διεῖς ταῖς πτέρυγας αὐτοῦ ἐξέχατο αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐνάλεβαν αὐτοῖς ἐπὶ τοὺς μεταφέρουν αὐτοῦ. 32.12 χύριος μόνος ἤγειν αὐτοὺς καὶ οὐκ ἤν τεταμίον ἐν σε φοβεῖν αὐτοὺς. 32.13 ἀνέβαισαν αὐτοὺς ἐπὶ τὴν ἰσχύν τῆς γῆς, ἔφωμισαν αὐτοὺς γενήσας ἀρχον· ἐβάθισαν μέλι ἐκ πέτρας καὶ ἔπαισαν ἐκ στεφάνων πέτρας. 32.14 βούτιον βοῶν καὶ γάλα προβάτων μετὰ στέατος ἀριναν καὶ χμών, νιών ταῦρων καὶ τράγων μετὰ στέατος νεφρῶν πυρόν καὶ αἰμα ταιριάζειν εἰπὼν οὐρανόν. 32.15 καὶ ἔραγεν Ιακωβ καὶ ἐνεπληθήθη· καὶ ἀπελάκτισεν ὁ ἡγασπημένος ἐπιπλήθες, ἐπαχυνθή. 32.16 παρακάτωσεν τὸν θεὸν τὸν ποιήσαντα αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπέστη ἀπὸ τοῦ σοφίστα. 32.17 παρασκεύασεν ἐφὶ ἑπταλόηρων, ἐν βδομήσων αὐτοῖς ἐξεπισκοπαὶς με. 32.18 ἔσταν δαμανίας καὶ οὐ θεός θεῶς, οὐς οὐκ ἤδεισαν· καὶ πρόσφερον ἤδεισαν, οὐς οὐκ ἤδεισαν· οὐκ ἠδεισαν χρίσεις αὐτοῖς. 32.19 ἔσταν τὸν ρηθήσαντα σε ἐρακάλισε· ἐπελάθη καὶ ἐπελάθης τὸν τρέφοντα σε. 32.19 καὶ ἐδύνετο χύριος καὶ ἐξήλωσεν καὶ παρασκεύασεν ὃς ἐρήμος ἔσταν αὐτοῦ καὶ θυγατέριον 32.20 καὶ ἐπέστη Ἀποστρέψει τὸ πρόσοπον μου ἐπὶ αὐτοὺς καὶ δείξο τὸ ἐστάς ἐπὶ ἐστάς· ὦ γενέα ἐξεστραμμένη ἐστίν, νιώθας νιώθας τίν περὶ παρηκομένον. 32.21 αὐτοὶ παρεξήλωσαν με ἐπὶ θεὸς παρόφρωσαν με ἐπὶ τοὺς εἰδόλους αὐτῶν· τάρα ἐπαρκής· ὀπίσως ἐπὶ θεον. 32.22 καὶ τῷ ἐξίκεινται ἐκ τοῦ θυσίου μου· καταρθήσεται ἐς θιασίαν καταρθήσεται καὶ τὰ γενήσαται αὐτής· ὃς ἔκατεξα ὑποκηρύσσεται. 32.23 εἰς αὐτοὺς ἐκεῖ καὶ καὶ τῇ βέλῳ μου συντελεσθε ὡς αὐτοῖς. 32.24 τηρήσεσεν λαμβανεῖς καὶ βρώσεις ὑνεόν καὶ ὁ ποιοτέτος ἀνίκατο· ὁ σώμαν ἀποστελεῖ εἰς αὐτοῖς μετὰ θυσίου σωφρόντος ἐπὶ γῆς. 32.25 ἔξεσθεν ἀπεκινήσεις αὐτοὺς καὶ ἐκ τῶν τιμίων φόβος· νεανίσκος
Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: 3 Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 [He is] the Rock, his work [is] perfect: for all his ways [are] judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right [is] he. 5 They have corrupted themselves, their spot [is] not [the spot] of his children: [they are] a perverse and crooked generation. 6 Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? [is] not he thy father [that] hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee? 7 Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. 8 When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. 9 For the Lord'S portion [is] his people; Jacob [is] the lot of his inheritance. 10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about,
he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: 12 [So] the Lord alone did lead him, and [there was] no strange god with him. 13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; 14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape. 15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered [with fatness]; then he forsook God [which] made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. 16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange [gods], with abominations provoked they him to anger. 17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new [gods that] came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. 18 Of the Rock [that] begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. 19 And when the Lord saw [it], he abhorred [them], because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. 20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end [shall be]: for they [are] a very froward generation, children in whom [is] no faith. 21 They have moved me to jealousy with [that which is] not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with [those which are] not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. 22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. 23 I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them. 24 [They shall be] burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. 25 The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling [also] with the man of gray hairs. 26 I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men: 27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, [and] lest they should say, Our hand [is] high, and the Lord hath not done all this. 28 For they [are] a nation void of counsel, neither [is there any] understanding in them. 29 O that they were wise, [that] they understood this, [that] they would consider their latter end! 30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up? 31 For their rock [is] not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves [being] judges. 32 For their vine [is] of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes [are] grapes of gall, their clusters [are] bitter: 33 Their wine [is] the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. 34 [Is] not this laid up in store with me, [and] sealed up among my treasures? 35 To me [belongeth] vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in [due] time: for the day of their calamity [is] at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. 36 For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent
himself for his servants, when he seeth that [their] power is gone, and [there is] none shut up, or left. 37 And he shall say, Where [are] their gods, [their] rock in whom they trusted, 38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, [and] drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, [and] be your protection. 39 See now that I, [even] I, [am] he, and [there is] no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither [is there any] that can deliver out of my hand. 40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. 41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. 42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; [and that] with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. 43 Rejoice, O ye nations, [with] his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, [and] to his people.

Ode 3 – The Prayer of Hannah (1 Kings 2:1-10)

2.1 Kai eipen

Ἅστερεεώθη ἡ παρθία μον ἐν κυρίῳ, ὑψόθη κέφας μον ἐν θεῷ μοι· ἐπιστράνθη ἐπὶ ἐγχρόνος το στόμα μου, εὐθυγράνθη ἐν σωτηρίᾳ σου. 2.2 ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ἄγιος ὡς κυρίος, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν δίκαιος ὡς ὁ θεός ἡμῶν· οὐχ ἔστιν ἄγιος πλὴν σου. 2.3 μὴ κανείς θεὸς καὶ μὴ λαλείτε ύψηλα, μὴ ἐξελθάτω μεγαλορρησιόν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν, ὅτι θεὸς γνώσεων κυρίος καὶ θεός ἐτοιμάζων ἐπιτηδεύματα αὐτοῦ. 2.4 τάξον δυνατῶν ἡσθήνησαν, καὶ ἀσθενοῦντες περιεζόσαντο δύναμιν. 2.5 πλήρεις ἄρτον ἠλεπτόθησαν, καὶ οἱ πενευόντες παρῆκαν γῆν· ὅτι στειρα ἔτεκεν ἐπτά, καὶ ἡ πολλὴ ἐν τέκνοις ἡσθήνησαν. 2.6 κύριος ἦ σεϊρατοι καὶ ἰοφοινεῖ, κατάγει εἰς ἄδων καὶ ἀνάρει. 2.7 κύριος προαίρει καὶ πλουτίζει, ταπεινοῖ καὶ ἀνυψω. 2.8 ἀνυπηρέτα ἀπὸ γῆς πέντε καὶ ἀπὸ κοσμίας ἔφερε πτωχὸν καθίσα αὐτὸν βυζάντων λαῶν καὶ θρόνων δύσις κατακληρονομίων αὐτοῦς. 2.9 διάδοσιν εὐθεῖα τῷ εὐχομένῳ καὶ εὐλόγησεν ἔτος δικαίων· ὅτι οὐκ ἐν ἱσχυ βυζάντως ἀνήρ. 2.10 κύριος ἀσθενὴ ποιήσει αὐτοῦ, κύριος ἄγιος.

1 And Hannah prayed, and said,

My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. 2 [There is] none holy as the Lord: for [there is] none beside thee: neither [is there] any rock like our God. 3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let [not] arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord [is] a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty men [are] broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. 5 [They that were] full have hired out themselves for bread; and [they that were] hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. 6 The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. 7 The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. 8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, [and] lifteth
up the beggar from the dunghill, to set [them] among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth [are] the Lord'S, and he hath set the world upon them. 9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. 10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed. (KJV 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

Ode 4 – Prayer of Habbaeuc (Habbaeuc 3:1-19)

3.1 Προσευχή Ἀμβασιος τοῦ προφήτου μετὰ ὠδης
3.2 Κύριε, εἴσακήν τιν τὸν ἄρχον σου καὶ ἐφοβήθην, κατενόησα τὰ ἔργα σου καὶ ἐξέστην. εν μέσῳ ὄρο ζωών τιμοθυσία, ἐν τῷ ἐγγίζει τῇ ἐπὶ ἐπιγνωσθήσῃ, ἐν τῷ παρείναι τοῦ καυρόν ἀναιδευθήσῃ, ἐν τῷ ταραχθῆναι τὴν ψυχὴν μου ἐν ὀργή ἐλέους μυθοθησί. 3.3 ὁ θεός ἐν Θαμιαν ἤξει, καὶ ὁ ἀγών ἐξ ὀρφυ κατασαίναι δασεος. [1]διάφαλμα.1 ἐκάλυψεν οὐρανοὺς ἡ ἁστή αὐτοῦ, καὶ αἰνίσεως αὐτοῦ πλήρης ἡ γῆ. 3.4 καὶ φέργου αὐτῶν ὡς φῶς ἐσται, κέβατα ἐν χειρών αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐθετο ἄγαυσην κραταιαν ἴσχυος αὐτοῦ. 3.5 πρὸ προσώποι του αὐτοῦ πορευεται λόγος, καὶ ἐξελεύσεται, ἐν πεδίλωσ οἱ πόθες αὐτοῦ. 3.6 ἑσθη, καὶ ἑσαλεύθη ἡ γῆς ἐπέβλεψην, καὶ διατάξει ἔδυν, διεθρύθη τὰ όνη βία, ἐπάκρησαν βονοι αἰώνων. 3.7 πορείας αἰσθησίας αὐτοῦ ἀντί κόπου εἴδων σκηνομάτα Αἰθιόπων πτοηθήσονται καὶ αἱ σκηνα γῆς Μαδαμ. 3.8 μὴ ἐν ποταμίωσ ὄργιοθής, κύριε, ἢ ἐν ποταμίωσ ὁ θυμός σου, ἢ ἐν θαλάσσῃ τὸ ὀρφεύ σου; ὅτι ἐπιθύμη ἐπί τοι ἵππους σου, καὶ ἡ ἰσπαισια σου σωτηρία. 3.9 ἐντείνων ἐντενείς τὸ τῶν σου ἐπὶ τὰ σχήματα, λέγει κύριος. [1]διάφαλμα.1 ποταμών ἀργίσεται γῆ. 3.10 δοθονται σε καὶ ὀδυνουσιν λαοι, σκορπίζον ὅταν πορείας αὐτοῦ ἑδοκεν ἢ ἁβυσσος φωην αὐτης, ὑφος φαντασιας αὐτης. 3.11 ἐπήρθη ὁ ἡλιος, καὶ ἡ σελήνη ἐστι ἐν τῇ τάξει αὐτης· εἰς φῶς βολίδες σου πορευομαι, εἰς φέργος ἀστραπῆς ὀπλων σου. 3.12 ἐν ἀπελη ὀλιγώδεις γῆν καὶ ἐν θυμίῳ κατάξεις ἔδυν. 3.13 ἐξηλθες εἰς σωτηρίαν λαον σου τον σῶσα τους χριστος σου εβαλες εἰς κεραλας αἰώνων θανατον ἐξημερως δεσμον δος τραχυν. [1]διάφαλμα.1 3.14 διέκοψας εἰς ἑκατάσεις κεραλας δυναστων, σεισθῆσονται ἐν αὐτη· διανοιξουσιν χαλινους αὐτων ὡς ἐθνων πτωχος λάθρα. 3.15 καὶ ἐπεβίβασας εἰς θαλάσσας τον ἵππους σου ταράσονται ὑδαρ πολ. 3.16 ἐρυλαξάμεν, καὶ ἐπτοθή ἡ κοιλία μου ἀπο φωνης προσευχῆς χειλέως μου, καὶ εισήλθεν τρόμος εἰς τὰ ὅστα μου, καὶ ὑποκατόθεν μου ἐταράχθη ἡ ἐξες μου. ἀναπάσσομαι ἐν ἡμέρας θλίψεως του ἀναβίνει εἰς λαον παροικίας μου. 3.17 διότι συνῃ ὁ παροσφορήσει, καὶ υἱς ἐσται γενήματα ἐν ταῖς ἀμπέλιοις· φεύγεται ἔργων ἐλαίας, καὶ τὰ πεδία ὁ ποιησε βρόαν· ἐξέλυτον ἀπο βρόας πρόβατα, καὶ υἱς ἐπάρχουσιν βαցες ἐπτο φάνας. 3.18 ἐγὼ δὲ ἐν τῷ κυρίῳ ἀγαλλίσσωμαι, χαρόσσωμι ἐπὶ τῷ θεῷ τῷ σωτηρίῳ μου. 3.19 κύριος ὁ θεός δύναμις μου καὶ τάξει τους πόδας μου εἰς συντελειαν.

1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.
2 O Lord, I have heard thy speech, [and] was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy. 3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. 4 And [his] brightness was as the light; he had horns [coming] out of his hand: and there [was] the hiding of his power. 5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet. 6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways [are] everlasting. 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: [and] the lords of Arvad hath he dispersed: Selah. 8 Was the Lord displeased against the rivers? [was] thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses [and] thy chariots of salvation? 9 Thy bow was a light without a quiver: he subdued and pierced with his arrows the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah. 10 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen at the light of thine anointed; thy people didst scatter me: their rejoicing [was] as to devour the poor secretly. 11 The sun [and] moon stood still in their habitation: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops. Selah. 12 Thou didst go out for the salvation of thy people, [even] for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah. 13 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing [was] as to devour the poor secretly. 14 Thou didst strike with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me; their rejoicing [was] as to devour the poor secretly. 15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, [through] the heap of great waters. 16 When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might render: Selah. 17 Thou didst scatter me: their rejoicing [was] as to devour the poor secretly. 18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. 19 The Lord God [is] my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds’ [feet], and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

**Ode 5 Prayer Isaiah (Isaiah 26:9-20)**

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments [are] in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. 10 Let favour be shewed to the wicked, [yet] will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord. 11 Lord, [when] thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: [but] they shall see, and be ashamed for [their] envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them. 12 Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. 13 O Lord our God, [other] Lords beside thee have had dominion over us: [but] by thee only will we make mention of thy name. 14 [They are] dead, they shall not live; [they are] deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. 15 Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed [it] far [unto] all the ends of the earth. 16 Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer [when] thy chastening [was] upon them. 17 Like as a woman with child, [that] dreweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, [and] crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O Lord. 18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. 19 Thy dead [men] shall live, [together with] my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew [is as] the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. 20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

Ode 6 Prayer of Jonah (Jonah 2:3-10)

2.3 καὶ εἰπέν Ἐβρόσει ἐν Ὑλίσθει μοι πρὸς χῦρον τὸν θεόν μου, καὶ εἰσῆκονσέν μοι· ἐκ κοιλίας ἤδων χρυσῆς μου ἡκουσάς ἠκούσας· 2.4 ἀπερρηψάς με εἰς βάθη καρδίας θαλάσσης, καὶ ποταμοὶ με ἐκτίθεσαν· πάντες οἱ μετεφορίσμοι σου καὶ τὰ χύματα σου ἐσ’ ἐμὲ διήλ.θον. 2.5 καὶ ἐγὼ εἰπά Ἀπόσωμαι ἐξ ὀρθαλμῶν σου· ἀρα
προαθῆσαι τοῦ ἐπιβλέψα τῆς τῶν ναὸν τῶν ἀγίων σου; 2.6 περιεύθυνθ ὤδος μοι ἐκς ψυχῆς, ἀβυσσὸς ἐκείνωσεν με ἐσχατῇ, ἐδώ ἡ κεφαλὴ μου εἰς σχημὰς ὀρέων. 2.7 κατέβην εἰς γῆν, ἦς οἱ μοχλοὶ αὐτῆς κάτοχοι αἰώνιοι, καὶ ἀνήτῳ φωθά ζωῆς μου, κυρίοι ὁ θεὸς μου. 2.8 ἐν τῷ ἐξελεύσετο ἀπ' ἐμοῦ τὴν ψυχὴν μου τοῦ κυρίου ἐμνήσθην, καὶ ἐλθοῦσας σε ἡ προσευκής μου εἰς ναὸν ἀγίων σου. 2.9 φυλασσόμενοι μάταια καὶ φεύγῃ ἔλεος αὐτῶν ἐγκατέληπνον. 2.10 ἐγὼ δὲ μετὰ φωνῆς αἰνέσεως καὶ ἐξομολογήσεως θύσω σοι: ὥσα Ἴηşim, ἀποδόσω σοι σωτηρίου τοῦ κυρίω.

3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep; in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about; all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. 4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. 5 The waters compassed me about, [even] to the soul; the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. 6 I went down to the bottoms of the waters compassed me about, [even] to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the floods were wrapped about my head. 7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. 8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay [that] that I have vowed. Salvation [is] of the Lord. 10 And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry [land].

**Ode 7 Prayer of Azariah (Apoc. Dan. 3:26-56)**

3.26 Ἠλογιστός εἰς ἐκεῖ οὗς τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν, καὶ αἰνετόν καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τοὺς αἰώνας. 3.27 ὃ ὅτι δίκαιος εἰ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἔργα σοῦ ἀληθινά, καὶ αἳ ὁδὸν σου εὔθεια, καὶ πᾶσα αἱ χρίσεως σου ἀληθιναί. 3.28 καὶ χρίσατα ἀληθείας ἐποίησας κατὰ πάντα, ἡ ἐπήγαγες ἡμῖν καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν πάλιν σοῦ τὴν ἁγίαν την παρὰ τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν Ιερουσαλήμ, ὡστε ἐν ἀληθείᾳ καὶ χρίσει ἐποίησας πάντα ταῦτα διὰ τὰς ἁμαρτίας ἡμῶν. 3.29 ὃ ὅτι ἠμάρτησαν ἐν πάσι καὶ ἡμοῦσαμεν ἀποστίρησιν ἀπό σοῦ καὶ ἔχομεν ἐν πᾶσι καὶ τῶν ἑντολῶν τοῦ νόμου σου οὐκ ἐπηρεάσθημεν 3.30 οὖν δεύτερος ἔνθεσθαι σοι ἐποίησας μαθοῦς ἑνετείλου ἡμῖν, ἵνα εὐ ἡμῖν γένηται. 3.31 καὶ νῦν πάντα, ὅσα ἡμῖν ἐπήγαγες, καὶ πάντα, ὅσα ἐποίησας ἡμῖν, ἐν ἀληθείᾳ χρίσαι ἐποίησας 3.32 καὶ παρέδωκας ἡμᾶς εἰς χειράς ἐξήρων ἡμῶν ἁμωμὸν καὶ ἐξῆταν ἀποστατῶν καὶ βασιλεία ἀδίκω καὶ πονηροτάτῳ παρὰ πᾶσαι τὴν γῆν. 3.33 καὶ νῦν οὐχ ἔστιν ἡμῖν ἀναίζη τὸ σῶμα, αἰσχύνην καὶ ὀνειδίκης ἐγενήθη τοῖς δούλοις σου καὶ τοῖς σεβομένως σε. 3.34 μὴ παράδοχῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς τέλος διὰ τὸ ὄνομά σου καὶ μὴ διασχέδισές σος τὴν διαθήκην 3.35 καὶ μὴ ἀποστήσῃς τὸ ἐξελός σοῦ ἀπ' ἡμῶν διὰ Ἄβρααμ τὸν ἡραμπρόνον ὑπὸ σου καὶ διὰ Ἰσαάκ τὸν δούλον σου καὶ Ἰσαὰκ τὸν ἀγίων σου. 3.36 ὃς ἐλάθης πρὸς αὐτὸς λέγων πληθύνη τὸ σπέρμα αὐτῶν ὡς τὸ ἀντὶ τοῦ σώματος καὶ ὡς τὴν ἀμύμον τὴν παρὰ τὸ χείλος τῆς δαίδαλος. 3.37 ὃτι, δέσποτα, ἐσώρουθηνευς παρὰ πάντα τὰ ἐθνῆ καὶ ἐσμεν ταπεινοὶ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ γῇ σήμερον διὰ τὰς ἁμαρτίας ἡμῶν. 3.38 καὶ νῦν ἔστιν ἐν τῷ καιρῷ τοῦτο ἄρχων καὶ προφῆτης οὐδὲ ἤρμομενος οὐδὲ ὀλοκατώσις οὐδὲ ἢσσια οὐδὲ προσφορὰ οὐδὲ ἤμισαμα οὐδὲ
Blessed art Thou, our God, and the God of our fathers.
Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers; and praised and glorified is Thy name for ever.
For Thou art righteous in all the things that Thou hast done for us; yea, true are all Thy works, and upright are Thy ways, and all Thy judgments are true.
In all the things that Thou hast brought upon us, and upon Jerusalem the holy city of our fathers, Thou hast executed true judgments; for according to truth and judgment didst Thou bring all these things upon us because of our sins.
For we have sinned and committed iniquity, departing from Thee, and in all things wherein we have sinned greatly; and we have not hearkened unto Thy
commandments, nor heeded them; either have we done as Thou hast commanded us, that it might go well with us.

Wherefore all that Thou hast done to us, and all that Thou hast brought upon us, Thou hast done in true judgment; and Thou hast delivered us into the hands of lawless enemies, and of most wicked forsakers of God, and to an unrighteous king, and the most wicked in all the world.

And now we cannot open our mouth; we are become a shame and reproach to Thy servants, and to them that worship Thee.

Deliver us not up for ever, for Thy holy name’s sake, neither forget Thou Thy covenant; and take not away Thy mercy from us, for the sake of Thy beloved Abraham, and Isaac Thy servant, and Israel Thy holy one; o whom Thou hast said that Thou wouldest multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that lieth upon the seashore.

For we, O Lord our King and Master, are become the least of all the heathen, and we are brought low in all the earth this day because of our sins.

Nor is there at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or whole-burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, nor place of first-fruits before Thee, that we may obtain mercy.

Nevertheless, in a contrite soul and an humble spirit let us be accepted.

Like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks, and like as ten thousands of fat lambs, so let our sacrifice this day be acceptable in Thy sight; and hereafter let it be performed before Thee; for there is no shame to them that put their trust in Thee.

And now we follow Thee with our whole heart, and we fear Thee, and we seek Thy face; put us not to shame.

But deal with us according to Thy tenderness, and according to the multitude of Thy mercy.

Deliver us according to Thy marvellous works, and give glory to Thy name, O Lord.

And let all them that do Thy servants’ hurt be confounded, and let them be ashamed, and deprived of all their might; and let their strength be broken.

And let them know that Thou art the Lord, the only God, and glorious over all the world.

And the king’s servants, that put them in, ceased not to make the furnace hot with brimstone, pitch and tow, and wood of the vine.

And the flame mounted up above the furnace forty and nine cubits; and it brake forth, and wrapped in flames those Chaldeans found about the furnace.

But the angel of the Lord came down to be with Azarias and his companions in the furnace, and drove the flame of the fire out of the furnace.

And made the midst of the furnace as it had been the blowing of a wind bringing dew, and the fire touched them not at all, nor brought grief, nor troubled them.

Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, and blessed, and glorified God in the furnace, saying,
Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.
And blessed is Thy glorious and holy name, which is highly praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thy holy glory, and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art Thou that beholdest the depths, that sittest upon the cherubim, Thou that art praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art Thou on the glorious throne of Thy kingdom, Thou that art praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art Thou in the firmament of heaven, Thou that art praised and exalted above all for ever. (Not KJV)

_Odeo_ 8 – _The song of the 3 children_ (Apoc. Dan. 3:57-88)

3.57 εὐλογεῖτε, πάντα τὰ ἔργα τοῦ κυρίου, τὸν κύριον· ὤνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.58 εὐλογεῖτε, ἄγγελοι κυρίου, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.59 εὐλογεῖτε, οὐρανοί, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.60 εὐλογεῖτε, ὢδατα πάντα τὰ ἐπάνω τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.61 εὐλογεῖτε, πᾶσαι αἱ ὄνναμεις κυρίου, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.62 εὐλογεῖτε, ἥλιος καὶ σελήνη, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.63 εὐλογεῖτε, ἀστρα τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.64 εὐλογεῖτε, πάρα ὁμβρος καὶ δρόσος, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.65 εὐλογεῖτε, πάντα τὰ πνεύματα, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.66 εὐλογεῖτε, πῶς καὶ πάνιμα, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.67 εὐλογεῖτε, βύρος καὶ ψύχος, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.68 εὐλογεῖτε, δρόσοι καὶ νιφετοί, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.69 εὐλογεῖτε, πάχοι καὶ ψύχοι, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.70 εὐλογεῖτε, πάχνια καὶ χόνες, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.71 εὐλογεῖτε, νύκτες καὶ ἡμέραι, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.72 εὐλογεῖτε, φῶς καὶ σκότος, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.73 εὐλογεῖτε, ἀστραταὶ καὶ νεφέλαι, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.74 εὐλογεῖτο ἡ γῆ τὴν κυρίον· ὄνειται καὶ ὑπερψοῦτο αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.75 εὐλογεῖτε, ὑγιὴ καὶ βούνοι, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.76 εὐλογεῖτε, πάντα τὰ φυόμενα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.77 εὐλογεῖτε, αἱ πηγαι, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.78 εὐλογεῖτε, ἡθάλασσαι καὶ πταμοί, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.79 εὐλογεῖτε, κῆτη καὶ πάντα τὰ χιονώμενα ἐν τοῖς ὄδασι, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.80 εὐλογεῖτε, πάντα τὰ πετεινά τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, τὸν κύριον· ὄνειτε καὶ ὑπερψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.
3.81 εὐλογεῖτε, τετράποδα καὶ θηρία τῆς γῆς, τὸν κύριον· ὑμεῖτε καὶ ὑπερψυχεῖτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.82 εὐλογεῖτε, οἱ νῦν τῶν ἁνθρώπων, τὸν κύριον· ὑμεῖτε καὶ ὑπερψυχεῖτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.83 εὐλογεῖτε, Ἰσραήλ, τὸν κύριον· ὑμεῖτε καὶ ὑπερψυχεῖτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.84 εὐλογεῖτε, ἱερεῖς, τὸν κύριον· ὑμεῖτε καὶ ὑπερψυχεῖτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.85 εὐλογεῖτε, δοῦλοι, τὸν κύριον· ὑμεῖτε καὶ ὑπερψυχεῖτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰώνας. 3.86 εὐλογεῖτε, πνεῦμα καὶ φύσις δικαίων, τὸν κύριον· ὑμεῖτε καὶ ὑπερψυχεῖτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. 3.87 εὐλογεῖτε, ὅσιοι καὶ ταπεινοὶ καρδίας, τὸν κύριον· ὑμεῖτε καὶ ὑπερψυχεῖτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.

Praise the Lord, ye creatures which He hath made.
Praise the Lord, ye works of His, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, all ye angels of the Lord, and ye heavens of the Lord: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, all ye waters that are above the heavens, and all ye powers of the Lord: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye sun and moon, and ye stars of heaven: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, every shower and dew, and all ye winds: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye fire and heat, ye winter cold and summer heat: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye falls of dew and snow, ye ice and cold: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye frosts and snows, ye lightning and clouds: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye light and darkness, ye night and day: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye earth, ye mountains and hills, and all things that spring up therein: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye fountains, ye seas and floods, ye monsters of the sea, and all things that move in the waters: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, all ye winged creatures of the air, ye beasts and all cattle: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye sons of men; let Israel bless the Lord: raise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye priests of the Lord, ye servants of the Lord: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, ye holy and humble of heart: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, O Ananias, Azarias and Misael: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Bless the Lord, O ye apostles, ye prophets and martyrs of the Lord: praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Let us bless the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Lord: let us praise the Lord, and exalt Him above all for ever.
Let us praise, and bless, and worship the Lord: praising the Lord, and exalting Him above all for ever. (not KJV)


46 And Mary said,
47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy [is] his name. 50 And his mercy [is] on them that fear him from generation to generation. 51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He hath put down the mighty from [their] seats, and exalted them of low degree. 53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of [his] mercy; 55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.
68 Blessed [be] the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, 69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; 70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: 71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; 72 To perform the mercy [promised] to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; 73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, 74 That he would grant unto us, that we be ing delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. 76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; 77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, 78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, 79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and [in] the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.