

Aposticha I.

Mode 2. Original Melody.



(Δ)

Jo - - seph_ took You down__ from the Cross af-

ter You had died, and pre-pared__ You, O Christ, for bur - i -

al. Use - ing myrrh, he wrapped you in__ a shroud, O Life____ of__

all. (Δ) And con - strained by his ar - dent love, he longed to em-brace__ (Δ)

You, (Δ) press - ing to Your spot - less bod - y his own heart____ and__

lips. (Δ) But re - strained by fear and by rev' - rence, (Δ) joy - ous-

ly he cried to You, "Glo - ry to Your con - de-scen-sion, Lord who

love man-kind."