Lauds for the Feast. Mode 4. *Vu=E.*

Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute. You right - eous, be glad in heart; and the heav - ens, be ex - ult - ant. Leap for joy, O moun - tains, at the birth of the Mes - si - ah. Re - sem - bling the Cher - u - bim, the Vir - gin Maid - en is seat - ed and holds in her em - brac - es God the Lo - gos in - car - nate. The shep - herds glo - ri - fy the new - born Babe; Ma - gi bring the Mas - ter their pre - cious gifts. An - gels are sing - ing hymns of praise, and say, O Lord in - com - pre - hen - si - ble, glo - ry to You.

Sticheron 2

Praise Him with resounding cymbals, praise Him with triumphant cymbals.

Let ev-ery-thing that breathes praise the Lord. The Fa - ther was

well pleased; the Lo - gos be - came flesh; and the Vir - gin gave

birth to God who be - came man. A Star re - veals Him;

Ma - gi bow in wor - ship; Shep - herds mar - vel, and cre-

- a - tion re - joic - es.

Sticheron 3

The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, un - til I make your

en - e - mies the foot - stool of Your feet." O Vir - gin The - o-

- to - kos who gave birth to the Sav - ior, you re-versed the

curse to which Eve once was sub-ject. For you have be - come the

Moth-er of the Fa-ther's good pleas - ure, and you hold in your em-

- brac - es God the Lo - gos in - car - nate. The mys-ter - y ad-

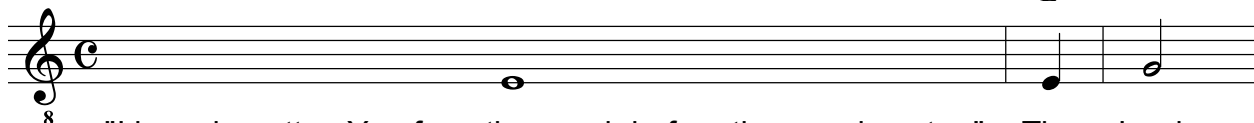- mits no in - quir - y; we all glo - ri - fy it by

faith a-lone, and with you we cry a - loud and say, O

Lord in-com-pre - hen - si - ble, glo - ry to You.

Sticheron 4

"I have begotten You from the womb before the morning star." The Lord

swore and will not re-pent. Come, let us ex - tol and praise the Sav-ior's

Moth - er, who re-mained a vir-gin e - ven af - ter child - birth.

An - i-mate Cit - y of our King and God, re - joice, for Christ hav-ing

dwelt in you has wrought our sal - va - tion. To - geth-er with Ga-bri - el we

sing your praise, to - geth-er with the shep-herds we glo - ri - fy you,

cry-ing out, "The-o - to-kos, in - ter - cede with the Lord, who is in-

- car - nate from you, to save us."