

Ode ix. Mode pl. 4. *Ga=F. The heavens were astounded.*

Diatonic

8 A - pos - tle of Christ, in - ter - cede on our be - half.

8 We wor - thi - ly call bless - ed the ho - ly John, the be - lov - ed Dis -

8 - ci - ple of Christ and pur - est in - stru - ment of di - vine the - ol - o - gy,

8 who stood by the Mas - ter's Cross and, since he was a vir - gin him -

8 self, was en - trust - ed with the pure and blame - less Vir - gin, the

8 Moth - er of the Sav - ior and The - o - to - kos, as her

8 guard - i - an. (2)

Glory.

8 F U F

Your chaste and spot-less life was wor-thi - ly loved by the

8 C

pure One, the Lord, who ac - cept-ed you, O bless-ed John,

8 F U F C F

tru - ly as a broth - er, for you had lived your life on earth an-

8 D C F

- gel - i-cally. There-fore He pro - claimed you to be the son of

8 C F C F

His all - ho - ly Moth - er, the Vir - gin The - o - to - kos.

8 C F

We now ex - tol you both and call you blest.

Both now.

8 Be - come for me a tow - er of sav-ing strength, keep-ing

8 off me the ar - mies of de - mons and the vi - cious hoard

8 of temp - ta - tions. Pure La - dy, keep me safe from eve - ry dan - ger;

8 drive a - way the as - saults of pas - sions that lead to sin. And

8 grant to me pure free - dom, and al - so an a - bun - dance

8 of the di - vine gifts of the grace of God.