## Aposticha I.  Mode 2.  *Di=G.*  **Original Melody.**



Soft Chromatic

Jo - seph took You down from the Cross

af-ter You had died, and pre - pared You, O Christ, for bur - i - al.

Us-ing myrrh, he wrapped you in a shroud, O Life of

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

- brace You, press-ing to Your spot-less bod-y his own heart and

lips. But re - strained by fear and by rev'-rence, joy-ous-ly he

cried to You, "Glo - ry to Your con-de - scen-sion, Lord who love man-

-kind."