

Lauds Stichera for the Forerunner
Mode pl. 4. *Ni=C.* *What a paradoxal.*

Diatonic *C*

8 Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute

D *C*

8 What a par - a - dox - al mir - a - cle! The Proph - et John's sa - cred

D *C*

8 head, which the An - gels re - vere in awe, was pa - rad - ed round a -

8 bout by a wan - ton li - cen - tious girl. To her a - dul - ter - ous

D *C*

8 moth - er she of - fered it: with it, the tongue that ac - cused the law - less

D

8 king. Oh, the in - ef - fa - ble for - bear - ance You showed, O

C

8 lov - er of man - kind! There - fore save our souls, O Christ a - lone com -

8 - pas - sion - ate.

Sticheron 2^{Diatonic}



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



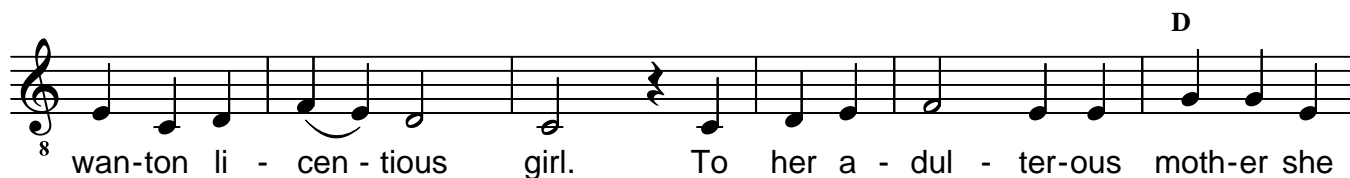
Let ev-ery-thing that breathes praise the Lord. What a par-a-



dox-al mir-a-cle! The Proph-et John's sa-cred head, which the



An-gels re-vere in awe, was pa-rad-ed round a-bout by a



wan-ton li-cen-tious girl. To her a-dul-ter-ous moth-er she



of-fered it: with it, the tongue that ac-cused the law-less king.



Oh, the in-ef-fa-ble for-bear-ance You showed, O



lov-er of man-kind! There-fore save our souls, O Christ a-lone com-



pas-sion-ate.

Sticheron 3

C



⁸ The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall be mul - ti - plied

D



⁸ like the ce - dar in Leb-a-non. Such was the hard-ness of He-rod's

C **D**



⁸ heart! For while dis - hon - or - ing God by re - fus - ing to keep the

C



⁸ Law, he de - ceit-ful - ly pre - tends that he hon-ors the oaths he

D



⁸ makes; and he adds mur - der to his a - dul-ter - y, and then he

C **D**



⁸ feigns a de - ject-ed coun-te-nance. Oh, the in - ef - fa - ble

C



⁸ ten-der mer-cy You, O Mas-ter, have for us! There-fore save our souls, O

C



⁸ Christ a - lone com - pas - sion - ate.

Sticheron 4

C

8 The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

D C

8 What an ap - pal - ling a - troc - i - ty! The ver - y An - gel on

D C

8 earth and the seal of the Proph-ets all has been shown to be the

8 prize for the dance of a pros - ti - tute. The tongue that

D

8 ut - ters the words of God is sent to those in Ha - des, fore-

C D

8 tell - ing them of Christ. Oh, the in - ef - fa - ble

C

8 prov - i - dence that You, O Mas - ter, have for all! There - fore save our

8 souls, O Christ a - lone com - pas - sion - ate.