

The Eighth Stikheron

Kievan tone 2

Reader: For strong is his love for us...

...and the Lord stays true to his word for ev - er.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords and single notes, with a long horizontal line above the notes 'ev' and 'er' indicating a sustained sound. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

What shall we offer Thee, O Christ,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It features similar chordal structures and a long horizontal line above the word 'Christ'.

Who for our sakes hast appeared on earth as man?

The third system of musical notation shows a change in the melodic line, with more distinct notes in the treble staff. The accompaniment remains chordal.

Ev - 'ry creature made by Thee off - ers Thee thanks.

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment, with a long horizontal line above the word 'thanks'.

The Angels offer Thee a hymn; the hea - vens, a star; the Ma - gi, gifts;

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the piece with a final melodic phrase and accompaniment. The treble staff has a more active melodic line, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

the shepherds, their wonder; the earth, its cave;

the wil - der-ness, the man - ger; and we offer Thee a Virgin Mo - ther.

O pre eternal God have mer - cy on us.