

HYMNS FOR THE ORTHODOX LITURGY

WE HAVE SEEN... LET OUR MOUTHS BE FILLED...

Performance note: Research into performance practice shows that there are two different methods of singing Orthodox liturgical pieces in recitative style. According to the first method, prevalent in St. Petersburg and western Russia, the speed of the pulse varies within the phrase, moving faster on repeated notes and slower in melodic passages. Consequently the duration of a given note value changes, and the relationship of one note value to another is not strictly proportional.

In the other method, characteristic of Moscow and central Russia, the pulse remains constant and the relationship between note values is exact (e.g., a half-note is held exactly twice as long as a quarter-note.)

In either system the strong and weak syllables form rhythmic groups, predominantly of two quarters and three quarters. To facilitate performance all three-quarter-note groups have been bracketed above the text in this edition. A half-bracket ($\frown$) signifies that the syllable under it is a pick-up to a strong syllable.

The present edition is based on the Slavonic original published in the *Notnyi Sbornik Pravoslavnogo Russkogo Tserkovnogo Peniia*, Vol. 1 (London: 1962) pp. 330-1. To accommodate the English text adjustments have been made in the rhythm and the length of some melodic figures; however, the overall melodic and harmonic scheme of the piece has remained intact. All original dynamic and tempo markings have been retained. Editorial additions are enclosed in brackets.

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Moderately fast [♩ = 108-120]

[*mf*]

Soprano
Alto

WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT. WE HAVE RE-CEIVED THE HEAV-EN-LY

Tenor
Bass

[*mf*]

SPIR IT, WE HAVE FOUND THE TRUE FAITH. WOR-SHIP-ING THE

UN-DI-VID-ED TRIN I-TY. WHO HAS SAVED US.

mp A - - - MEN. *mf* LET OUR MOUTHS - BE FILLED WITH THY

mp PRAISE, - O - LORD, THAT WE MAY SING - OF THY GLO - RY,

FOR THOU - HAST MADE US WOR - THY TO PAR - TAKE OF THY HO - LY, DI -

- VINE, - IM - MOR - TAL, AND LIFE-CRE - A - TING MYS - TER - IES.

KEEP US IN THY HO - LI - NESS, THAT ALL THE DAY WE MAY

MED - I - TATE UP - ON THY RIGHT - EOUS-NESS. AL - LE - LU - I - A.

cresc. AL - LE - LU - I - A, *f* AL - LE - LU - I - A.

mp e cresc. LORD, HAVE MER-CY, *f* LORD, HAVE MER - CY.

mp TO THEE, O *mf* LORD. *f* A - MEN. IN THE NAME OF THE

mp LORD. *mf* LORD, HAVE *f* MER - CY.