

Holy Friday: Vespers Aposticha

Tone 2, Samopodoben "Down from the Tree"

S,T
A

Down from the Tree Joseph of Arimathea took Thee dead,

B

2

Who art the Life of all, and he wrapped Thee, O Christ,

4

in a linen cloth with spices. Moved in his heart by love,

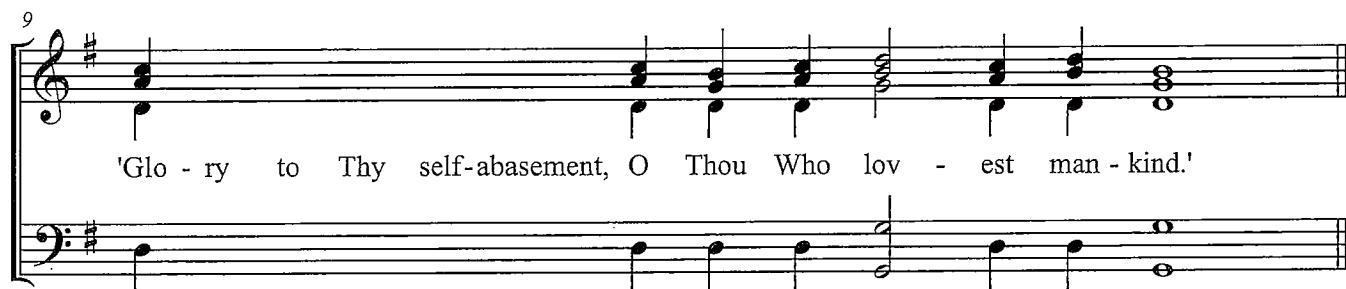
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he kissed Thy most pure body with his lips; yet, drawing back in fear,

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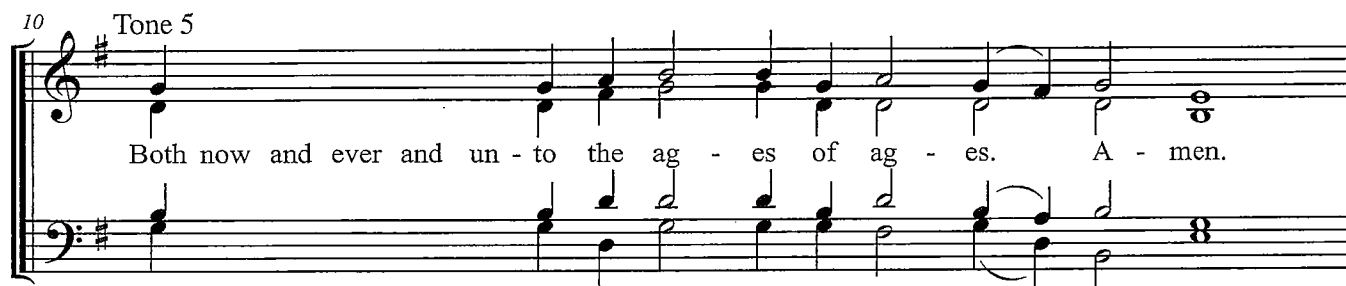
he cried to Thee rejoicing:

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'Glo - ry to Thy self-abasement, O Thou Who lov - est man - kind.'

10 Tone 5



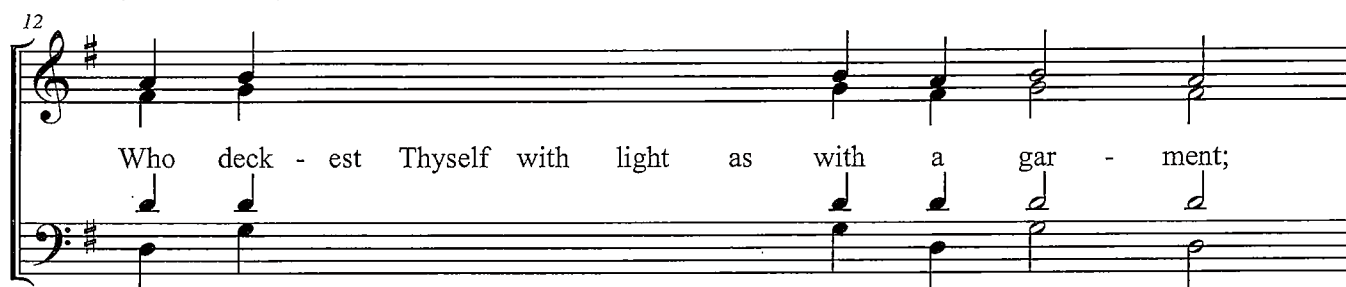
Both now and ever and un - to the ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

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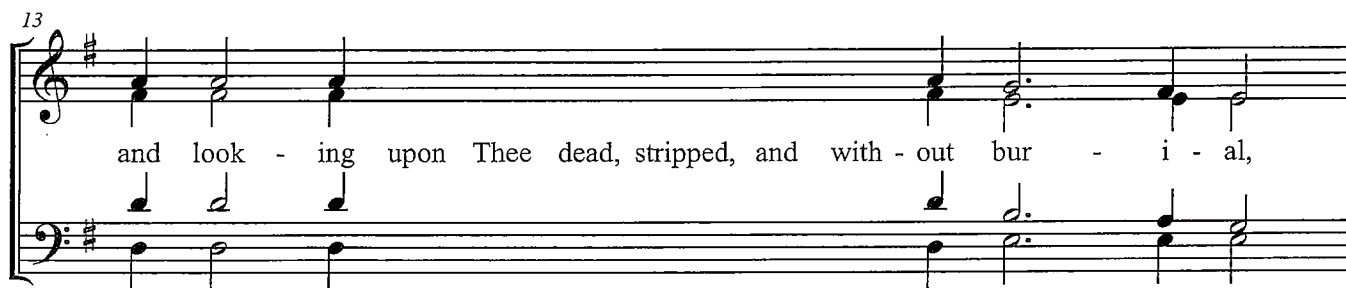
Jo - seph with Nicode - mus took Thee down from the Tree,

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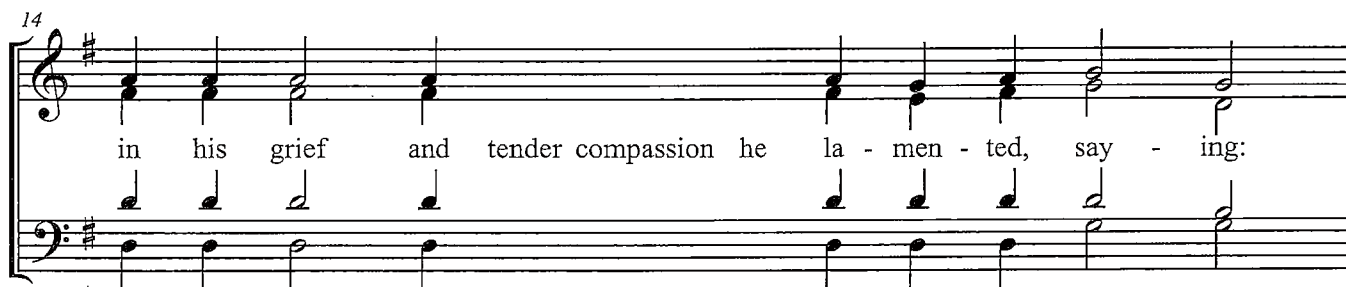
Who deck - est Thyself with light as with a gar - ment;

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and look - ing upon Thee dead, stripped, and with - out bur - i - al,

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in his grief and tender compassion he la - men - ted, say - ing:

15

'Woe is me, my sweet-est Je - sus! When but a lit - tle while a - go

This system contains measures 15 and 16. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Woe is me, my sweet-est Je - sus! When but a lit - tle while a - go

17

the sun saw Thee hang - ing on the Cross, it wrapped it - self in dark - ness:

This system contains measures 17 and 18. The melody continues on the treble clef staff. The lyrics are: the sun saw Thee hang - ing on the Cross, it wrapped it - self in dark - ness:

19

the earth quaked with fear and the veil of the temple was rent in twain.

This system contains measures 19 and 20. The melody continues on the treble clef staff. The lyrics are: the earth quaked with fear and the veil of the temple was rent in twain.

20

And now I see Thee for my sake submitting of Thine own will to death.

This system contains measures 21 and 22. The melody continues on the treble clef staff. The lyrics are: And now I see Thee for my sake submitting of Thine own will to death.

22

How shall I bu - ry Thee, my God? How shall I wrap Thee in a wind - ing sheet?

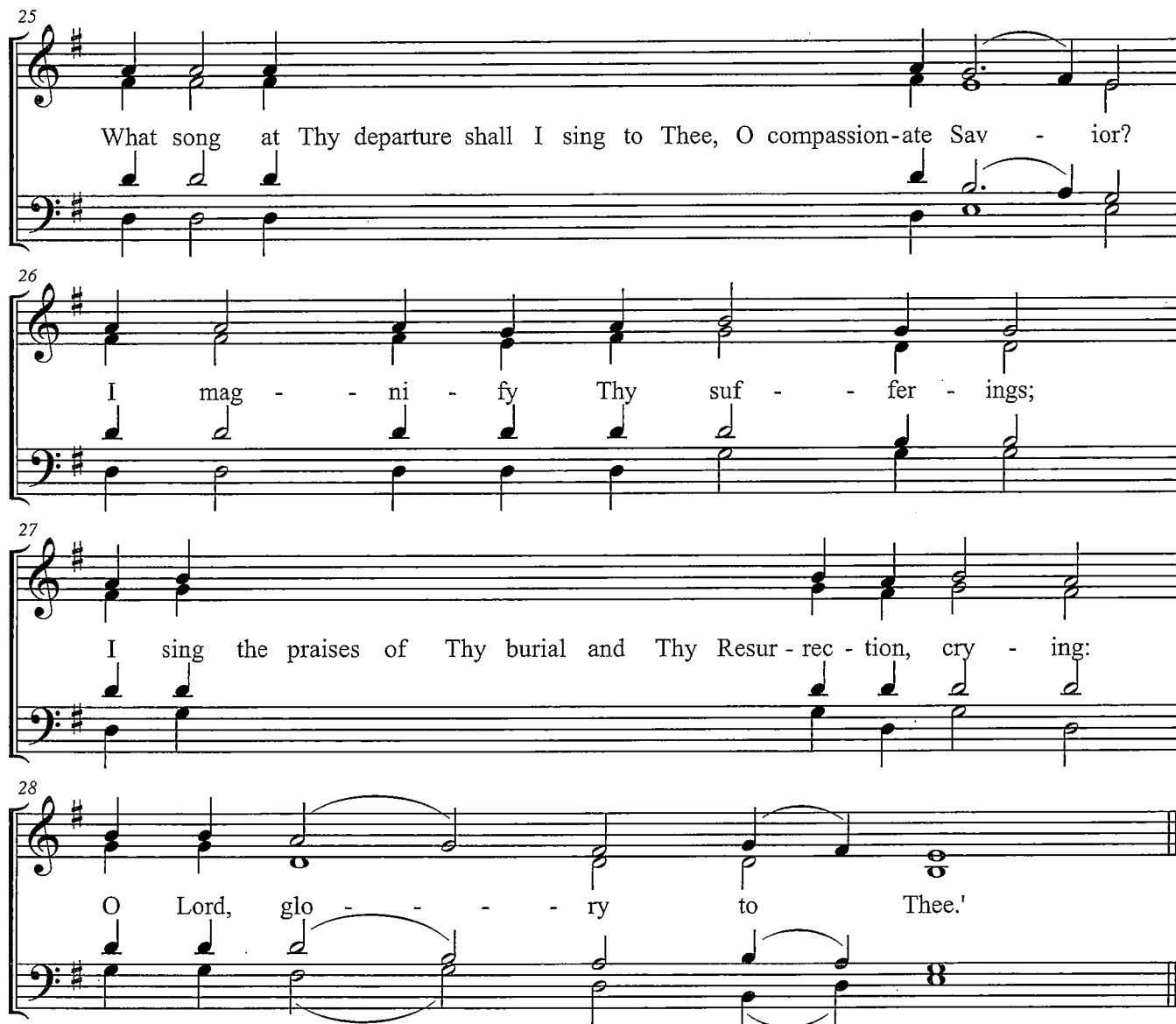
This system contains measures 23 and 24. The melody continues on the treble clef staff. The lyrics are: How shall I bu - ry Thee, my God? How shall I wrap Thee in a wind - ing sheet?

24

How shall I touch Thy most pure bo - dy with my hands?

This system contains measures 25 and 26. The melody continues on the treble clef staff. The lyrics are: How shall I touch Thy most pure bo - dy with my hands?

25



What song at Thy departure shall I sing to Thee, O compassion-ate Sav - ior?

26

I mag - - ni - fy Thy suf - - fer - ings;

27

I sing the praises of Thy burial and Thy Resur - rec - tion, cry - ing:

28

O Lord, glo - - - ry to Thee.'