

## The Prophecy of Ezekiel (37:1-14)

## At Matins of Great and Holy Saturday

*Non-metered, free meter. Instructions are informational only. The Prophecy should be chanted from the heart.*

The read- ing of the proph- e- cy of E- ze- ki- el.

The image shows a musical score for two parts: Deacon and Chanter. The Deacon part is written on a single staff with a red treble clef and contains four red notes: a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, and a whole note. The Chanter part is written on a single staff with a black treble clef and contains eight black notes: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, a half note, a whole note, and a whole note.

*Let us attend.*

[T]he hand of the Lord came up- on me,

[illegible]

and brought me by the Spir- it of the Lord, and set me in the midst of the plain

The first staff of music contains a sequence of notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, an eighth note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a dotted quarter note B3, an eighth note A3, a quarter note G3, and a whole rest. This is followed by a bar line and then a sequence of eighth notes: G3, F3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, and G2.

which was full of the bones of men, so He led me round a- bout them,

[illegible]

and be- hold, there was a great multitude of bones on the face of the plain.

*Conversation.* *mf*

They were ver- y dry. Then He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

So I answered, "O Lord God, truly Thou know- est." Then He said to me,

[illegible]

"[Son of man], Proph- e- sy to these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones,

The first staff of music contains a sequence of notes on a five-line staff. The notes are: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, a half note on B4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on F4, a quarter note on E4, a quarter note on D4, and a quarter note on C4. The staff is divided into two measures by a bar line after the fifth note.

hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord [God] to these bones;

"Be- hold, I will bring up- on you the Spir- it of life. I will put on you mus- cles,

<sup>1</sup>OSB: 'human bones'.

<sup>2</sup>OSB: 'O Lord, You know this.'

and bring up- on you flesh, I will cov- er you with skin,

and put My Spirit in- to you. Then you shall live and know

that I am the Lord. " " " *mf* So I proph- e- sied as He com- mand- ed me,

and it came to pass while I proph- e- sied that, be- hold, there was a shak- ing, *f* *With intensity.*

and the bones came to- geth- er, [bone to bone,] each one to its joint.

So I looked and be- hold, muscle and flesh grew up- on them,

and skin cover- ed them ov- er; *mp* but no breath was in them.

*mf* Then He said to me, "Proph- e- sy un- to the wind, Proph- e- sy, son of man,

and say to the wind, 'Thus says the Lord God:

"From the four winds come, O Spir- it, and up- on these dead men breathe;

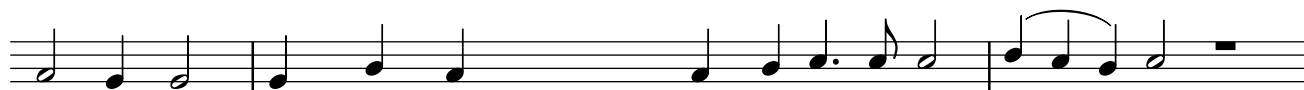
and let them live." " " *poco a poco* So I prophesied as He com- mand- ed me,



and the Spirit [of Life] en- tered in- to them; and they lived and stood upon their feet,



an assembly ex- ceed- ing- ly great. Again the Lord spoke to me, say- ing,



"Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Is- ra- el. They say,

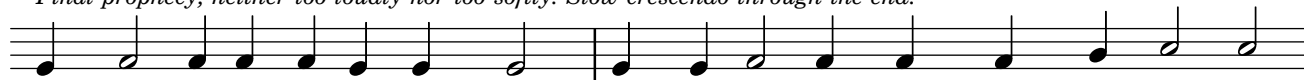


'Our bones are dry, our hope has per- ished, and we are lost.'



There- fore proph- e- sy, [O Son of man,] and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord [God]:

*Final prophecy; neither too loudly nor too softly. Slow crescendo through the end.*



"Be- hold, I will op- en your tombs, bring you up from your graves, [My peo- ple],



and bring you into the land of Is- ra- el. Then you will know that I am the Lord,



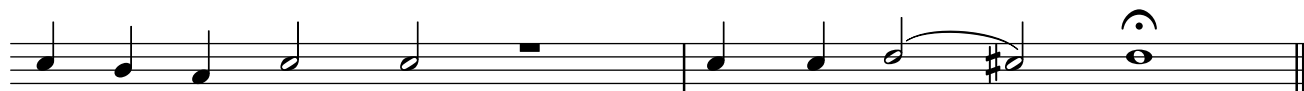
when I op- en your tombs to lead you, My peo- ple, up from their graves.



I will put My Spir- it in you, and you will live; and I will place you in your own land.



Then you will know that I am the Lord. I have spok- en,



and I will do it," says the Lord [God]."