

Follow the Vesper Service Book in concert with this Menaion and the Divine Prayers and Services Book by Nassar, on page 396.

After "Blessed is our God" and the reading of the Sunset Psalm, on "Lord, to thee have I cried," sing page 139 through 145, verses and Idiomela in Tone 2.

Then "Glory and Both Now" in Tone 2, as on pages 146 and 147.

Then the Eisodos (Little Entrance) with the Gospel Book; and "Glad some light." After this, continue with the Old Testament Readings, as on pages 398 to 400 of the Divine Prayers and Services by Nassar, with their respective stichoi (psalm verses).

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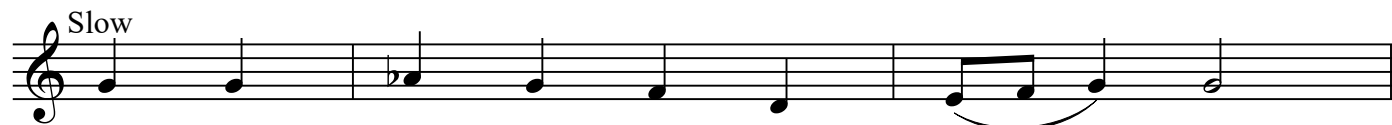
**If this Feast falls on Sunday or Monday**, with the Royal Hours being chanted on Friday morning, then Great Vespers is done on Saturday or Sunday evening, resp. In this case, immediately after the last OT Reading from Isaiah, the Epistle and Gospel are read, followed by the Litany: "Let us say with all our soul...", "Vouchsafe, O Lord...", "Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord...", the Aposticha, as on pages 148-150 of this book, "Glory" and "Both Now," as on pages 150-153 of this book, St. Simeon's Prayer, and the rest of Great Vespers. Then sing the Troparion of the Feast in Tone 4 three (3) times, as on page 154.

Verse 1 Fast



If thou, O Lord, should'st mark in - iq - ui - ties, O Lord, who shall stand,

Slow



for with thee there is for - give - - - ness.

Idiomelon 1 & 2



Come, let us re - joice in the Lord, pro - claim - ing the



pre - sent mys - ter - y; for he hath bro - ken the mid - dle



wall\_\_\_\_ of par - ti - - - - tion, and the



flam - - - ing spear shall turn a - bout, and the



cher - u - bim shall ad - mit all to the tree\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_



life.\_\_\_\_ As for me, I shall re - turn\_\_\_\_ to en -



- joy the bliss of par - a - dise from which I was



driv - en a - way be - fore, by rea - son of in -

- iq - - - ui - - - ty; for the like - ness of the

Fa - - - - ther, and the Per - son of \_\_\_ his ē -

- ter - ni - ty, which it is im - pos - si - ble to

change hath tak - en the like - ness of a ser - vant,

com - ing from a Moth - er who has \_\_\_ not \_\_\_

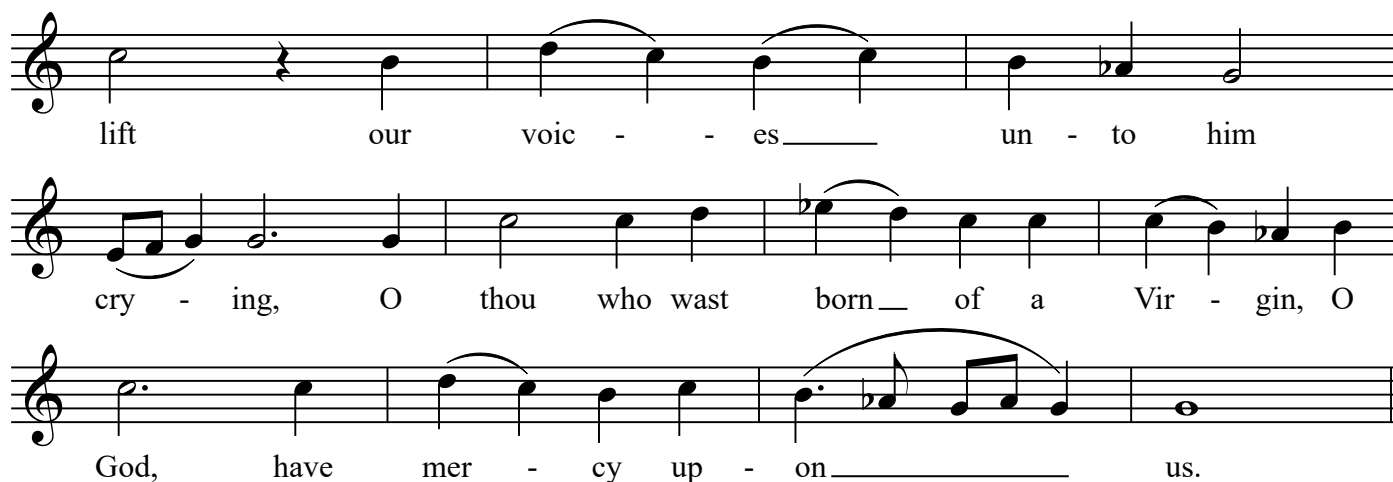
known \_\_\_ wed - lock; free from tran - sub - stan - ti -

- a - - - - tion, since he re - mained as he was, \_\_\_

<sup>53</sup> true \_\_\_ God, \_\_\_ and took what had not

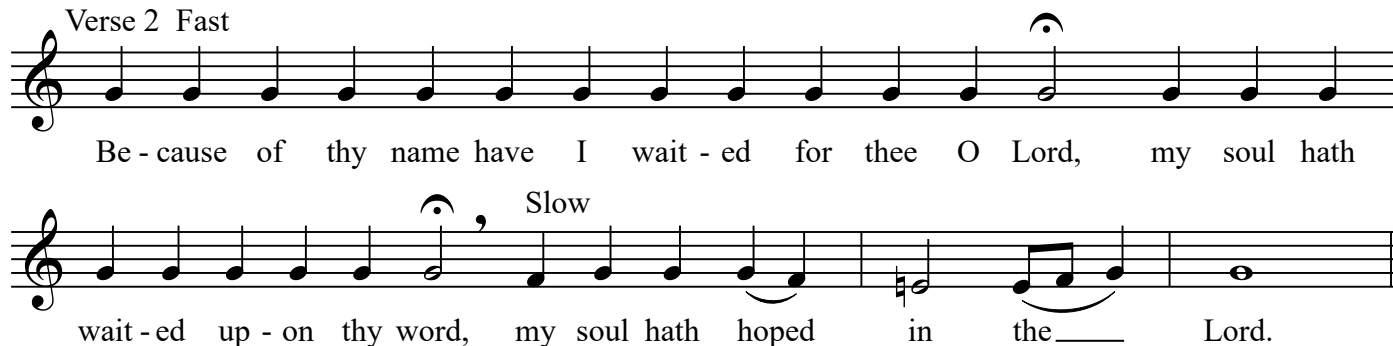
been, hav - ing be - come \_\_\_ Man for his love \_\_\_

of \_\_\_ man - - - kind. Where - fore, let us



lift our voices un - to him  
cry - ing, O thou who wast born of a Vir - gin, O  
God, have mer - cy up - on us.

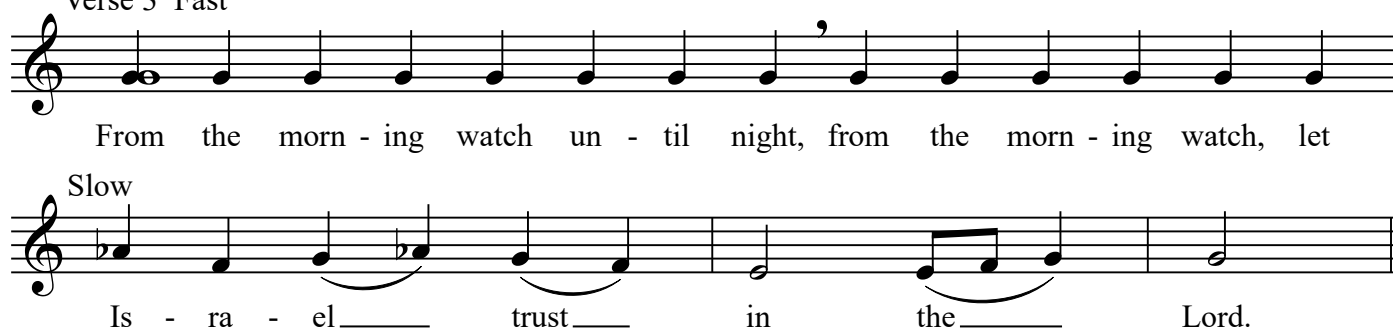
Verse 2 Fast



Be - cause of thy name have I wait - ed for thee O Lord, my soul hath  
wait - ed up - on thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

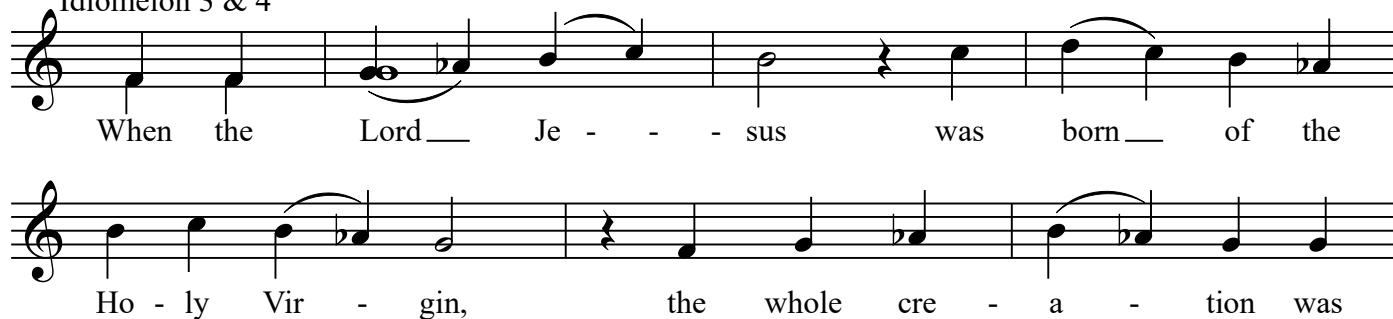
*Repeat the previous Idiomelon: "Come, let us rejoice in the Lord..."*

Verse 3 Fast

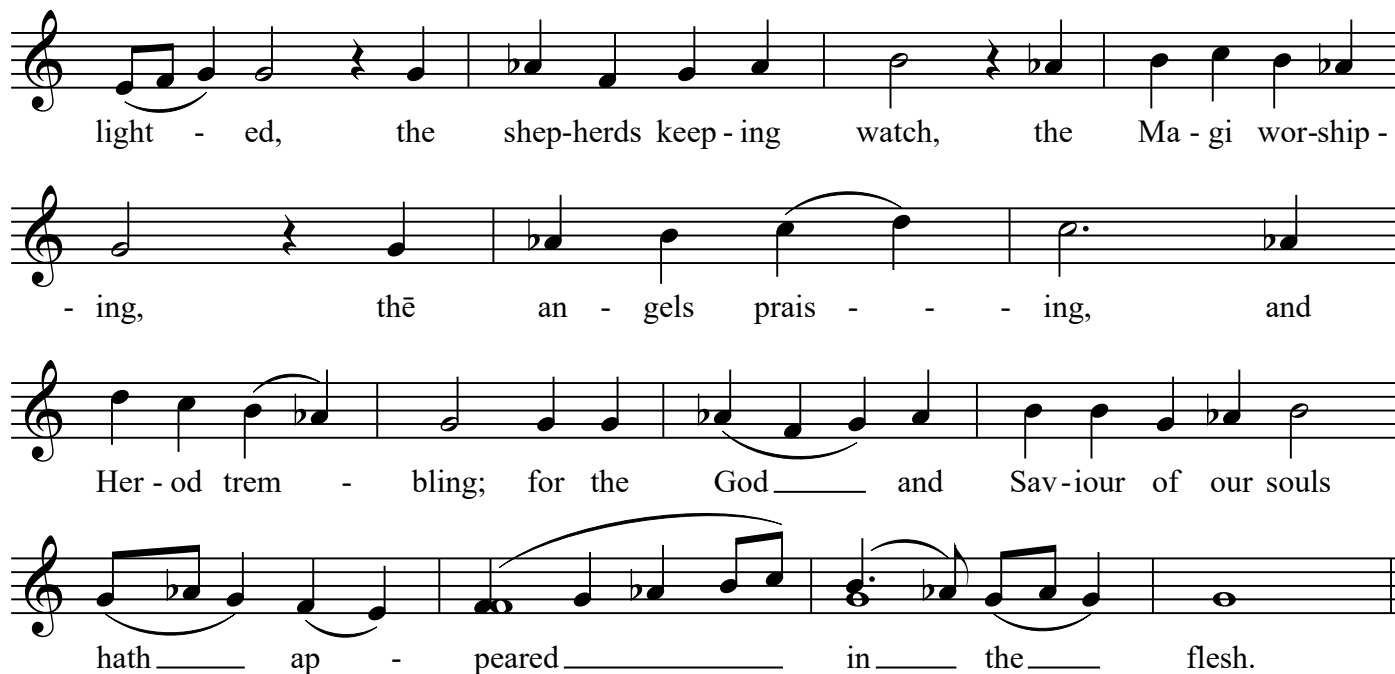


From the morn - ing watch un - til night, from the morn - ing watch, let  
Is - ra - el trust in the Lord.

Idiomelon 3 & 4



When the Lord Je - - - sus was born of the  
Ho - ly Vir - gin, the whole cre - a - tion was



light - ed, the shep-herds keep - ing watch, the Ma - gi wor-ship -  
- ing, the an - gels prais - - - ing, and  
Her - od trem - bling; for the God \_\_\_\_\_ and Sav-iour of our souls  
hath \_\_\_\_\_ ap - peared \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ flesh.

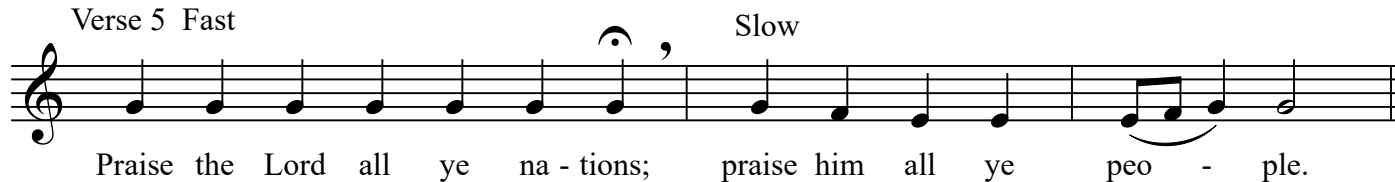
Verse 4 Fast



For with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with him is  
a - bun - dant re - demp-tion, and he will de - liv - er Is - ra - el from  
all \_\_\_\_\_ his in - iq - ui - - - ties.

*Repeat the previous Idiomelon: "When the Lord Jesus was born ..."*

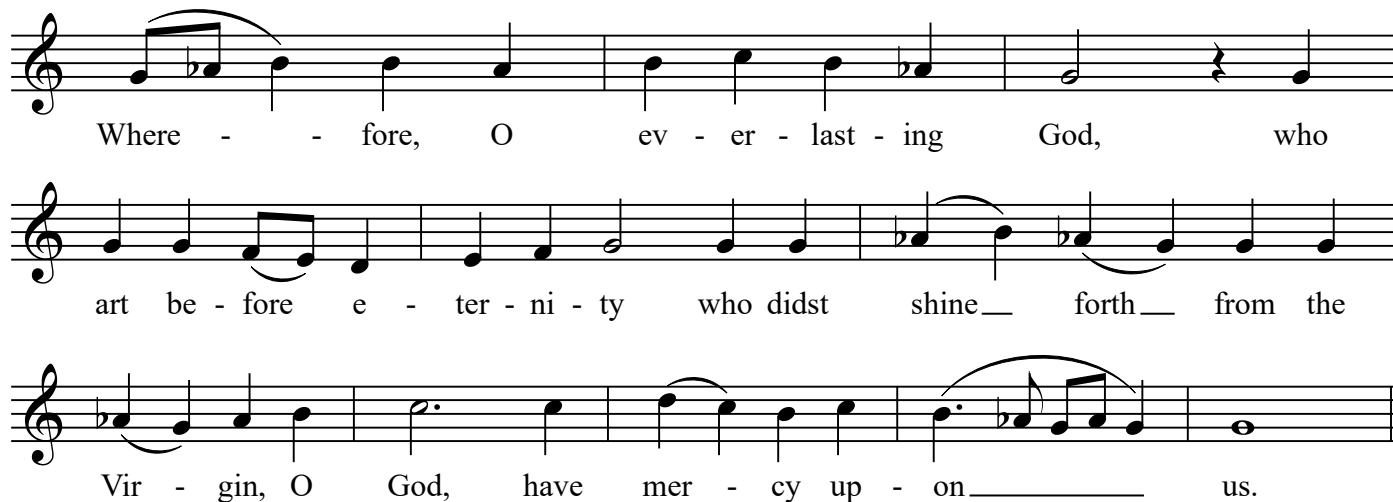
Verse 5 Fast



Praise the Lord all ye na - tions; praise him all ye peo - ple.

Idiomelon 5

Thy king - dom, O Christ God, is a king-dom of all  
a - ges; and thy rule is from gen-er - a - tion to gen - er -  
- a - - tion; for thou \_\_\_\_\_ who wast in -  
- car - nate of the Ho - ly Spir - - - it and be -  
- came\_\_\_ Man from Mar - y thē ev - er - vir - gin, hast caused a  
light to shine on us by thy pres - ence, O  
Christ\_\_\_ God; O Light of Light, O Ra-diance of the  
Fa - ther, thou hast il - lu - mi - nat - ed\_\_\_ all cre -  
- a - tion; and ev' - ry breath doth praise thee, O  
Like - ness of the glo - - - ry of the Fa - ther.



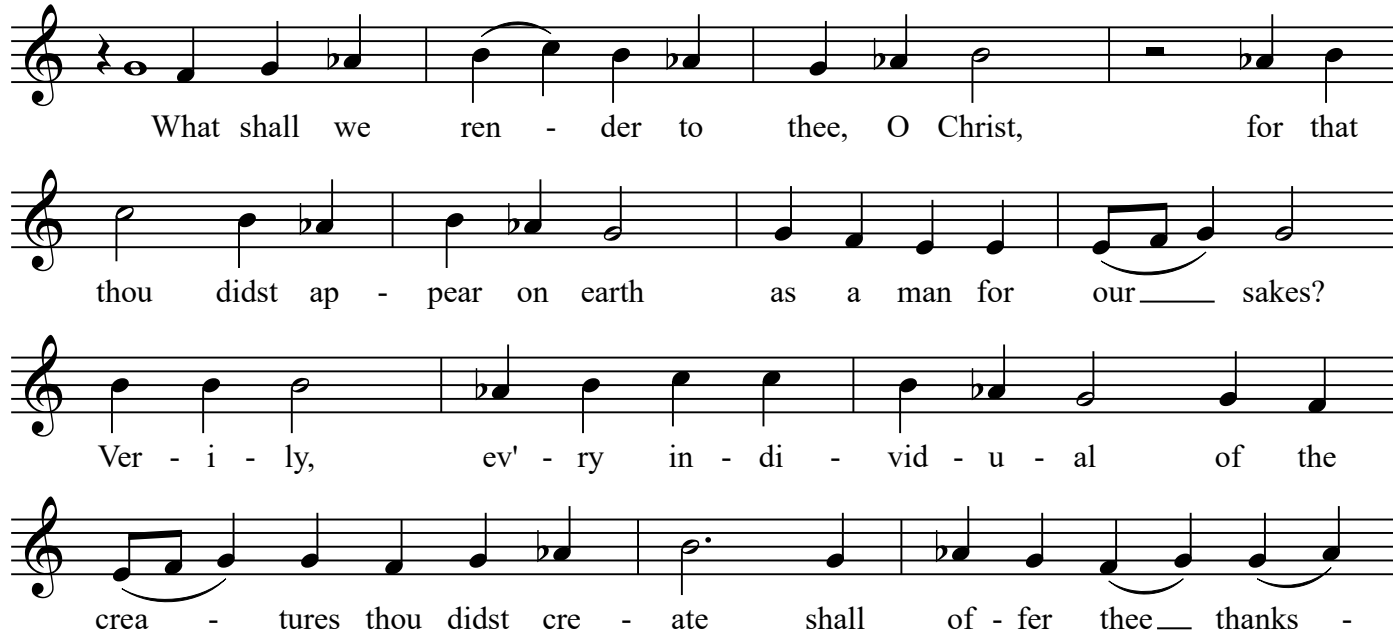
Where - - fore, O ev - er - last - ing God, who  
art be - fore e - ter - ni - ty who didst shine\_\_ forth\_\_ from the  
Vir - gin, O God, have mer - cy up - on\_\_\_\_\_ us.

Verse 6 Fast



For his mer - cy is great t'ward us, and the  
Slow  
truth\_\_ of the Lord en - dur - eth for - ev - er.

Idiomelon 6



What shall we ren - der to thee, O Christ, for that  
thou didst ap - pear on earth as a man for our\_\_ sakes?  
Ver - i - ly, ev' - ry in - di - vid - u - al of the  
crea - tures thou didst cre - ate shall of - fer thee\_\_ thanks -

- giv - - - ing. Thē an - gels shall ten - der  
thee \_\_\_\_\_ praise; the heav - - - ens, the  
star; the Ma - gi \_\_\_\_\_ gifts; the shep-herds, won - der;  
thē earth, the cave; the wild - er - ness, the man - ger; and we  
men, a vir - gin Moth - - - er. Where - fore, O  
God be - fore thē a - - - ges, have \_\_\_\_\_  
mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_ up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
Glo - - - - ry to the Fa - ther and to the \_\_\_\_\_  
Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - - - - it.



Both now and ev - - - er, and un - to  
a - ges of a - - - ges. A - - - men.  
When Au - gus - tus be - came su - preme rul - er of  
earth, the mul - ti - pli - ci - ty of rule a - mong men  
ceased. And when thou be - cam - est hu - man from the  
spot - less one, the wor - ship of man - y hea - then gods  
al - - - so ceased. Then the ci - ties  
came un - der one world - ly rule; and the na - tions be -  
- lieved in one di - vine su - prem - a - cy. The  
na - tions were en - - - rolled by an or - der of

Cae - sar; but we be - liev - - - ers were en -  
- rolled in the name of thy Di - vin - - - i - - -  
- ty, O our in - car - - - nate God.  
Where - fore great are thy mer - cies, glo - ry  
be to thee.

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Idiomelon 1



To - day hath come a - bout a great and won - der - ful thing,  
in that a Vir - gin giv - eth birth, yet cor - rup - tion hath not  
en - - - tered the \_\_\_\_\_ womb; the Word \_\_\_\_\_ is in -  
- car - - nate, yet is not sep - a - rat - ed from the  
Fa - - - - ther; thē an - gels give glo - - - - ry  
with the shep - herds, and we lift our \_\_\_\_\_ voic - es with  
them \_\_\_\_\_ cry - ing, Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ earth \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

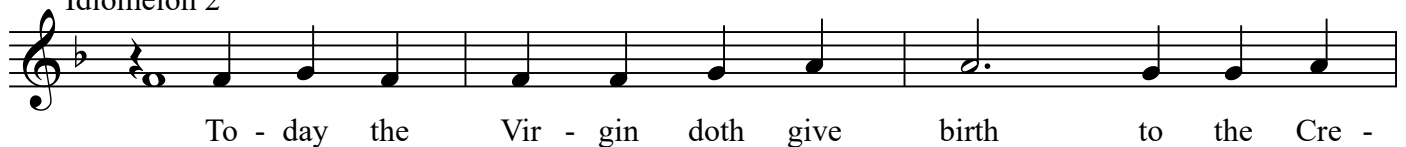
Stichos Tone 3 Fast

Slow

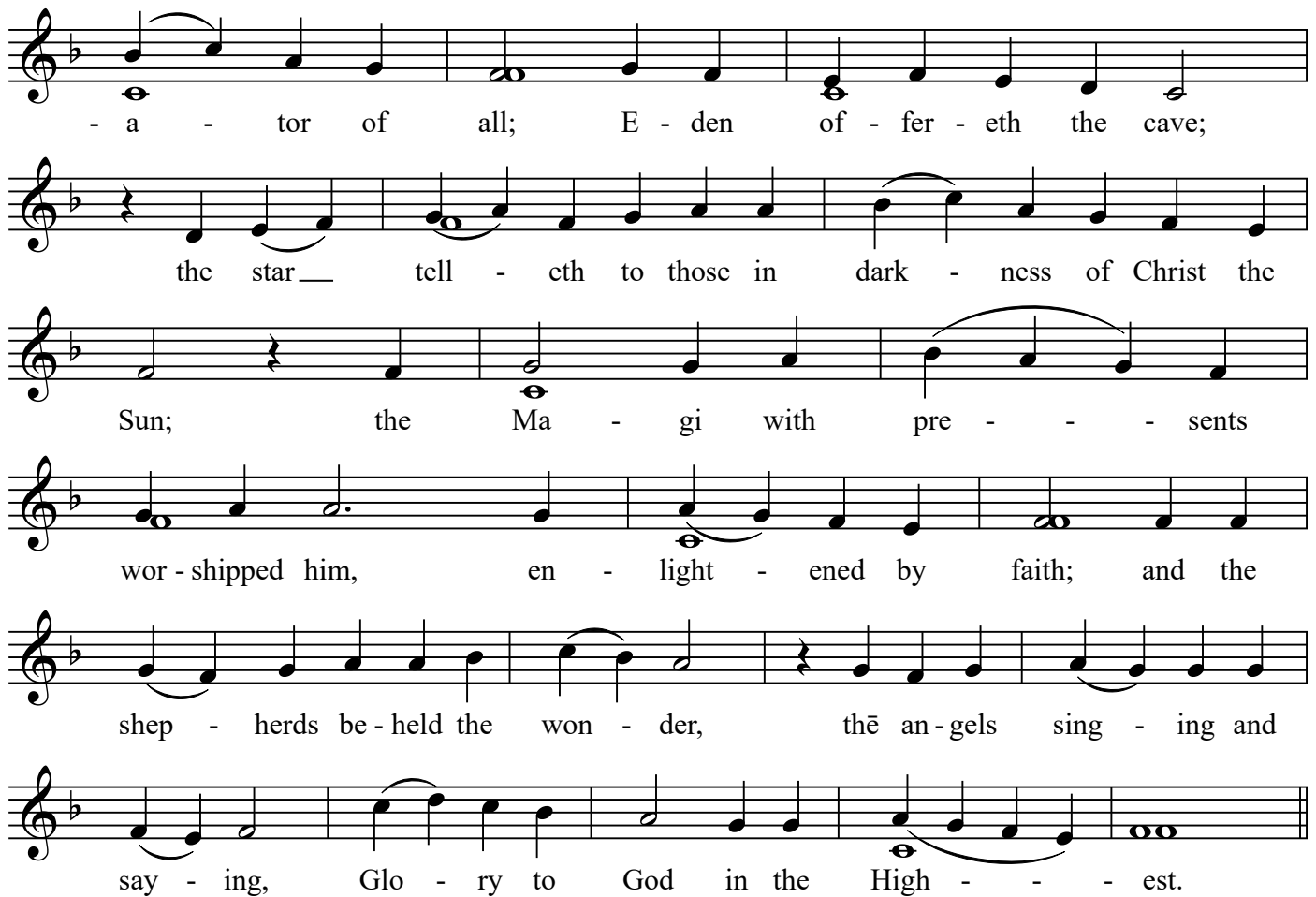


Said the Lord to my Lord; Sit thou \_\_\_\_\_ at my right \_\_\_\_\_ hand.

Idiomelon 2



To - day the Vir - gin doth give birth to the Cre -



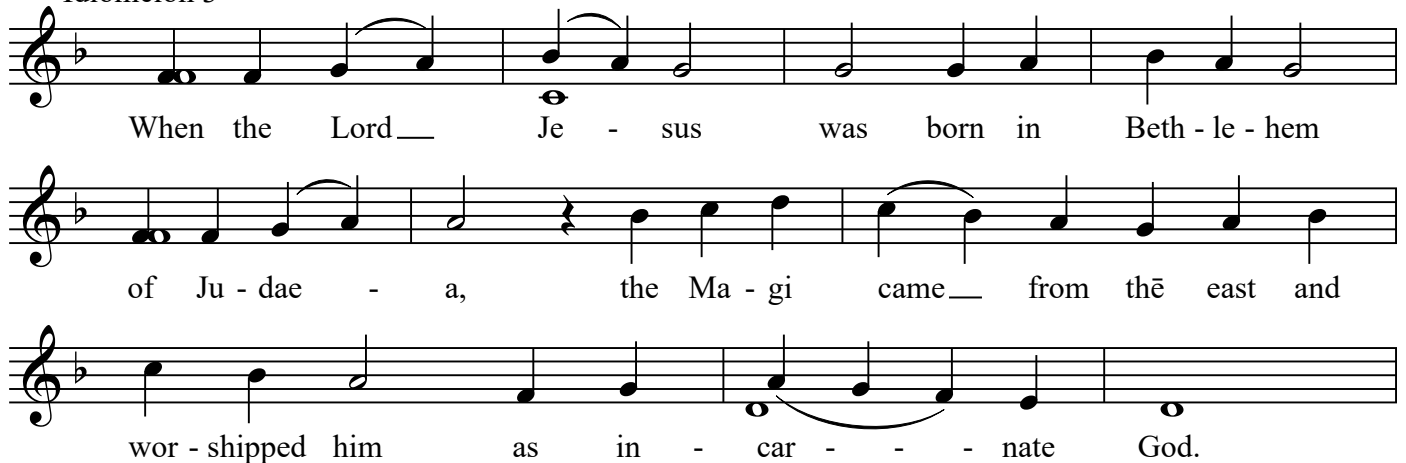
- a - tor of all; E - den of - fer - eth the cave;  
the star\_\_ tell - eth to those in dark - ness of Christ the  
Sun; the Ma - gi with pre - - - - - presents  
wor - shipped him, en - light - ened by faith; and the  
shep - herds be - held the won - der, thē an - gels sing - ing and  
say - ing, Glo - ry to God in the High - - - - - est.

Stichos



From the womb, be - fore the morn-ing star, I be - got\_\_ thee.

Idiomelon 3

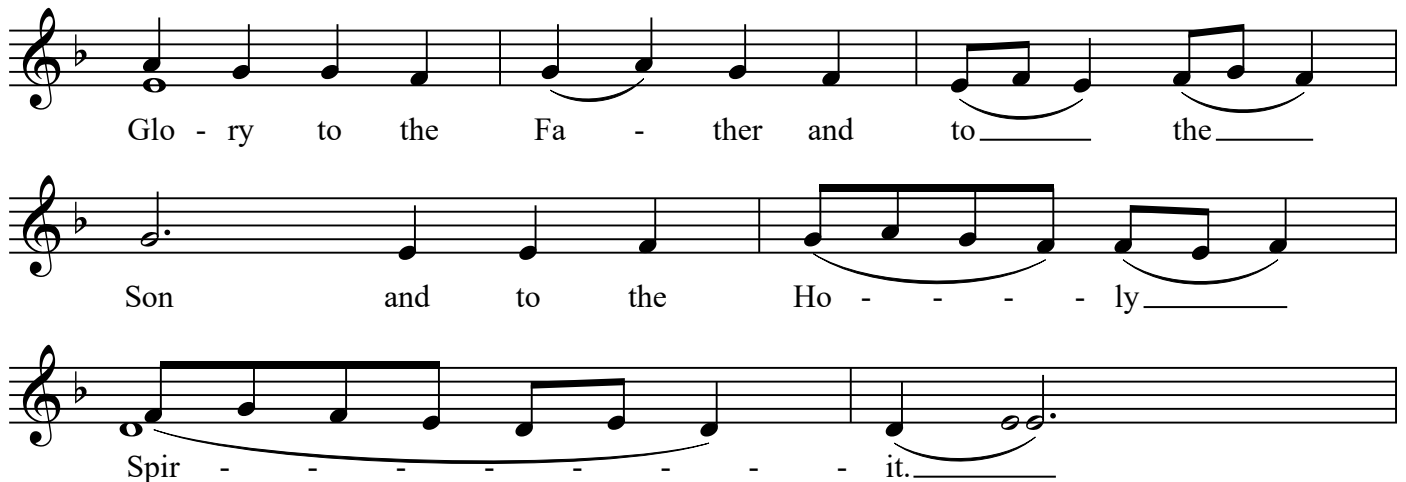


When the Lord\_\_ Je - sus was born in Beth - le - hem  
of Ju - dae - a, the Ma - gi came\_\_ from thē east and  
wor - shipped him as in - car - - - - - nate God.



Ea-ger - ly they o-pened their\_ treas - ures and of-fered him pre-cious  
gifts: pure\_ gold for that he\_ is King of the  
a - ges; frank - - in - cense in that he is  
God\_ of all; and as dead for three\_ days  
they\_ of - fered myrrh to the death - less One.  
Where - fore, come, all ye na - tions, let us wor - ship  
him who was born to save\_ our souls.

## Tone 4



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to\_ the\_  
Son and to the Ho - - - ly\_  
Spir - - - it.

Very Slow

Re - jice, O Je - ru - sa - lem, and  
cel - e - brate all ye lov - ers of Zi - on; for the  
tem - por - al bonds with which Ad - am was con -  
demned have been loos - ened; par - a - dise hath been  
o - pened for us, and the ser - pent hath been an - ni - hi -  
lat - ed, hav - ing be - held now that the  
one de - ceived by her of old hath be - come a  
Moth - er to the Cre - a - tor. Where - fore, O  
both the depth, the rich - es, the wis - dom, and the  
know - ledge of God, that thē in - stru - ment of death which brought

death to all flesh, hath become the first-fruit of sal -  
- va - tion to all the world, be - cause of the The - o -  
- to - - kos; for thē all - - per - fect  
God hath been born there-from as a babe; and by  
his Birth he hath sealed her vir - gin - i - ty; by his swad-dling  
clothes he hath loos - ened the chains of our sins; and by  
his ba - by - hood he hath healed the pains and sor - rows of  
Eve. There - fore, let all cre - a - tion ex - change glad  
tid - ings and re-joice; for Christ hath come to re -  
- call it and to save our souls.

Slow

Both now \_\_\_\_\_ and ev - - - er, and un - to

a - ges of a - ges. \_\_\_\_\_ A - - - - men. \_\_\_\_\_

O Christ \_\_\_\_\_ God, thou hast dwelt \_\_\_\_\_ in a cave, and a

man - ger did re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ thee. The Ma - gi with

shep - herds wor - shipped thee, thus ful - fill - ing the

preach - ing of the Proph - ets; and thē an - gel - ic pow - ers \_\_\_\_\_

won - dered, lift - ing their \_\_\_\_\_ voic - es and say - ing,

Glo - ry to thy con - de - scen - sion, O thou \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly

Lov - er of man - kind. \_\_\_\_\_



Thy Na - tiv - i - ty, O Christ \_\_\_\_\_ our God, hath  
giv - en rise to the light of know - ledge  
in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ world; for they that  
wor - shipped the stars did learn there - from to  
wor - ship thee, O Sun of jus - - - tice, and to  
know that from the east \_\_\_\_\_ of the High - est  
thou didst come, O Lord, glo - ry to thee.\_\_\_\_  
glo - - - ry to thee.\_\_\_\_\_