


If this Sunday falls on the 18th or 19th, then on "O Lord to thee have I cried," six (6) stichera are chanted for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, as in the Byzantine Vesper Service by Kazan, and four (4) Prosomia for the Forefathers, "As we celebrate today...", as in this December Menaion on pages 48 to 53. The "Glory" is "Verily, Daniel the man of desires," sung in Tone 6 as on page 90a of this book, followed by "Both now" for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week. For the Aposticha, sing the stichera for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by "Glory" and "Rejoice, O honored Prophets" in Tone 2, as on pages 92-93 of this book (*not Tone 8 as Nassar and Kazan incorrectly have it, both of which have been corrected to Tone 2*). Then sing "Both now" for the Resurrection in Tone 2, "O wondrous event," on pages 94-95 of this book. For the Troparia, sing for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by "Glory" and the Troparion of the Holy Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments of faith" in Tone 2, as on page 96 of this book, and "Both Now" and the Theotokion "Exceeding glorious" in Tone 2, as on page 97 of this book.

If this Sunday falls on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, or 23rd, on "O Lord to thee have I cried," four (4) are chanted for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, three (3) for the Preparation (Forefeast), "O Virgin free of all blame," and three (3) Prosomia for the Forefathers, "As we celebrate today." These last six (6) are on pages 80-85 of this book. (*The stichera on pages 80-83 of the first edition of the printed December Menaion ("Let us go before...") are for when this Sunday falls on the 24th.*) The "Glory" is "Verily, Daniel the man of desires," sung in Tone 6 as on page 90a of this book, followed by "Both now" for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week. For the Aposticha, sing the stichera for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by "Glory" and "Rejoice, O honored Prophets" in Tone 2 as on pages 92-93 of this book. Then sing "Both now" and "Behold, the time of our salvation" in Tone 2 as on page 95-96 of this book. (*Nassar and Kazan have both of these hymns incorrectly written in Tone 8. They are corrected here.*) For the Troparia, sing for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by "Glory" and the Troparion of the Holy Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments of faith" in Tone 2, as on page 96 of this book, and "Both Now" and the Troparion of the Forefeast, "Make ready, O Bethlehem," in Special Tone 4, as on page 98 of this book.


If this Sunday falls on the 24th, nothing is sung for the Resurrection at Vespers. On "O Lord to thee have I cried," sing four (4) Prosomia for the Forefathers and four (4) for the Preparation (Forefeast), from December 20th, "Let us go before, O Nations, ..." as on pages 86-89e in this book. The "Glory" is "Verily, Daniel the man of desires" sung in Tone 6, as on pages 90a of this book, followed by "Both now" and "O cavern, make ready," from December 6th, as on page 90b-90c of this book. For the Aposticha, sing the stichera "O Virgin free of all blame," in special Tone 1 with their Stichoi, on pages 91 to 92 of this book. Now sing the "Glory" and "Rejoice, O honored Prophets" in Tone 2, as on pages 92-93 of this book, followed by "Both Now" and "Behold, the time of our salvation" in Tone 2 as on page 95-96 of this book. (*Nassar and Kazan have both of these hymns incorrectly written in Tone 8. They are corrected here.*) For the Troparia, sing the Troparion of the Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments of faith" in Tone 2, as on page 96 of this book, then "Glory ... Both Now" and the Troparion of the Paramon "And it came to pass" in Special Tone 4, as on page 99b of this book (or Kazan's standard Tone 4 on page 99a).

(NOTE: The following six stichera are for when this Sunday falls from December 20th-23rd.)

Verse 5




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



Lord, — who shall stand? For with thee there is for - give - ness.

Stichera (Prosimion) 5 - Special Melody: *O all-lauded martyrs*



O Vir - gin free of all — blame, the breath - ing




pal - ace of God, thou hast held — him whom the heav - ens hold —



not, to whom thou shalt give birth in a man - ner ex - ceed - ing



un - der - stand - ing; who — hum - bled him - self, be - com - ing




flesh, that he might make me wor - thy, and en - rich — me; who be -




- came poor by ex - cess of the most bit - ter — food.

Verse 6

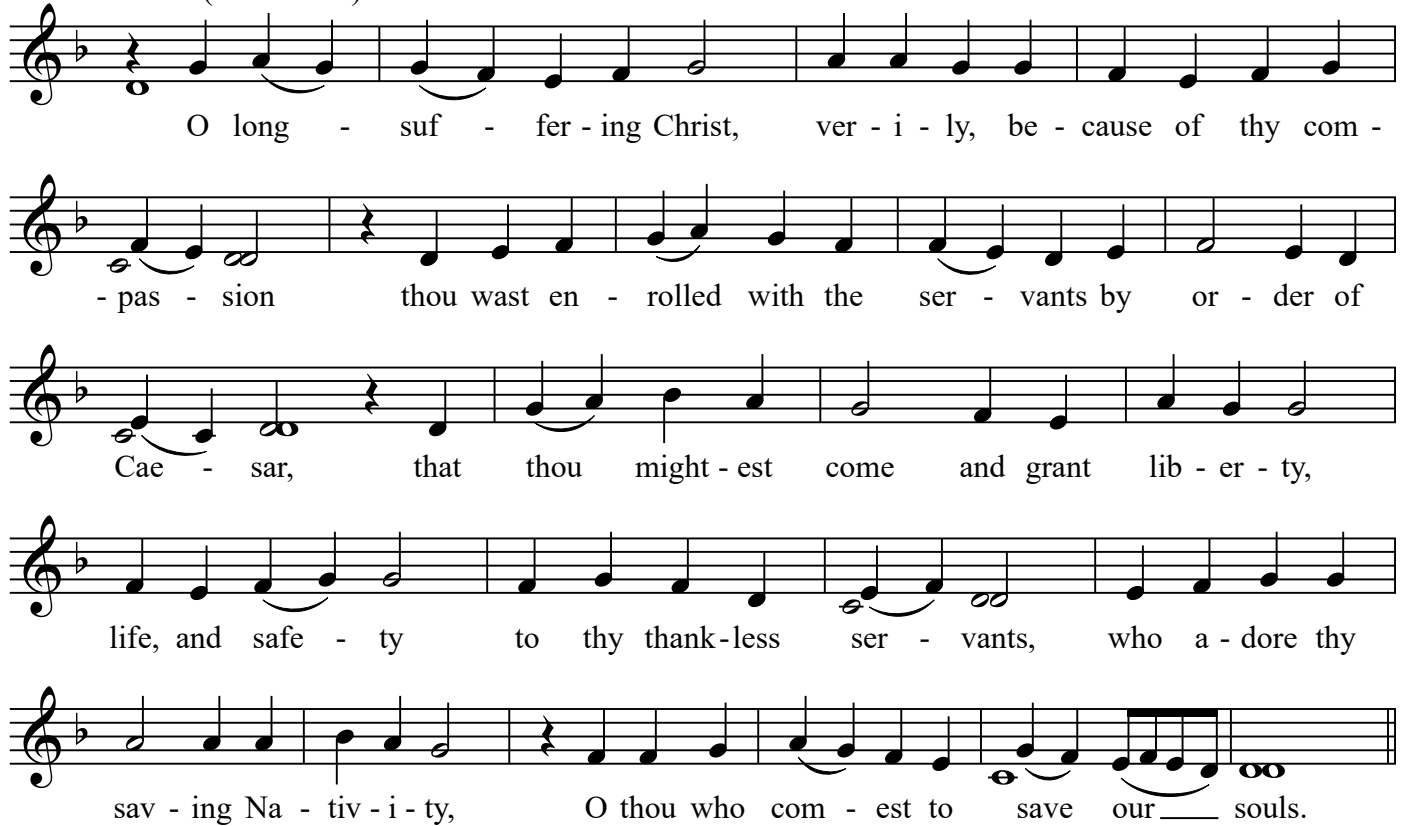


Be - cause of thy Name have I wait - ed for thee, O Lord; my soul hath



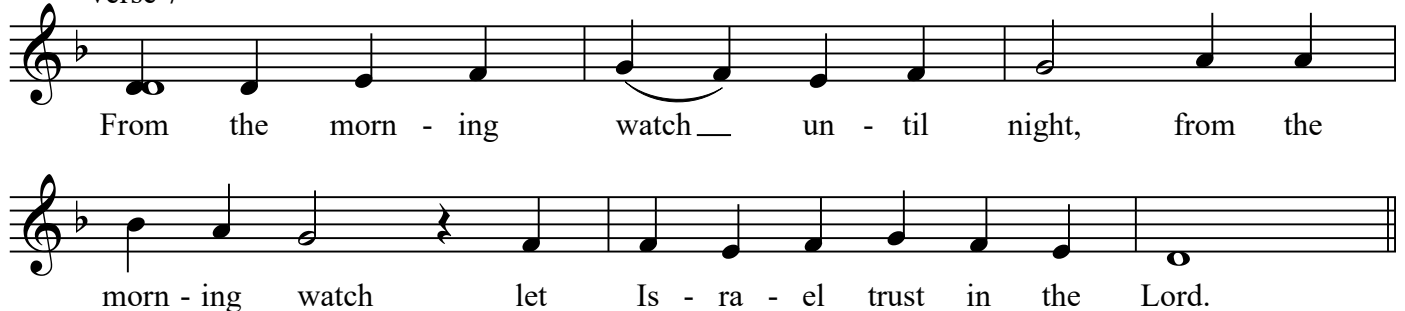
wait - ed up - on thy word, my soul — hath hoped in the Lord.

Stichera (Prosimion) 6



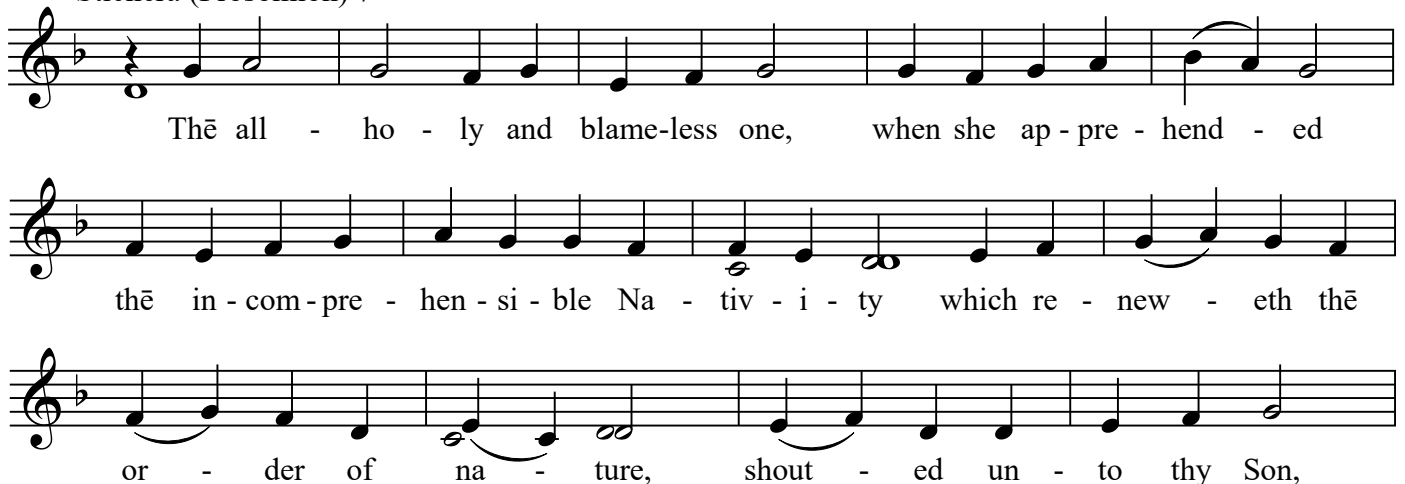
O long - suf - fer - ing Christ, ver - i - ly, be - cause of thy com -  
- pas - sion thou wast en - rolled with the ser - vants by or - der of  
Cae - sar, that thou might - est come and grant lib - er - ty,  
life, and safe - ty to thy thank-less ser - vants, who a - dore thy  
sav - ing Na - tiv - i - ty, O thou who com - est to save our \_\_\_\_\_ souls.

Verse 7



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

Stichera (Prosimion) 7



Thē all - ho - ly and blame-less one, when she ap - pre - hend - ed  
thē in - com - pre - hen - si - ble Na - tiv - i - ty which re - new - eth thē  
or - der of na - ture, shout - ed un - to thy Son,

say - ing: My great - ly be - lov - ed Son, I am  
daz - zled by this great mys - ter - y: that by thy might  
I shall still be a Vir - gin af - ter thy Birth, O  
thou who do - est all things by thy will.

Verse 8 - for the Holy Forefathers - Tone 8

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.

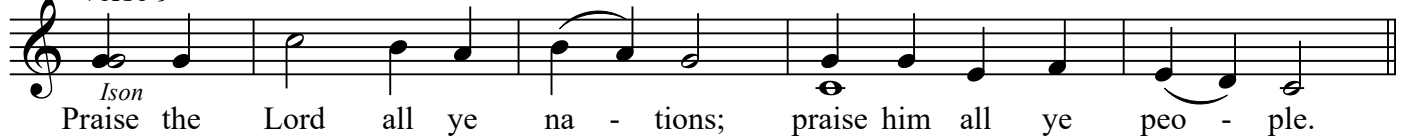
Prosomeion 8 - Special Melody: *The Paradise of Eden*

As we cel - e - brate to - day the mem - o - ry of the fore - fa - thers,  
let us, O be - liev - ers, praise in faith Christ the De -  
liv - er - er who mag - ni - fied them a - mong all na - tions; the



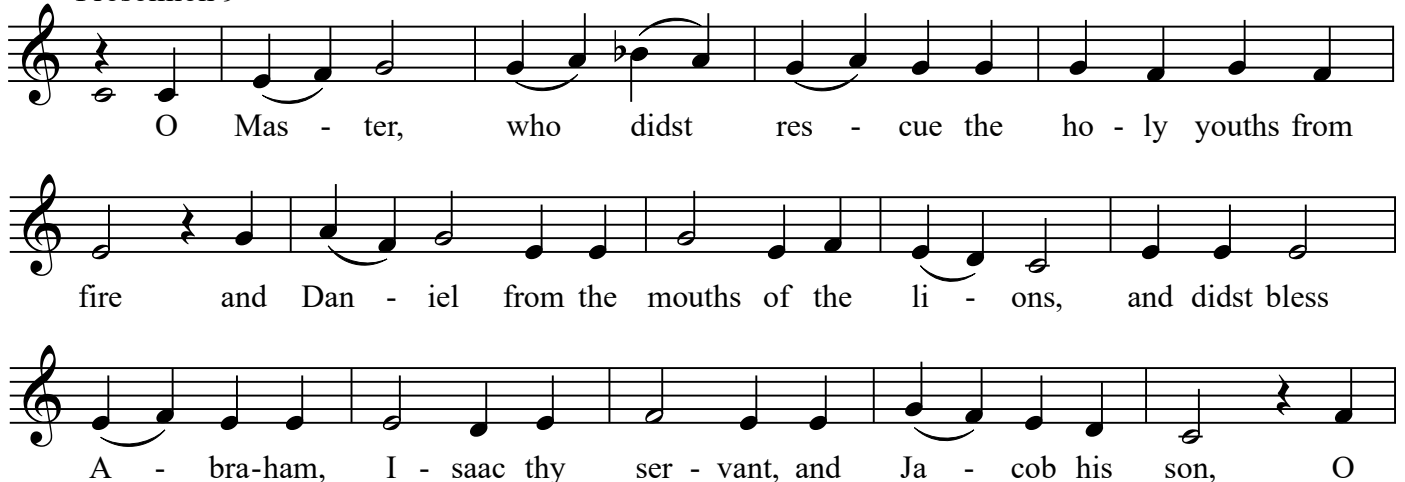
Lord who do - eth strange won - ders; for he \_\_\_\_\_ is  
prec - ious and might - y, who \_\_\_\_\_ show - eth us through them a staff of  
strength. She is Mar - - - y thē un - de - filed Maid - en of  
God who a - lone knew no \_\_\_\_\_ man, from whom pre - ceed - ed Christ, the  
Blos - som bud - ding life for all, thē ev - er - last - ing  
Bliss and e - ter - nal Sal - va - - - - - tion.

Verse 9



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

Prosimion 9



O Mas - ter, who didst res - cue the ho - ly youths from  
fire and Dan - iel from the mouths of the li - ons, and didst bless  
A - bra-ham, I - saac thy ser - vant, and Ja - cob his son, O

thou\_ who wast will - - - ing to be - come like us, of their  
seed, that thou\_ might - est save our fore - fa - thers who fell of old,  
and to be\_ cru - ci - fied and bur - ied in or - der to crush the bonds of  
death and raise the dead from e - ter - ni - ty, we wor - ship, O  
Christ, thine e - ter - nal\_ king - - - dom.

Verse 10

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

Prosimion 10

The youths of God walk - ing forth a - midst the flame, re - joic - ing in the  
dew\_ of the Spir - it as though they were\_ in a gar -  
den, did go be - fore and fore - sha - dow there - in the myst' - ry of the

Trin - i - ty and thē In - car - na - tion of Christ.

And in that they were wise men they quenched by faith the pow'r of

fire. And as for Dan - - - iel the right - eous, he\_\_\_ did ap-pear

clos - ing the mouths of the li - ons. Where - fore, by their be -

seech - - - ings we plead with thee, O Sav - iour and

Lov - er of man - kind, to de - liv - er us from thē ev - er -

- last - ing and un - quench - a - ble fire, and to make us

wor - - - thy to re - ceive\_\_\_ thy heav'n-ly king - dom.

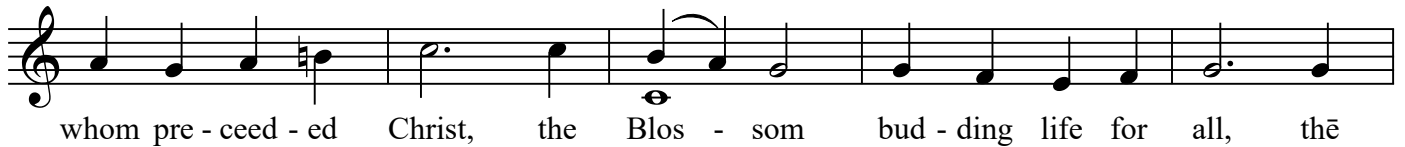
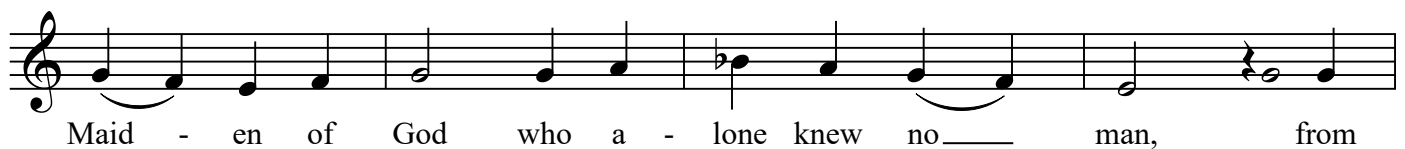
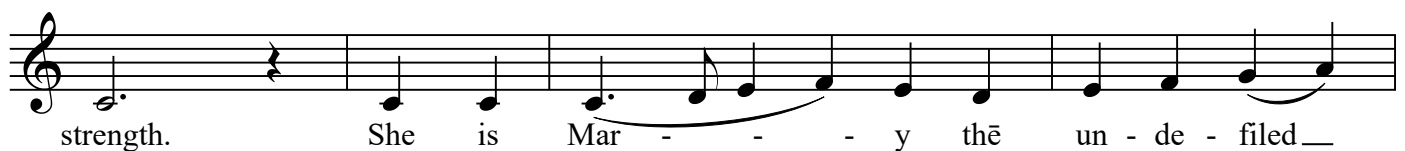
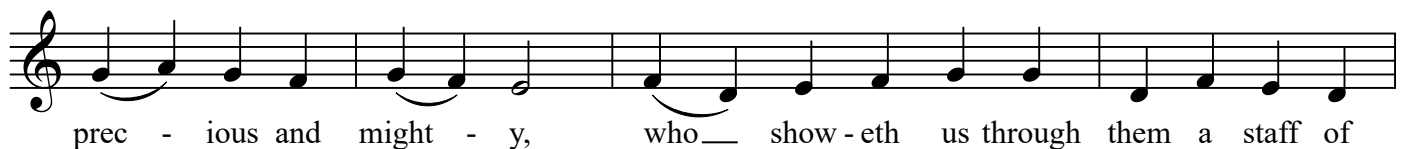
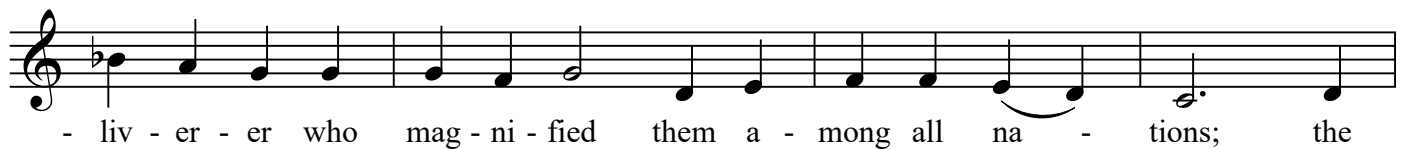
*Now continue with the Glory, "Verily, Daniel the man of desires," on page 90a,  
and then Both Now for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.*

**(NOTE: The following eight stichera are for when this Sunday falls on December 24th.)**

Verse 3



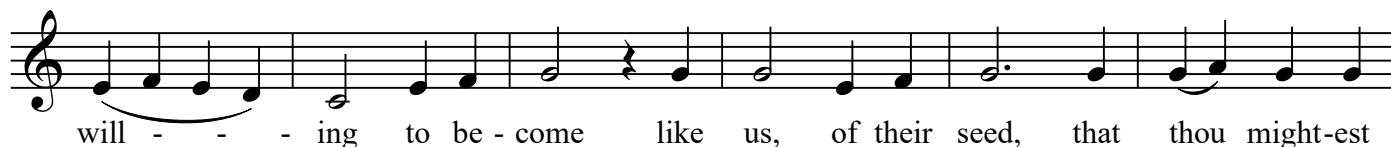
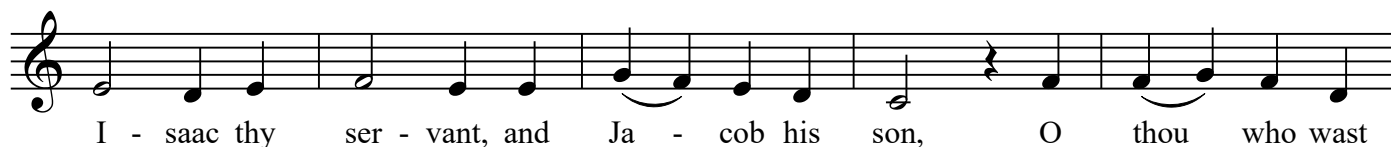
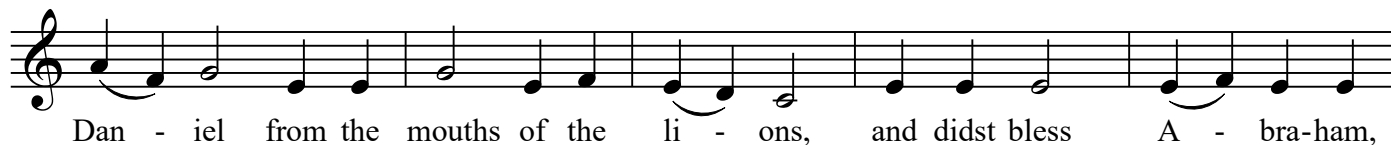
Prosimion 3 - Special melody: *The Paradise of Eden*



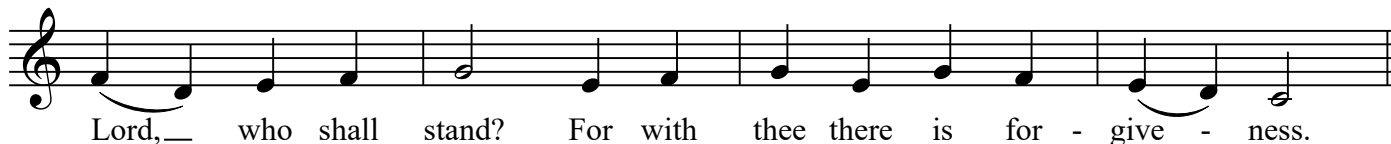
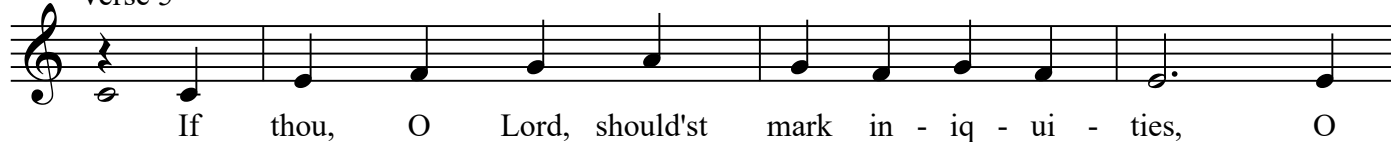
Verse 4



Prosimion 4



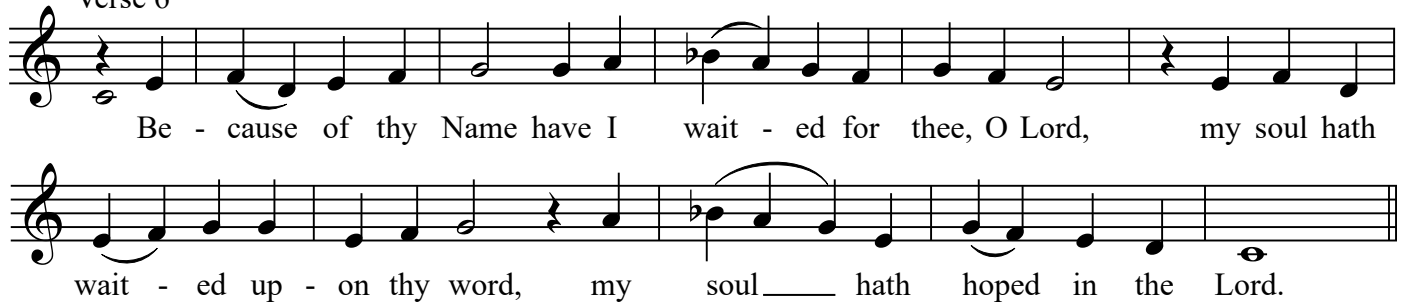
Verse 5



Prosomion 5

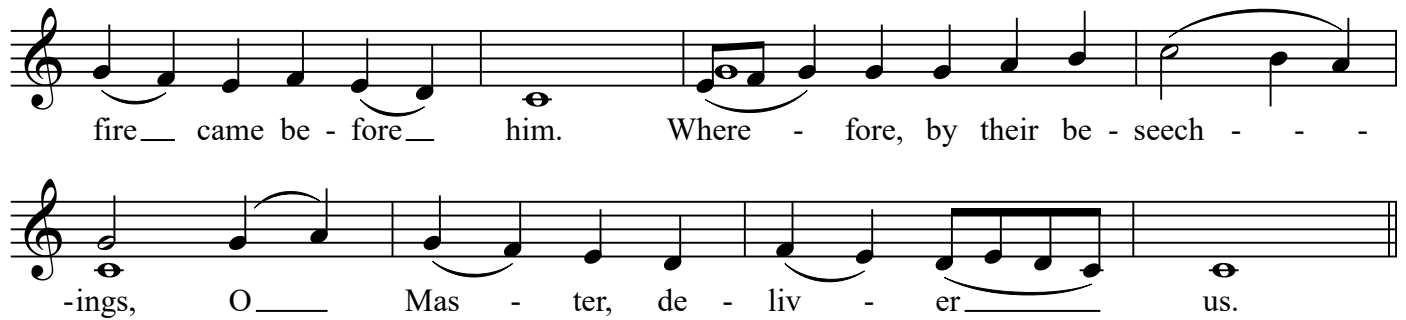
The youths of God walk-ing forth a-midst the flame, re - joic - ing in the  
dew\_\_ of the Spir - it as though they were\_\_ in a gar -  
-den, did go be - fore and fore - sha - dow there - in the  
myst' - ry of the Trin - i - ty and thē In - car - na - tion of Christ.  
And in that they were wise men they quenched by faith the pow'r of  
fire. And as for Dan - iel the right - eous, he\_\_ did ap-pear  
clos - ing the mouths of the li - ons. Where - fore, by their be -  
seech - - - ings we plead with thee, O Sav - iour and Lov - er of  
man - kind, to de-liv - er us from thē ev - er - last - ing and un - quench - a - ble  
fire, and to make us wor - - - - thy to re -  
- ceive\_\_ thy heav'n - ly king - - - - dom.

Verse 6

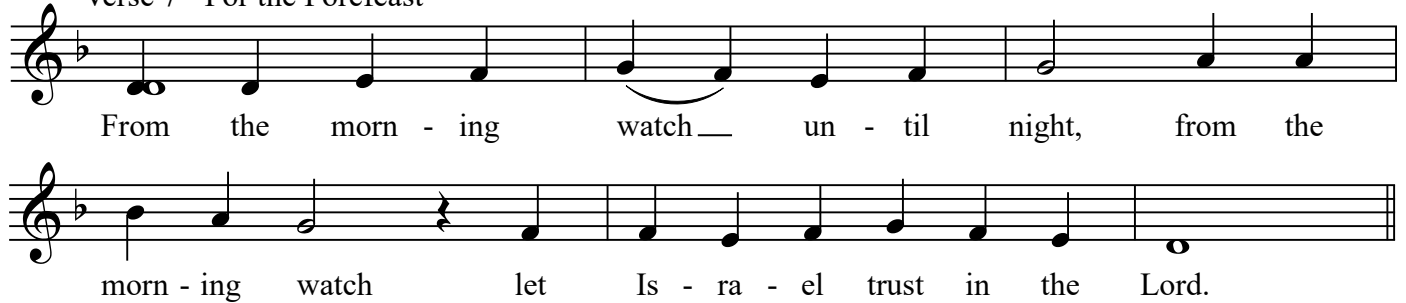


Prosomion 6

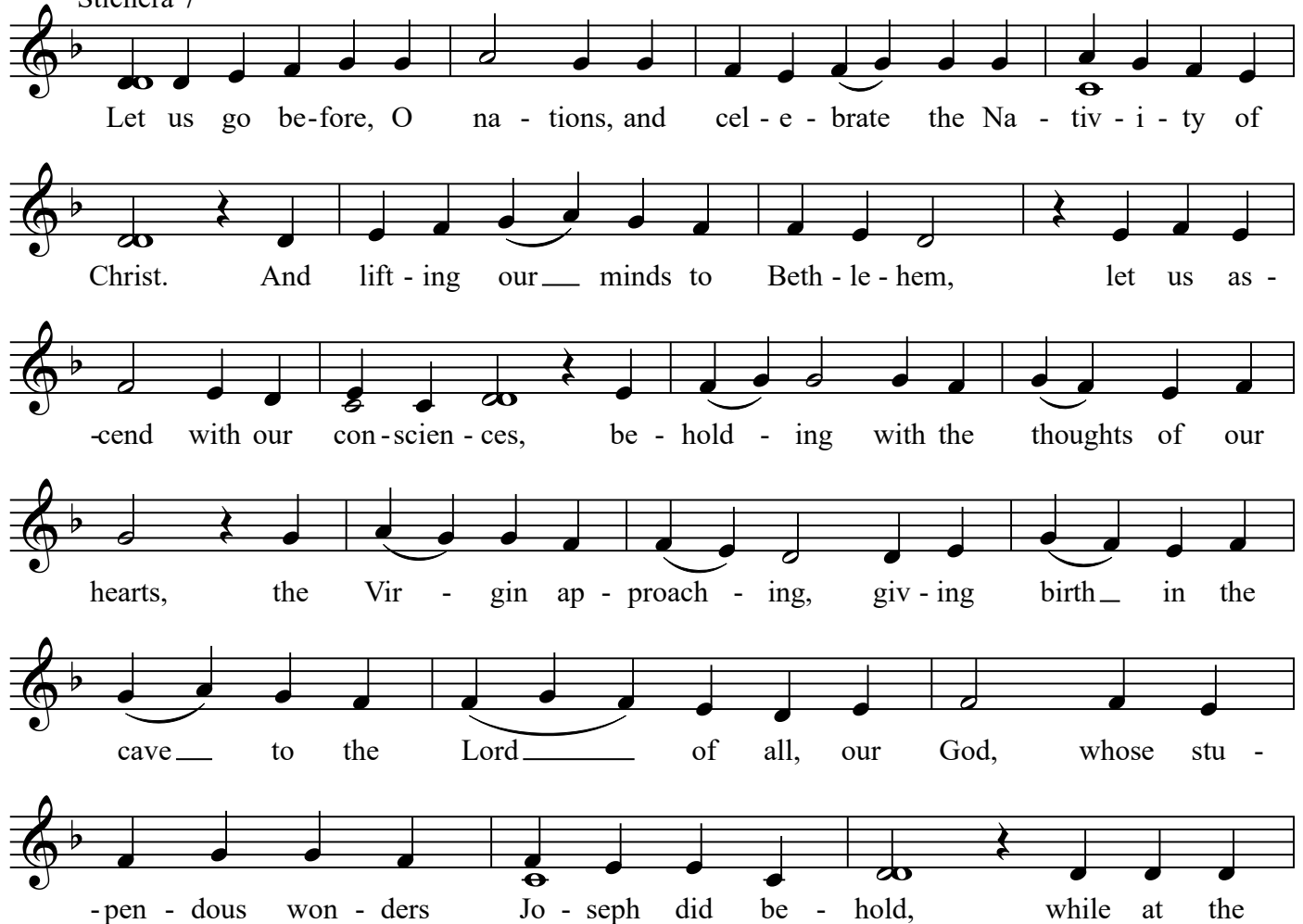


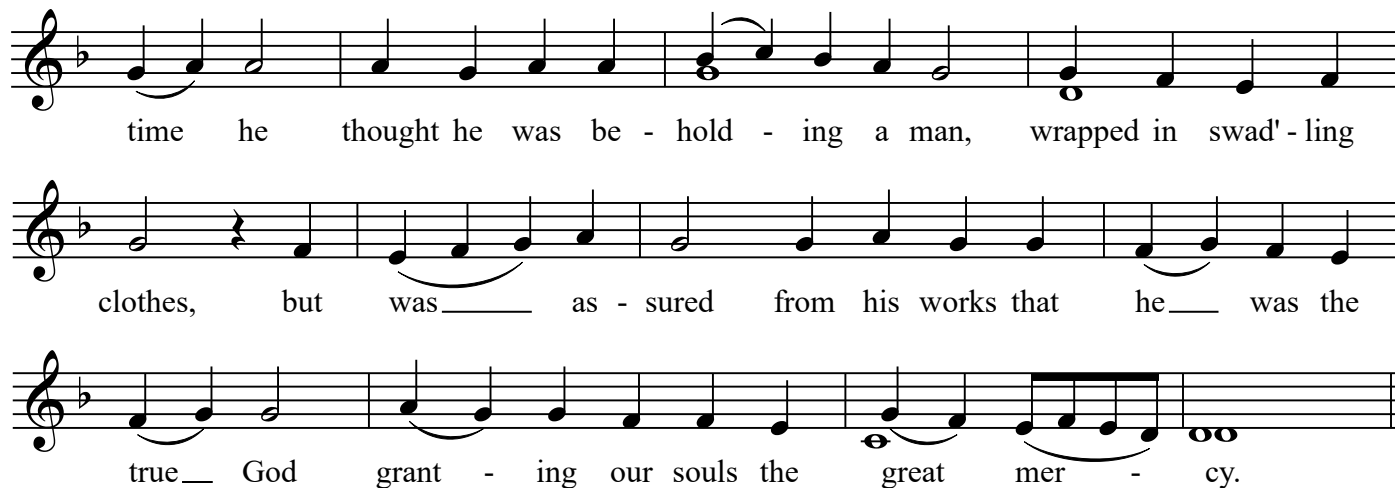


Verse 7 - For the Forefeast



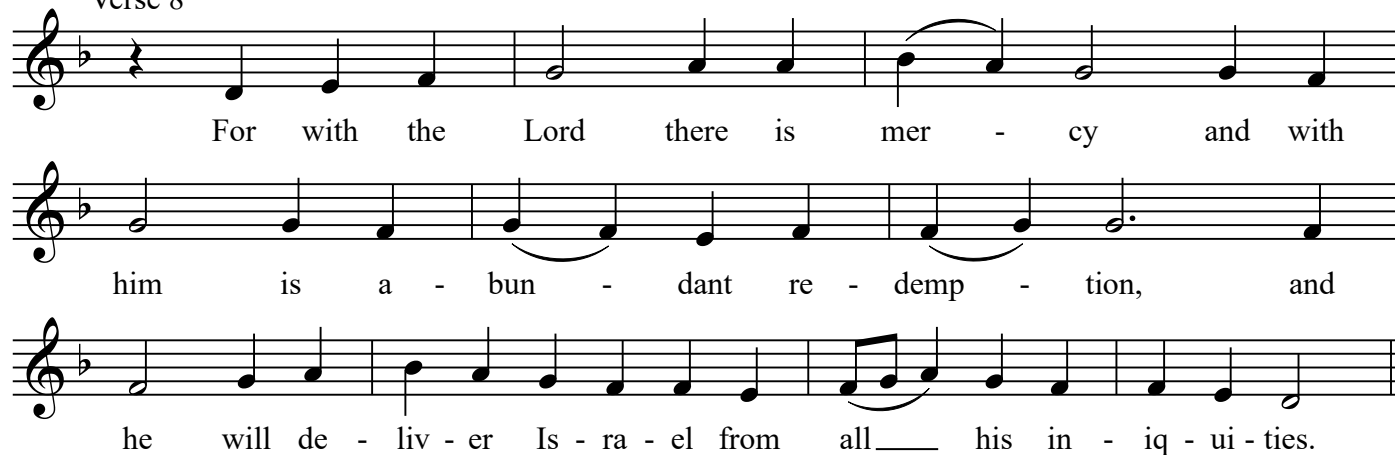
Stichera 7





time he thought he was be - hold - ing a man, wrapped in swad' - ling  
clothes, but was \_\_\_\_\_ as - sured from his works that he \_\_\_\_\_ was the  
true \_\_\_\_\_ God grant - ing our souls the great mer - cy.

Verse 8



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.

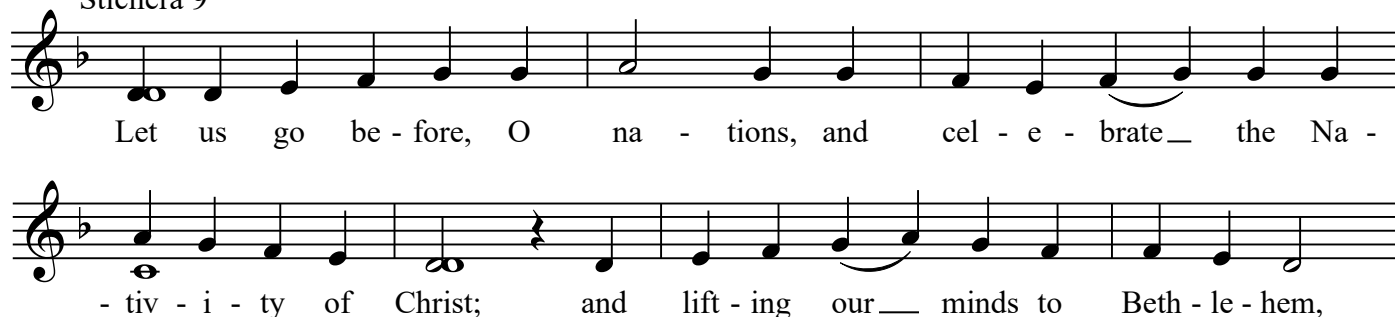
*Now repeat Stichera 7 on the previous page, and then sing Verse 9 below.*

Verse 9



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

Stichera 9



Let us go be - fore, O na - tions, and cel - e - brate \_\_\_\_\_ the Na -  
tiv - i - ty of Christ; and lift - ing our \_\_\_\_\_ minds to Beth - le - hem,

let us as - cend with our con - scien - ces and be - hold the great  
Mys - try that is in the cave; for E - den hath ver - i - ly been  
o - pened by the com - ing forth of God from the spot - less Vir - gin,  
per - fect in Di - vin - i - ty and per - fect in Hu - man - i - ty.  
Where - fore, let us shout forth: Ho - ly God, E - ter - nal Fa -  
-ther, Ho - ly Might - y, thē In - car - - - nate Son,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, the Com - fort - ing Spir - it,  
O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, glo - ry to thee.

Verse 10

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

Lis - ten, O heav - en, and give\_\_ ear, O earth; for be -

hold, the Son, the Word of the Fa - ther, com - eth to be\_\_

born of a maid - en that hath not known man.

Where-fore, by the pleas - ure of him who gave him\_\_ birth

with-out pas - sion, and by\_\_ thē as - sis - tance of the Ho - ly Spir - it, O

Beth - le - hem, make read - y, and O E - den, o - pen thou thy\_\_

gates; for he who is shall be that which hath not been, and the

Mak - - - er of thē en - tire\_\_ cre - a - tion

shall be - come the grant - or of great\_\_ mer - cy

to the whole\_\_ world.

Glory

Glo - - - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - - - it. Ver - i - ly, Dan - - - iel, the man of de - sires, when he saw thee, O Lord, a Stone cut out with - out hands, did fore - call thee a babe born with - out seed, O Word in - car - nate of the Vir - - - gin, the un - trans - formed God, Sav - - - iour of our souls.

**If this Sunday falls between December 18 & 23,**  
then sing Both Now for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.

**If this Sunday falls on December 24th,**  
then sing "Both now..." and "O cavern, make ready," on the following pages, 90b-90c.

Both now

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

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

O cav-ern, make read - y; for thē we doth come bear-ing

Christ in her womb. O man - ger re - ceive him who by

his \_\_\_ word un-did the bes - tial works of us \_\_\_ earth - ly men. \_\_\_

O shep - herds watch and bear wit - ness to thē awe - some won - der.

And, O Ma - gi, who come from Per - sia, bring forth to the

King gold, frank - in - cense and myrrh; \_\_\_ for the

Lord hath ap - peared from a vir - gin Moth - er; whose

Moth - er did bow to him as a ser - - - vant, ad-dress-ing

him in her bos-om, say - ing: How wast thou seed - ed in

me, and how didst thou grow in me, my

God and my De - liv - er - er?

*For the Aposticha:*

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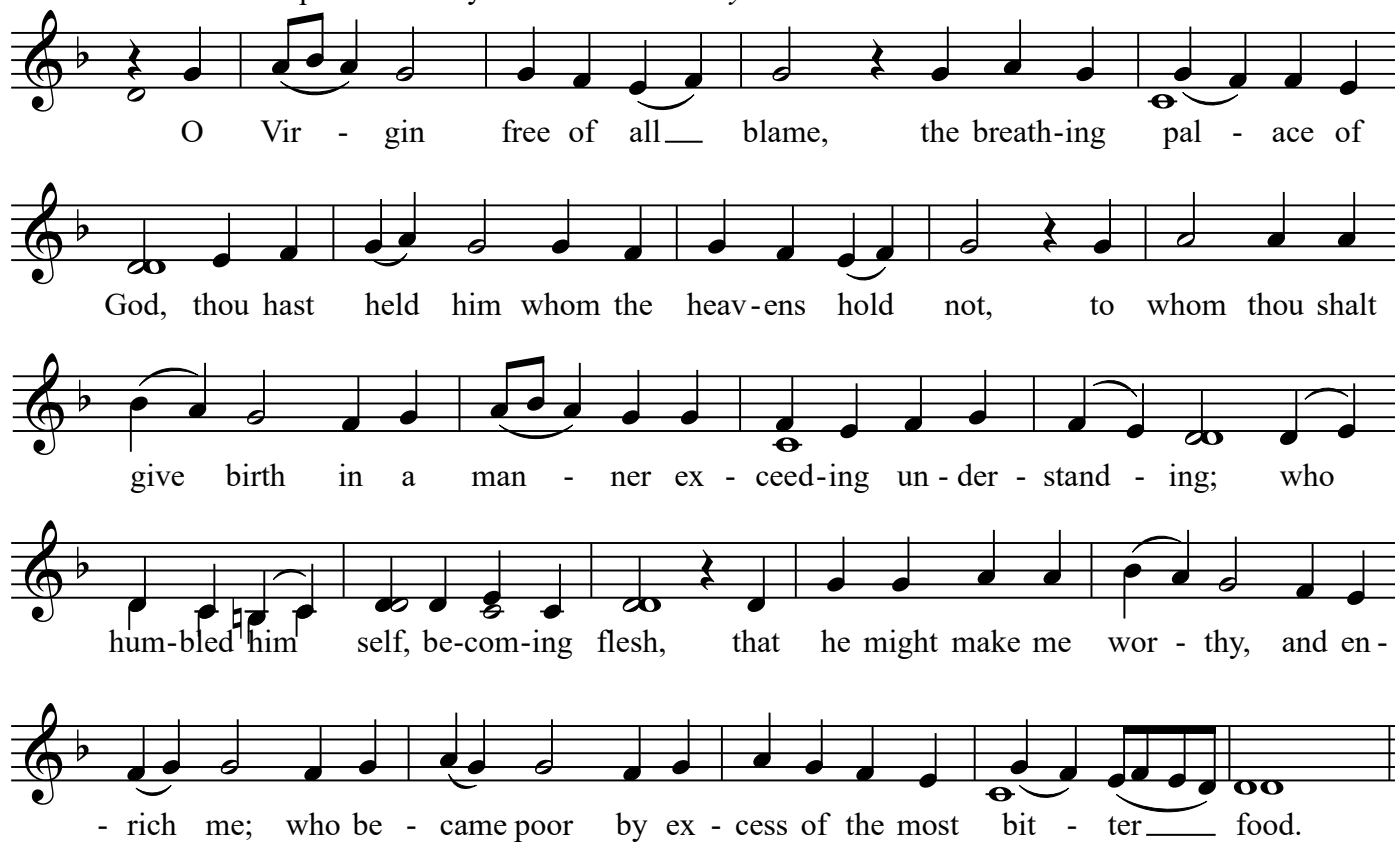
*sing the stichera for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.*

**If this Sunday falls on December 24th,**

*sing the following stichera, "O Virgin free of all blame,"*

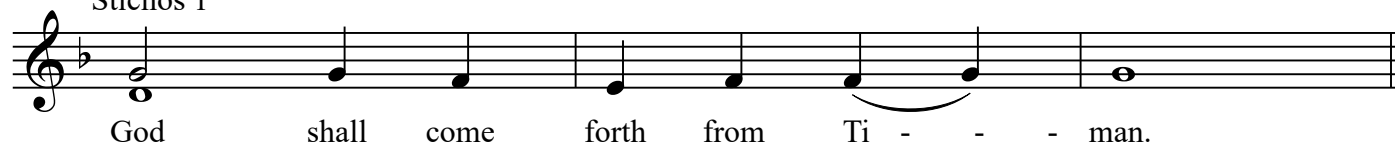
*with the special Stichoi on pages 91-92.*

Prosomion 1 - Special Melody: *O all-lauded martyrs*



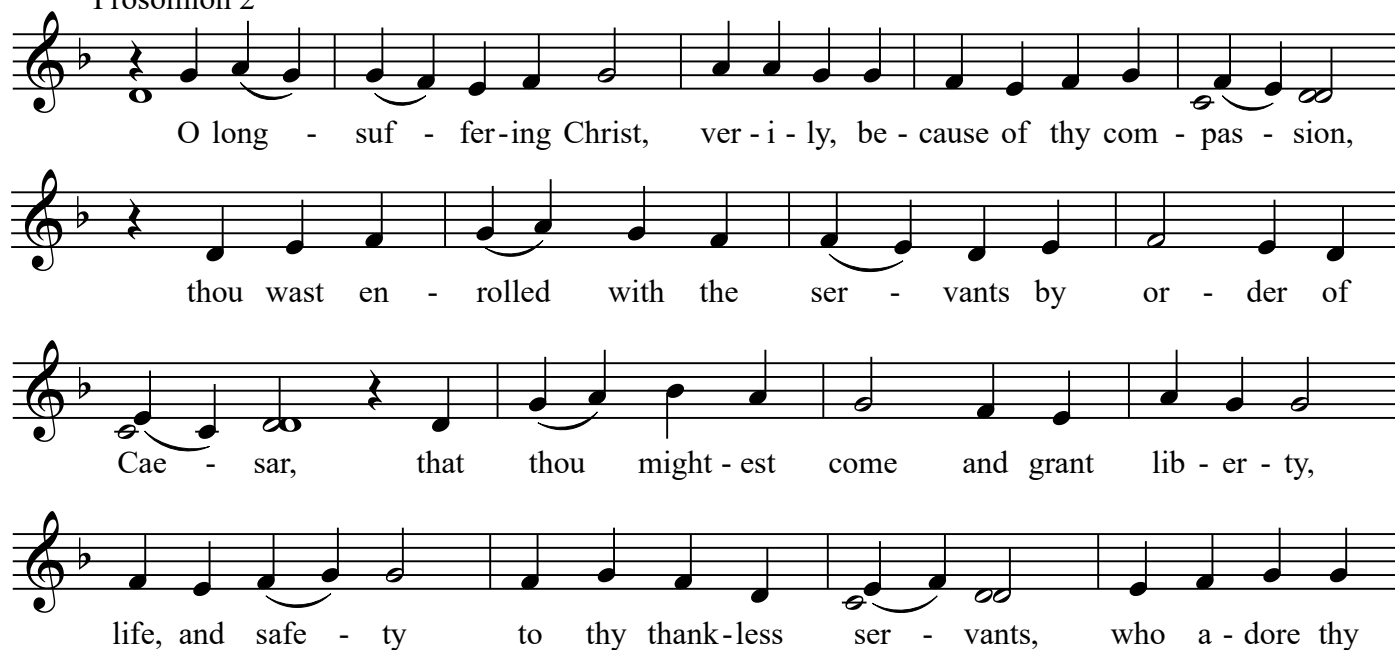
O Vir - gin free of all — blame, the breath-ing pal - ace of  
God, thou hast held him whom the heav-ens hold not, to whom thou shalt  
give birth in a man - ner ex - ceed-ing un - der - stand - ing; who  
hum-bled him self, be-com-ing flesh, that he might make me wor - thy, and en -  
- rich me; who be - came poor by ex - cess of the most bit - ter — food.

Stichos 1

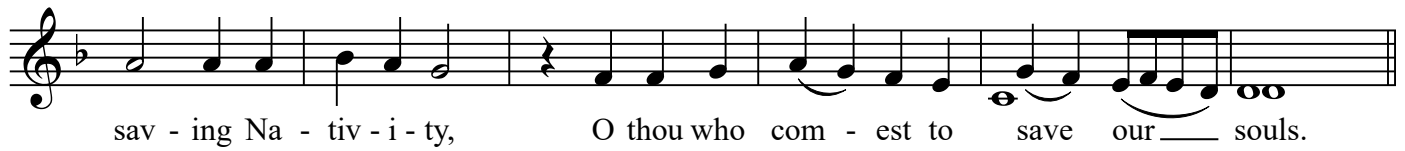


God shall come forth from Ti - - - man.

Prosomion 2



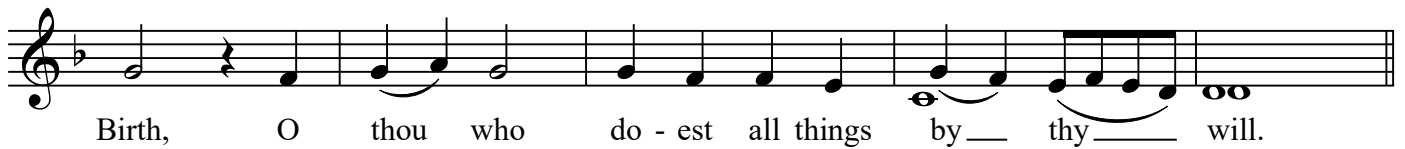
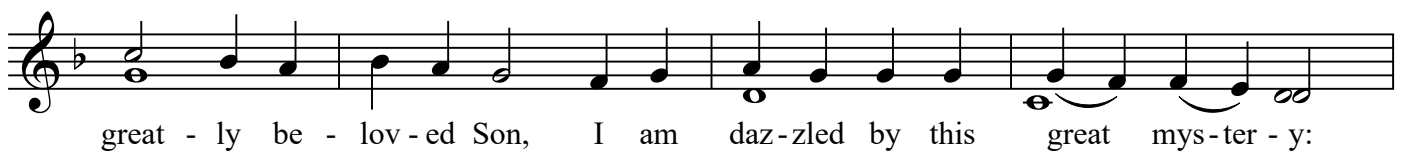
O long - suf - fer-ing Christ, ver - i - ly, be - cause of thy com - pas - sion,  
thou wast en - rolled with the ser - vants by or - der of  
Cae - sar, that thou might - est come and grant lib - er - ty,  
life, and safe - ty to thy thank-less ser - vants, who a - dore thy



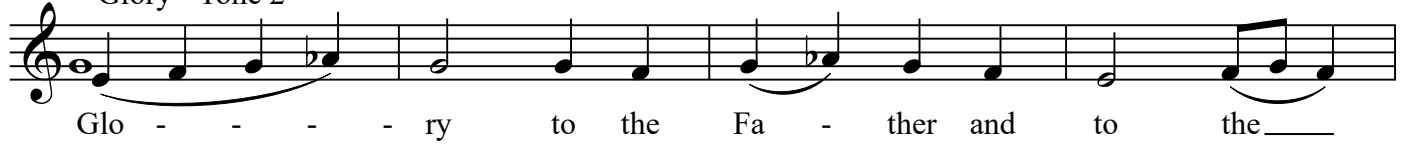
Stichos 2



Prosomion 3



Glory - Tone 2



Holwey

Re - joice, O hon - ored Proph - ets, who did  
or - gan-ize well the law of the Lord, and ap - peared as  
sta - ble, un - shake - a - ble pil - lars of faith; for  
ver - i - ly, they be - came mē - di - a - tors of the New  
Cov - e - nant of Christ. Where - fore,  
hav - ing been trans - lat - ed to heav - en, plead ye with  
him to grant safe - ty to the world  
and to save our souls.

**If this Sunday falls on December 18 or 19, go to pages 94-95,**  
**and sing "Both now..." and "O wondrous event," for the Resurrection in Tone 2.**

**If this Sunday falls between December 20-24, go to pages 95-96,**  
**and sing "Both now..." and "Behold, the time of our salvation..."**

Both now and ev - er, and un-to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

O won - drous e - vent tran - scend - ing all thē an - cient

mir - a - cles! For who hath ev - er heard of a

Moth - er giv - ing birth with - out man; and

in her own arms, bear - ing Him who con -

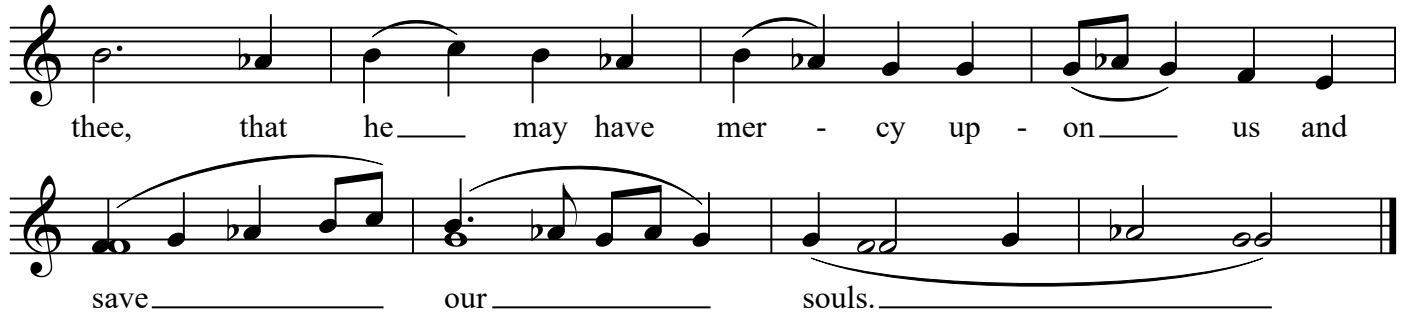
tain - eth all cre - a - tion? Yet this is the

will of the God who is born. Cease not, there - fore, O

un - de - filed one to pray to him whom thou didst

car - ry in thine arms when he was a babe, and with whom thou

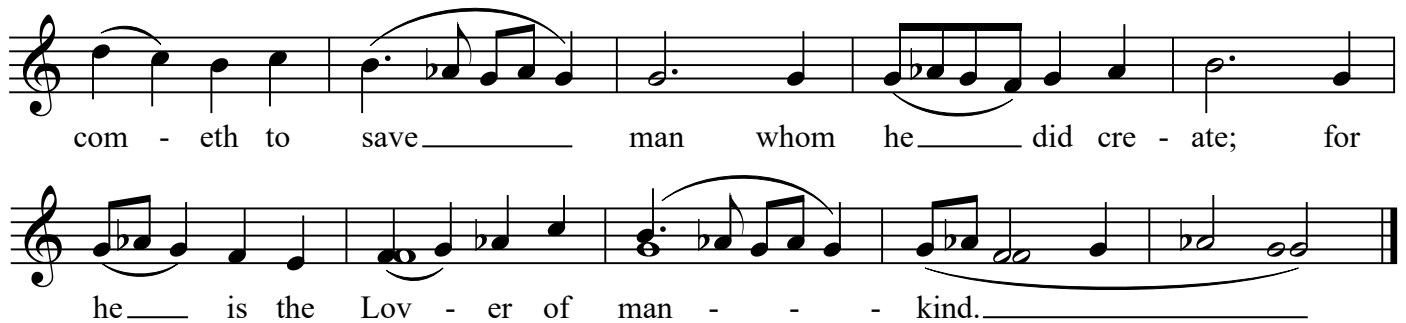
didst ac - quire moth - er - ly priv - i - lege for us who hon - our



*Sing this Both Now for when this Sunday falls between December 20-24.*

Holwey



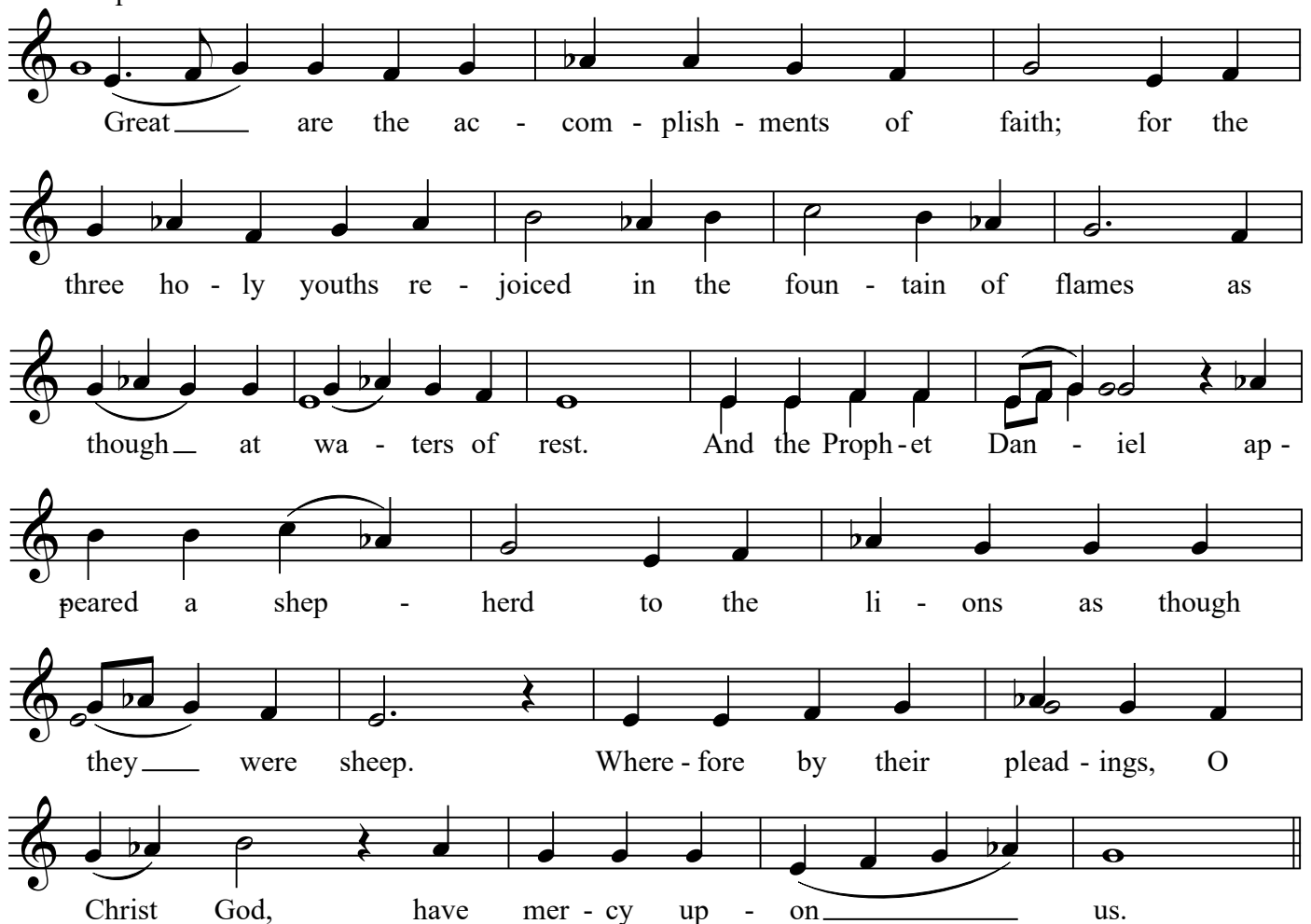


***If this Sunday falls on December 18 or 19,*** sing the Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, then Glory, and the following Troparion of the Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments of faith," then Both Now, and "Exceeding glorious..." in Tone 2, on page 97.

***If this Sunday falls December 20-23,*** sing the Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, then Glory, and the following Troparion of the Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments of faith," then Both Now, and the Troparion of the Forefeast, "Make ready, O Bethlehem," on page 98.

***If this Sunday falls on December 24,*** sing the Troparion of the Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments," then Glory & Both Now, and the Troparion of the Paramon, "And it came to pass," on page 99b (or 99a).

Troparion of the Forefathers - Tone 2



Theotokion - Tone 2

Ex - ceed - ing glo - ri - ous be - yond the pow'r of  
thought are thy mys - t'ries, O The - o - to - -  
-kos; for be - ing sealed in pu - i - ty and pre -  
-served in vir - gin - i - ty, thou wast ac - knowl - edged to  
be in ver - y truth the moth - - - er who  
didst bring forth the true God. Where - fore, en - treat  
him to save our souls.

Special melody: *Joseph was amazed*

Make ready, O Beth-le-hem; for  
E-den hath been opened for all. Pre-pare, O  
Eph-ra-tha; for the Tree of life hath  
blossomed forth in the cave from the Vir-  
gin; for her bel-ly did ap-pear as a  
su-per-sen-sual par-a-dise in which is plant-ed  
the di-vine Plant, where of eat-ing we  
shall live and not die as Ad-am. Ver-i-ly,  
Christ shall be born, rais-ing the like-ness  
that fell of old.

*The hymn "And it came to pass" is traditionally sung in the Special Melody: "Joseph was amazed," which is offered on the following page, 99b.*

*Below is Kazan's version from the printed Menaion which he did in the standard Tone 4.*

And it came to pass that Mar - y was en - rolled with Jo - seph the  
old man, in Beth - le - hem, since she was  
of the seed of Da - vid, and was great with the  
Lamb, without seed. And when the time for de -  
liv - er - y drew near, and they had no place in the  
vil - age, the cave did ap - pear to the  
queen as a de - light - ful pal - ace.  
Ver - i - ly, Christ shall be born,  
rais - ing the like - ness that fell of old.

Arr. by Christopher Holwey, from the  
arrangement by Abdo Elyas,  
Protopsaltis of the Archdiocese  
of Mt. Lebanon (20th century)

Special melody: *Joseph was amazed*

And it came\_\_\_\_\_ to\_\_\_\_\_ pass that Mar - y was en - rolled with  
Jo - seph the\_\_\_ old man, in Beth - le - hem, since she was of the  
seed\_\_\_ of\_\_\_ Da - - - vid, and was great\_\_\_\_\_ with the  
Lamb, with - out\_\_\_\_\_ seed. And when the time\_\_\_ for de - liv - 'ry drew  
near, and they had no\_\_\_ place in the vil - lage, the\_\_\_  
cave\_\_\_\_\_ did\_\_\_ ap - pear to\_\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_\_  
queen as a de - light - ful pal - ace. Ver - i - ly, Christ\_\_\_\_\_  
shall be\_\_\_ born, rais - ing the like - ness that  
fell\_\_\_ of\_\_\_\_\_ old.\_\_\_\_\_

On "God is the Lord," sing the Troparia as at Vespers on pages 96-99a of this book.

**If this Sunday falls on December 18th or 19th**, sing only the Kathismata of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.

**If the Sunday falls on December 20th - 24th**, first sing the Kathismata of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, and replace the "Both now and ever" of each Kathisma with the following:

*For the first Kathisma, sing this: (Tone 6) "The sayings of the Prophets have now been fulfilled. For on the morrow, our God is born of the Virgin Mary in a manner surpassing speech, and remaineth as He was before His birth. The Magi gather, bearing gifts; the shepherds abide in the field; and we also sing: O Thou Who wast born of a Virgin, Lord, glory be to Thee."*

*For the second Kathisma, sing this: (Tone 8) "The song the shepherds played on their reed-pipes was stayed by a great angelic host, which called out to them, saying: Tarry not in the field now, O ye that shepherd the nurslings of the flocks; cry aloud singing praises, that Christ the Lord hath been born in Bethlehem, He that in truth hath been well pleased, as God, to save the race of mankind."*

Then the Benedictions (Evlogetaria), unless this Sunday falls on December 24th, when they shall be omitted.

The Hypakoe, Anabathmoi and the Prokeimenon are for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, and the Resurrectional Gospel will follow the Eothinon of the Sunday, **on whichever date this Sunday falls**.

The Katabasiae are from the Canon of the Nativity: "Christ is born, glorify him," and "More honorable" is done after the 8th Ode, **on whichever date this Sunday falls**.

For the Exaposteilaria:

**If this Sunday falls on December 18th or 19th**, sing the Exaposteilarion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by the one for the Fathers, "Verily, the chiefs of the Patriarchs," as on page 101 of this book, and conclude with the Theotokion in the Tone of the week.

**If this Sunday falls on December 20th - 24th**, sing the Exaposteilarion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by the one for the Fathers, "Verily, the chiefs of the Patriarchs" and the one for the Preparation, "Rejoice, O Bethlehem," as on pages 101-102 of this book.

For the Praises, **on whichever date this Sunday falls**, sing four (4) for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, and four for the Fathers in Special Tone 5, as on pages 103 to 107. Then sing "Glory" and "Verily, the collection...", in Tone 8, on Page 108, and "Both Now" and "Most blessed" as on page 109 of this book.

Now sing the "Great Doxology" in Tone 8 as on pages 235 - 238 in the Byzantine Matins Project by Kazan, and conclude with the Troparion "Today is salvation come unto the world," as on page 109 of this book.

Special melody: *Upon that mount in Galilee*

*Ison*  
Ver - i - ly, the chiefs of the Pa - tri - archs and the  
fa - thers be - fore the law did go be - fore,  
gleam - ing with faith like the stars, name - ly  
A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob; for all the Proph - ets and  
right - eous ones were il - lu - mi - nat - ed  
by them, since they were shin - ing  
lamps, and by the rays  
of their ven - er - at - ed proph - e - cy il -  
lu - mi - nat - ed the  
whole of dark cre - a - tion.

Re - joice, O Beth - le - hem, and thou, Eph - ra - tha,  
make read - y; for the The - o -  
- to - kos shall come to the cave and the man -  
- ger to give birth in an in - ef - fa - ble  
man - ner to God. O what a  
ter - ri - ble mys - ter - y, the myst' - ry of him who  
com - eth be - fore A - bra - ham,  
I - saac, and Ja - cob, the Pa - tri - archs, and all the  
Proph - ets; and man - kind with the an - gels shall cel - e -  
- brate his Na - tiv - i - ty with di - vine re - joic - ing.

*First sing 4 for the Resurrection, and then the following 4 Prosomia for the Fathers.*

Verse 5 Fast



Praise him with the tim - brel and dance,

Slow



praise him with the stringed in - stru - ments and or - gans.

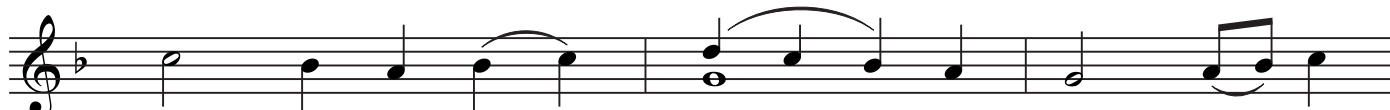
Prosimion 5 - Special Melody: Rejoice



In truth \_\_\_ raise thy voice, \_\_\_ O Zi - on,



di - vine \_\_\_ cit - y of God, and



preach the di - vine \_\_\_ mem - o - ry of the



fa - thers, hon - our - ing with A - bra - ham, \_\_\_



I - saac, and Ja - cob him of ev - er - last - ing mem - o - ry.



For lo! with Ju - dah and Le - vi we mag - ni - fy \_\_\_



Mo - ses the great, and Aar - on the won - der - ful; and with

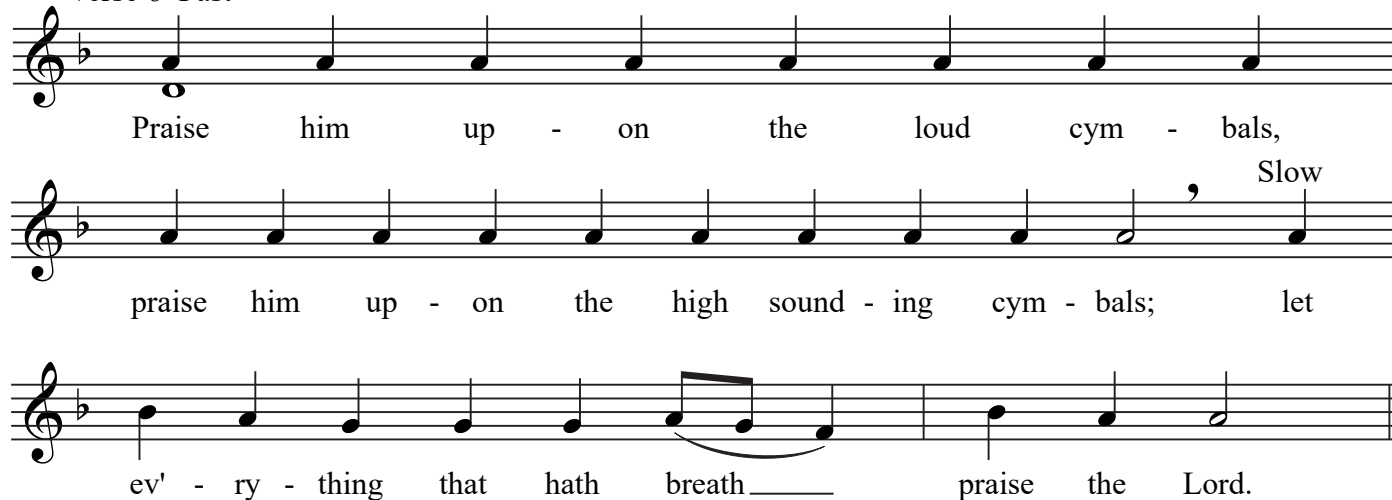


Da - vid we cel - e - brate the mem - o - ry of



Josh - - u - a and Sam - u - el, in - vit - ing all with di -  
- vine\_\_\_\_ songs and di - vine\_\_\_\_ praise to the  
prep - a - ra - tion of the Na - tiv - i - ty of\_\_\_\_  
Christ, pray - ing to re - ceive\_\_\_\_ his good - ness; for  
he it\_\_\_\_ is that grant - eth the  
world\_\_\_\_ the Great\_\_\_\_ Mer - - - cy.

Verse 6 Fast



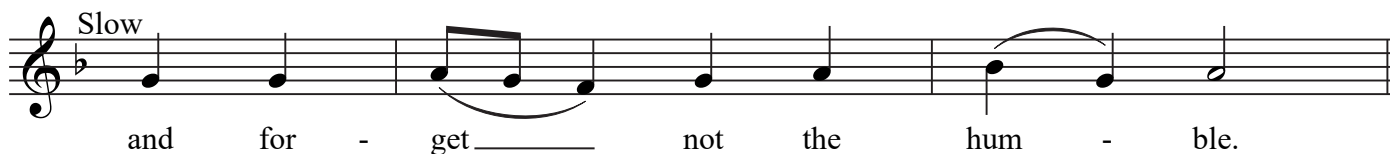
Praise him up - on the loud cym - bals,  
praise him up - on the high sound - ing cym - bals; let  
ev' - ry - thing that hath breath\_\_\_\_ praise the Lord.

*After singing Verse 6, repeat Prosimion 5.*

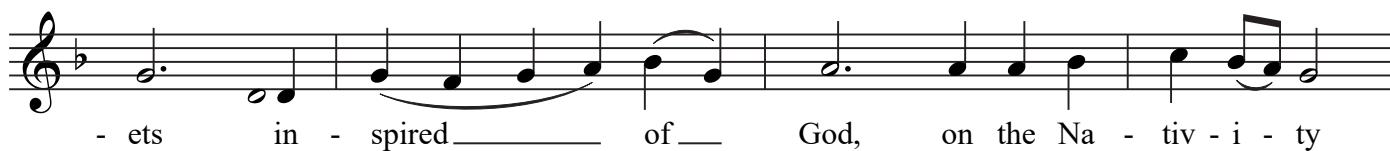
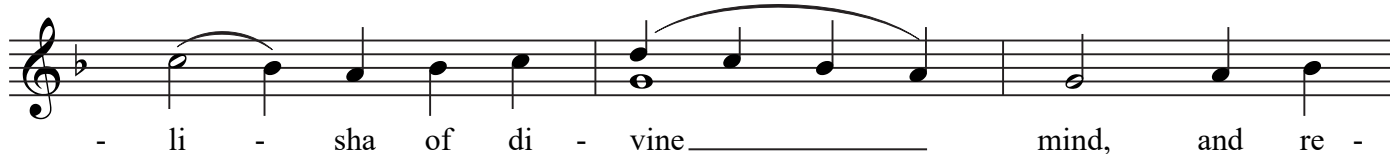
Verse 7 Fast

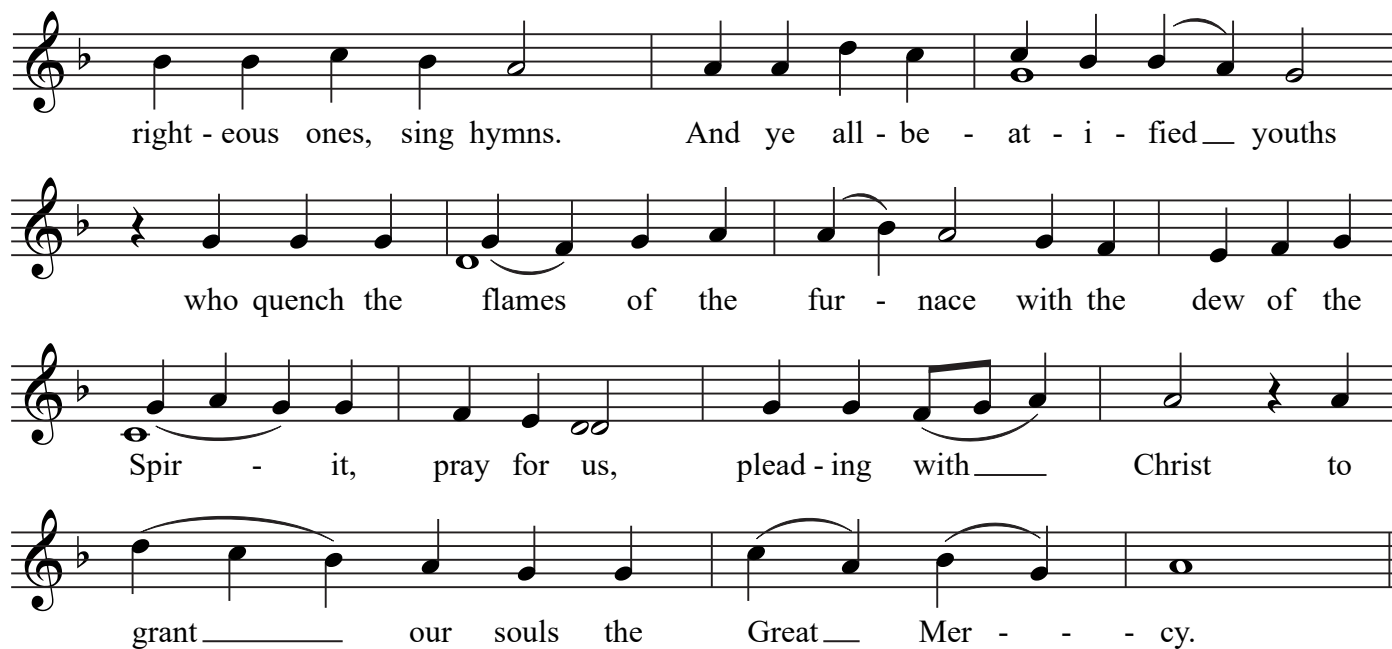


Slow



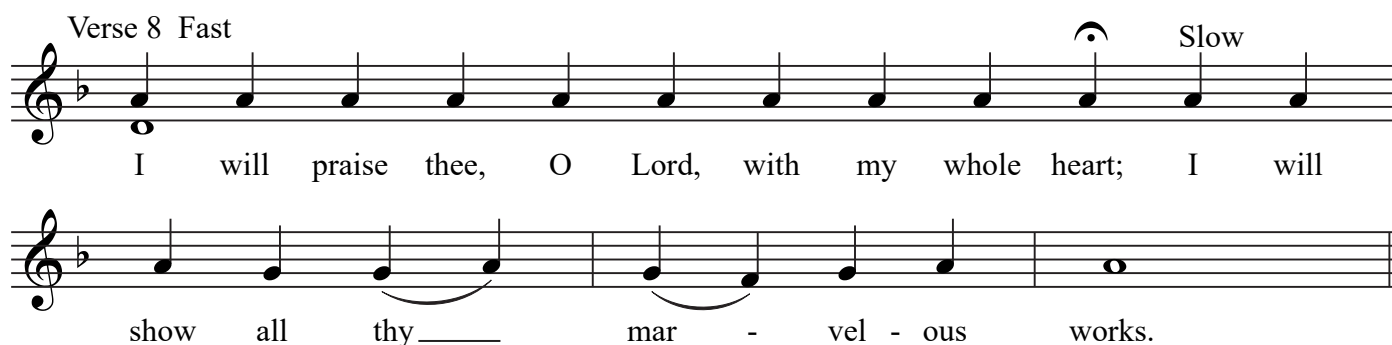
Prosomion 7





right - eous ones, sing hymns. And ye all - be - at - i - fied — youths  
who quench the flames of the fur - nace with the dew of the  
Spir - it, pray for us, plead - ing with — Christ to  
grant — our souls the Great — Mer - - - cy.

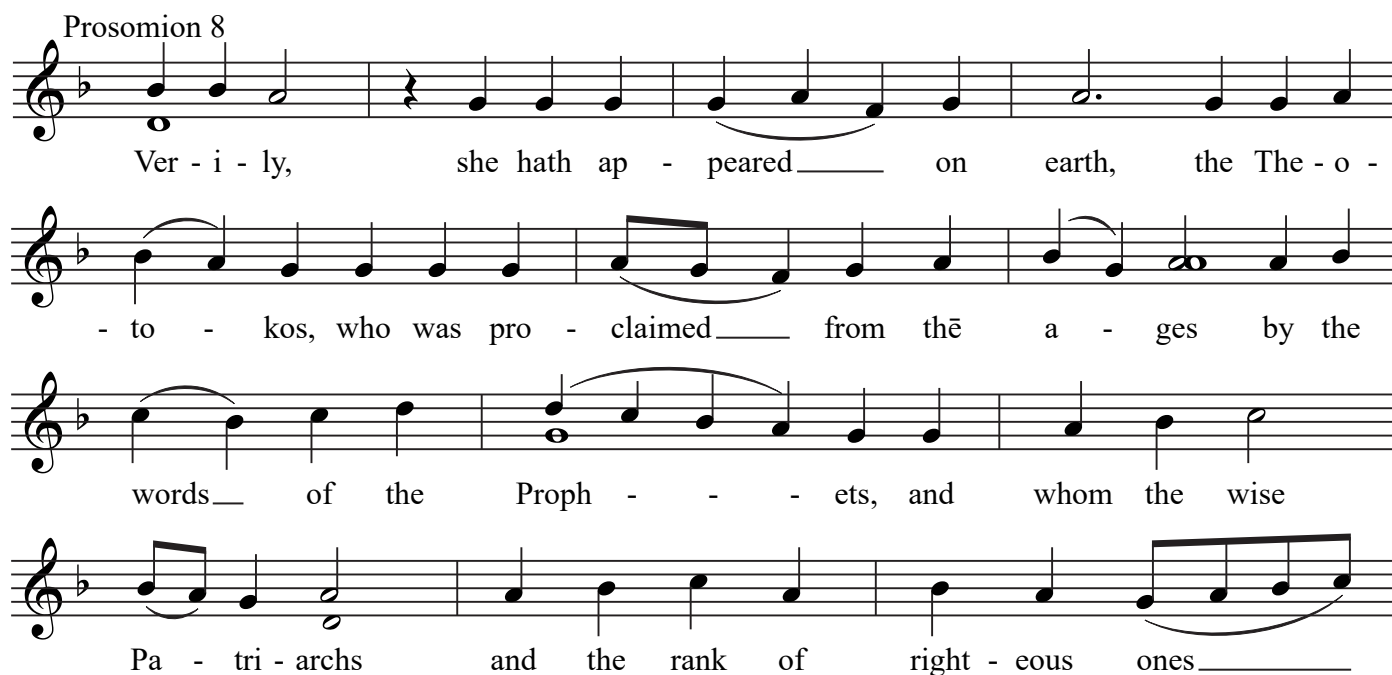
Verse 8 Fast



I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will  
show all thy — mar - vel - ous works.

Slow

Prosimion 8



Ver - i - ly, she hath ap - peared — on earth, the The - o -  
- to - kos, who was pro - claimed — from thē a - ges by the  
words — of the Proph - - - ets, and whom the wise  
Pa - tri - archs and the rank of right - eous ones —

did\_\_ fore - tell, with whom the come-li - ness of wom - en,  
Sar - ah, Re - bec - ca, with glo - ri - ous Anne, and  
Mar - - - y, the sis - ter of Mo - ses,  
shall\_\_\_\_ ex - change glad\_\_ tid - ings, and with them  
shall re - joice thē ends\_\_\_\_ of thē earth, and  
all\_\_\_\_ cre - a - tion; for\_\_\_\_ God\_\_\_\_ shall\_\_\_\_  
come to be\_\_\_\_ born in the\_\_\_\_ flesh and  
grant\_\_\_\_ the world the Great\_\_\_\_ Mer - - - cy.

Very Slow

Glo - ry to the Fa - - - ther and to the Son, and  
to the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.  
Ver - i - ly, the col - lec - tion of Mo - sa - ic teach - ings  
mak - eth plain the di - vine Na - tiv - i - ty of Christ in the flesh  
to those to whom was preached the grace be - fore the law,  
hav - ing tran - scend - ed the law by faith.  
Where - fore, since the Na - tiv - i - ty was the cause of sal -  
- va - tion from cor - rup - tion, they fore - told thy Res - ur - rec - tion  
to the souls im - pris - oned in Ha - des, O Lord,  
glo - - - - - ry to thee.



Both now and ev - er, and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.



Most bless - ed art thou, O Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, for through



him that was in - car - nate of thee is Ha - des despoiled,



Ad - am is re - called from the dead, the curse is made\_\_ void,



Eve\_\_ is set free, death is slain, and we are en - dowed\_\_ with life.



Where - fore, in hymns of praise we cry a-loud: Bless - ed art thou, O



Christ\_\_ our\_\_ God, who is thus well\_\_ pleased, glo - ry to thee.

*Now sing the "Great Doxology" in Tone 8 as on pages 235 - 238 in the Byzantine Matin Project by Kazan,  
and conclude with the Troparion as below in Tone 8.*



To - day is sal - va - tion come un - to the world. Let us sing\_\_



prais - es to him that a - rose\_\_ from the grave; the au - thor of our



life; for hav - ing by death de - stroyed death, he hath giv - en us



vic - tor - y and Great Mer - cy.