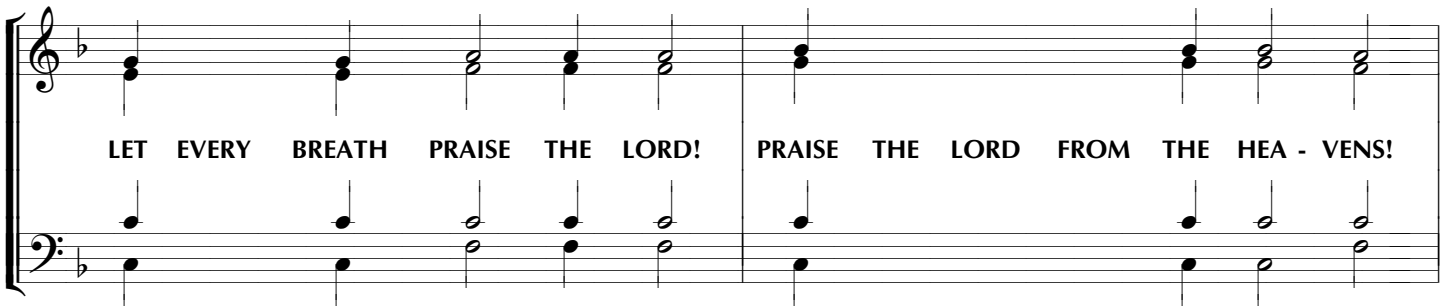


Nativity of Our Lord

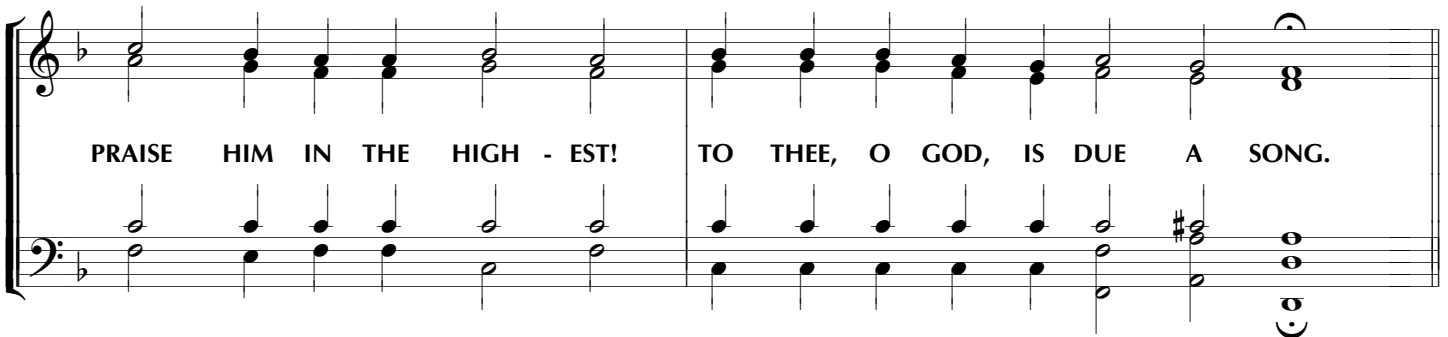
Praises

Tone 4

Common Chant



LET EVERY BREATH PRAISE THE LORD! PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE HEA - VENS!



PRAISE HIM IN THE HIGH - EST! TO THEE, O GOD, IS DUE A SONG.



PRAISE HIM ALL YOU AN - GELS OF HIS! PRAISE HIM ALL HIS HOSTS!



TO THEE, O GOD, IS DUE A SONG.

READER: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness.

Verse 1



MAKE GLAD, O YOU RIGHT - EOUS! GREAT - LY REJOICE, O HEA - VENS!

DANCE FOR JOY, O MOUNTAINS FOR CHRIST IS BORN! THE VIRGIN HAS

BE - COME LIKE THE CHE - RU - BIC THRONE. SHE CARRIES AT HER

BOS - OM GOD THE WORD MADE FLESH. SHEP - HERDS GLORIFY THE NEW -

BORN CHILD WISE MEN OFFER THE MAS - TER GIFTS.

AN - GELS PRAISE HIM AND SING: "O LORD, BE - YOND

UN - DER - STAND - ING GLO - RY TO THEE!"

READER: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp.

Verse 2

IT WAS THE GOOD PLEASURE OF THE FA - THER: THE WORD IS MADE FLESH

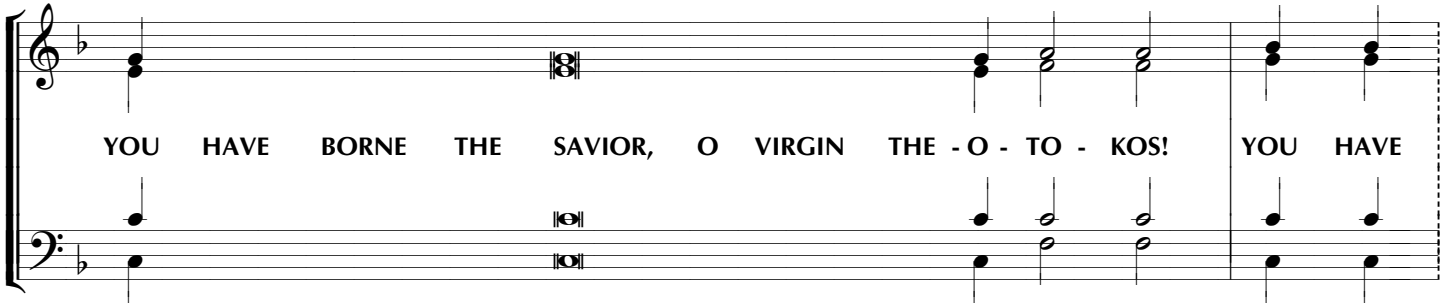
THE VIR - GIN GIVES BIRTH TO GOD MADE MAN. A STAR ANNOUNCES

THE GLAD TID - INGS. SHEP - HERDS ARE AMAZED, AND WISE MEN

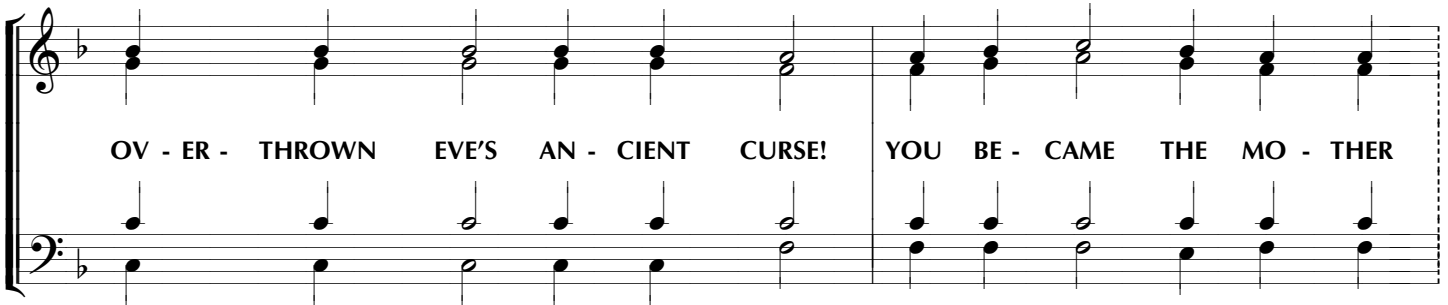
WOR - SHIP, AND CREATION IS FILLED WITH MIGHT - Y JOY.

READER: Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

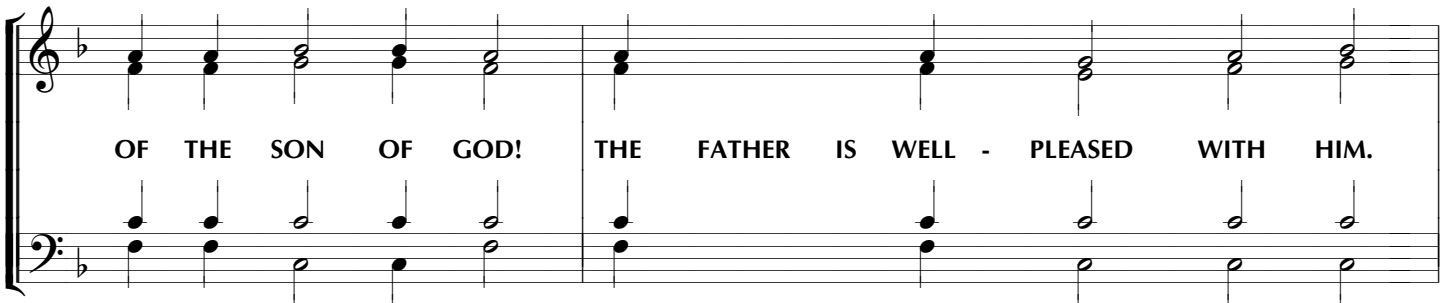
Verse 3



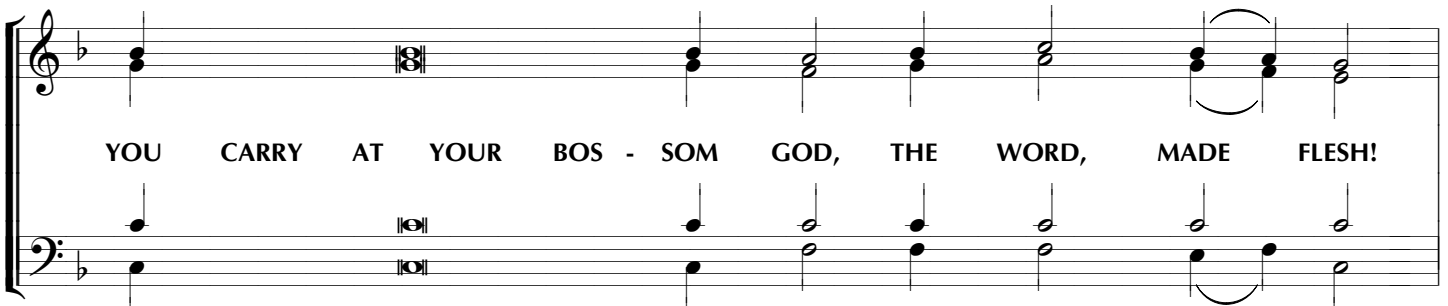
YOU HAVE BORNE THE SAVIOR, O VIRGIN THE - O - TO - KOS! YOU HAVE



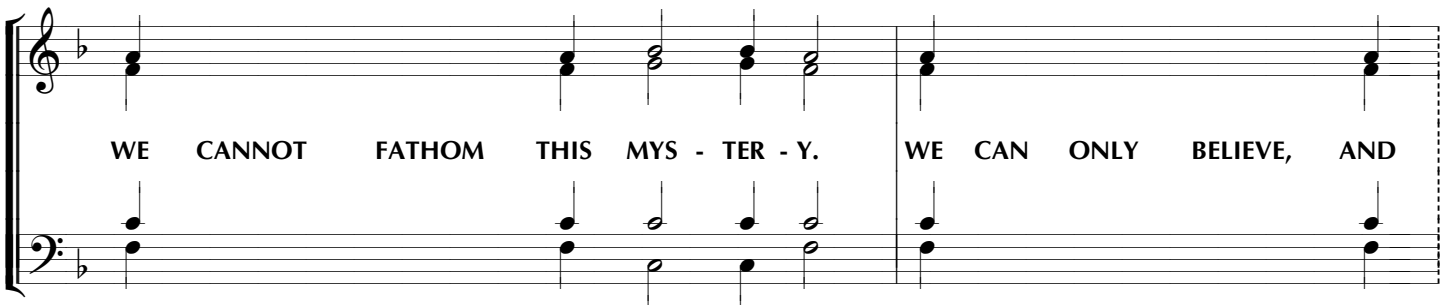
OV - ER - THROWN EVE'S AN - CIENT CURSE! YOU BE - CAME THE MO - THER



OF THE SON OF GOD! THE FATHER IS WELL - PLEASD WITH HIM.



YOU CARRY AT YOUR BOS - SOM GOD, THE WORD, MADE FLESH!



WE CANNOT FATHOM THIS MYS - TER - Y. WE CAN ONLY BELIEVE, AND

GIVE GLO - RY TO YOU: "O LORD, BEYOND ALL EX - PLA - NA -

TION, GLO - RY TO THEE!"

READER: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals. Let everthing that has breath praise the Lord.

Verse 4

COME, LET US SING TO THE MOTHER OF THE SAV - IOR! AFTER CHILDBEARING

SHE REMAINED A VIR - GIN. "RE - JOICE, O SPIR - ITUAL CITY OF GOD THE

KING! CHRIST CAME TO DWELL IN YOU. HE HAS AC - COM -

PLISHED SAL - VA - TION. WITH GABRIEL, WE SING YOUR

PRAISE. WITH THE SHEPHERDS, WE GLOR - I - FY YOU. O THEOTOKOS,

PRAY TO HIM WHO TOOK FLESH FROM YOU TO SAVE US!"

READER: Glory in the 6th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR THY COM - ING ON EARTH, THE FIRST IMPERIAL

TAX - A - TION WAS HELD; BUT THOU ALSO TOOK A CEN - SUS,

O LORD, RE - CORDING THE NAMES OF ALL MEN WHO BE - LIEVED IN THY

BIRTH. THOU DID USE THE DECREE OF CAESAR FOR THINE OWN END:

TO MAKE MANIFEST THY TIMELESS AND ETER - NAL KING - DOM!

THERE - FORE WE PAY THEE OUR TAXES, NOT WITH GOLD - EN COINS,

BUT WITH THE RICHES OF ORTHODOX THE - O - LOG - Y,

O GOD AND SAV - IOR OF OUR SOULS.

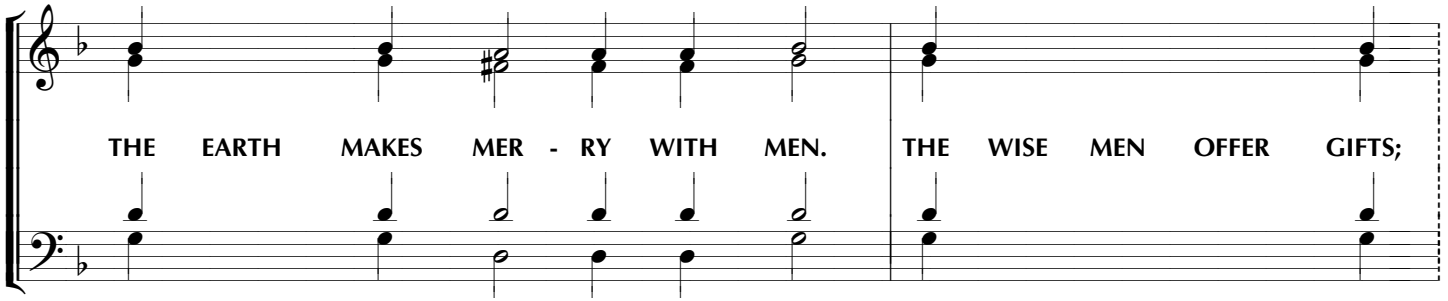
READER: Now and ever in the 2nd tone:

NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO A - GES OF A - GES. A - MEN.

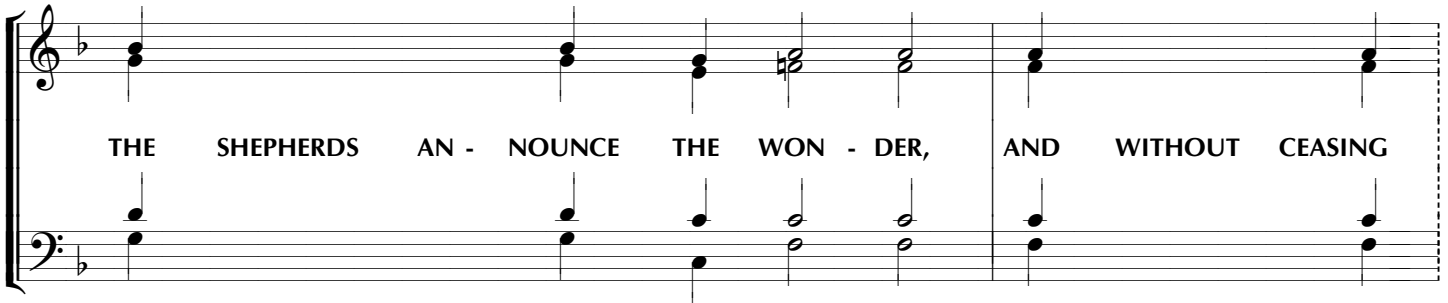
TODAY CHRIST IS BORN OF THE VIRGIN IN BETH - LE - HEM!

TODAY HE WHO KNOWS NO BE - GIN - NING BE - GINS. TO - DAY THE WORD

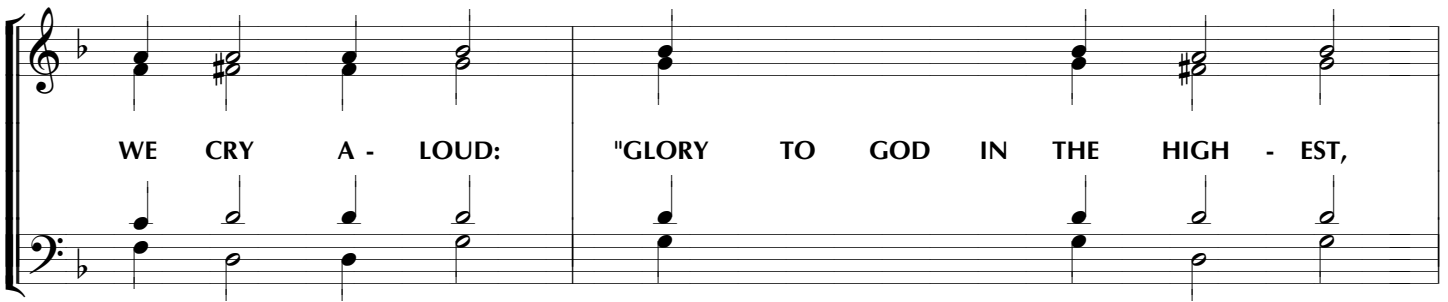
IS MADE FLESH. THE POWERS OF HEAV - EN GREAT - LY RE - JOICE.



THE EARTH MAKES MER - RY WITH MEN. THE WISE MEN OFFER GIFTS;



THE SHEPHERDS AN - NOUNCE THE WON - DER, AND WITHOUT CEASING



WE CRY A - LOUD: "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGH - EST,"



PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN!"