

# CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

## Vespers

Tone 8

LORD, I CALL UPON THEE, HEAR ME. HEAR ME, O LORD. LORD I CALL

UP - ON THEE, HEAR ME. RE - CEIVE THE VOICE OF MY PRAYER, WHEN I

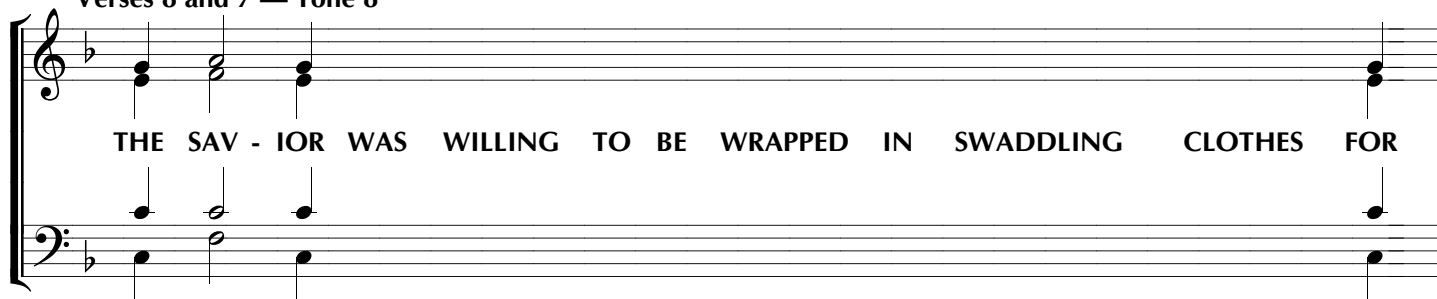
CALL UP - ON THEE, HEAR ME, O LORD. LET MY PRAYER A - RISE IN

THY SIGHT AS IN - CENSE, AND LET THE LIFT - ING UP OF MY

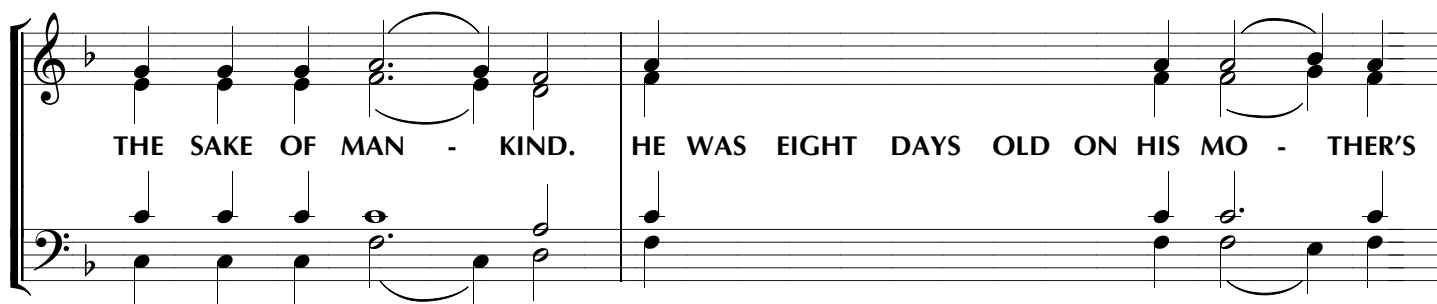
HANDS BE AN EVE - NING SAC - RI - FICE. HEAR ME, O LORD.

8. Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.  
7. Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

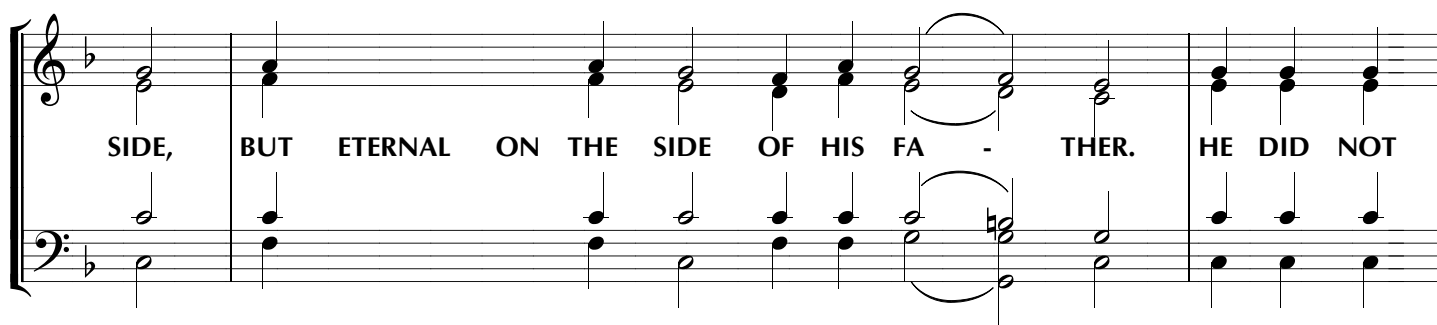
Verses 8 and 7 — Tone 8



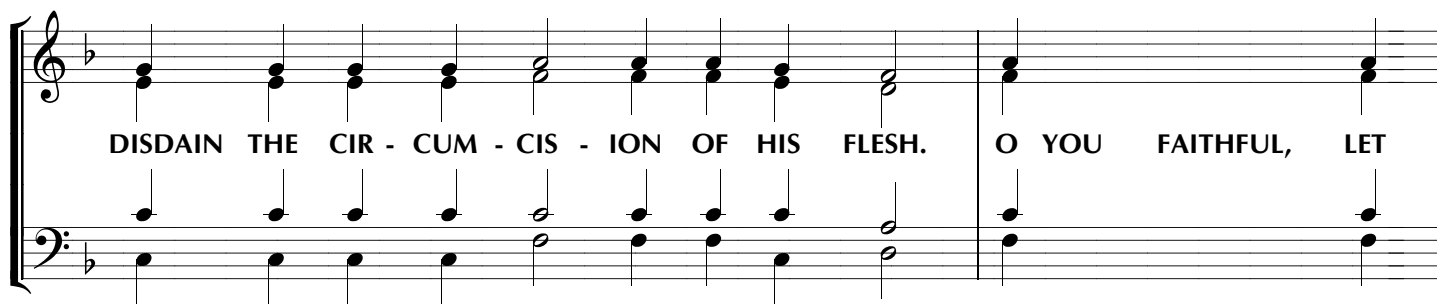
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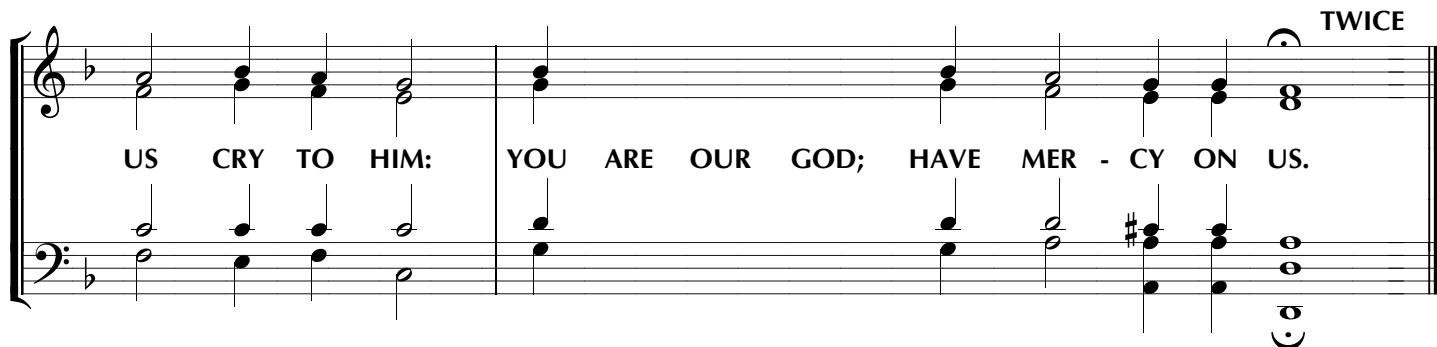
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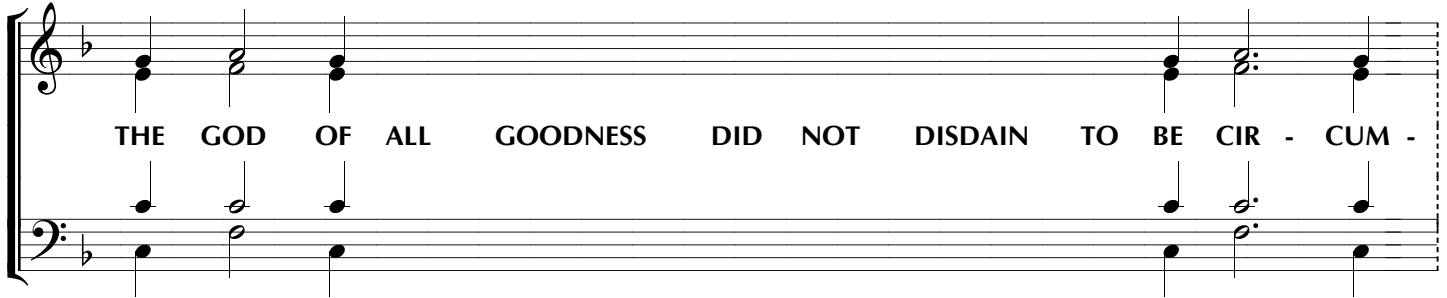
DISDAIN THE CIR - CUM - CIS - ION OF HIS FLESH. O YOU FAITHFUL, LET



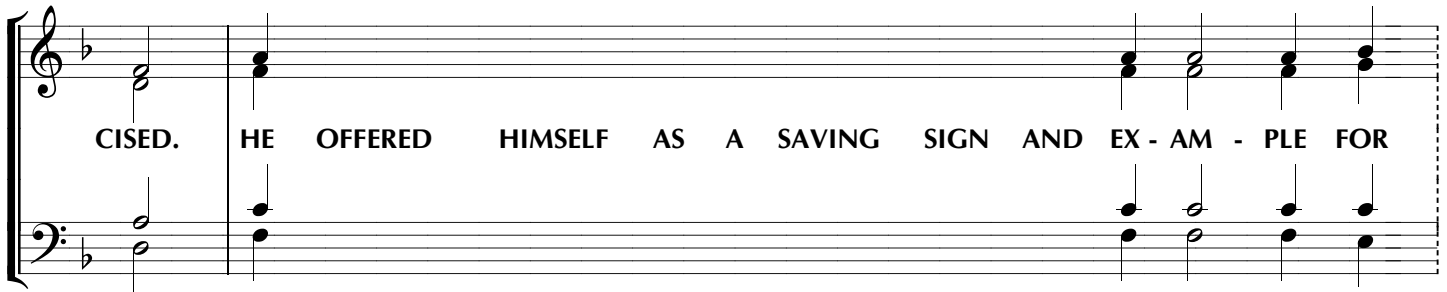
US CRY TO HIM: YOU ARE OUR GOD; HAVE MER - CY ON US. TWICE

6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand. But there is forgiveness with Thee.  
5. For Thy name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word, my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Verses 6 and 5



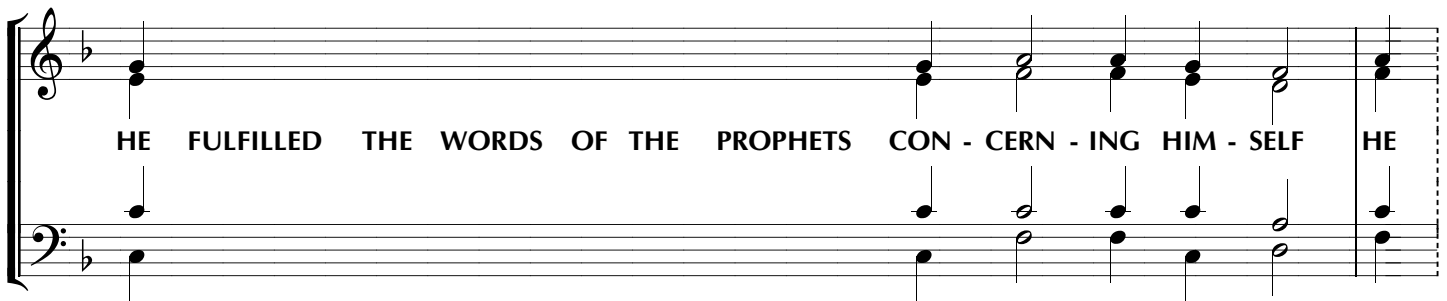
THE GOD OF ALL GOODNESS DID NOT DISDAIN TO BE CIR - CUM -



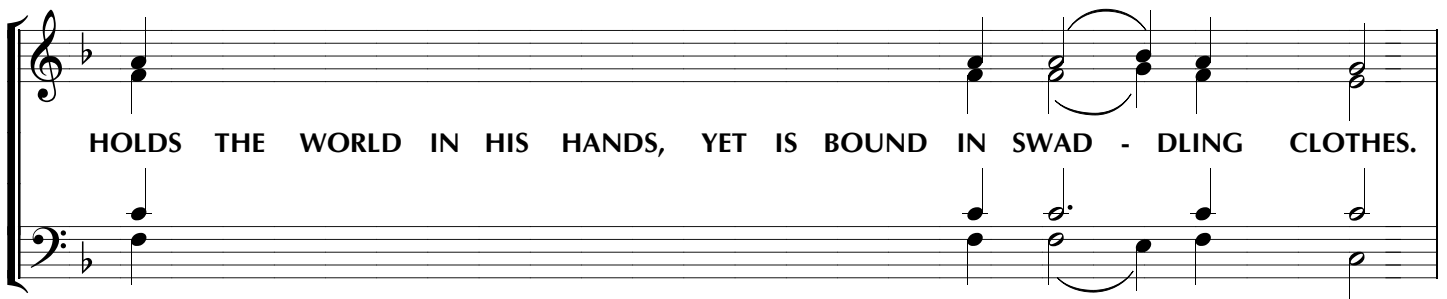
CISED. HE OFFERED HIMSELF AS A SAVING SIGN AND EX - AM - PLE FOR



US ALL. HE MADE THE LAW, AND HE O - BEYED HIS OWN COM - MANDS.



HE FULFILLED THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS CON - CERN - ING HIM - SELF HE



HOLDS THE WORLD IN HIS HANDS, YET IS BOUND IN SWAD - DLING CLOTHES.

LET US GLO - RI - FY HIM.

TWICE

Detailed description: This block contains a short musical phrase in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'LET US GLO - RI - FY HIM.' The word 'HIM.' is followed by a fermata. The instruction 'TWICE' is written to the right of the staff.

4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.

3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Verses 4 and 3 —Tone 4

YOUR VERY NAME MEANS "THE ROY - AL ONE". YOU LED CHRIST'S ROYAL

Detailed description: This block contains the first two lines of the main text. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'YOUR VERY NAME MEANS "/>

PEOPLE IN WISDOM AND KNOW - LEDGE. THE KING OF KINGS AND THE

Detailed description: This block contains the third and fourth lines of the main text. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'PEOPLE IN WISDOM AND KNOW - LEDGE. THE KING OF KINGS AND THE'.

LORD OF ALL, THE SON, OF ONE ESSENCE WITH THE FA - THER,

Detailed description: This block contains the fifth and sixth lines of the main text. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'LORD OF ALL, THE SON, OF ONE ESSENCE WITH THE FA - THER,'. A slur is placed over the words 'THE FA - THER,'.

A - DORNED YOU WITH THE CROWN OF HIS KING - DOM.

Detailed description: This block contains the seventh and eighth lines of the main text. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'A - DORNED YOU WITH THE CROWN OF HIS KING - DOM.'. A slur is placed over the words 'OF HIS KING - DOM.'.

TWICE

PRAY TO HIM, FATHER BA - SIL, TO ENLIGHTEN AND SAVE OUR SOULS.

2. Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise Him, all peoples.

Verse 2

ROBED IN THE VESTMENTS OF A BISH - OP YOU PREACHED THE GOSPEL

OF THE KINGDOM WITH GLAD - NESS. YOU Poured OUT STREAMS OF

TRUE TEACH - ING FOR THE CHURCH, IL - LU - MINED BY YOUR WORDS,

WE HAVE LEARNED HOW TO GLO - RI - FY ONE GOD - HEAD:

FATHER ALMIGHTY, DIVINE WORD AND HO-LY SPIR-IT, THREE PERSONS

UN-DI-VID-ED. PRAY TO HIM, O FA-THER BA-SIL,

TO ENLIGHTEN AND SAVE OUR SOULS.

1. For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Verse 1

YOU DWELL WITH THE HOSTS OF HEA-VEN; YOU IMITATED THEIR WAY OF LIFE

ON EARTH. YOU LIVED WITH MAN-KIND AS AN EARTH-LY AN-GEL.

NOW PRAY FOR US, WHO DELIGHT IN YOUR THE - OL - O - GY. MAY CHRIST

OUR GOD SAVE US FROM THE DARK - NESS OF UN - BE - LIEF MAY

HE ENLIGHTEN AND SAVE OUR SOULS.

Glory in the 8th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

YOU BE - CAME A LOVER OF WISDOM, RIGHT - EOUS FA - THER. YOU

PREFERRED LIFE WITH GOD ABOVE ALL EARTH - LY DE - LIGHTS.

CONTEMPLATING DEATH, YOU A - BAN - DONED ALL YOUR WEALTH.

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: CONTEMPLATING DEATH, YOU A - BAN - DONED ALL YOUR WEALTH. The melody is simple, with a long note on 'DONED' and a slur over 'ALL YOUR WEALTH'.

YOU STRIPPED AWAY FLESHLY DESIRES THROUGH RIGOROUS AB - STI - NENCE.

The second system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are: YOU STRIPPED AWAY FLESHLY DESIRES THROUGH RIGOROUS AB - STI - NENCE. The melody remains simple and homophonic.

YOU STUDIED GOD'S LAW, AND SUBJECTED YOUR FLESH TO THE SPIR - IT.

The third system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are: YOU STUDIED GOD'S LAW, AND SUBJECTED YOUR FLESH TO THE SPIR - IT. The melody has a long note on 'SPIR' and a slur over 'IT'.

YOU WERE RICH IN VIRTUES, A CON - QUER - OR OF PAS - SIONS. YOU

The fourth system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are: YOU WERE RICH IN VIRTUES, A CON - QUER - OR OF PAS - SIONS. YOU. The melody has a long note on 'SIONS' and a slur over 'YOU'.

CAST THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND THE DE - VIL A - WAY. NOW YOU

The fifth system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are: CAST THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND THE DE - VIL A - WAY. NOW YOU. The melody has a long note on 'WAY' and a slur over 'NOW YOU'.



STAND BEFORE THE THRONE OF CHRIST. EN - TREAT HIM TO GRANT

US GREAT MER - CY.

Now and ever in the same tone: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE SAV - IOR WAS WILLING TO BE WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES FOR

THE SAKE OF MAN - KIND. HE WAS EIGHT DAYS OLD ON HIS MO - THER'S

SIDE, BUT ETERNAL ON THE SIDE OF HIS FA - THER. HE DID NOT

DISDAIN THE CIR - CUM - CIS - ION OF HIS FLESH. O YOU FAITHFUL, LET

US CRY TO HIM: YOU ARE OUR GOD; HAVE MER - CY ON US.

O GLADSOME LIGHT  
 PROKIMENON OF THE DAY  
 3 SCRIPTURE READINGS

**THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**  
**ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*

**Reading from Genesis (17:1-2, 4, 5-7, 8, 9-10, 11-12, 14)**

The Lord appeared to Abram and said to him: “I am your God. Be well pleasing before Me, and be blameless. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly. And you shall be a father of many nations. And your name shall no more be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. And I will increase you very exceedingly; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you, in their generations, for an everlasting covenant; and I will be a God to them.” And Abraham fell down on his face, and worshiped the Lord.

And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations. And this is the covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you, in their generations: You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be for a sign of the covenant between Me and you and your seed after you, in their generations. And the child of eight days shall be circumcised by you, every male throughout your generations. And the male child, who shall not be circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin on the eighth day, that soul shall be cut off from his family, for he has broken My covenant.”

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*

**Reading from Proverbs (8:22-30)**

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Reading*  
*Reading from Proverbs (10:31-11:12)*

The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but an accurate weight is his delight. When pride comes, then comes disgrace; but wisdom is with the humble. The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them. Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. The righteousness of the blameless keeps their ways straight, but the wicked fall by their own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright saves them, but the treacherous are taken captive by their schemes. When the wicked die, their hope perishes, and the expectation of the godless comes to nothing. The righteous are delivered from trouble, and the wicked get into it instead. With their mouths the godless would destroy their neighbors, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered. When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; and when the wicked perish, there is jubilation. By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. Whoever belittles another lacks sense, but an intelligent person remains silent.

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## Tone 3 — Verse 1

BY YOUR PURE WAY OF LIFE, HO - LY BA - SIL YOU BROUGHT CHRIST,

THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE IN - TO YOUR SOUL. YOU Poured OUT STREAMS

OF WA - TER ON THE WORLD. THE FAITHFUL OF THE CHURCH DRINK OF

THEM AND PRAISE THE FRUIT OF YOUR LIPS. THEY OFFER THE BOUNTY

OF GRACE TO HIM WHO GLORIFIES YOUR MEMORY THROUGH - OUT ALL

A - GES.

Verse 2

THE MYRRH OF GRACE WAS POURED OUT ON YOU, ANOINTING YOU

TO MINISTER THE GOSPEL OF THE KING - DOM. YOU REVEALED THE

THINGS OF GOD, O BA - SIL, FOR AS THE SWEET IN - CENCE OF CHRIST,

YOU FILLED THE WORLD WITH THE FRAGRANCE OF HIS KNOW - LEDGE.

ACCEPT WITH FAVOR THE SONGS OF YOUR SER - VANTS AND ASK

GREAT MERCY FOR THOSE WHO HON - OR YOU.

Verse 3

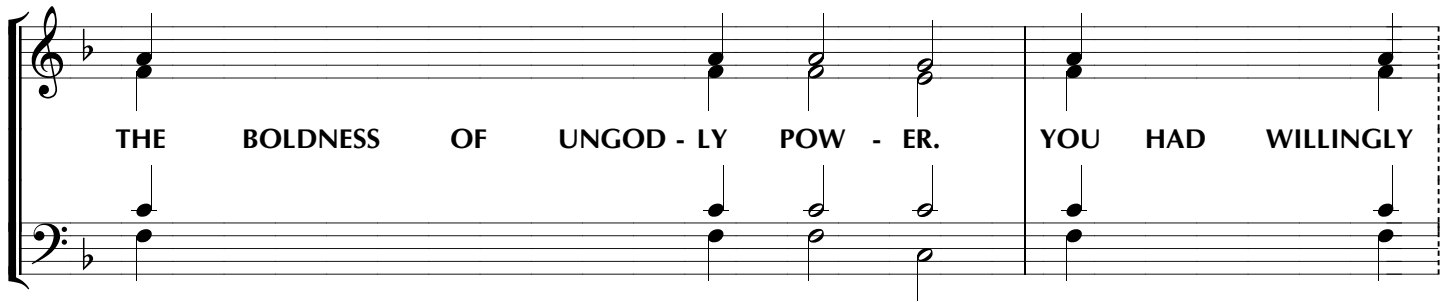
YOU STOOD BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT, O BA - SIL, WEARING YOUR

PRIEST - LY VEST - MENTS. YOU BRAVED DAN - GER FOR THE FAITH,

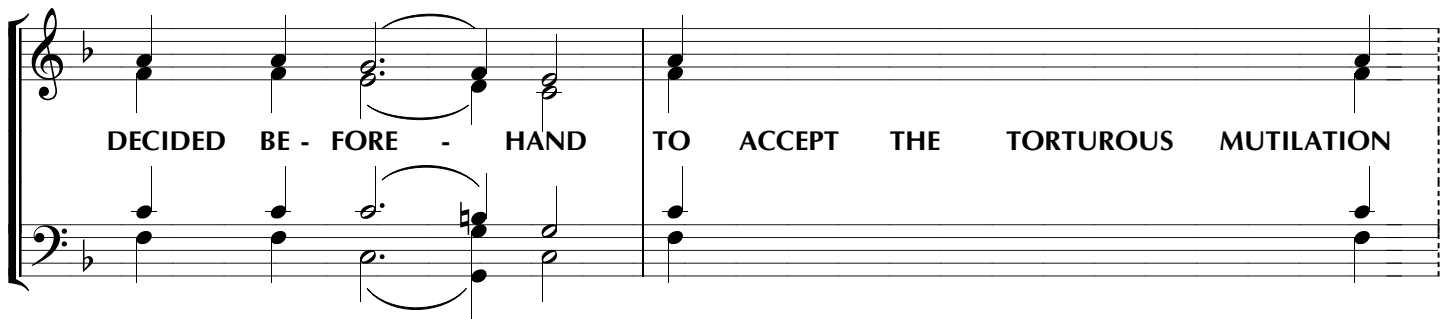
AS A CHAMPION OF THE TRIN - I - TY YOU SHOWED THE RESISTANCE



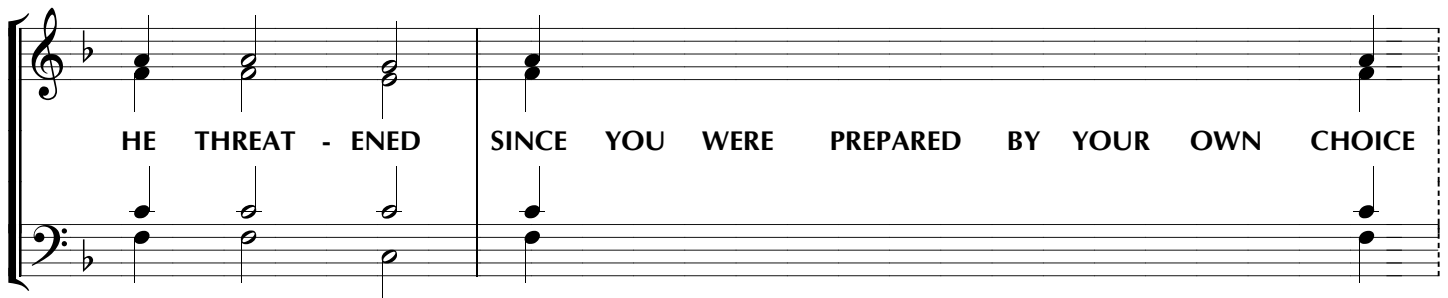
OF A FIGHT - TER, PUTTING TO SHAME THE PRE - FECT'S AN - GER;



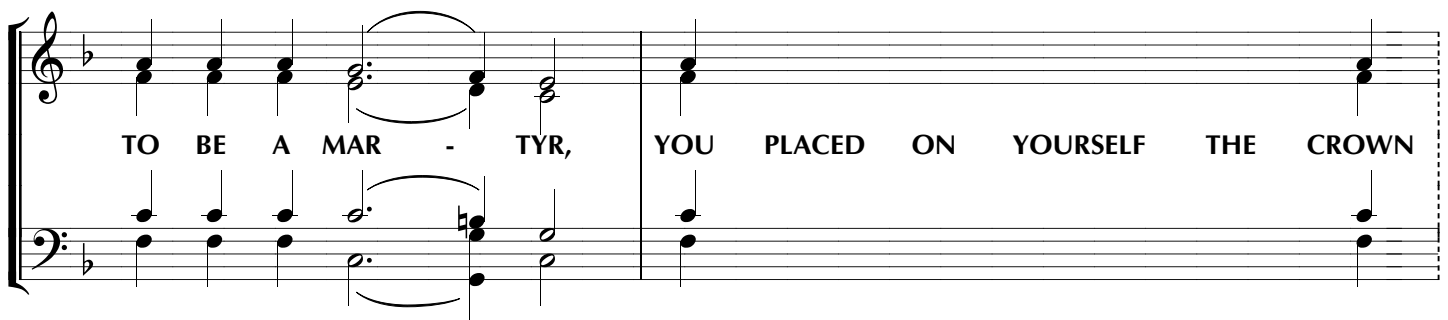
THE BOLDNESS OF UNGOD - LY POW - ER. YOU HAD WILLINGLY



DECIDED BE - FORE - HAND TO ACCEPT THE TORTUROUS MUTILATION



HE THREAT - ENED SINCE YOU WERE PREPARED BY YOUR OWN CHOICE



TO BE A MAR - TYR, YOU PLACED ON YOURSELF THE CROWN

































