

# Nativity of our Lord

## Aposticha

*Common Chant*

Tone 2 - Verse 1



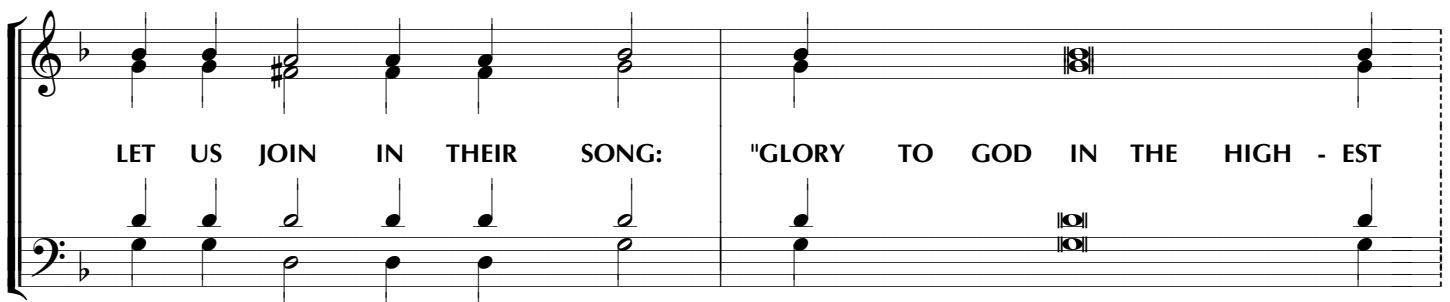
A GREAT AND WONDROUS MYSTERY UN - FOLDS TO DAY: A VIR - GIN



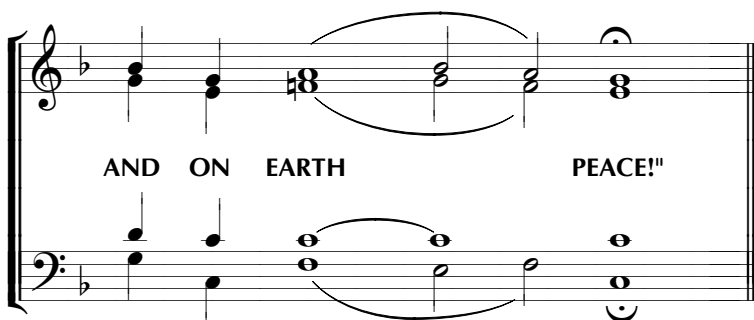
GIVES BIRTH AND REMAINS A VIR - GIN! THE WORD IS MADE FLESH WITHOUT



LEAV - ING HIS FA - THER! AN - GELS AND SHEP - HERDS GLOR - I - FY HIM!



LET US JOIN IN THEIR SONG: "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGH - EST



AND ON EARTH PEACE!"

In the 3rd tone: The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool."

Verse 2

TODAY THE VIRGIN GIVES BIRTH TO THE MAK - ER OF ALL! E - DEN

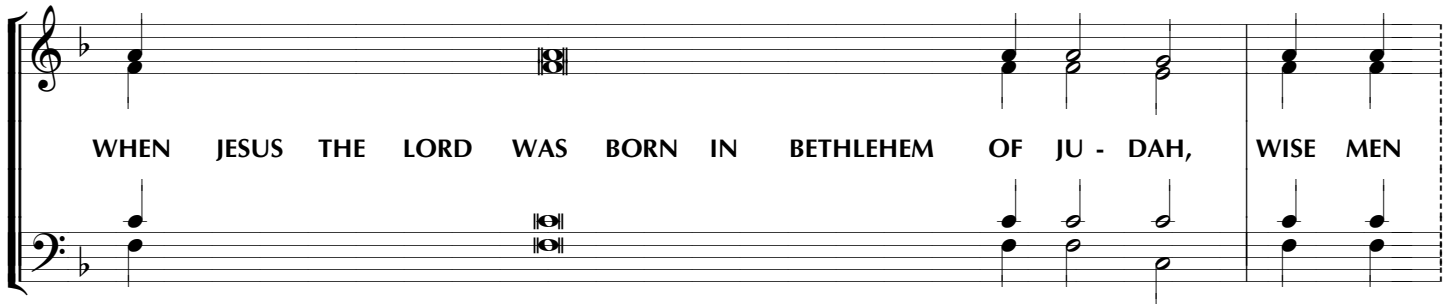
OF - FERS A CAVE. TO THOSE IN DARKNESS A STAR RE - VEALS CHRIST,

THE SUN! WISE MEN ARE ENLIGHTENED BY FAITH AND

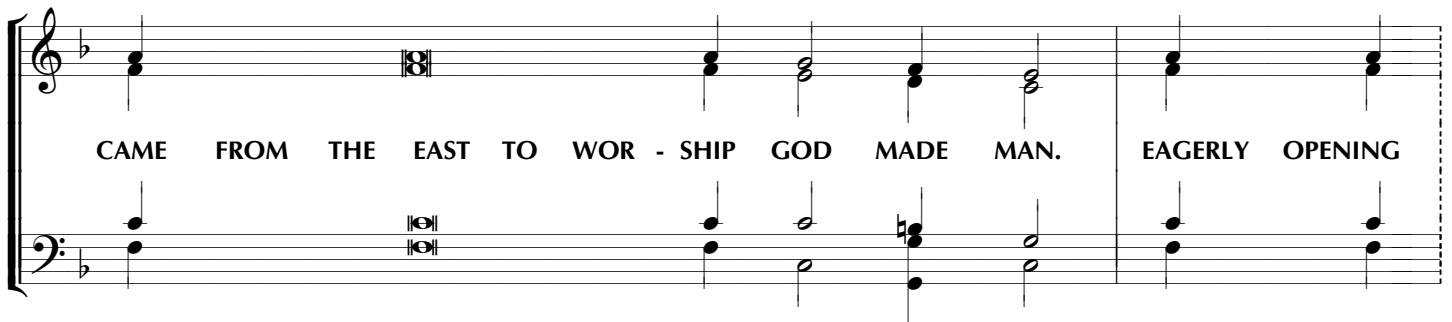
WOR - SHIP WITH GIFTS. SHEP - HERDS BEHOLD THE WONDER, AND THE

AN - GELS SING: "GLO - RY TO GOD IN THE HIGH - EST!"

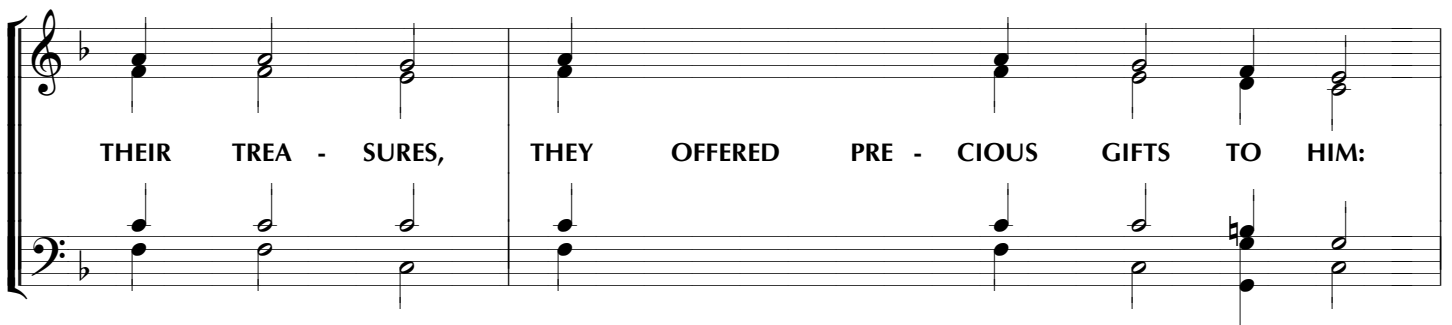
From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee.



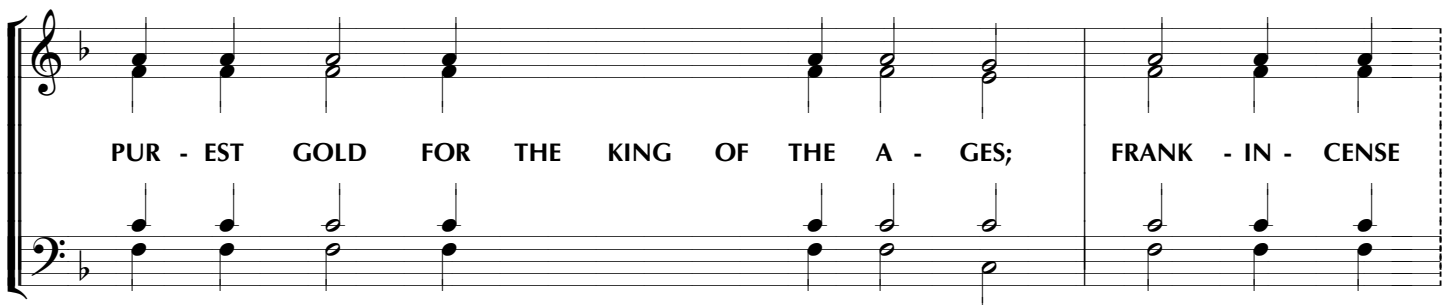
WHEN JESUS THE LORD WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM OF JU - DAH, WISE MEN



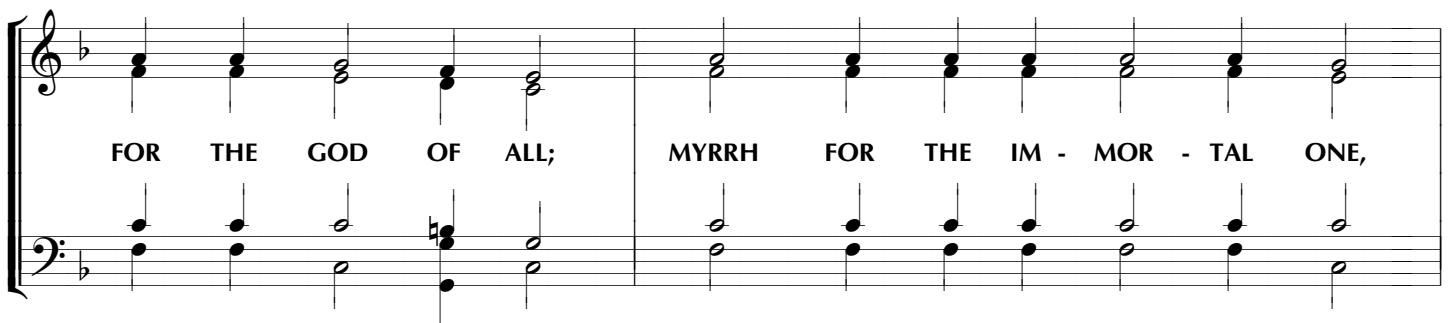
CAME FROM THE EAST TO WOR - SHIP GOD MADE MAN. EAGERLY OPENING



THEIR TREA - SURES, THEY OFFERED PRE - CIOUS GIFTS TO HIM:



PUR - EST GOLD FOR THE KING OF THE A - GES; FRANK - IN - CENSE



FOR THE GOD OF ALL; MYRRH FOR THE IM - MOR - TAL ONE,

AS THOUGH HE WERE DEAD THREE DAYS. COME, ALL YOU NA - TIONS

LET US WOR - SHIP HIM! HE IS BORN TO SAVE OUR SOULS.

Glory in the 4th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

SING, O JE - RU - SA - LEM! MAKE MERRY, ALL WHO LOVE ZI - ON!

TO - DAY AD - AM'S AN - CIENT BONDS ARE BRO - KEN! PARADISE IS

O - PENED TO US! THE SER - PENT IS CAST DOWN!

LONG AGO OUR FIRST MOTHER WAS DE - CEIVED BY HIM. NOW HE SEES

A WOMAN BECOME MOTHER OF THE CRE - A - TOR. O THE DEPTH

OF THE RICHES OF THE WIS - DOM AND KNOW - LEDGE OF GOD!

THROUGH EVE, WOMAN BECAME THE TOOL OF SIN, BRING - ING DEATH

TO ALL FLESH; BUT THROUGH MARY SHE BECOMES THE FIRST - FRUITS OF SAL - VA -

TION FOR ALL THE WORLD, FOR GOD, THE ALL PERFECT IS BORN OF HER.

BY HIS BIRTH HE SEALS HER VIRGINITY. HE IS BOUND IN

SWADLING CLOTHES TO LOOSE THE BONDS OF SIN! THROUGH HIS

BIRTH, THE PAINS OF EVE ARE HEALED! LET ALL CREATION SING AND DANCE FOR

JOY, FOR CHRIST HAS COME TO RESTORE IT AND TO SAVE OUR SOULS.

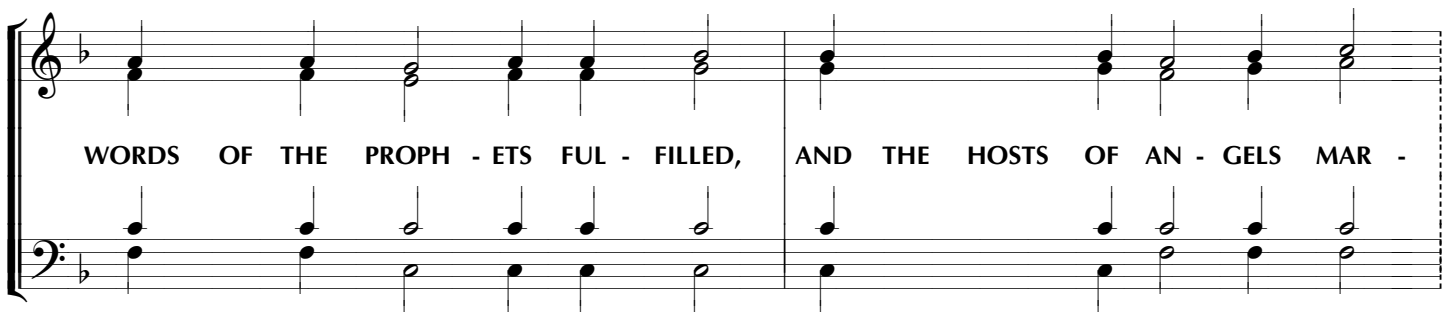
Now and ever in the same tone: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



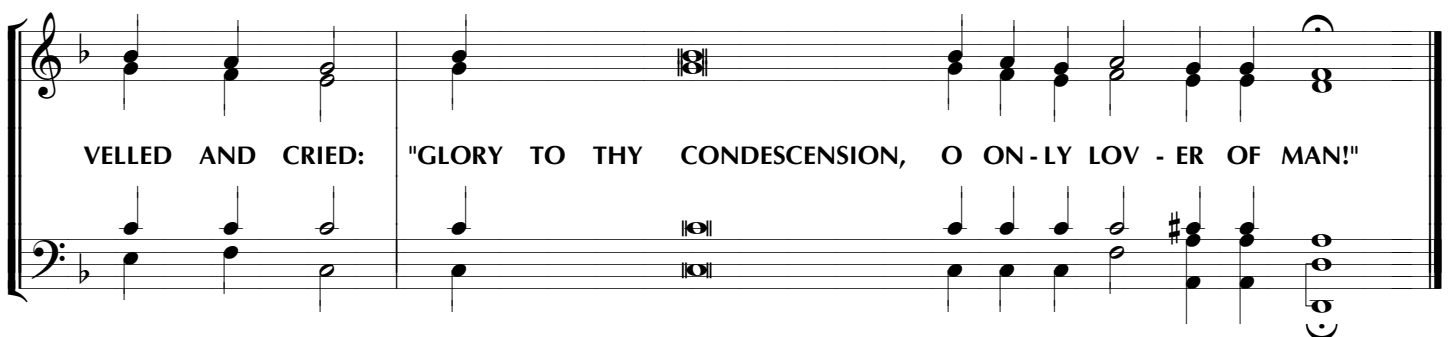
THOU DID DWELL IN A CAVE, O CHRIST OUR GOD; A MAN - GER WEL - COMED



THEE; SHEP - HERDS AND WISE MEN WOR - SHIPPED THEE. THEN WERE THE



WORDS OF THE PROPH - ETS FUL - FILLED, AND THE HOSTS OF AN - GELS MAR -



VELLED AND CRIED: "GLORY TO THY CONDESCENSION, O ON - LY LOV - ER OF MAN!"