

RUBRIC FOR THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

EPISTLES AND GOSPELS

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers –	Colossians (257) 3:4-11 Luke (76) 14:16-24
Saturday before the Nativity -	Galatians (205) 3:8-12 Luke (72) 13:18-29
Sunday of the Holy Fathers -	Hebrews (328) 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Matthew (1) 1:1-25
Eve of the Nativity -	Hebrews (303) 1:1-12 Luke (5) 2:1-20
Nativity -	Galatians (209) 4:4-7 Matthew (3) 2:1-12
Council of the Theotokos (Second Day)	Hebrews (306) 2:11-18 Matthew (4) 2:13-23
St. Stephen (Third Day)	Acts (17) 6:8-7:5, 47-60 Matthew (87) 21:33-42
Saturday after the Nativity	I Timothy (288) 6:12-16 Matthew (46) 12:15-21
Sunday after the Nativity	Galatians (200) 1:11-19 Matthew (4) 2:13-23

WHEN THE NATIVITY OCCURS ON

TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY:

Sunday before the Nativity: (December 20, 21, 22, or 23)

Troparion for the Resurrection, Holy Fathers, Pre-Feast, GLORY... Kontakion for the Holy Fathers, NOW AND EVER... Pre-Feast

Eve of the Nativity (December 24)

Royal Hours, Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Great Compline with Matins

Nativity (December 25)

Liturgy of St. John Chryostom

SATURDAY:

Sunday before the Nativity: (December 19)

Troparion for the Resurrection, Holy Fathers, GLORY...NOW AND EVER...
Kontakion for the Holy Fathers

Eve of the Nativity (December 24)

Royal Hours, Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Great Compline with Matins

Nativity (December 25)

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

SUNDAY:

Sunday before the Nativity (December 18)

Troparion for the Resurrection, Holy Fathers, GLORY...NOW AND EVER...
Kontakion for the Holy Fathers

Friday before the Nativity (December 23)

Royal Hours (*There shall be no Liturgy celebrated on this day.*)

Eve of the Nativity (Saturday before the Nativity, December 24)

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at the usual time, with the Troparion and Kontakion of the Pre-Feast

Vespers is celebrated separately at approximately 1:00 PM
Great Compline with Matins

Nativity (December 25)

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

MONDAY:

Friday before the Nativity (December 22)

Royal Hours (*There shall be no Liturgy celebrated on this day.*)

Saturday before the Nativity (December 23)

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Eve of the Nativity (Sunday before Christmas, December 24)

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion for the Resurrection, Holy Fathers and Pre-Feast; GLORY...

Kontakion of the Holy Fathers, NOW AND EVER... Kontakion of the Pre-Feast

Vespers is celebrated separately at approximately 1:00 PM
Great Compline with Matins

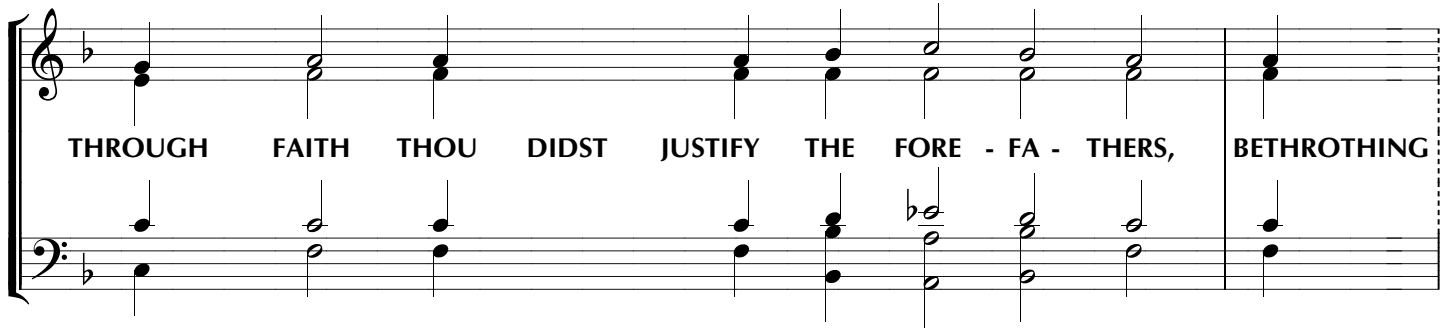
Nativity (December 25)

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

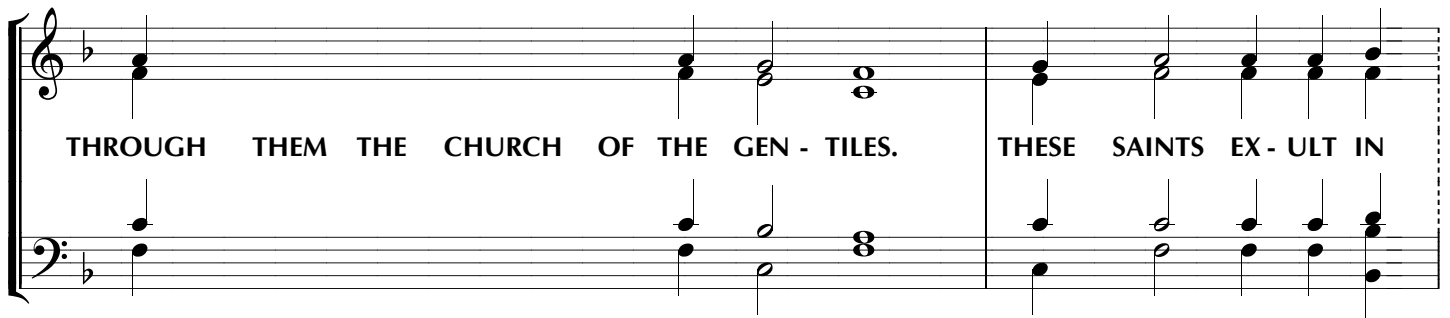
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS

Troparion

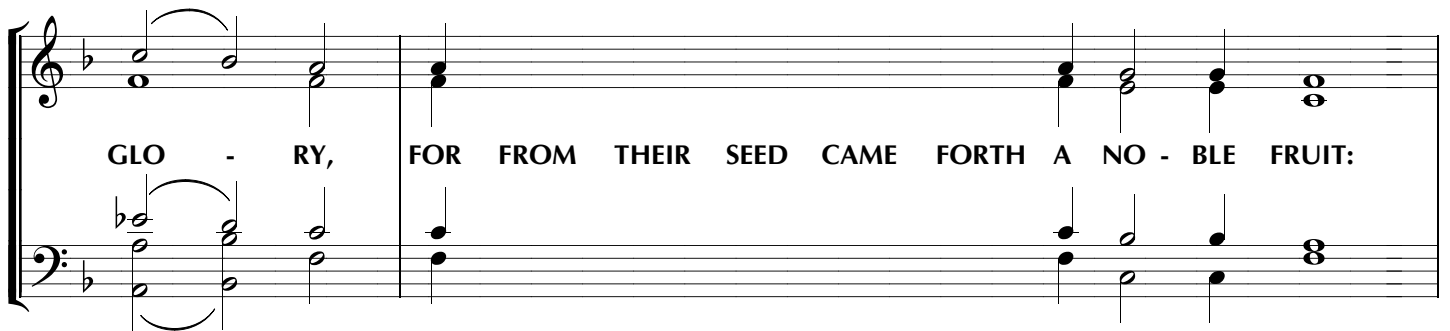
Tone 2



THROUGH FAITH THOU DIDST JUSTIFY THE FORE - FA - THERS, BETHROTHING



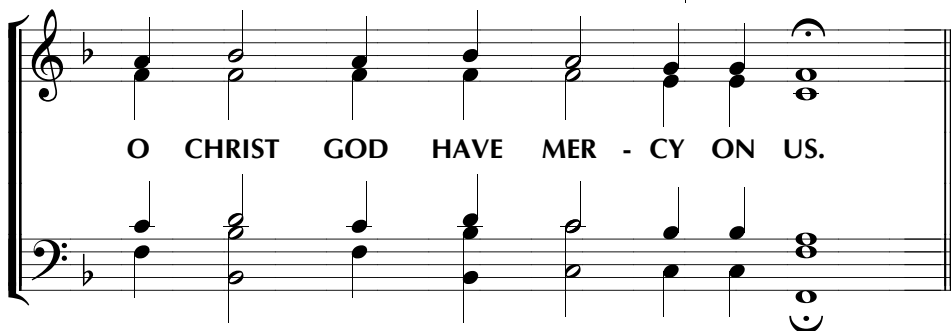
THROUGH THEM THE CHURCH OF THE GEN - TILES. THESE SAINTS EX - ULT IN



GLO - RY, FOR FROM THEIR SEED CAME FORTH A NO - BLE FRUIT:



SHE WHO WITHOUT SEED DID BEAR THEE, BY THEIR EN - TREAT - IES,



O CHRIST GOD HAVE MER - CY ON US.

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS

Kontakion

Tone 6

O THRICE - BLESS - ED ONES, YOU DID NOT WORSHIP THE IM - AGE

MADE BY MAN, BUT ARMED WITH THE INVISI - BLE POW -

ER OF GOD, YOU WERE GLORIFIED IN A TRIAL BY FIRE.

FROM THE MIDST OF UNBEARABLE FLAMES YOU CALLED ON GOD, CRY -

ING: "HAS - TEN, O COM - PAS - SION ATE ONE! SPEED - I - LY

COME TO OUR DE - FENSE FOR THOU ART MERCIFUL AND ABLE TO

ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT THOU DOST WILL".

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord

Troparion

Tone 2

Sunday of December 18-24

GREAT ARE THE AC - COM - PLISH - MENTS OF FAITH, FOR THE THREE HOLY

YOUTHS REJOICED IN THE FOUNTAIN OF FLAMES AS THOUGH IN THE WA -

TERS OF REST; AND THE PRO - PHET DAN - IEL AP - PEARED, A SHEPHERD

TO THE LIONS AS THOUGH THEY WERE SHEEP. SO BY THEIR PRAYERS

O CHRIST GOD, SAVE OUR SOULS.

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

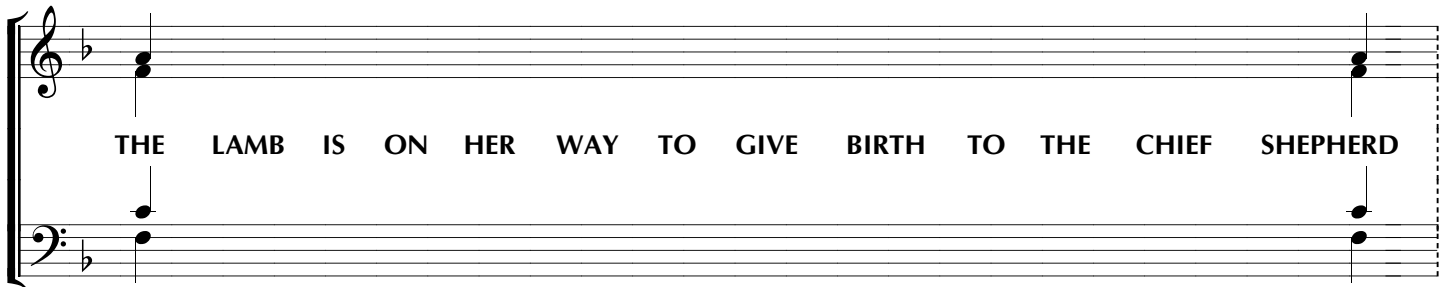
Sunday before the Nativity
Kontakion

Tone 1

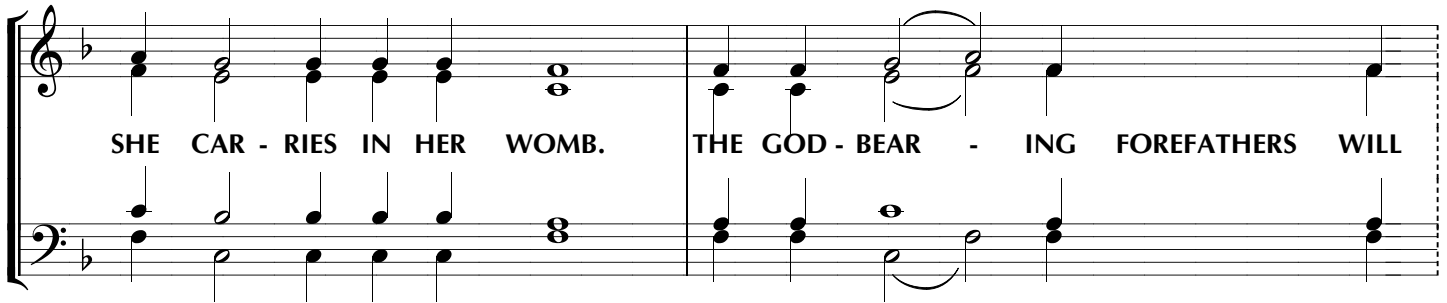
December 18-24



RE - JOICE, O BETHLEHEM! PREPARE YOUR - SELF, O EPH - RA - THA!



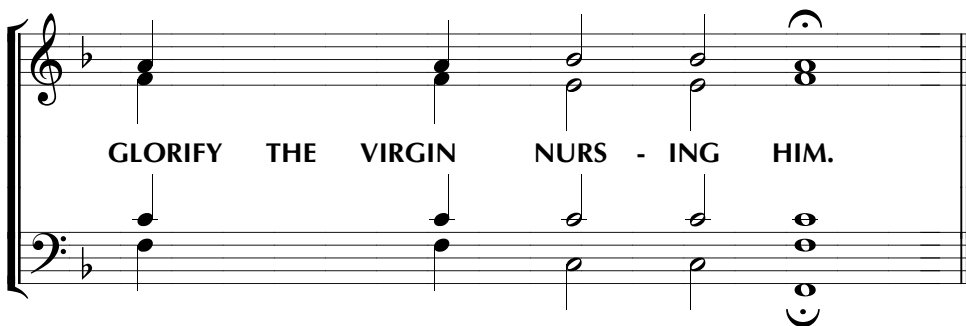
THE LAMB IS ON HER WAY TO GIVE BIRTH TO THE CHIEF SHEPHERD



SHE CAR - RIES IN HER WOMB. THE GOD - BEAR - ING FOREFATHERS WILL



RE - JOICE, BE - HOLD - ING HIM, AND WITH THE SHEPHERDS, THEY WILL



GLORIFY THE VIRGIN NURS - ING HIM.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Pre-festal Troparion

December 20-23

Tone 4

PREPARE, O BETHLEHEM, FOR EDEN HAS BEEN O - PENED TO ALL.

ADORN YOURSELF, O EPHRATHA, FOR THE TREE OF LIFE BLOSSOMS FORTH

FROM THE VIR - GIN IN THE CAVE. HER WOMB IS A SPIRITUAL

PARADISE PLANTED WITH THE DI - VINE FRUIT: IF WE EAT OF IT,

WE SHALL LIVE FOREVER AND NOT DIE LIKE AD - AM. CHRIST COMES TO

RESTORE THE IMAGE WHICH HE MADE IN THE BE - GIN - NING.

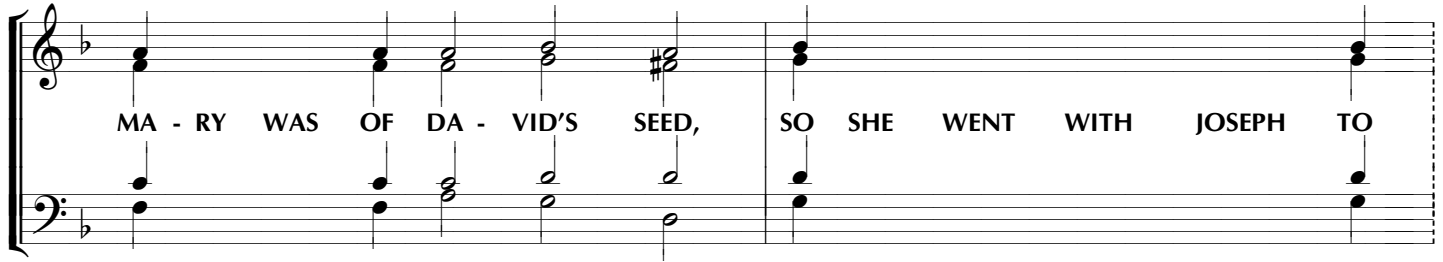
The image shows a musical score for a troparion. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: "RESTORE THE IMAGE WHICH HE MADE IN THE BE - GIN - NING." The word "BE" is hyphenated with "GIN", and "GIN" is hyphenated with "NING".

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

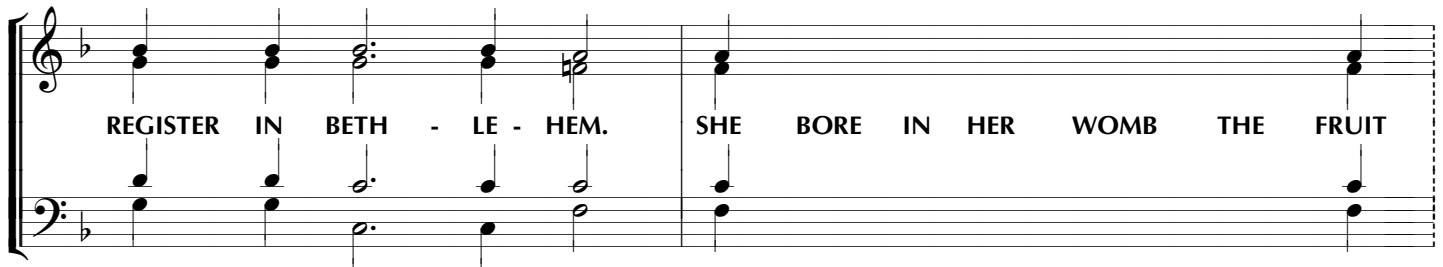
Pre-Festal Troparion

December 24

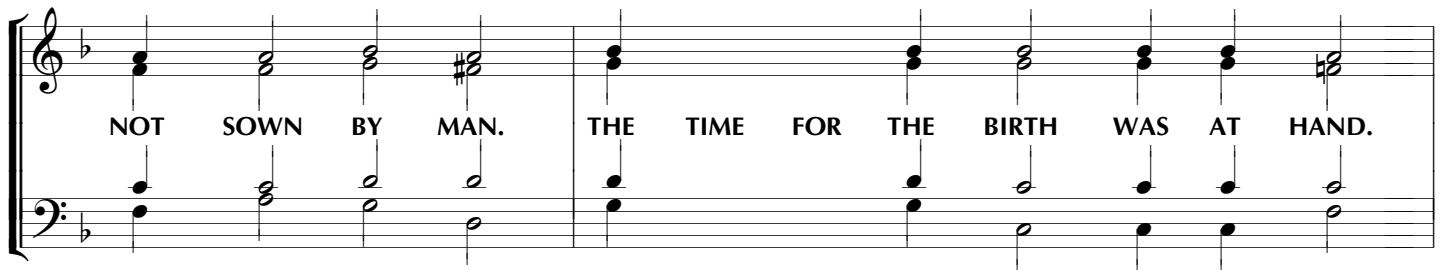
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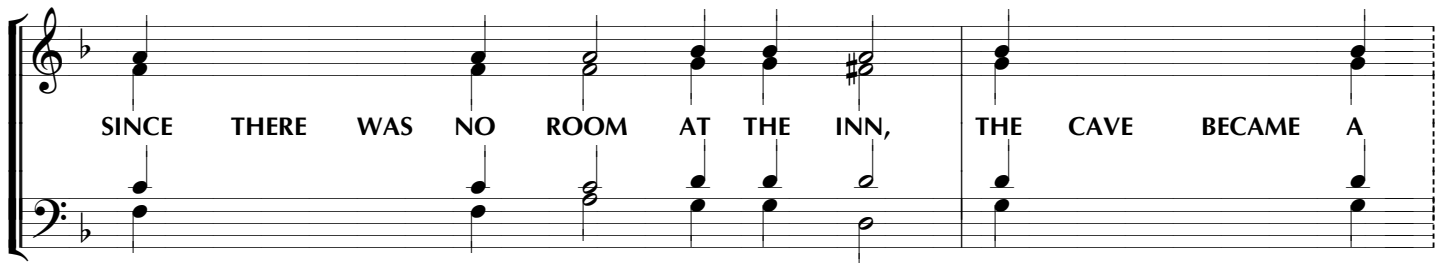
MA - RY WAS OF DA - VID'S SEED, SO SHE WENT WITH JOSEPH TO



REGISTER IN BETH - LE - HEM. SHE BORE IN HER WOMB THE FRUIT



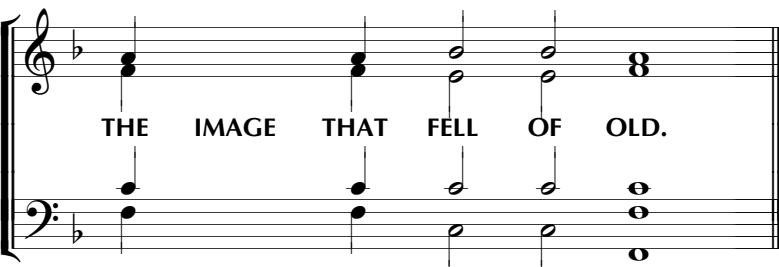
NOT SOWN BY MAN. THE TIME FOR THE BIRTH WAS AT HAND.



SINCE THERE WAS NO ROOM AT THE INN, THE CAVE BECAME A



BEAU - TI - FUL PAL - ACE FOR THE QUEEN. CHRIST IS BORN RAISING UP



THE IMAGE THAT FELL OF OLD.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Pre-Festal Kontakion

December 20, 22-24

Tone 3

TO - DAY THE VIR - GIN PRO - CEEDS TO THE CAVE WHERE SHE WILL

GIVE BIRTH PAST UNDERSTANDING TO THE WORD FROM ALL E - TER - NI - TY

RE - JOICE U - NI - VERSE WHEN THE TID - INGS ARE PRO - CLAIMED!

GLORIFY WITH THE ANGELS AND SHEP - HERDS THE ONE WHO CHOSE TO BE

MANIFEST AS A NEWBORN CHILD WHILE RE - MAIN - ING THE E - TER

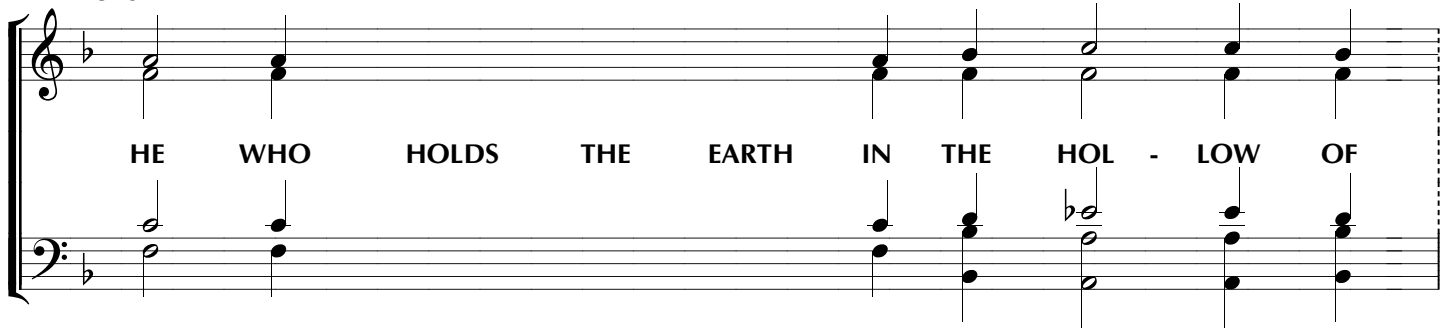
NAL GOD!

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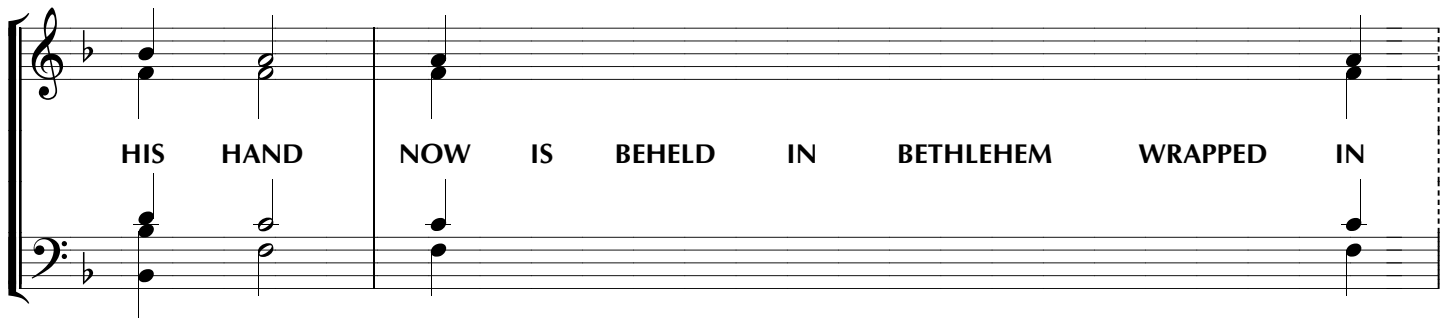
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December 21

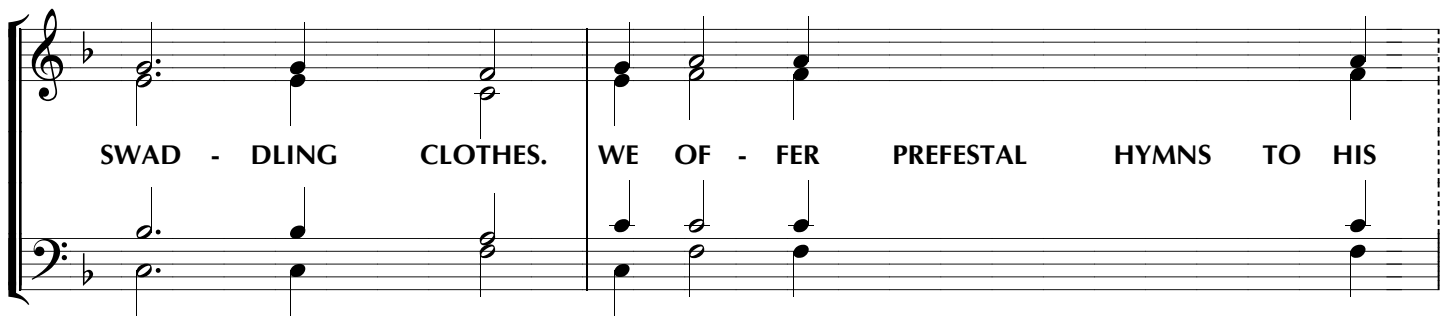
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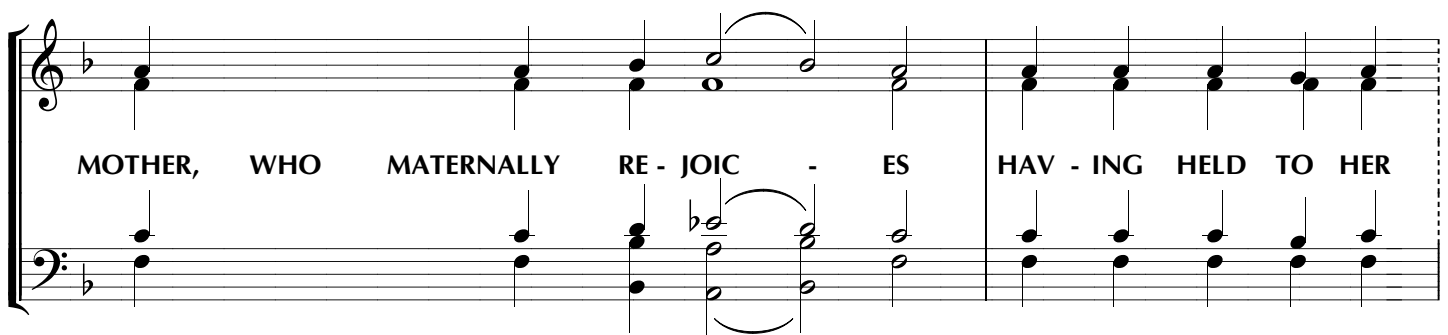
HE WHO HOLDS THE EARTH IN THE HOL - LOW OF



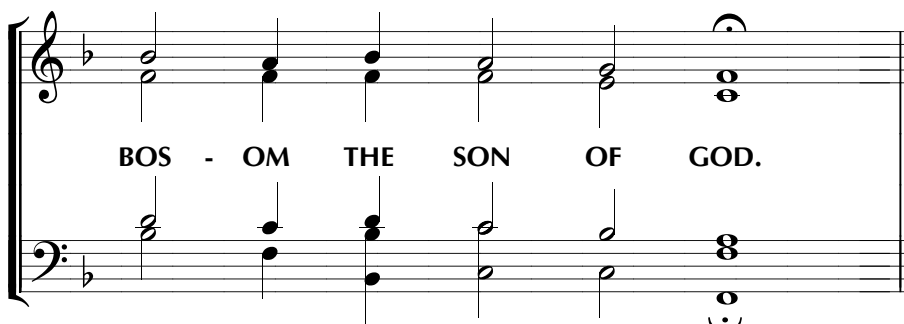
HIS HAND NOW IS BEHELD IN BETHLEHEM WRAPPED IN



SWAD - DLING CLOTHES. WE OF - FER PREFESTAL HYMNS TO HIS



MOTHER, WHO MATERNALLY RE - JOIC - ES HAV - ING HELD TO HER



BOS - OM THE SON OF GOD.