

# NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## Vespers

Tone 4

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

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords, and the bass staff contains a series of notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

CALL UP - ON THEE. HEAR ME, O LORD! LET MY PRAYER

The third system of musical notation includes a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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

JOHN IS BORN; HE ENDS ZA - CHA - RI - AH'S SI - LENCE THE FATHER CANNOT KEEP

SILENT WHEN HIS SON, THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS BORN! WHEN AT FIRST,

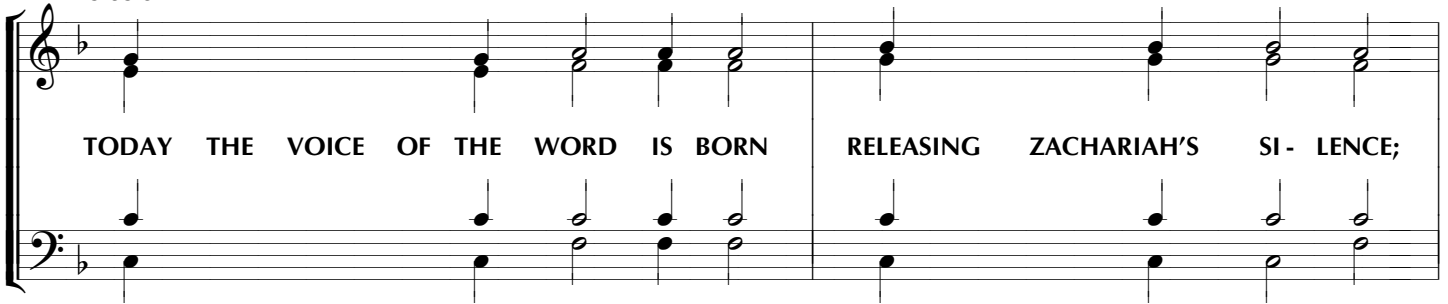
HE DID NOT BELIEVE, HIS TONGUE WAS SI - LENCED, BUT NOW JOHN HAS BEEN

BORN TO FREE HIS FA - THER: THE VOICE OF THE WORD, THE FORE - RUN - NER

OF LIGHT, WHO AL - WAYS IN - TER - CEDES FOR OUR SOULS. TWICE

6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

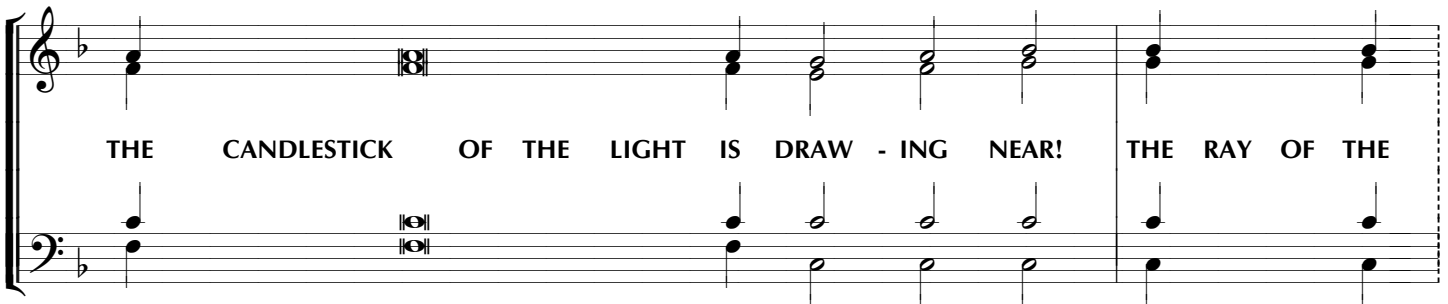
Verse 6



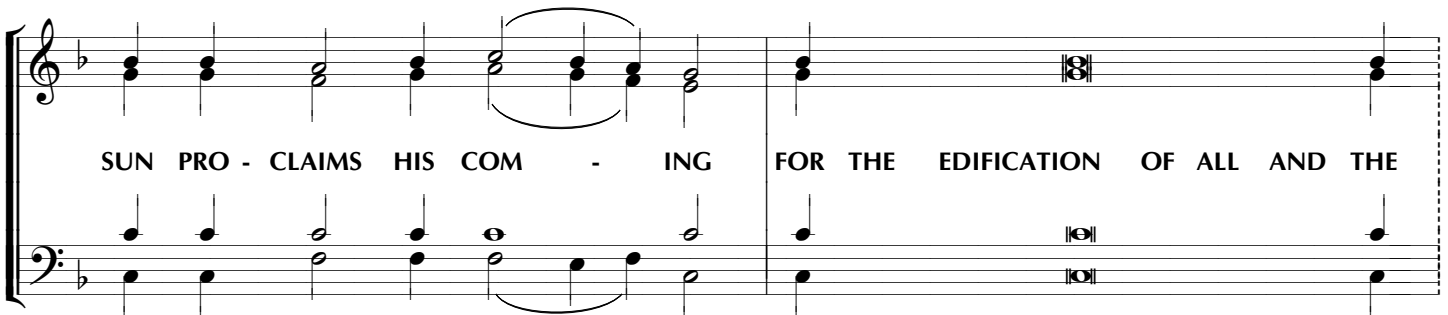
TODAY THE VOICE OF THE WORD IS BORN RELEASING ZACHARIAH'S SI- LENCE;



RE- VEAL - ING THE HAR - VEST OF THE CHURCH, FREEING THE BONDS OF BAR - REN - NESS.



THE CANDLESTICK OF THE LIGHT IS DRAW - ING NEAR! THE RAY OF THE



SUN PRO - CLAIMS HIS COM - ING FOR THE EDIFICATION OF ALL AND THE



SAL - VA - TION OF OUR SOULS.

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.

Verse 5

THE ANGEL OF GOD'S WORD COMES FORTH FROM THE WOMB: THE

GREATEST AMONG THOSE BORN OF WO - MEN. THE MOST HIGH OF THE

PRO - PHETS. WONDERFUL EVENTS PRECEDE THE DI - VINE MYS - TER - Y:

A SEEDLESS CONCEPTION: A MAR - VEL - OUS BIRTH. O THOU WHO

WORKS MIRACLES FOR OUR SAL - VA - TION, GLO - RY TO THEE.

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

Verse 4

TODAY THE GREAT FORERUNNER COMES FROM THE BARREN WOMB OF E - LIZ - A -

BETH: THE GREAT PROPHET OF PROPHETS, NONE GREAT - ER THAN HE!

THE RA - DI - ANT CANDLESTICK OF THE LIGHT; THE VOICE OF THE WORD,

THE FRIEND OF THE BRIDEGROOM, PREPARING THE LORD'S CHOSEN

PEO - PLE BY PURIFYING THEM WITH WATER BEFORE THE

COM - ING OF THE SPIR - IT. THE FLOWER OF THE DESERT, THE

PREACHER OF RE - PEN - TANCE, THE PURIFICATION OF TRANS - GRES -

SIONS. HE ANNOUNCED THE RE - SUR - REC - TION E - VEN TO THOSE

IN HELL, AND HE AL - WAYS PRAYS FOR OUR SOULS.

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

Verse 3

TODAY THE PROPHET AND FORERUNNER AP - PEARs FROM THE WOMB:

JOHN THE BAPTIZER OF OUR LORD JE - SUS CHRIST. WHEN HE SAW

THE QUEEN COME TO HER SERVANT, BEARING IN HER WOMB THE TIME -

LESS GOD, HE LEAPED IN HIS MOTHER'S WOMB AND SANG FOR JOY!

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

Verse 2

O MOST GLORIOUS WON - DER! ZACHARIAH ASKED THE WORD'S ANGEL:

HOW CAN ELIZABETH CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON? I AM AN OLD

MAN; MY WIFE IS AD - VANCED IN YEARS. FOR HIS UNBELIEF, HE WAS

CONDEMNED TO SI - LENCE, BUT TODAY HE BEHOLDS THE BIRTH AND RE -

SUMES HIS SPEECH, ENTERING INTO JOY AND CRY - ING OUT:

BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD OF IS - RA - EL, FOR HE HAS VISITED AND

RE - DEEMED HIS PEO - PLE, GRANT - ING TO THE WORLD GREAT MER - CY.



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

Verse 1

JOHN MOST PRAISED; UNIVERSAL A - POS - TLE! THE GOOD NEWS OF

GABRIEL, THE FRUIT OF BAR - REN - NESS! THE HO - LY AND RIGHT - EOUS

FLOWER OF THE DES - ERT! THE BELOVED FRIEND OF THE BRIDE - GROOM

CHRIST! PRAY TO HIM TO SAVE OUR SOULS.

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

TODAY THE FORERUNNER HERALDS THE COMING OF THE WORD

OF GOD; TODAY ZACARIAH'S SI - LENCE IS FREED, FOR THE FATHER

CANNOT REMAIN SILENT AT THE NATIVITY OF THE FORE - RUN - NER

WHO WILL PROCLAIM THE WORLD'S DELIVERANCE WITH GREAT BOLD - NESS.

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

ELIZABETH CONCEIVED THE FORE - RUN - NER OF GRACE: THE

VIRGIN CONCEIVED THE KING OF GLO - RY BOTH MOTHERS GREETED

EACH O - THER WITH A KISS. THE INFANT LEAPED IN THE WOMB,

PRAISING HIS MAS - TER! HIS MOTHER WAS A - MAZED AND CRIED:

WHY IS THIS GRANTED ME, THAT THE MOTHER OF MY LORD SHOULD COME

TO ME? HE WILL SAVE THE FORSAKEN PEOPLE, SINCE HE

POS - SES - SES GREAT MER - CY.

O GLADSOME LIGHT  
 PROKIMENON OF THE DAY  
 3 OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

# Litiya

## Tone 1 - Verse 1

THE MOUN - TAINS DROP SWEETNESS AND THE HILLS DANCE LIKE RAMS. FOR

THE FORERUNNER OF THE LORD, WISHING TO DWELL WITH US, WAS BROUGHT

FORTH BY E - LIZ - A - BETH, HAVING LOOSED THE DUMBNESS OF HIS

FA - THER BY BE - ING BORN. THERE - FORE WE ALL CRY A - LOUD TO HIM:

INTERCEDE, O BAPTIST OF CHRIST, FOR OUR SOULS TO BE SAVED.

Verse 2

VOICE WHOSE NOTES ARE DI - VINE CANDLESTICK OF THE LIGHT,

FORE - RUN - NER OF THE LORD, FIRST AMONG THE PROPHETS, BEARING

WIT - NESS TO CHRIST, MAKING SUP - PLI - CA - TION FOR THE WORLD, PRAY

SPECIALLY FOR YOUR FLOCK TO BE SAVED UN - HARMED.

Verse 3

JOHN, PRO - PHET AND FORE - RUN - NER, YOU HAVE BEEN THE HERALD OF

THE LAMB OF GOD AND WORD. YOU PRO - PHE - SIZED FUTURE THINGS, AND

HAVE SAID BEFOREHAND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: 'BE - HOLD THE

LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD, GRANT - ING ALL

GREAT MER - CY'.

Glory in the 5th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

TO - DAY ELIZABETH GIVES BIRTH TO THAT LANDMARK AMONG THE PROPHETS AND

FIRST OF THE A-POS-TLES, EARTHLY ANGEL AND HEA-VEN-LY MAN, VOICE OF THE

WORD, SOLDIER AND FORE-RUN-NER OF CHRIST, WHO BEFORE BEING BORN LEAPT

AND FORE-ANNOUNCED THE SON OF RIGHT-EOUS-NESS; AND SHE REJOICES,

AND ZACHARIAS IN HIS OLD AGE IS STRUCK WITH WON-DER, CAST-ING

A-SIDE SILENCE THAT HAD BEEN LAID UP-ON HIM AS A BOND, AND AS

FA - THER OF THE VOICE, HE MOST CLEAR - LY PRO - PHE - SI - SES FOR THOU,

CHILD, SHALL BE CALLED PROPHET OF THE HIGH - EST, AND SHALL GO

BEFORE HIM TO PRE - PARE HIS WAYS! THERE - FORE AN - GEL PROPHET,

APOSTLE, SOLDIER, FORERUNNER, BAPTIST, HERALD OF RE - PEN - TANCE

AND AS VOICE OF THE WORD, GUIDE OF THE LIGHT, IN - TER - CEDE



WITHOUT CEASING FOR US WHO FAITH - FUL - LY CEL - E - BRATE THY

ME - MOR - I - AL.

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

ALL - HAL - LOWED VIR - GIN YOU ARE THE TEM - PLE AND THE GATE,

THE PAL - ACE AND THE THRONE OF KINGS. CHRIST THE LORD WHO IS

MY DE - LIV - ER - ER, APPEARED THROUGH YOU TO THOSE ASLEEP IN DARK -

NESS, BE - CAUSE HE, THE SUN OF RIGHT - EOUS - NESS, WISHED TO GIVE

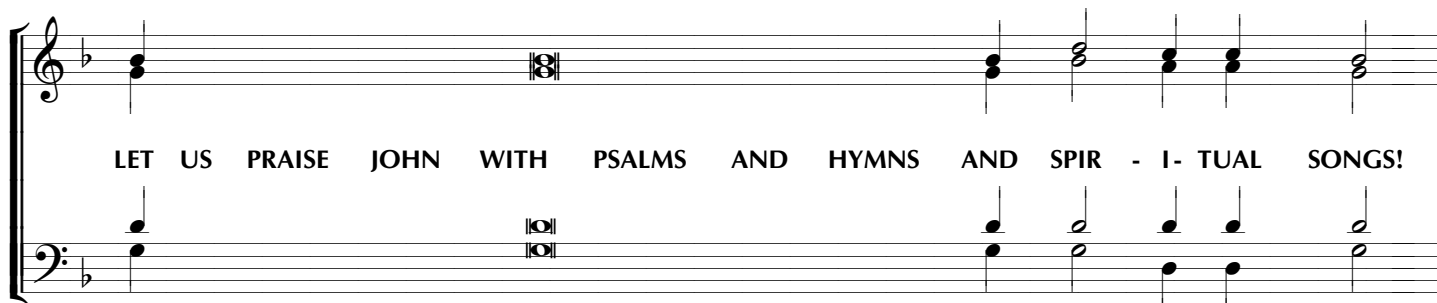
LIGHT TO THE WORK OF HIS HANDS FASHIONED IN HIS OWN IM - AGE

AS YOU HAVE THE BOLDNESS OF A MO - THER TOWARDS YOUR SON, WE

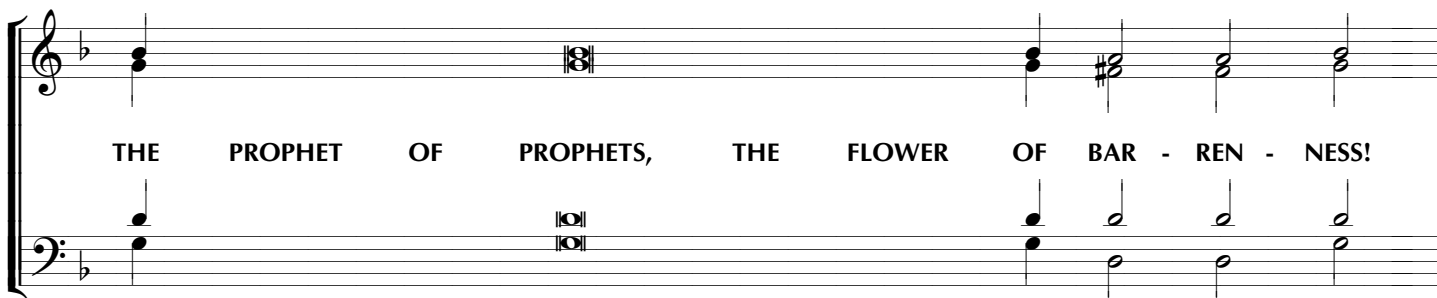
ENTREAT YOU WHOM ALL MEN - SING BEG HIM TO SAVE OUR SOULS.

# Aposticha

## Tone 2 Verse 1



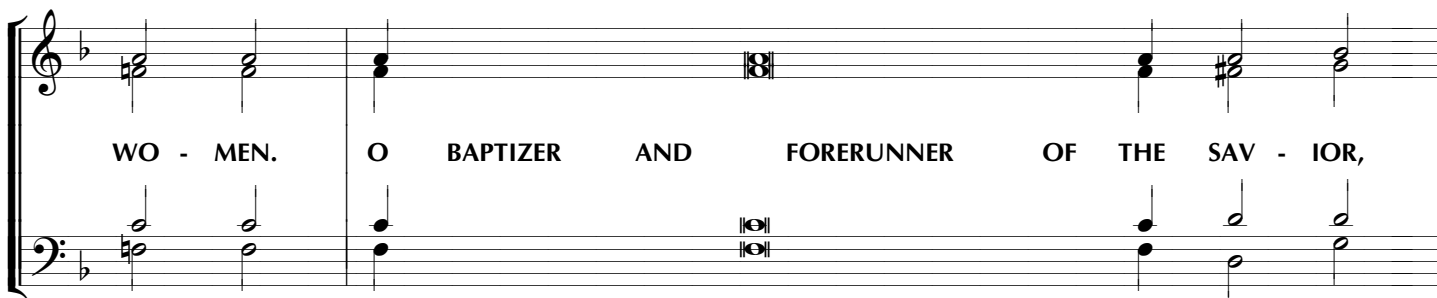
LET US PRAISE JOHN WITH PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIR - I - TUAL SONGS!



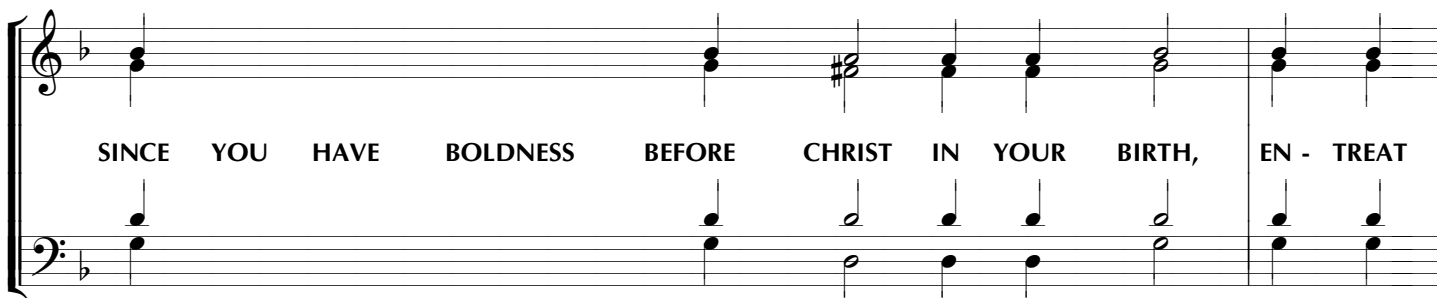
THE PROPHET OF PROPHETS, THE FLOWER OF BAR - REN - NESS!



THE CIT - I - ZEN OF THE DESERT, THE GREATEST AMONG THOSE BORN OF



WO - MEN. O BAPTIZER AND FORERUNNER OF THE SAV - IOR,



SINCE YOU HAVE BOLDNESS BEFORE CHRIST IN YOUR BIRTH, EN - TREAT

HIM TO GRANT PEACE TO THE WORLD, AND TO OUR SOULS GREAT

MER - CY.

VERSE: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people.

THE VOICE OF THE WORD OF GRACE HAS COME: THE PREACHER OF

THE LIGHT OF LIGHT. HE IS BORN FROM THE BARREN WOMB OF E - LIZ - A - BETH.

REJOICE, O PEOPLE: HE COMES, PREPARING THE WAY OF SAL - VA - TION.

HE LEAPED IN THE WOMB AND WORSHIPPED HIS MAS - TER, THE LAMB

OF GOD WHO TAKES A - WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD, AND GRANTS US

GREAT MER - CY.

**VERSE: You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High!**

TODAY JOHN BLOSSOMS FROM HIS MOTHER'S BAR - REN WOMB.

HE BECOMES THE LAST OF THE PRO - PHETS. WITH BOLD - NESS,

HE AN - NOUNCE - ES THE COM - ING OF THE LORD: REPENT, FOR THE

KING - DOM OF HEA - VEN IS AT HAND.

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

TO - DAY THE VOICE OF ISAIAH THE PRO - PHET IS FUL - FILLED IN THE BIRTH OF

JOHN, THE GREATEST OF PRO - PHETS. HE SAID: BEHOLD, I WILL SEND

MY ANGEL BEFORE THY FACE TO PRE - PARE THY WAY! NOW THE WORRIOR

OF THE HEAVENLY KING HAS COME. HE TRULY WILL PREPARE THE WAY FOR

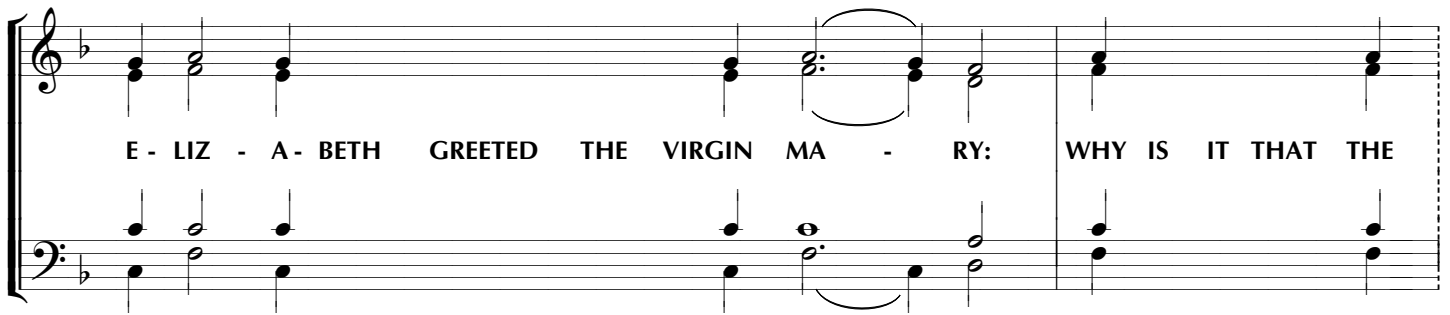
OUR GOD. A MAN BY NATURE, BUT AN ANG - GEL IN MAN - NER OF LIFE.

HE EMBRACED PURITY AND CHASTITY FOR - EV - ER. NOW THEY ARE

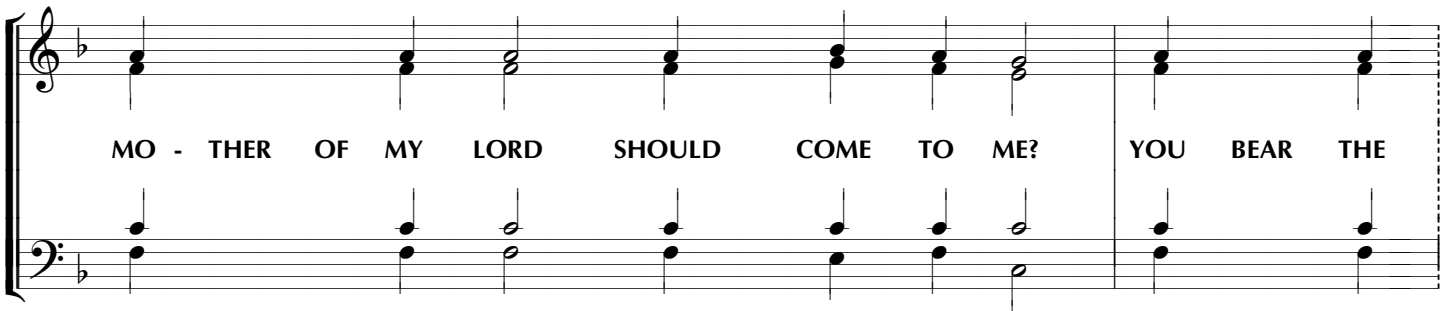
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CRY - ING: PRAY FOR US, THAT OUR SOULS MAY BE SAVED.

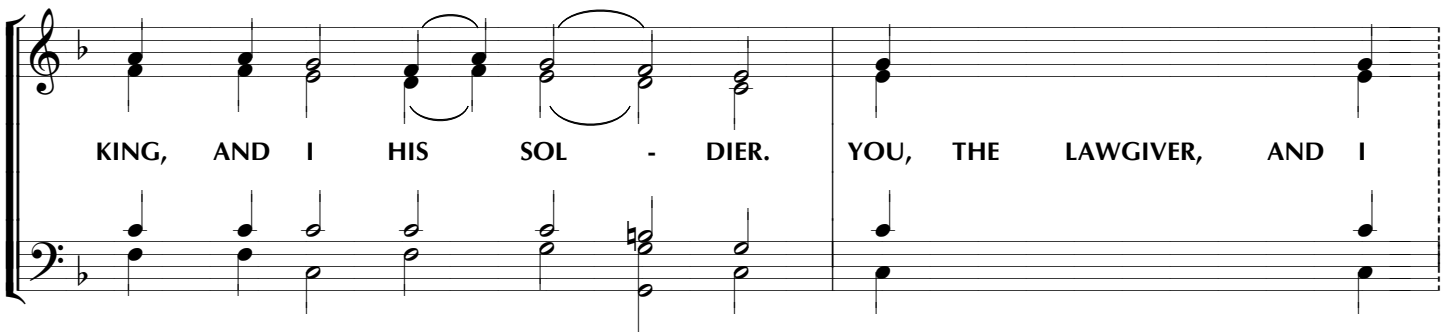
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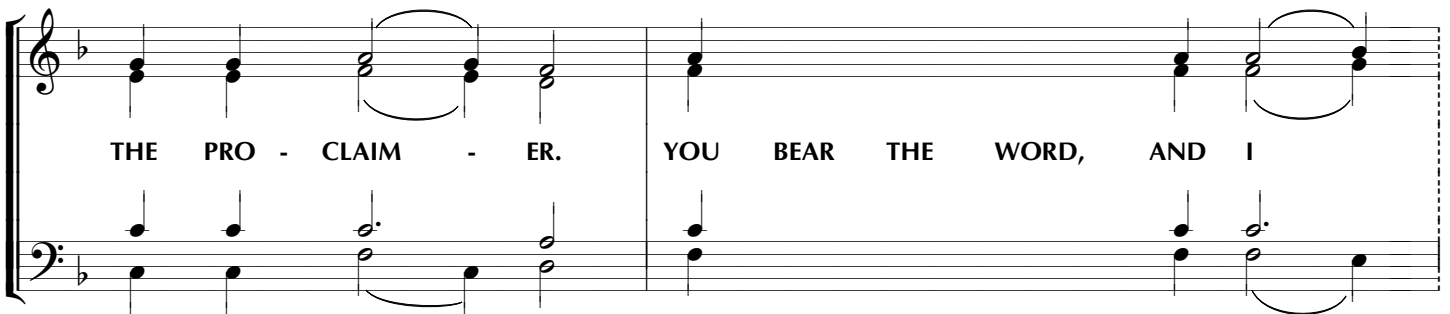
E - LIZ - A - BETH GREETED THE VIRGIN MA - RY: WHY IS IT THAT THE



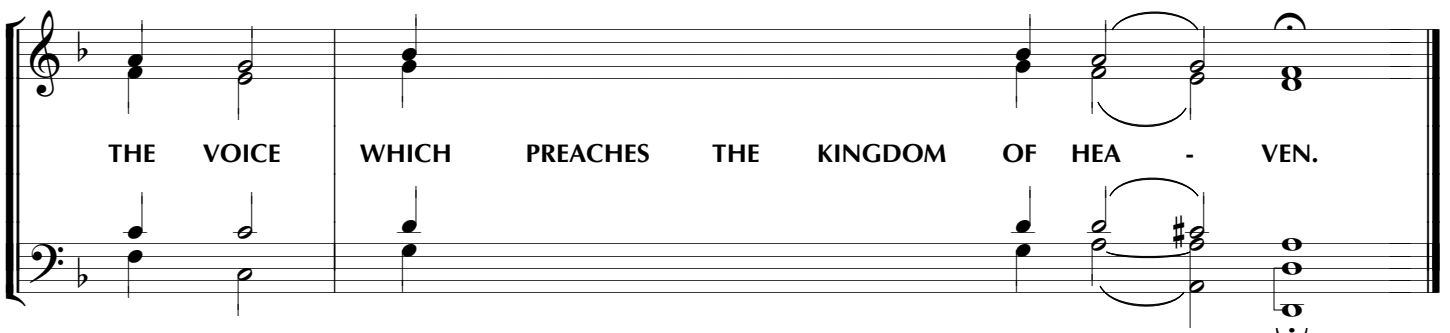
MO - THER OF MY LORD SHOULD COME TO ME? YOU BEAR THE



KING, AND I HIS SOL - DIER. YOU, THE LAWGIVER, AND I



THE PRO - CLAIM - ER. YOU BEAR THE WORD, AND I



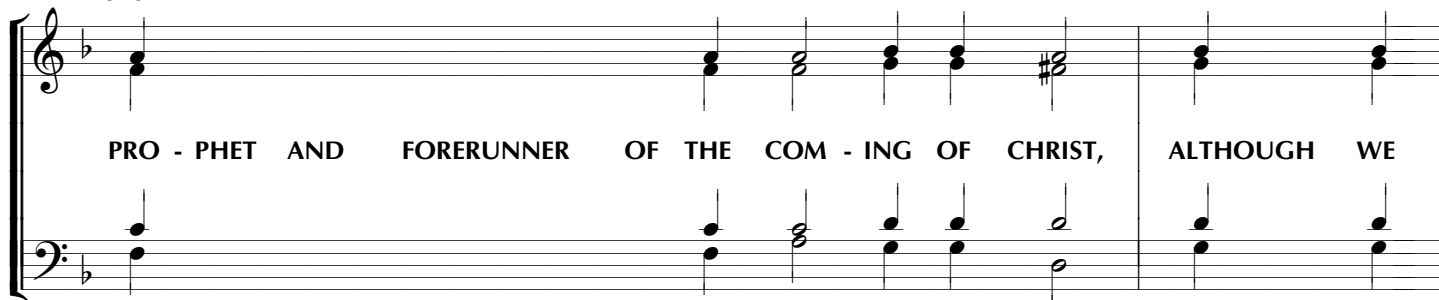
THE VOICE WHICH PREACHES THE KINGDOM OF HEA - VEN.

ST. SIMEON'S PRAYER  
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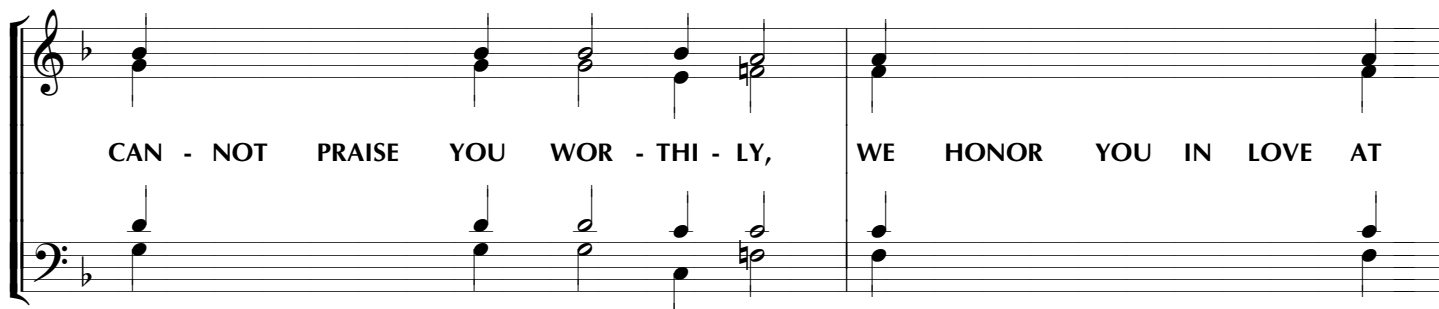


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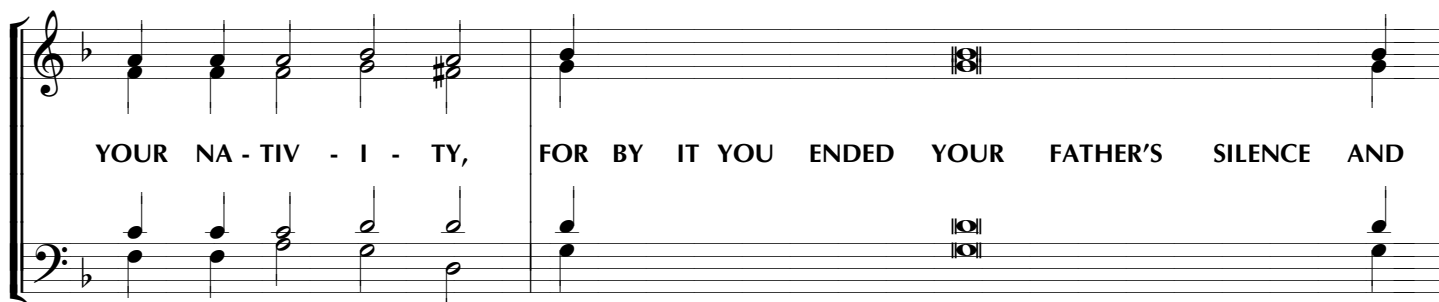
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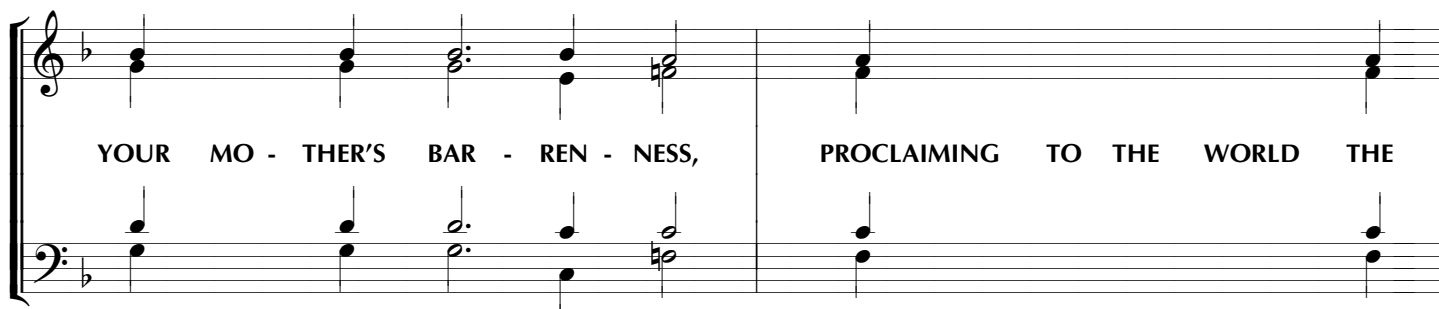
PRO - PHET AND FORERUNNER OF THE COM - ING OF CHRIST, ALTHOUGH WE



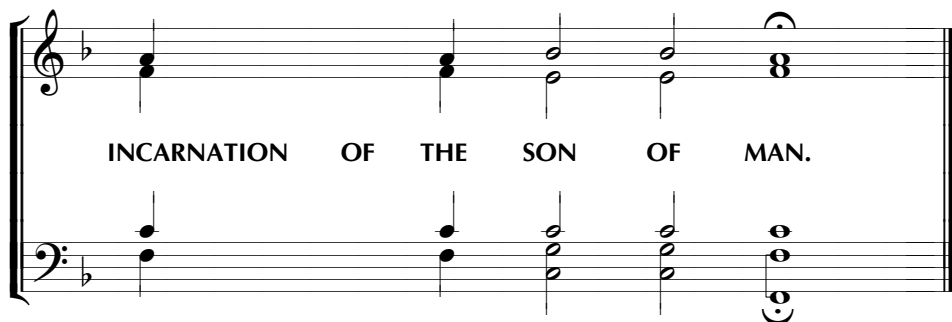
CAN - NOT PRAISE YOU WOR - THI - LY, WE HONOR YOU IN LOVE AT



YOUR NA - TIV - I - TY, FOR BY IT YOU ENDED YOUR FATHER'S SILENCE AND



YOUR MO - THER'S BAR - REN - NESS, PROCLAIMING TO THE WORLD THE



INCARNATION OF THE SON OF MAN.