

PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Vespers

Lord, I call - Tone 1

LORD, I CALL UP - ON THEE, HEAR ME. HEAR ME, O LORD.

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

LORD, CALL I UPON THEE, HEAR ME. RE - CEIVE THE VOICE OF MY PRAYER,

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

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

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. A fermata is placed over the final chord of the system.

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

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. A fermata is placed over the final chord of the system.

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

The fifth and final system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. A fermata is placed over the final chord of the system.

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

YOU ARE A MIGHTY DEFENDER FOR THOSE IN SORROW O MOST PURE THE - O -

TO - KOS. SWIFT TO HELP, YOU ARE THE SALVATION AND CONFIRMATION

OF THE IN - HA - BIT - ED EARTH. O A - BYSS OF MERCY, FOUNT OF

DI - VINE WIS - DOM, YOU ARE THE PRO - TEC - TION OF THE WORLD:

LET US, THE FAITHFUL EXTOL AND GIVE THE HIGHEST PRAISE TO

YOUR SHIN - ING VEIL: REJOICE, YOU WHO HAVE FOUND FAVOR, THE LORD

IS WITH YOU, GRANT - ING THE WORLD GREAT MER - CY THROUGH YOU. TWICE

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

Verse 6

I - SAI - AH THE FAMOUS PRO - PHET FORE - TELL - ING SAID: "IT SHALL

COME TO PASS IN THE LAT - TER DAYS THAT THE MOUN - TAIN OF THE LORD

SHALL RISE UP CLEAR AND HIS HOUSE SHALL BE ON TOP OF

THE MOUN - TAINS." AND WE HAVE SEEN, O LA - DY, THAT THIS HAS BEEN

FUL - FILLED CON - CERN - ING YOU, FOR THE MOUN - TAINS AND VALLEYS ARE

ADORNED WITH CHURCHES WITHOUT NUMBER BEARING THE NAMES OF YOUR

FEASTS. THERE - FORE WE SING IN GLAD - NESS TO YOU RE - JOICE, YOU

HAVE FOUND FA - VOR, THE LORD IS WITH YOU, GRANT - ING THE

WORLD GREAT MER - CY THROUGH YOU.

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

YOU WERE THE WONDROUS SPLENDOR OF ALL THE FAITH - FUL, THE FULFILLMENT

OF THE PRO - PHE - SIES. YOU ARE THE GLORY OF THE APOSTLES AND

ADORNMENT OF THE MAR - TYRS. THE PRIDE OF VIRGINITY, MARVELOUS PRO - TEC -

TION OF ALL THE WORLD: SHEL - TER, O LADY, UNDER THE VEIL OF YOUR

MERCY ALL THE PEOPLE WHO SING: REJOICE, YOU WHO HAVE FOUND FAVOR, THE

LORD IS WITH YOU, GRANTING THE WORLD GREAT MER - CY THROUGH YOU.

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.

TONE 4 - Verses 4 and 3

YOU ARE LIKE A DIVINELY PLANTED PARADISE, O THE - O - TO - KOS, THE PLACE

WHERE THE TREE OF LIFE WAS WATERED BY THE HOLY SPIR - IT! WE ACK -

KNOW - LEDGE THAT YOU GAVE BIRTH TO THE CRE - A - TOR OF ALL WHO

FEEDS THE FAITHFUL WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE. TOGETHER WITH THE

FORERUNNER, EN - TREAT HIM ON OUR BE - HALF AND BY YOUR

PRECIOUS VEIL PROTECT YOUR PEO - PLE FROM ALL AT - TACKS. TWICE

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

Verse 2

HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE SANC - TI - FIED, THE CHURCH IS RADIANT AND

ALL THE PEOPLE CEL - E - BRATE FOR BE - HOLD THE MOTHER OF GOD

ENTERS INVISIBLY WITH THE ARMIES OF THE AN - GELS, THE FORERUNNER

AND THE THE - O - TO - KOS, THE PRO - PHETS AND ALL THE A - POS - TLES,

SHE PRAYS TO CHRIST FOR CHRIS - TIANS AND ENTREATS HIM TO HAVE

MERCY ON THIS LAND AND PEO - PLE WHO GLORIFY THE FEAST OF

HER PRO - TEC - TION.

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

Verse 1

YOU ARE THE BEAUTY OF JA - COB AND THE HEAVENLY LADDER UPON

WHICH THE LORD CAME DOWN TO EARTH. THESE IM - A - GES WERE

MANIFESTATIONS OF YOUR HONOR AND GLORY, O THE - O - TO - KOS ANGELS

IN HEAVEN AND MEN ON EARTH CALL YOU BLESS - ED. FOR YOU GAVE

BIRTH TO THE GOD OF ALL YOU PRAY FOR ALL THE WORLD BY

YOUR MERCY, PROTECTING THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR HO - LY FEAST.

Glory, now and ever in the 8th Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

TO - DAY THE POWERS OF HEAVEN RE - JOICE WITH US AND THE SOULS OF THE JUST

ARE SPIRITUALLY AS - SEM - BLED TO BEHOLD THE QUEEN AND MOTHER GLO -

RI - FIED BY THE FAITH - FUL. THEY WITNESS THE VISION OF THE MO - THER

OF GOD, HER ARMS OUTSTRETCHED UPON THE CLOUDS IN PRAYER

EN - TREAT - ING PEACE FOR THE WORLD, STRENGTH FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS AND

SAL - VA - TION FOR OUR SOULS.

O GLADSOME LIGHT
 PROKIMENON OF THE DAY
 3 READINGS

PROTECTION OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS

Reading from Genesis (28:10-17)

And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted up upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and laid down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thy liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (43:27-44:4)

And it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord God. Then He brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut. Then said the Lord unto me, This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the Lord, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same. Then brought He me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.


Reading from Proverbs (9:1-11)

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: she hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city, Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot. Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

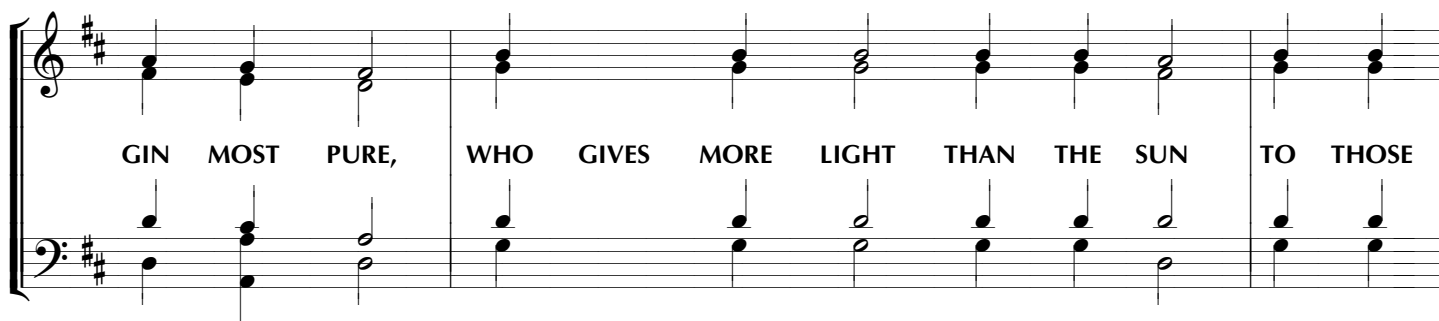
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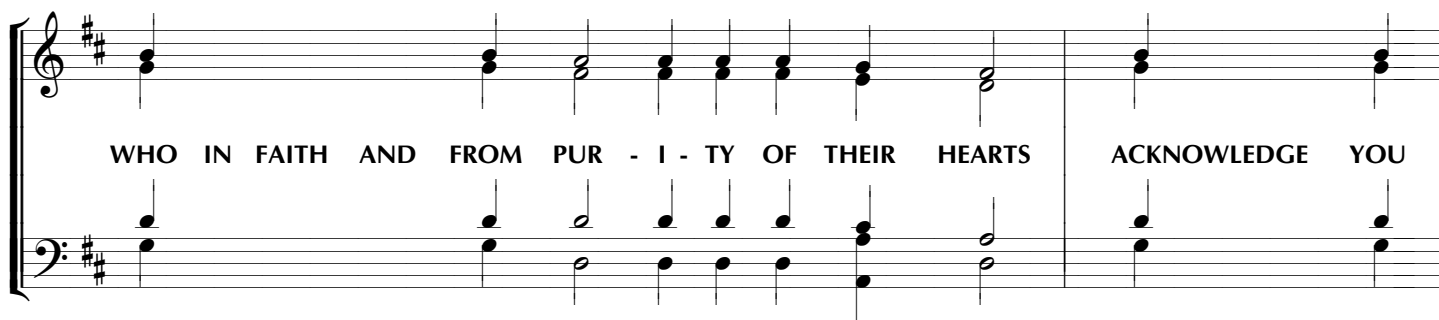
TONE 3 - Verse 1



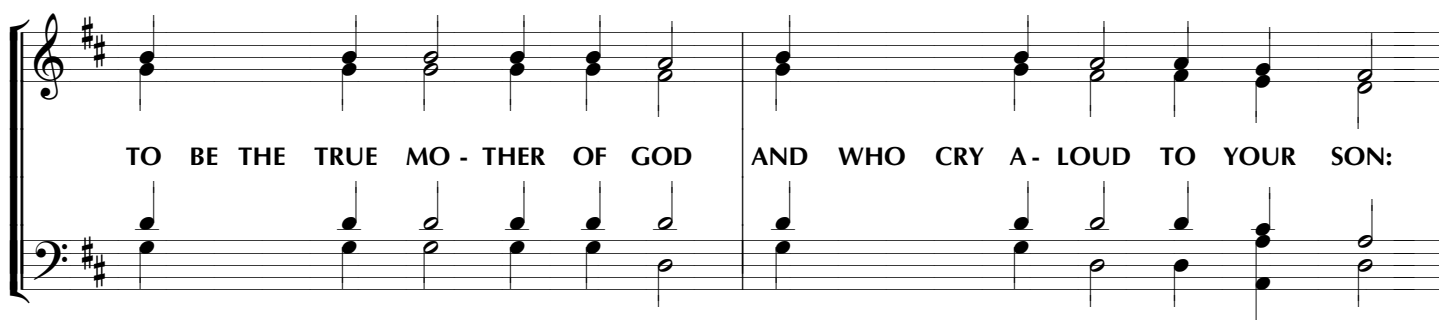
THE RADIANT FEAST OF YOUR PRO - TEC - TION HAS NOW COME O VIR -



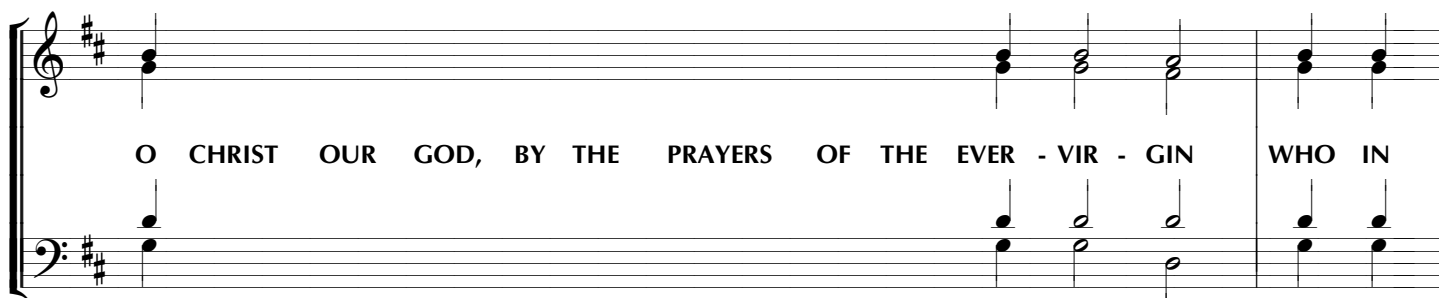
GIN MOST PURE, WHO GIVES MORE LIGHT THAN THE SUN TO THOSE



WHO IN FAITH AND FROM PUR - I - TY OF THEIR HEARTS ACKNOWLEDGE YOU



TO BE THE TRUE MO - THER OF GOD AND WHO CRY A - LOUD TO YOUR SON:



O CHRIST OUR GOD, BY THE PRAYERS OF THE EVER - VIR - GIN WHO IN

PURITY AND WITHOUT CORRUPTION GAVE BIRTH TO YOU, YIELD NOT

YOUR HERITAGE TO THE ENEMIES THAT WAR UP - ON IT BUT BECAUSE

THOU ART MERCIFUL, SAVE OUR SOULS IN PEACE.

TONE 4 - Verse 2

THE PEOPLE OF YOUR SON DESIRE TO PRAISE YOU, BUT THEY ARE UNABLE

TO DO SO. FOR YOU DE - FEND ALL THE PEOPLE AND PROTECT THEM WITH

YOUR PRE - CIOUS VEIL AND PRAY FOR THE SALVATION OF ALL THOSE

WHO HONOR YOU WITH FAITH AS THE PURE AND TRUE THE - O - TO - KOS.

TONE 2 - Verse 3

LET US FAITHFUL ASSEMBLED HERE TO - DAY EXTOL THE UTTERLY PURE AND

SPOT - LESS VIR - GIN, QUEEN OF ALL AND MOTHER OF CHRIST OUR GOD,

FOR SHE STRETCHES HER HANDS IN MER - CY TOWARD HER SON AND IT IS

SHE WHOM GLORIOUS ANDREW BE - HELD IN THE AIR PRO - TECT - ING THE

PEOPLE WITH HER PRE - CIOUS VEIL. LET US ALSO CRY TO HER IN TEN -

DER - NESS OF HEART REJOICE, PROTECTION, DEFENSE AND SAL - VA - TION

OF OUR SOULS.

Glory, now and ever in the same tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PURIFYING OUR THOUGHTS AND MINDS, LET US JOIN THE ANGELS IN

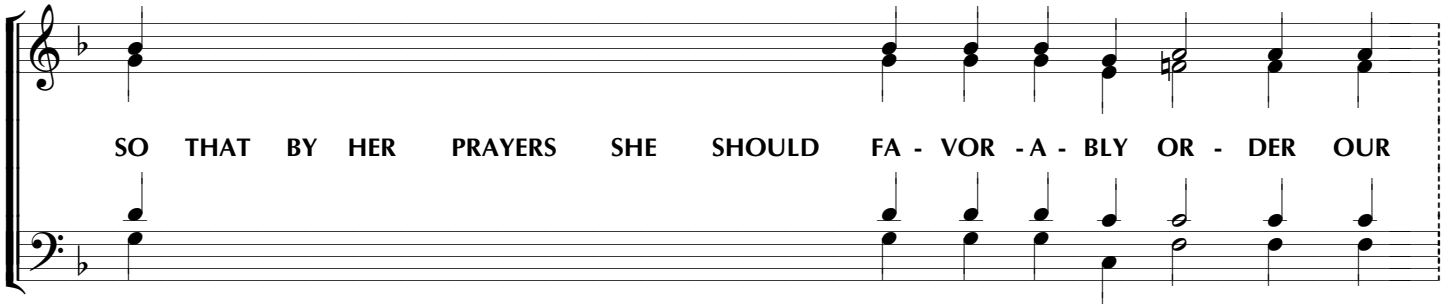
MAK - ING FEAST AND LET US JOYFULLY BEGIN TO SING A SONG OF

DAVID TO THE MAI - DEN, WHO IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST OUR GOD,

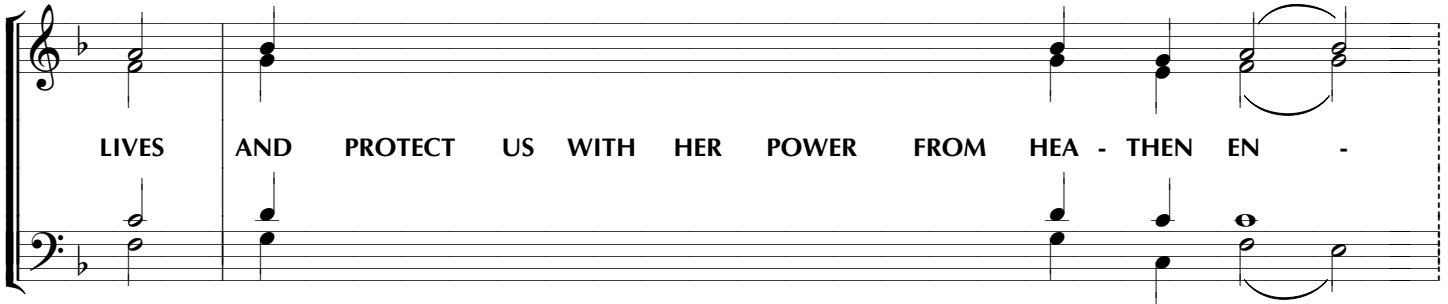
THE KING OF ALL, SAY - ING: "A - RISE, O LORD, INTO THY REST,

THOU AND THE ARK OF THY HO - LI - NESS." FOR HAVING ADORNED HER

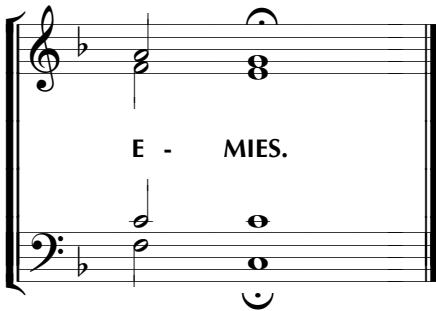
AS A FAIR CHAM - BER, THOU HAS NUMBERED HER IN THY CI - TY



SO THAT BY HER PRAYERS SHE SHOULD FA - VOR - A - BLY OR - DER OUR



LIVES AND PROTECT US WITH HER POWER FROM HEA - THEN EN -



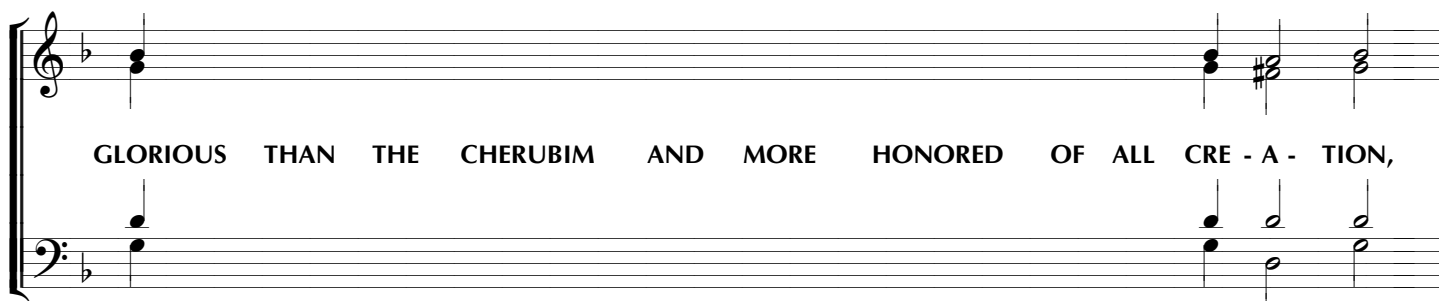
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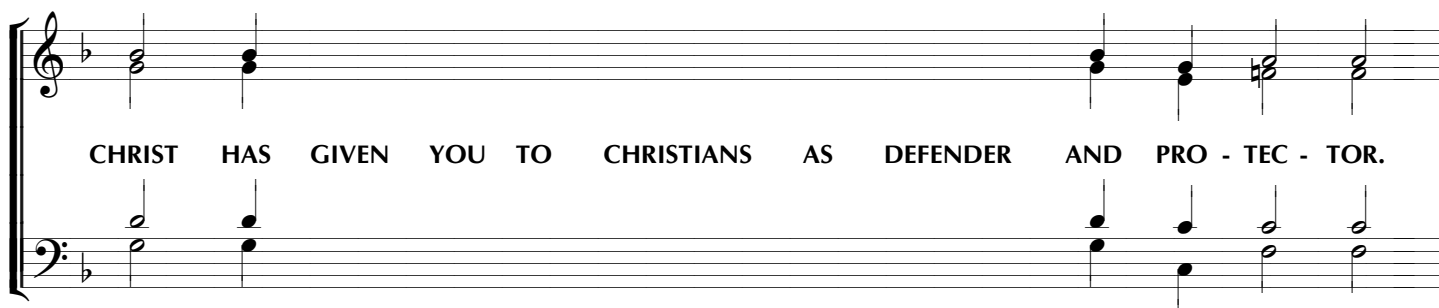
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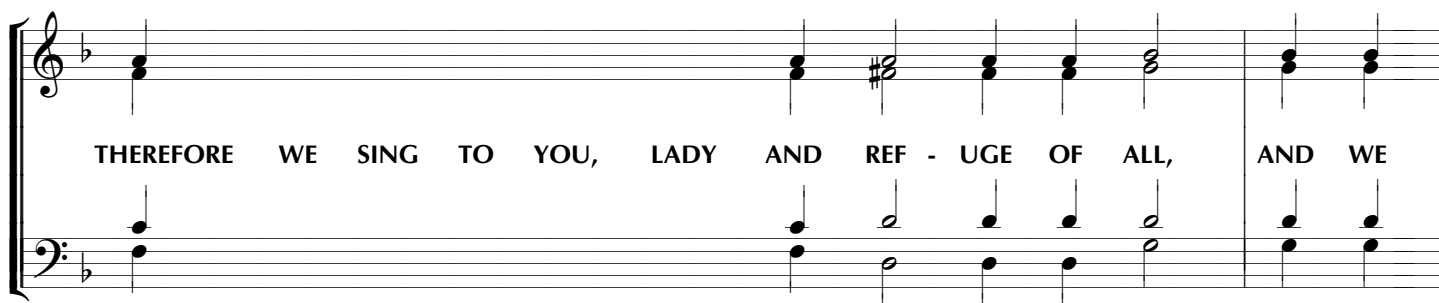
SINCE YOU ARE HIGHER THAN ALL IN HEA - VEN AND ON EARTH, MORE



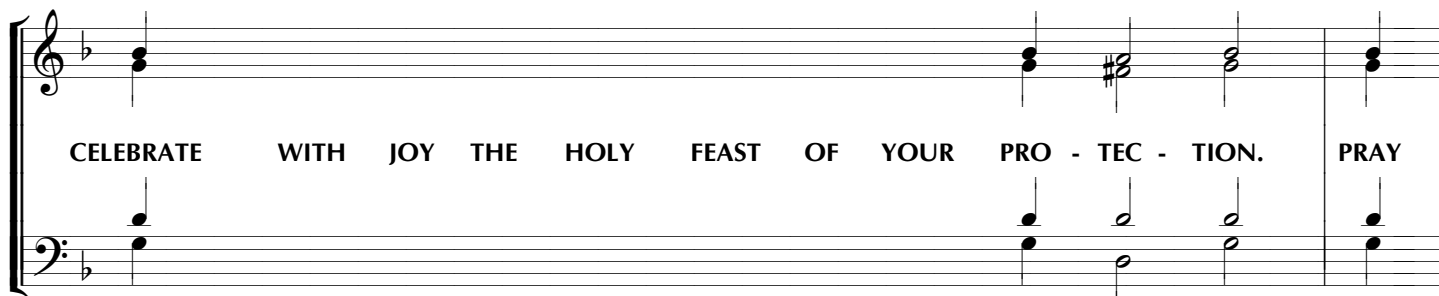
GLORIOUS THAN THE CHERUBIM AND MORE HONORED OF ALL CRE - A - TION,



CHRIST HAS GIVEN YOU TO CHRISTIANS AS DEFENDER AND PRO - TEC - TOR.



THEREFORE WE SING TO YOU, LADY AND REF - UGE OF ALL, AND WE



CELEBRATE WITH JOY THE HOLY FEAST OF YOUR PRO - TEC - TION. PRAY

TO CHRIST THAT HE MAY GRANT US GREAT MER - CY.

VERSE: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.

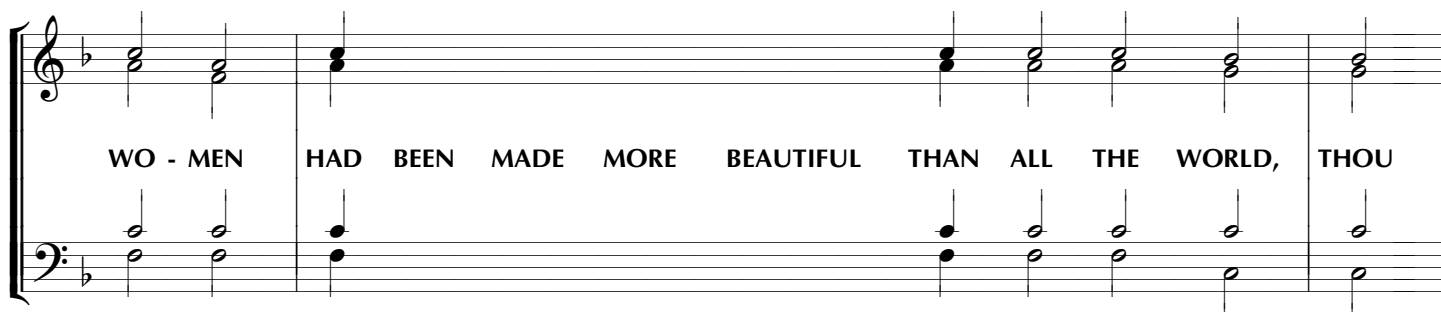
TONE 5 - Verse 2

PEO - PLE, LET US JOYFULLY SING A SONG OF DA - VID TO THE HANDMAIDEN

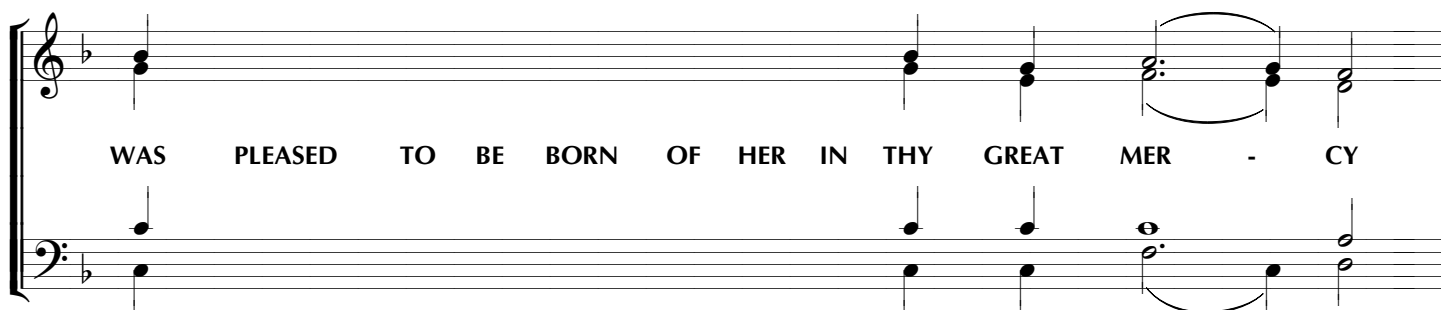
AND BRIDE OF GOD, THE MO - THER OF CHRIST, THE KING OF ALL: MAS - TER,

AT YOUR RIGHT HAND STOOD THE QUEEN, DECKED IN ROBES OF GOLD

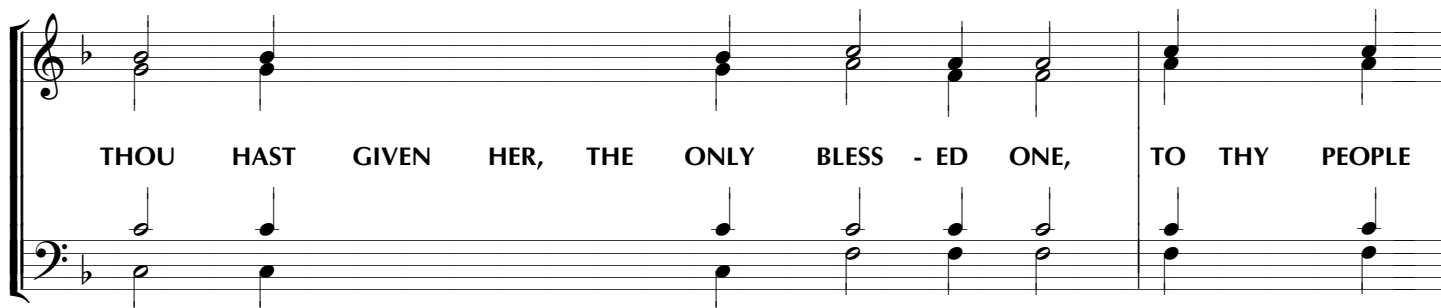
AND A - DORNED IN DI - VINE AP - PAR - EL. WHEN SHE, THE CHOSEN AMONG



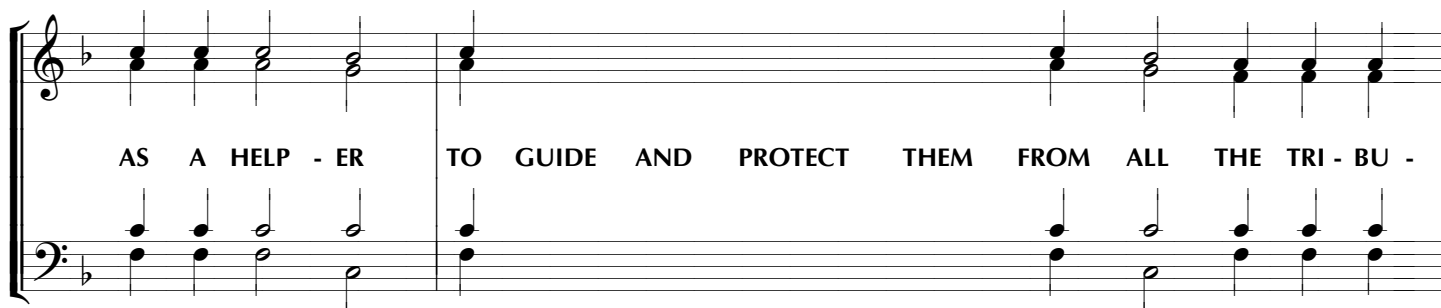
WO - MEN HAD BEEN MADE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ALL THE WORLD, THOU



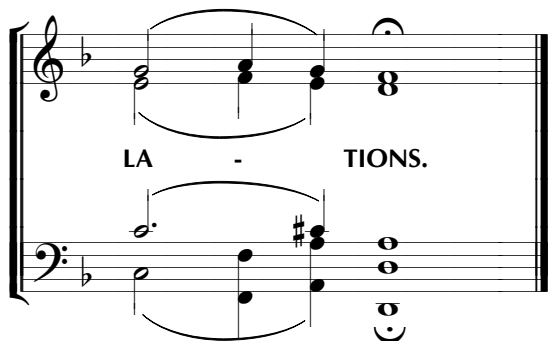
WAS PLEASD TO BE BORN OF HER IN THY GREAT MER - CY



THOU HAST GIVEN HER, THE ONLY BLESS - ED ONE, TO THY PEOPLE



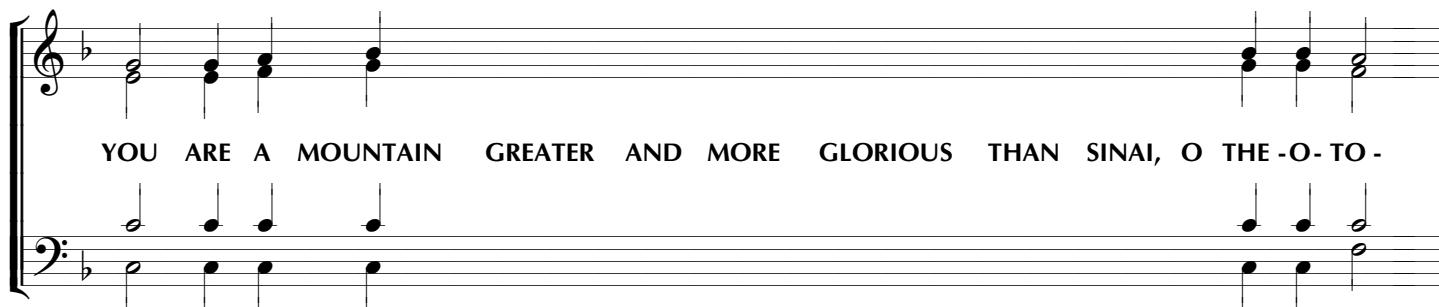
AS A HELP - ER TO GUIDE AND PROTECT THEM FROM ALL THE TRI - BU -



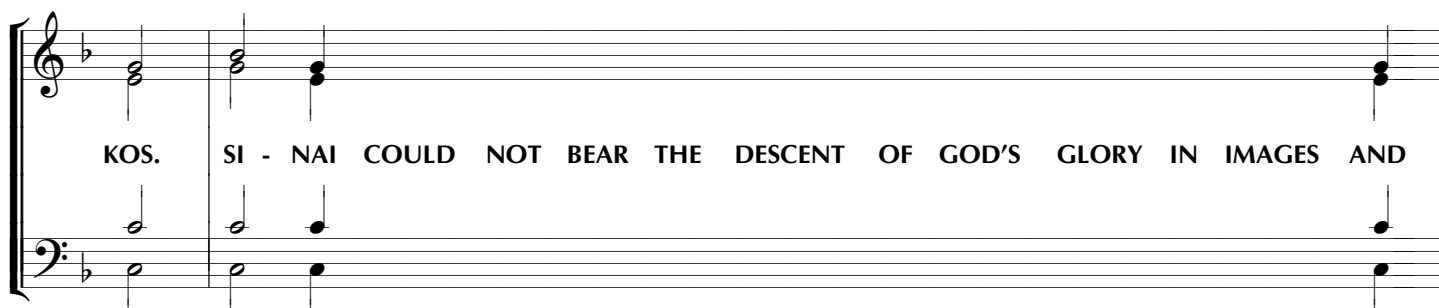
LA - TIONS.

VERSE: Before your face, the richest of the people will pray.

TONE 7 - Verse 3



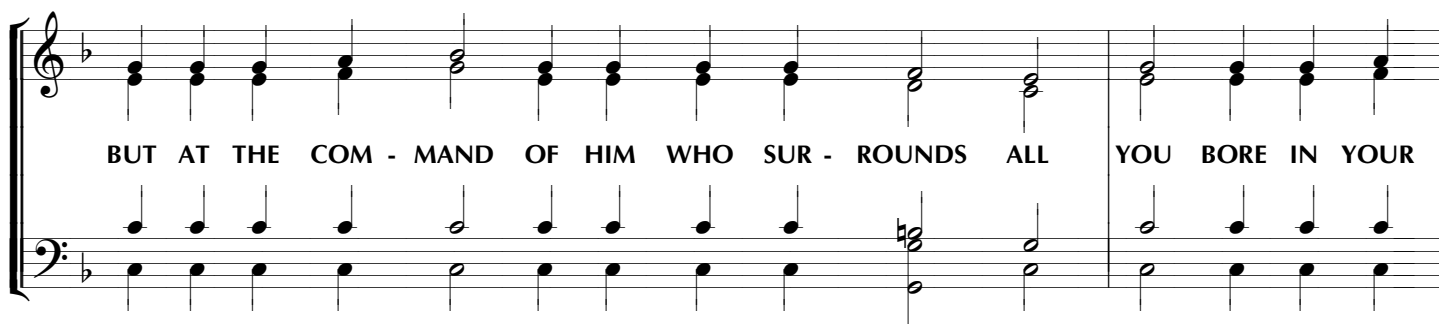
YOU ARE A MOUNTAIN GREATER AND MORE GLORIOUS THAN SINAI, O THE -O- TO -



KOS. SI - NAI COULD NOT BEAR THE DESCENT OF GOD'S GLORY IN IMAGES AND



FIG - URES: IT CAUGHT FIRE AND THERE WAS THUNDER AND LIGHT - NING.



BUT AT THE COM - MAND OF HIM WHO SUR - ROUNDS ALL YOU BORE IN YOUR



WOMB THE DIVINE FIRE HIMSELF WITHOUT BE - ING CON - SUMED THE WORD OF GOD

WHO HOLDS ALL IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND AS HIS MOTHER YOU HAVE

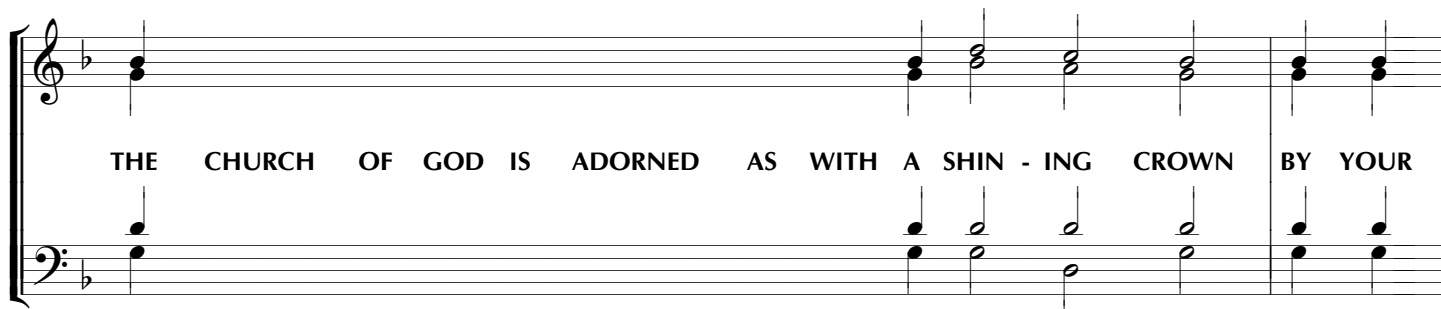
BOLDNESS TO APPROACH HIM. THEREFORE, O LADY, HELP THOSE WHO KEEP

YOUR HOLY FEAST IN FAITH. IN YOUR MERCY DO NOT FORGET TO

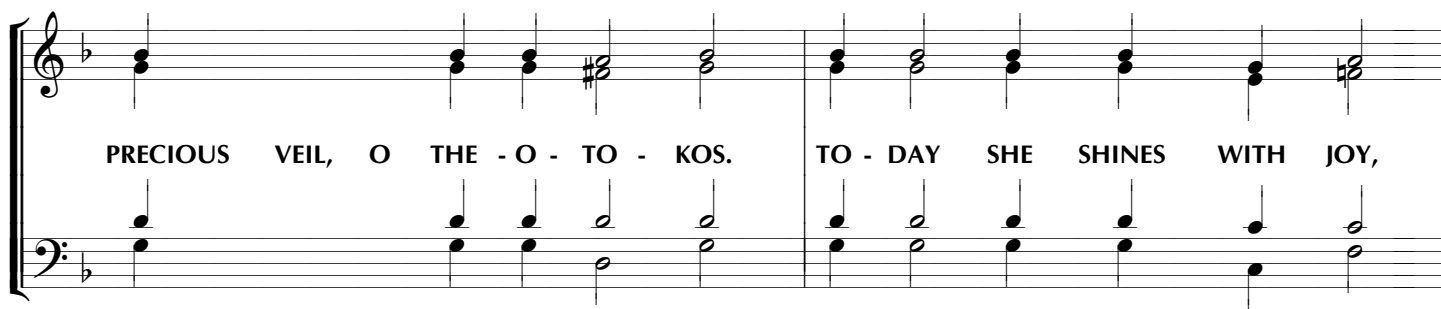
VISIT US, FOR YOU RECEIVED THE GIFT FROM GOD OF GUIDING AND

PROTECTING YOUR SERVANTS, THE CHRISTIAN FLOCK.

Glory, now and ever in the 2nd tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



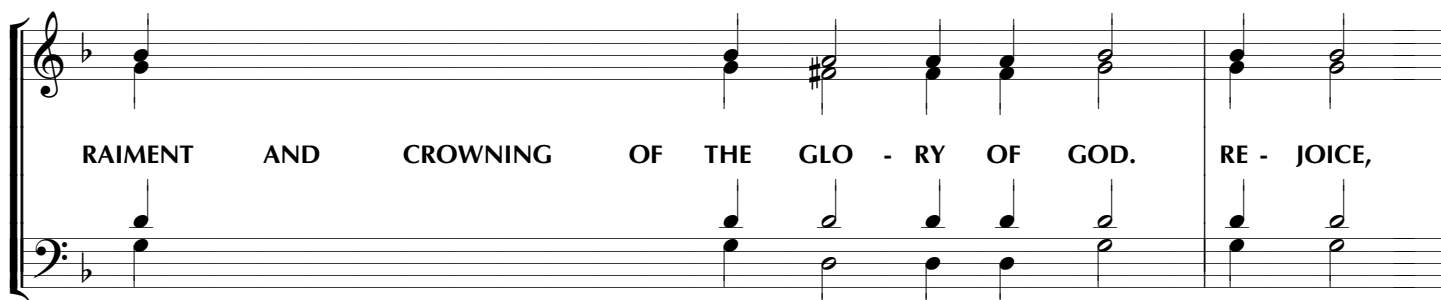
THE CHURCH OF GOD IS ADORNED AS WITH A SHIN - ING CROWN BY YOUR



PRECIOUS VEIL, O THE - O - TO - KOS. TO - DAY SHE SHINES WITH JOY,



CELEBRATING MYSTICALLY AND CRY - ING TO YOU: REJOICE, PRECIOUS



RAIMENT AND CROWNING OF THE GLO - RY OF GOD. RE - JOICE,



ONLY FULFILLMENT OF GLORY AND E - TER - NAL JOY. REJOICE, HAVEN

OF THOSE WHO RUN TO YOU, OUR DELIVERER AND OUR SAL -

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat. The melody is primarily chordal, with notes placed on the stems of the staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first measure contains the words 'OF THOSE WHO RUN TO YOU,' and the second measure contains 'OUR DELIVERER AND OUR SAL -'. The second measure is enclosed in a dashed box.

VA - TION.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat. It continues the chordal melody from the first system. The lyrics 'VA - TION.' are printed below the notes. The system concludes with a double bar line.

St. Simeon's Prayer
Trisagion

Troparion

Tone 4

TODAY THE FAITHFUL CELEBRATE THE FEAST WITH JOY ILLUMINED BY YOUR

COMING, O MOTH - ER OF GOD. BEHOLDING YOUR PURE IMAGE WE FERVENTLY

CRY TO YOU: "ENCOMPASS US BENEATH THE PRECIOUS VEIL OF YOUR PRO -

TECT - ION; DELIVER US FROM EVERY FORM OF E - VIL BY ENTREATING

CHRIST, YOUR SON AND OUR GOD THAT HE MAY SAVE OUR SOULS".

Kontakion

Tone 3

TO - DAY THE VIRGIN STANDS IN THE MIDST OF THE CHURCH AND WITH CHOIRS

OF SAINTS SHE INVISIBLY PRAYS TO GOD FOR US. AN - GELS AND

BI - SHOPS WOR - SHIP APOSTLES AND PROPHETS REJOICE TO - GETH - ER,

SINCE FOR OUR SAKE SHE PRAYS TO THE PRE - E - TER

NAL GOD.