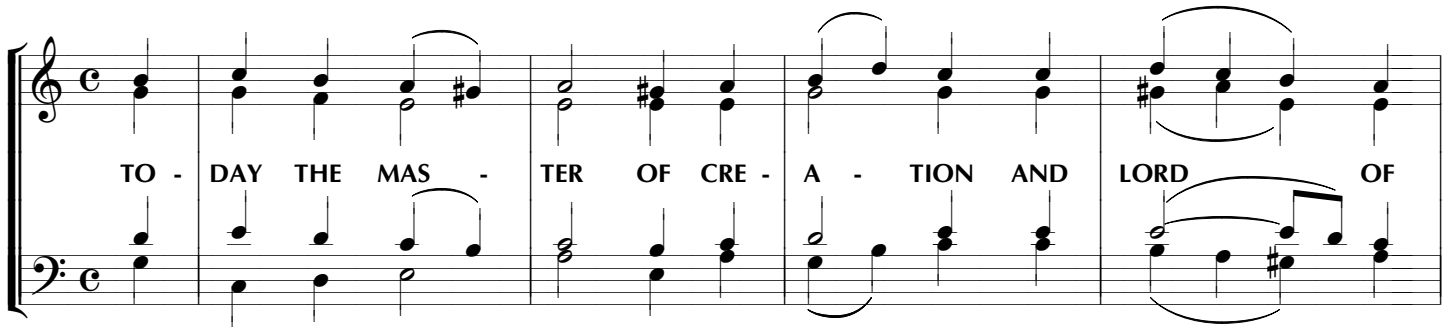


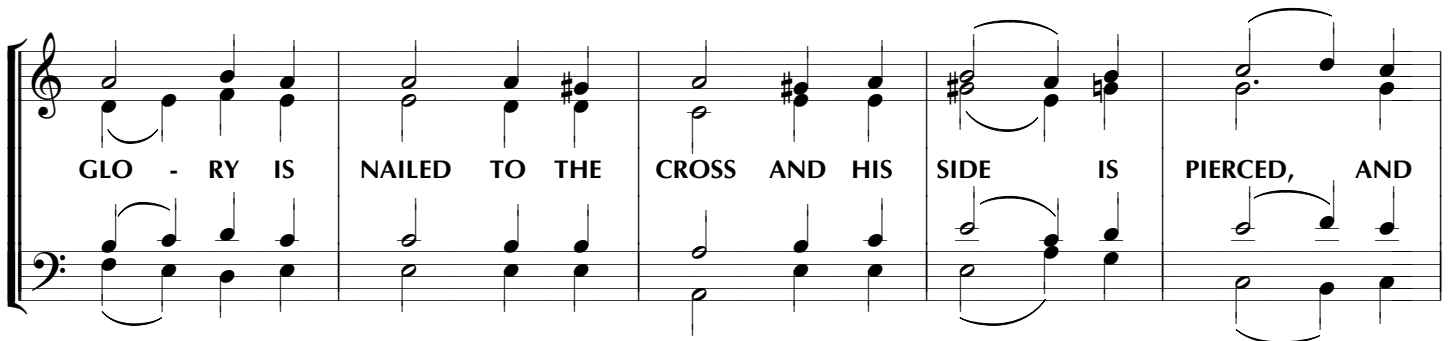
# TODAY THE MASTER OF CREATION

Stikhira sung during the veneration of the  
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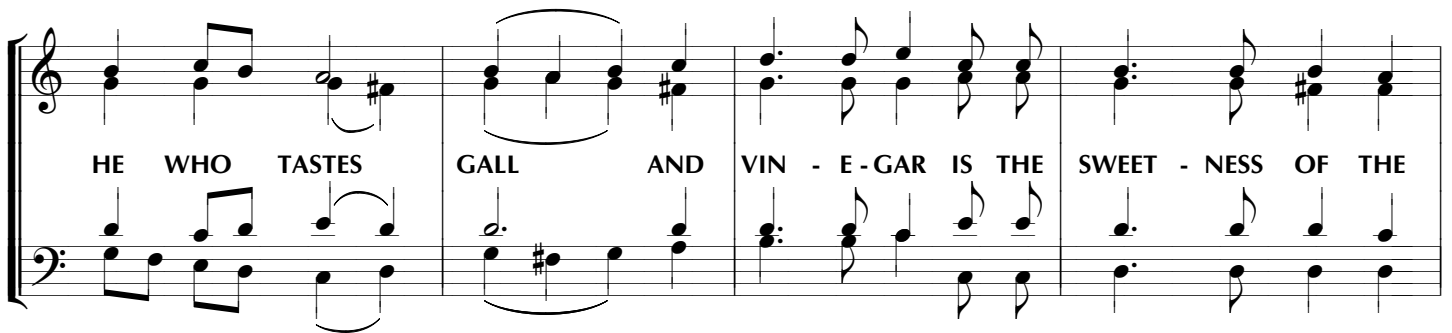
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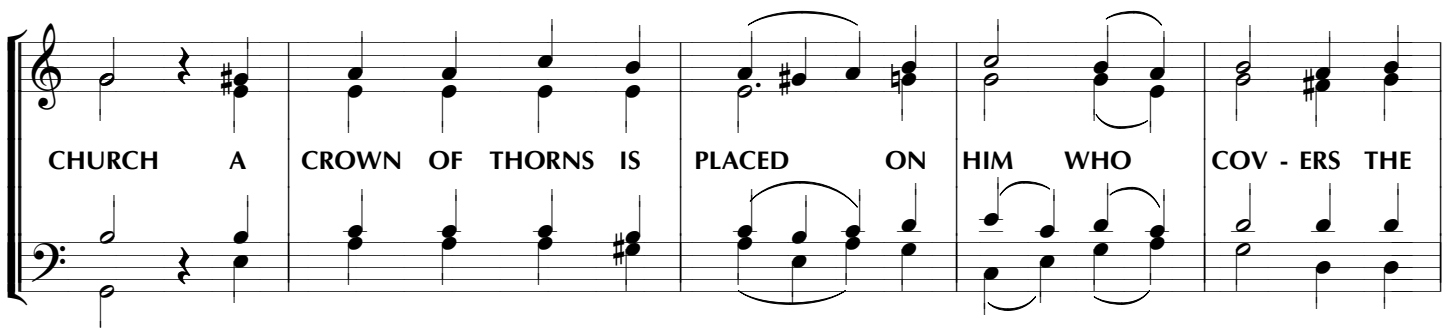
TO - DAY THE MAS - TER OF CRE - A - TION AND LORD OF



GLO - RY IS NAILED TO THE CROSS AND HIS SIDE IS PIERCED, AND



HE WHO TASTES GALL AND VIN - E - GAR IS THE SWEET - NESS OF THE



CHURCH A CROWN OF THORNS IS PLACED ON HIM WHO COV - ERS THE



HEA VEN WITH CLOUDS. HE IS CLOTHED IN A CLOAK OF

MOCK - ER - Y, AND HE WHO FORMED MAN WITH HIS HANDS IS

STRUCK BY A HAND OF CLAY; HE WHO WRAPS THE HEA -

VENS IN THE CLOUDS IS SMIT - TEN UP - ON HIS BACK. HE AC -

CEPTS SPIT - TING AND SCOURG - ING, RE - PROACH AND

BUF - FET - TING AND ALL THESE THINGS MY DE - LIV - ER -

ER AND GOD, MY DE - LIV - ER - ER AND

GOD EN - DURES FOR ME THAT AM CON - DEMNED, THAT HE MAY SAVE THE

WORLD FROM ER - ROR FOR HE IS THE COM - PASS - SION - ATE ONE.