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### Rubrics

#### MATINS OF GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

- Blessed is our God . . . Amen. Glory to Thee, O God, glory to Thee! O Heavenly King . . . Trisagion . . . GNE . . . O Most Holy Trinity . . . Lord, have mercy (3). GNE . . . Lord's Prayer. For Thine is the Kingdom . . . Amen. In the name of the Lord, bless father . . . Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial . . . Amen.
- The Six Psalms. Psalms 3, 38, 63. GNE, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to Thee, O God (3). Lord, have mercy (3). GNE. Psalms 88, 103, 143. GNE, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to Thee, O God (3).
- **The Great Litany.** For unto Thee are due all glory . . . Amen.
- "God is the Lord," with verses.
- **Troparia** "The Noble Joseph," Glory . . . "When Thou didst descend," Now and ever . . . "The angel came to the myrrhbearing women."
- The Lamentations (Praises) Stasis One. "Blessed are those whose way is blameless . . ." Troparia #1–73 with psalm verses. Glory . . . #74. Now and ever . . . #75. Repeat #1.
- **The Little Litany.** For blessed is Thy Name . . . Amen.
- The Lamentations (Praises) Stasis Two.
  Troparia #1–60 with psalm verses. Glory
  ... #61. Now and ever ... #62. Repeat #1.
- **The Little Litany.** For Holy art Thou . . . Amen.
- The Lamentations (Praises) Stasis Three. Troparia #1—46 with psalm verses. Glory . . . #47. Now and ever . . . #48.
- **Resurrectional Evlogitaria.** "Blessed art Thou, O Lord . . . The angelic host . . ."

- **Kathisma Hymn.** "Joseph begged Thy holy Body . . ." Glory . . . "As Thou hast foretold . . ." Now and ever . . . "The choirs of angels . . ."
- **The Little Litany.** For Thou art the King of Peace . . . Amen.
- **Psalm 51 (50).** "Have mercy on me, O God . . ."
- The Kanon—Ode 1. Irmos: "Of old Thou didst bury . . ." and refrain, "Glory to Thee . . ." 1st troparion "Unto Thee I sing . . ." and refrain "Glory to Thee . . ." 2nd troparion and refrain "Glory . . . Now and ever . . . Amen." 3rd troparion.

  Repeat irmos of Ode 1 as the katavasia.
- **The Kanon—Ode 3.** Repeat as for Ode 1.
- **The Little Litany.** For Thou art our God . . . Amen.
- **Kathisma Hymn.** "The soldiers guarding Thy tomb . . ."
- **The Kanon Odes 4–6.** Repeat as for Ode 1.
- **The Little Litany.** For Thou art the King of Peace . . . Amen.
- Lord have mercy (3). GNE. Amen.
- **The Kontakion.** "He who shut in the depths . . ." followed by the **Oikos** "He who holds all things together . . . ," and ending with the refrain "This is the most blessed Sabbath . . ."
- **The Kanon—Ode 7.** Repeat as for Ode 1.

The Kanon—Ode 8. Irmos "Be amazed, O heavens . . ." and refrain, "Glory to Thee . . ." 1st troparion "The pure Temple . . ." and refrain "Glory to Thee . . ." 2nd troparion and refrain "Let us bless the Lord . . . Now and ever . . . Amen." 3rd troparion. Repeat irmos of Ode 8 as the katavasia. Then "We praise, bless, and worship the Lord . . ."

**The Kanon—Ode 9.** Repeat as for Ode 1.

**The Little Litany.** For all the powers of heaven . . . Amen.

"Holy is the Lord," with verses.

**The Praises** (Tone 2). "Let everything that breathes . . . Praise Him, all you angels . . . "

IV: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness!

"Today a tomb holds Him . . ."

III: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!

"What is this sight we behold . . ."

II: Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

"Come, let us see our Life . . ."

I: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals...

"Joseph asked for the Body of Jesus . . ."

Glory . . . "The Great Moses . . . "

Now and ever . . . Amen. "You are most blessed, O Virgin . . ."

Glory to Thee, Who has shown us the Light!

**The Great Doxology.** "Glory to God in the highest . . ." followed by the processional "Holy God" and the procession with the Epitaphios around the church.

Upon re-entering the church, *Wisdom! Let us attend!* then the **Troparion** "The Noble Joseph . . ."

Wisdom! The **Troparion of the Prophecy** in the second tone! "O Christ, who holdest fast . . ." ending with the refrain "Thou hast given us . . ."

Wisdom! The First Prokeimenon (Tone 4).

Wisdom! The reading from the Prophet Ezekiel! Let us attend! (Ez 37:1–14)—may be sung to a special melody.

Wisdom! The Second Prokeimenon (Tone 7).

Wisdom! The reading from the first epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians! Let us attend! (I Cor 5:6–8, Gal 3:13–14).

Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 5) with verses.

Reading of the **Gospel**. (Mt 27:62–66)

**The Augmented Litany.** For Thou art a merciful God . . . Amen.

The Litany of Fervent Supplication. For Thou art a God of mercy and of bounties . . . Amen. Peace be unto all. And to your spirit. Bow your heads . . . To Thee, O Lord. O Holy Lord . . . For thine it is to show mercy . . . Amen.

The Great Dismissal. Wisdom! Father bless! Christ our God . . . Amen.
Preserve, O God . . . Most holy
Theotokos . . . More honorable than the Cherubim . . . Glory to Thee, O Christ . . . GNE. Lord have mercy (3). Father, bless! May He who endured fearful suffering . . . Amen.

As the people venerate the Epitaphios, "Come, Let us Bless Joseph . . ."

### RUBRICS

# Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Great and Holy Saturday

- Blessed is the Kingdom . . . Amen. Come, let us worship . . . **Psalm 104** "Bless the Lord, O my soul . . ." Glory . . . Now and ever . . . Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to Thee, O God (3).
- **The Great Litany.** For unto Thee are due all glory . . . Amen.
- **Lord, I Call** (Tone 1). "Lord, I call . . . Let my prayer arise . . ."
- VIII: Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.
- "Accept our evening prayer . . ."
- VII: Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
- "Encircle Zion . . . "
- VI: If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.
- "Come, O people . . ."
- V: For Thy name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord; my soul has waited on Thy word; my soul hopes on the Lord.
- "We have been freed from suffering . . ."
- IV: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.
- (Tone 8) "Today hell cries out groaning: I should not have accepted . . ."
- III: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.
- "Today hell cries out groaning: I should not have accepted . . ."

- II: Praise the Lord all nations, praise Him all peoples!
- "Today hell cries out groaning: My dominion has been shattered . . ."
- I: For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
- "Today hell cries out groaning: My power has been trampled upon . . ."
- Glory . . . (Tone 6). "The great Moses . . . "
- Now and ever . . . (Tone 1). "Let us praise the Virgin Mary . . ."
- After the Entrance, "Gladsome Light."

#### **Old Testament Readings**

- Wisdom! The reading is from . . . Let us attend!
- #1 Genesis 1:1-13
- #2 Isaiah 60:1-16
- #3 Exodus 12:1-11
- #4 Jonah 1:1–17, 2:1–10, 3:1–10, 4:1–11
- #5 Joshua 5:10–15
- #6 Exodus 13:20–15:1 with the refrain "For gloriously has He been glorified!" (to v. 19)
- #7 Zephaniah 3:8–15
- #8 | Kings (III Kings, LXX) 17:8-24
- #9 Isaiah 61:10-62:5
- #10 Genesis 22:1-18
- #11 Isaiah 61:1-9
- #12 II Kings (IV Kings, LXX) 4:8–27
- #13 Isaiah 63:11-64:5
- #14 Jeremiah 31:31-34
- #15 Daniel 3:1–23; The Song of the Three Holy Children 1–66, with the refrain "Praise the Lord, sing and exalt Him throughout all the ages!"

**The Little Litany.** For Holy art Thou . . . Amen.

"As Many as Have Been Baptized."

**The Liturgy Prokeimenon** (Tone 5). "Let all the earth praise Thee . . ."

Wisdom! The reading from the first epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans! Let us attend! (Romans 6:3–11).

Instead of "Alleluia," "Arise, O God, Judge the Earth . . ." with verses.

Reading of the **Gospel** (Mt 28:1–20).

And the rest of the **Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**, with the following alterations:

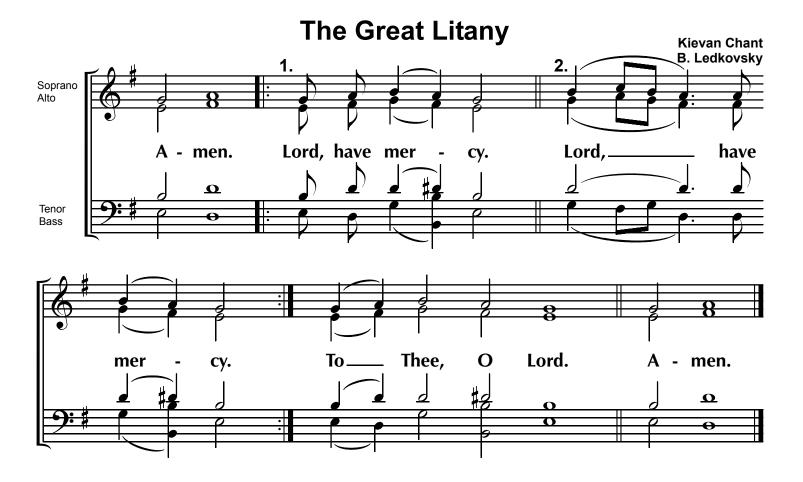
At the **Cherubikon**, instead of "Let us who mystically . . ." we sing "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent . . ." In some traditions, the Great Entrance on this day is performed silently—without petitions—and the choir resumes singing the second half of the hymn "Before Him go . . ." without first singing "Amen."

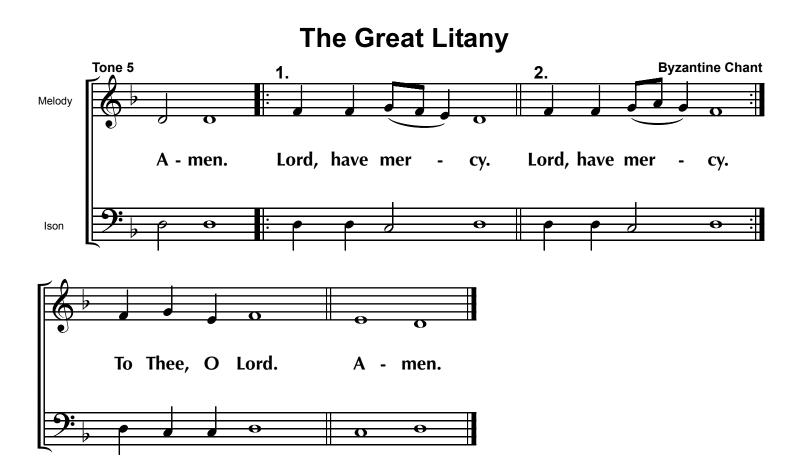
At the **Hymn to the Theotokos**, instead of "It is truly meet, . . ." we sing **"Do Not Lament Me, O Mother . . ."** 

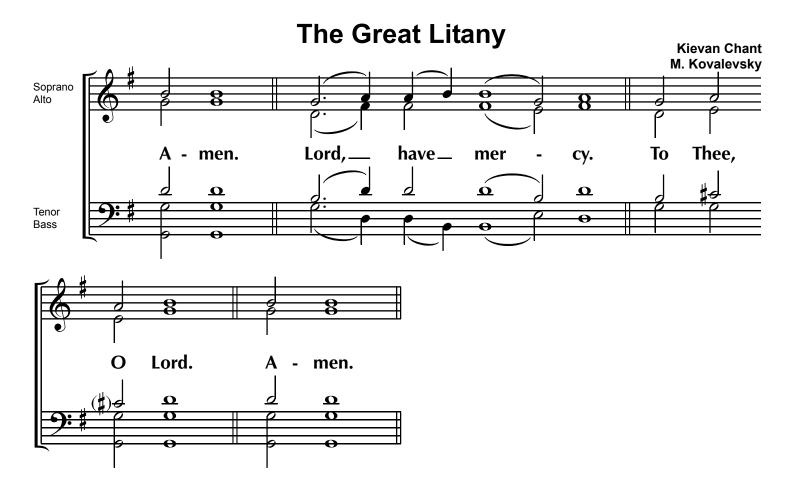
At the **Koinonikon** (Communion Verse) we sing "The Lord Awoke . . ."

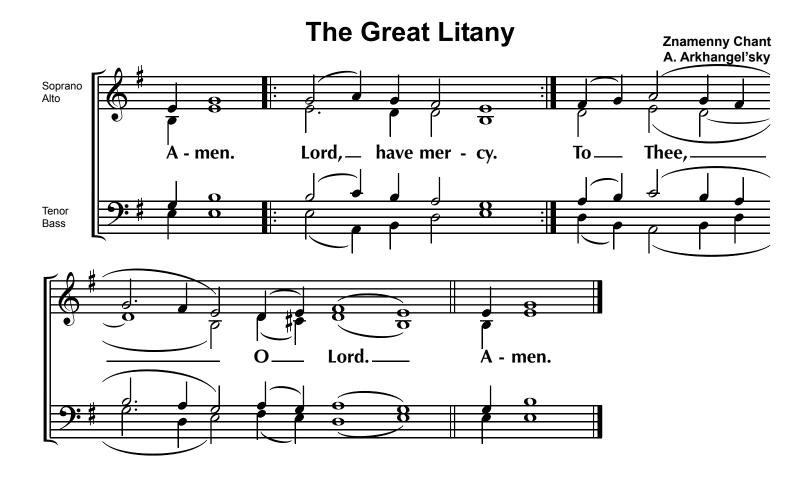
At the dismissal, May He who rose from the dead . . . Amen.

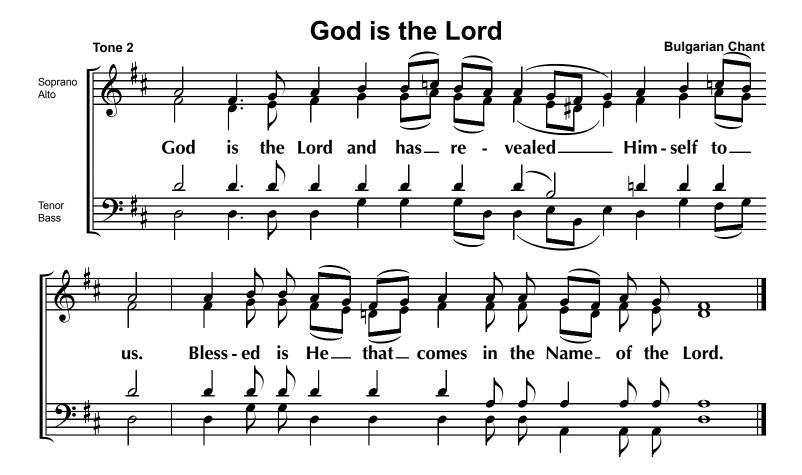
# **MATINS**











Verse: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

#### **GOD IS THE LORD...**

Verse: All nations surrounded me, but in the Name of the Lord I destroyed them.

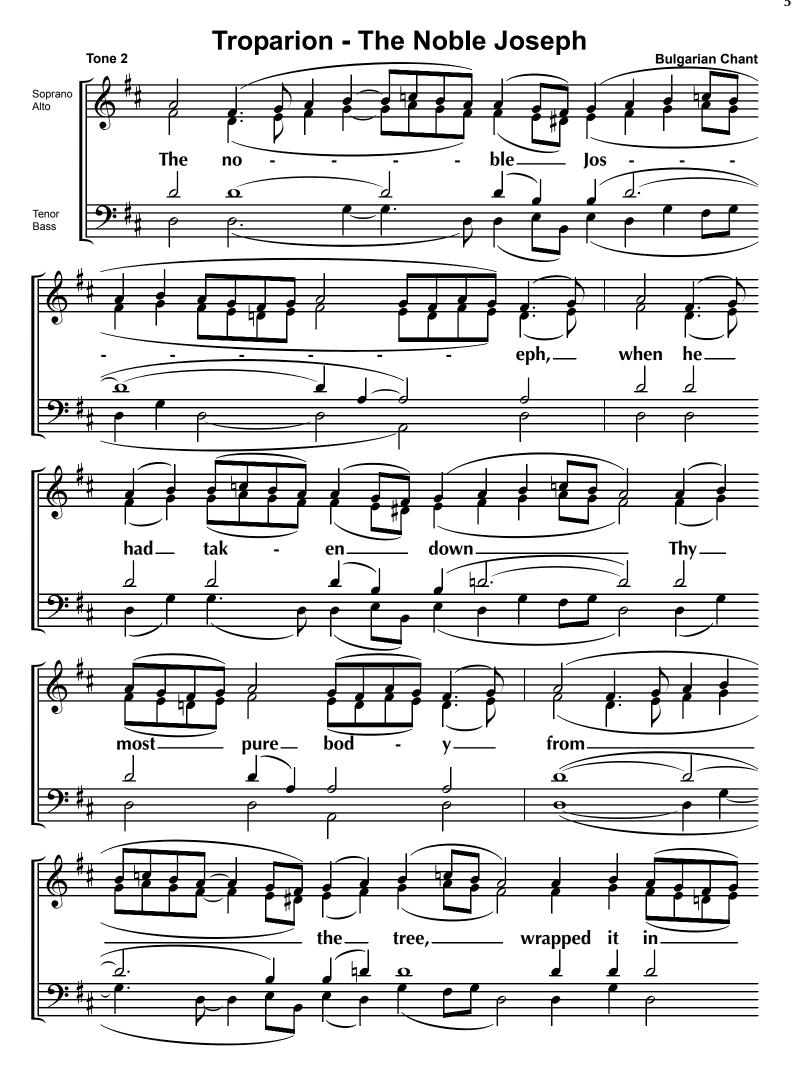
#### **GOD IS THE LORD...**

Verse: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

#### **GOD IS THE LORD...**

Verse: The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

#### **GOD IS THE LORD...**





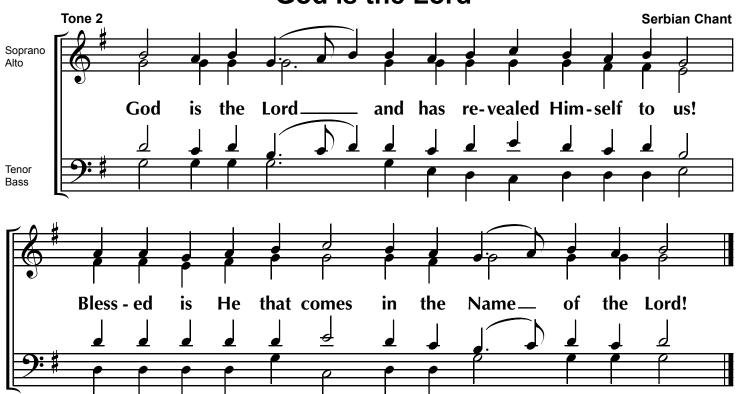


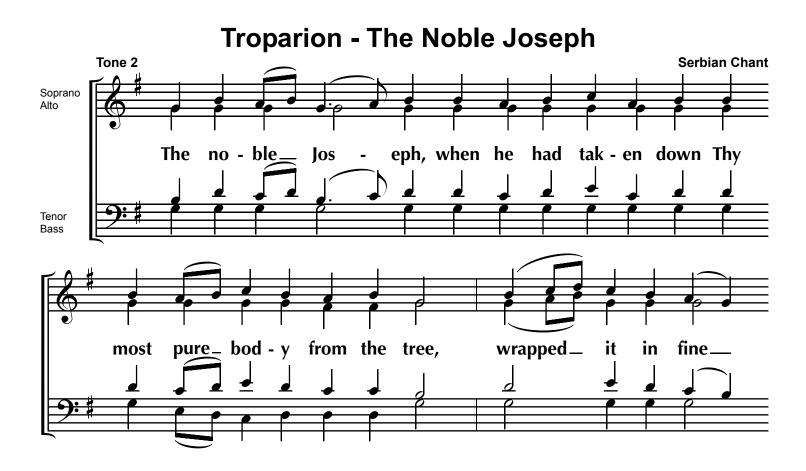






### God is the Lord



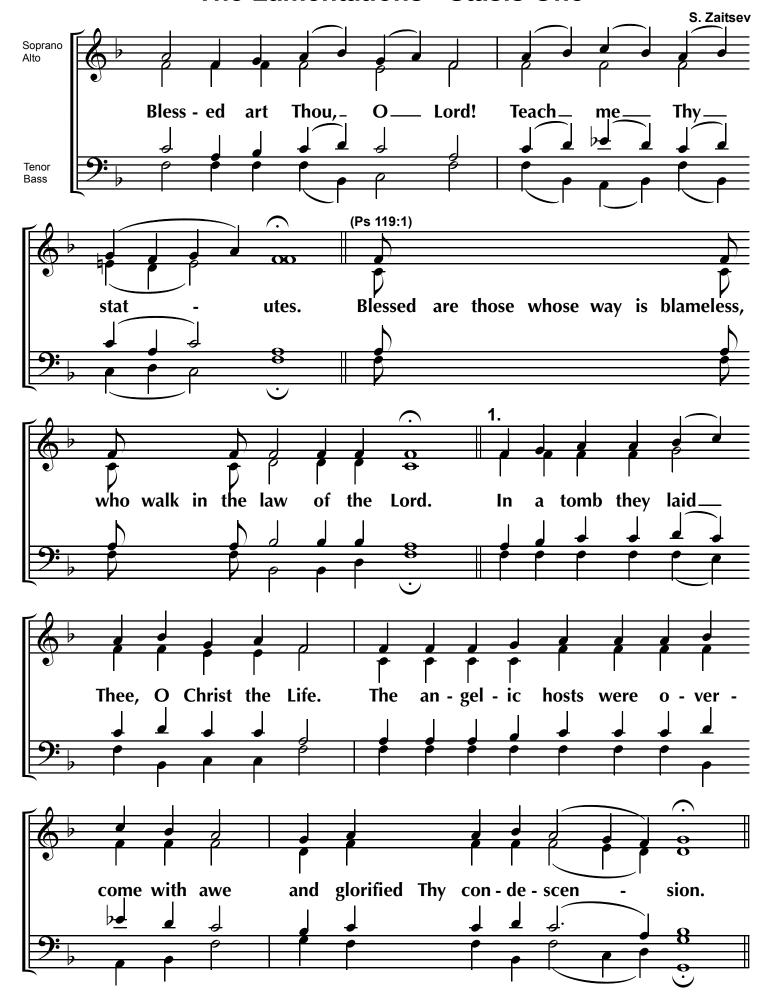


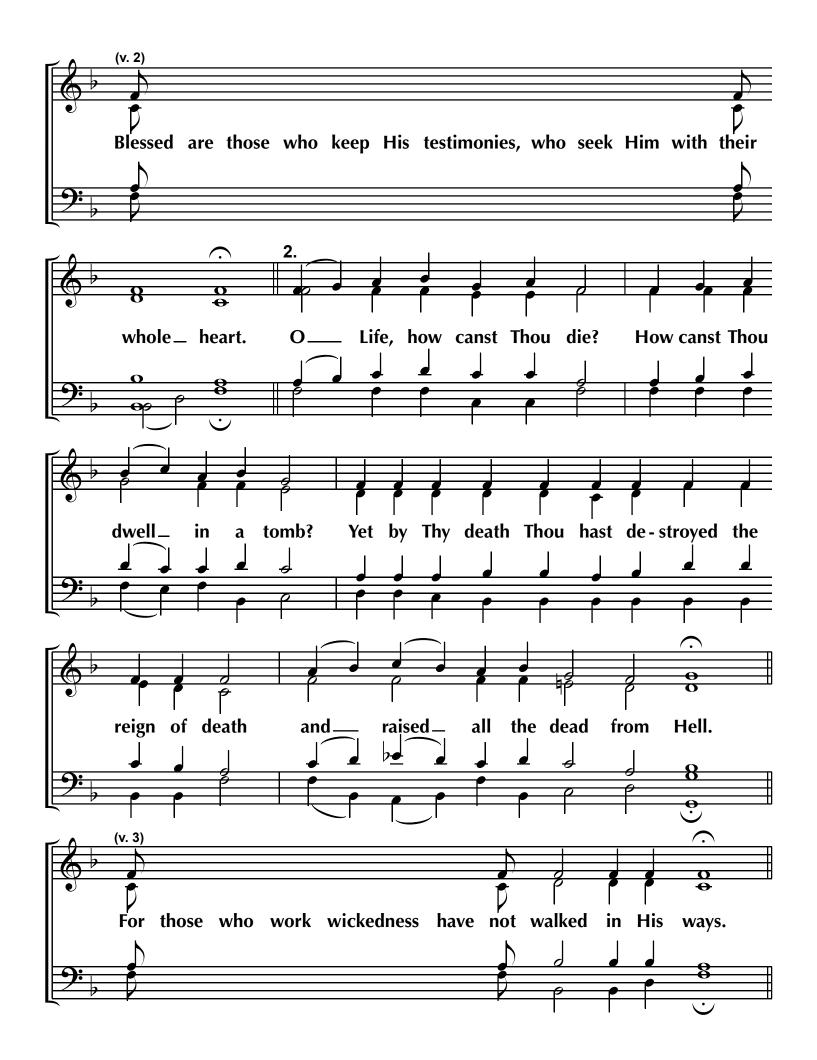






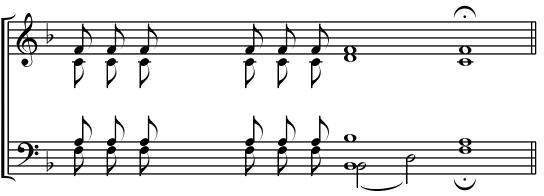
#### The Lamentations - Stasis One







Subsequent psalm verses may be chanted according to the following pattern, if desired:



Blessed art Thou, O Lord! Teach me Thy statutes.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE WAY IS BLAMELESS, WHO WALK IN THE LAW OF THE LORD [Ps. 119:1] (v. 1)

In a tomb they laid Thee,
 O Christ the Life.
 The angelic hosts were overcome with awe and glorified Thy condescension.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO KEEP HIS TESTIMONIES, WHO SEEK HIM WITH THEIR WHOLE HEART. (v. 2)

2. O Life, how canst Thou die?
How canst Thou dwell in a tomb?
Yet by Thy death Thou hast destroyed the reign of death,
and raised all the dead from Hell.

FOR THOSE WHO WORK WICKEDNESS HAVE NOT WALKED IN HIS WAYS. (v. 3)

3. We magnify Thee,
O Jesus, our King.
We worship Thy Passion and Thy burial,
for, by them, Thou hast saved us from
death.

THOU HAST COMMANDED THY PRECEPTS TO BE DILIGENTLY KEPT. (v. 4)

4. Earth's bounds Thou hast measured,
O Jesus, King of all,
yet today Thou dwellest in a narrow tomb,
raising the dead from their graves.

### O THAT MY WAYS MAY BE STEADFAST IN KEEPING THY STATUTES! (v. 5)

5. O Messiah, Jesus, my King, the Lord of all, whom art Thou seeking in the depths of Hell? Hast Thou come to free the race of mortal men? THEN I SHALL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME, HAVING MY EYES FIXED ON ALL THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 6)

6. Lo, the sov'reign Ruler of creation is dead.Almighty God is laid in a new tomb, to empty the graves of all their dead.

I WILL PRAISE THEE WITH AN UPRIGHT HEART, WHEN I LEARN THY RIGHTEOUS ORDINANCES. (v. 7)

In a tomb they laid Thee,
 O Christ the Life.
 By Thy death Thou hast cast down the might of death
 and become the Font of Life for all the world.

I WILL OBSERVE THY STATUTES; O FORSAKE ME NOT UTTERLY. (v. 8)

8. Thou hast been numbered among transgressors, O Christ; Thou hast justified us all, O Lamb of God, by freeing us from the Devil's works.

HOW CAN A YOUNG MAN KEEP HIS WAY PURE? BY GUARDING IT ACCORDING TO THY WORD. (v. 9)

9. Thou, O Lord, art fairer than all the sons of men. Thou hast filled creation with Thy beauty; how canst Thou lie before us dead this day?

WITH MY WHOLE HEART I SEEK THEE; LET ME NOT WANDER FROM THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 10)

10. How could Hell bear Thy coming and not shatter at once?Death is blinded by Thy splendor, O Lord. Its gloom is scattered by Thy dazzling light.

I HAVE HIDDEN THY WORD IN MY HEART, THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST THEE. (v. 11) 11. O Jesus, my Salvation, my Sweetness, my Light! How art Thou hidden in a dark tomb? O patience past our strength to understand!

### BLESSED ART THOU, O LORD! TEACH ME THY STATUTES! (v. 12)

12. The spiritual powers and the angelic hosts stand in silence, overcome with wonder before the awesome mystery of Thy tomb.

### WITH MY LIPS I DECLARE ALL THE ORDINANCES OF THY MOUTH. (v. 13)

13. A new and strange wonder!

He who gave me life and breath
now is lifeless, breathless, carried to the
tomb
and buried by Joseph's hands.

## IN THE WAY OF THY TESTIMONIES I DELIGHT, AS MUCH AS IN ALL RICHES. (v. 14)

14. In Thy body, buried, in Hell with Thy soul, yet not parted from Thy Father's side, O Christ!

O strange and awesome wonder!

### I WILL MEDITATE ON THY PRECEPTS, AND FIX MY EYES ON THY WAYS. (v. 15)

15. O Jesus, all creation knew Thee to be its Lord!
Thou art truly King of Heaven and earth, though Thou art shut within a narrow tomb.

### I WILL DELIGHT IN THY STATUTES; I WILL NOT FORGET THY WORD. (v. 16)

16. O Christ, Creator,Thou wast laid within a tomb.Hell's foundations quaked and trembled,seeing Theeopening the graves of mortal men.

#### DEAL BOUNTIFULLY WITH THY SERVANT; GIVE ME LIFE, AND I SHALL KEEP THY WORD. (v. 17)

17. He who holds the earth in the hollow of His hand has been put to death and held fast by the earth, to save the dead from Hell's grasping hand.

## OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY BEHOLD WONDROUS THINGS OUT OF THY LAW. (v. 18)

18. O my Life, my Savior, dwelling with the dead in death, Thou hast destroyed the iron bars of Hell, and hast risen from corruption.

## I AM ONLY A SOJOURNER ON EARTH; HIDE NOT THY COMMANDMENTS FROM ME. (v. 19)

19. Now is God's flesh hidden beneath a veil of earth, yet it is a lampstand brightly shining, scattering the darkness of Hell.

### MY SOUL IS CONSUMED WITH LONGING FOR THY ORDINANCES AT ALL TIMES. (v. 20)

20. Joseph, Nicodemus—
and all the heavenly hosts—
hasten to a narrow tomb to enclose Thee,
whom the heights of Heaven cannot
contain.

# THOU HAST REBUKED THE PROUD, AND CURSED ARE THOSE WHO WANDER FROM THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 21)

21. Slain willingly, O Jesus, and laid beneath the earth, Thou hast raised me up, O Fountain of Life, when I lay dead in bitter sin.

## TAKE AWAY FROM ME THEIR SCORN AND CONTEMPT, FOR I HAVE KEPT THY TESTIMONIES. (v. 22)

22. The universe was altered at Thy Passion, O Word; knowing that Thou holdest all in unity, all created things suffered with Thee.

# EVEN THOUGH PRINCES SIT PLOTTING AGAINST ME, THY SERVANT WILL MEDITATE ON THY STATUTES. (v. 23)

23. When devouring Hades engulfed the Rock of Life, in great pain he burst asunder, and the dead, held captive from all ages, were released.

### THY TESTIMONIES ARE MY DELIGHT; THEY ARE MY COUNSELORS. (v. 24)

24. Thou, O Christ, wast buried in a new tomb, and the nature of mortals was made new when, as God, Thou didst rise from the dead.

### MY SOUL CLEAVES TO THE DUST; REVIVE ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD. (v. 25)

25. Wishing to save Adam,
Thou didst come down to earth.
Not finding him on earth, O Master,
Thou didst descend to Hades seeking Him.

### WHEN I TOLD OF MY WAYS, THOU DIDST ANSWER ME; TEACH ME THY STATUTES! (v. 26)

26. All the earth was troubled and quaked with fear.

The daystar hid its brilliant face, O Word, when Thy great light was hidden in the earth.

## MAKE ME UNDERSTAND THE WAY OF THY PRECEPTS, AND I WILL MEDITATE ON THY WONDROUS WORKS. (v. 27)

27. As a man, O Savior,
 Thou didst consent to die.
 As God, Thou didst raise the dead from their tombs
 and lift them from the dark abyss of sin.

#### MY SOUL MELTS AWAY FOR SORROW; STRENGTHEN ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD. (v. 28)

28. Tears of lamentation the Pure Virgin shed for Thee. With a mother's grief, O Jesus, she cried out:

"How can I lay Thee in the grave, O my Son?"

### PUT FALSE WAYS FAR FROM ME, AND GRACIOUSLY TEACH ME THY LAW. (v. 29)

29. In the earth's dark bosom the Grain of Wheat is laid.By its death, it shall bring forth abundant fruit:Adam's sons, freed from the chains of death.

## I HAVE CHOSEN THE WAY OF TRUTH; I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THY ORDINANCES. (v. 30)

30. As the sun at evening sets beneath the earth,Thou art hidden, covered by the night of death.O Savior, arise in brighter dawn!

#### I CLEAVE TO THY TESTIMONIES, O LORD; LET ME NOT BE PUT TO SHAME. (v. 31)

31. As when the moon covers the circle of the sun, now the grave has hidden Thee, O Savior, Thy mortal flesh eclipsed in death.

#### I WILL RUN IN THE WAY OF THY COMMANDMENTS WHEN THOU HAST ENLARGED MY HEART. (v. 32)

32. By dying in the body,
O Life-giving Christ,
Thou hast delivered mortal men from death,
bestowing new life upon us all.

## TEACH ME, O LORD, THE WAY OF THY STATUTES, AND I WILL KEEP IT TO THE END. (v. 33)

33. Through the serpent's envy,
Adam died of old,
but Thou didst come, O Savior, our New
Adam,
to bring him back to life, through Thy
death.

#### GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING THAT I MAY KEEP THY LAW AND OBSERVE IT WITH MY WHOLE HEART. (v. 34)

34. When the ranks of angels saw Thee laid out dead, they were filled with fear and wonder, O Lord, and covered their faces with their wings.

## LEAD ME IN THE PATH OF THY COMMANDMENTS, FOR I DELIGHT IN IT. (v. 35)

35. Ramah's son, O Savior, took Thee down from the tree.
He laid Thy lifeless body in his tomb; but rise up as God and save us all.

### INCLINE MY HEART TO THY TESTIMONIES, AND NOT TO GAIN. (v. 36)

36. Thou art the gladness of angels, O Lord, but today Thou hast become their cause of grief, as they see Thee in the flesh, a lifeless corpse.

# TURN MY EYES FROM LOOKING AT VANITIES, AND GIVE ME LIFE IN THY WAYS. (v. 37)

37. On the cross uplifted to draw living men to Thee,
Thou didst descend beneath the earth as well,
to raise up all that lay buried there.

### ESTABLISH THY PROMISE IN THY SERVANT, THAT I MAY FEAR THEE. (v. 38)

38. O Savior, as a lion
Thou sleepest in the flesh,
yet as a lion's cub didst Thou arise,
casting off the old age of the flesh.

### TURN AWAY THE REPROACH THAT I DREAD; FOR THY ORDINANCES ARE GOOD. (v. 39)

39. Thou hast fashioned
Eve from Adam's side.
Now a spear has pierced Thy side, O
Savior,
and from it flows a purifying stream.

### BEHOLD, I LONG FOR THY PRECEPTS; IN THY RIGHTEOUSNESS GIVE ME LIFE. (v. 40)

40. Secretly in Egypt
the lambs of old were slain,
but Thou wast sacrificed beneath the open
sky
for the cleansing of the universe.

## LET THY MERCY COME TO ME, O LORD; THY SALVATION, ACCORDING TO THY PROMISE. (v. 41)

41. What human tongue can utter this terrible, strange thing?

Today the Lord of Heaven and earth suffers and dies for our sake.

## SO SHALL I GIVE AN ANSWER TO THOSE WHO TAUNT ME, FOR I TRUST IN THY WORD. (v. 42)

42. "How can we see the Giver of Life now dead?" the angels cried in fear and awe. "How is God enclosed within a tomb?"

AND TAKE NOT THE WORD OF TRUTH UTTERLY OUT OF MY MOUTH, FOR MY HOPE IS IN THY ORDINANCES. (v. 43)

43. New life for Eve, O Savior, flows from Thy opened side.
Through her I was banished from the tree of life; today, she is redeemed with all her sons.

### I WILL KEEP THY LAW CONTINUALLY, FOREVER AND EVER. (v. 44)

44. When Thou, O Jesus,
wast stretched out upon the wood,
Thou didst draw us mortal men to unity;
and from Thy pierced side, forgiveness
flowed for all.

### AND I SHALL WALK AT LIBERTY, FOR I HAVE SOUGHT THY PRECEPTS. (v. 45)

45. The noble Joseph, with trembling and fear, lays Thy body out for burial, O Lord, as he gazes with awe on Thy dread form.

### I ALSO SPOKE OF THY TESTIMONIES BEFORE KINGS AND WAS NOT ASHAMED. (v. 46)

46. Thou didst will, O Savior, to go beneath the earth.
Thou didst free death's fallen captives from their chains, leading them from earth to Heaven.

## FOR I FIND MY DELIGHT IN THY COMMANDMENTS, WHICH I LOVE EXCEEDINGLY. (v. 47)

47. Death seized Thee, O Jesus, and was strangled in Thy trap.
Hell's gates were smashed, the fallen were set free and carried from beneath the earth on high.

### I LIFT UP MY HANDS TO THY COMMANDMENTS, WHICH I LOVE. (v. 48a)

48. O Savior, Death's corruption could not touch Thy holy flesh.

Thou hast bound the ancient murderer of man, and restored all the dead to new life.

### AND I WILL MEDITATE ON THY STATUTES. (v. 48b)

49. Oh, how great the joy,
how full the gladness,
which Thou hast brought to Hades'
prisoners,
like lightning flashing in its gloomy depths.

### REMEMBER THY WORD TO THY SERVANT, IN WHICH THOU HAST MADE ME HOPE. (v. 49)

50. Thy Passion I worship,
Thy burial I praise,
Thy power I magnify, O loving Lord,
for from corrupting passions Thou hast set
me free.

### THIS IS MY COMFORT IN MY AFFLICTION, THAT THY PROMISE GIVES ME LIFE. (v. 50)

51. A sword was sharpened against Thee, O Christ, but the sword of the strong foe was blunted, and the sword that guards Eden was turned back.

## GODLESS MEN UTTERLY DERIDE ME, BUT I DO NOT TURN AWAY FROM THY LAW. (v. 51)

52. The Ewe saw her Lamb slaughtered and cried aloud in grief.
She was pierced with anguish, and the flock of Christ assembled to join her lament.

### WHEN I THINK OF THY ORDINANCES FROM OF OLD, I TAKE COMFORT, O LORD. (v. 52)

53. Though Thou art buried in a grave, O Christ, though Thou goest down to Hell, O Savior, Thou hast stripped Hell naked, emptying its graves.

## HOT INDIGNATION SEIZES ME BECAUSE OF THE WICKED, WHO FORSAKE THY LAW. (v. 53)

54. Willingly, O Savior,
Thou didst descend to Hell.
There Thou didst restore the dead to new life
and lead them back to the Father's house.

### THY STATUTES HAVE BEEN MY SONGS IN THE HOUSE OF MY EXILE. (v. 54)

55. One Person of the Godhead, for the sake of mortal men, endures a shameful death on the cross; the sun trembles and the earth quakes in fear

### I REMEMBER THY NAME IN THE NIGHT, O LORD, AND KEEP THY LAW. (v. 55)

56. The offspring of Judah became a poisoned well.

They rejected Thee, the Water of Life, who filled them with water from the rock.

#### THIS BLESSING HAS FALLEN TO ME, BECAUSE I HAVE KEPT THY PRECEPTS. (v. 56)

57. As one accused, the Judge stood at Pilate's judgment seat.

He was handed over to an unjust death and suspended on the wood of the cross.

### THOU ART MY PORTION, O LORD; I PROMISE TO KEEP THY WORDS. (v. 57)

58. O bloodguilty people, faithless Israel!The murderer Barabbas you set free, but delivered your Savior to the cross.

#### I ENTREAT THY FAVOR WITH ALL MY HEART; BE MERCIFUL TO ME ACCORDING TO THY PROMISE. (v. 58)

59. Thou didst fashion Adam from the dust of the earth; becoming man by nature for his sake, Thou hast offered up Thy life on the cross.

### I THOUGHT OF THY WAYS, AND TURNED MY FEET TO THY TESTIMONIES. (v. 59)

60. Thou didst obey Thy Father,
O Word of God most high.
Descending to the dread depths of the pit,
Thou hast raised the race of mortal men.

### I HASTEN AND DO NOT DELAY TO KEEP THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 60)

61. "My heart's desire, O Jesus!
Woe to me, my Light!
Woe to me, O Light of the world!"
cried the Virgin in her bitter grief.

## THOUGH THE CORDS OF THE WICKED ENSNARE ME, I DO NOT FORGET THY LAW. (v. 61)

62. O bloodthirsty people, vengeful and envious!Be convicted by the shroud and napkin, which bear witness to the rising of Christ.

#### AT MIDNIGHT I RISE TO PRAISE THEE, BECAUSE OF THY RIGHTEOUS ORDINANCES. (v. 62)

63. O evil disciple, murderer of God! Tell me what poison entered your heart to make you betray Christ.

### I AM A FRIEND OF ALL WHO FEAR THEE AND KEEP THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 63)

64. O money-loving blindness!
You claimed to love the poor,
yet you sold Immortal Ointment for a
price
and earned wages of death and despair.

## THE EARTH, O LORD, IS FULL OF THY STEADFAST LOVE; TEACH ME THY STATUTES. (v. 64)

65. For the Myrrh of Heaven, what price have you received? You gained only madness, O cursed Satan, in exchange for the Pearl of Great Price.

THOU HAST DEALT WELL WITH THY SERVANT, O LORD, ACCORDING TO THY WORD. (v. 65)

66. For her soul's forgiveness,Mary poured out myrrh.Judas claimed to love the poor, but envied her,and for silver sold the Light of the world.

TEACH ME GOOD JUDGMENT AND KNOWLEDGE, FOR I BELIEVE IN THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 66)

67. O Word of God Immortal,
my joy and my desire,
how shall I endure Thy three days in the
tomb?
My heart is torn asunder with grief.

BEFORE I WAS HUMBLED I WENT ASTRAY, BUT NOW I KEEP THY WORD. (v. 67)

68. "Who will give me water, a spring for my tears, that I may weep for my sweet Jesus?" cried the Virgin Bride of God.

THOU ART GOOD, O LORD; IN THY GOODNESS TEACH ME THY STATUTES. (v. 68)

69. "O hills and valleys,
the multitude of men,
and all creation, weep and lament with
me,
the Mother of your God."

THE LIES OF THE PROUD ARE MULTIPLIED AGAINST ME, BUT WITH MY WHOLE HEART I KEEP THY PRECEPTS. (v. 69)

70. "O Joy and Light eternal, the gladness of my heart, when shall I see Thee, O my Savior?" cried the Virgin in her bitter grief.

THEIR HEART IS GROSS LIKE FAT, BUT I DELIGHT IN THY LAW. (v. 70)

71. Thy side was pierced, O Jesus, like the desert's rock of old.
From it, O Savior, Wellspring of Eternal Life, a stream of living water flows.

IT WAS GOOD FOR ME THAT THOU HAST HUMBLED ME, THAT I MIGHT LEARN THY STATUTES. (v. 71)

72. Blood and water flowing in a double stream from Thy pierced side as from a single source has quenched our thirst for immortal life.

THE LAW OF THY MOUTH IS BETTER TO ME THAN THOUSANDS OF GOLD AND SILVER PIECES. (v. 72)

73. Of Thine own will, O Savior,
Thou wast laid dead in the tomb,
yet Thou art alive, and, as Thou hast
foretold,
by Thy rising Thou shalt raise up mortal
man.

### GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

74. O Word of God, we praise Thee, the Lord of all the world, with Thy Father and Thy Holy Spirit, and we glorify Thy burial.

NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

75. We bless you, O Virgin
Birth-giver of God,
and with faithful hearts we praise the
burial
endured by your Son and our God.

And then, the first troparion is repeated:

In a tomb they laid Thee,
 O Christ the Life.
 The angelic hosts were overcome with awe and glorified Thy condescension.





### The Lamentations - Stasis One



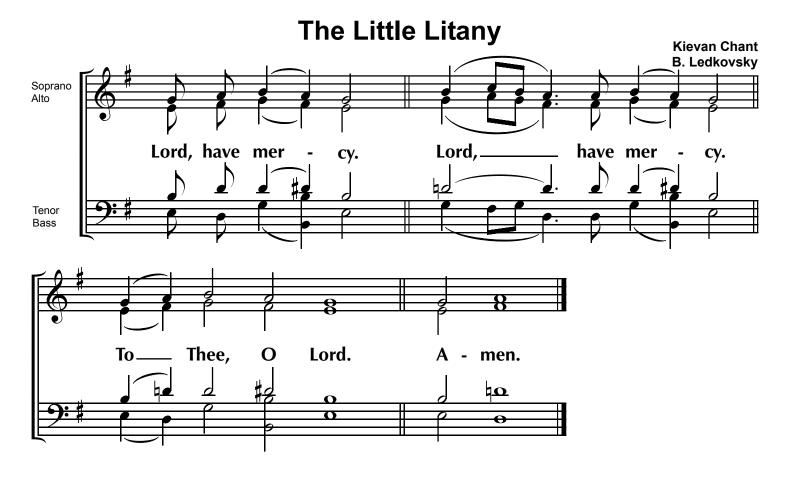
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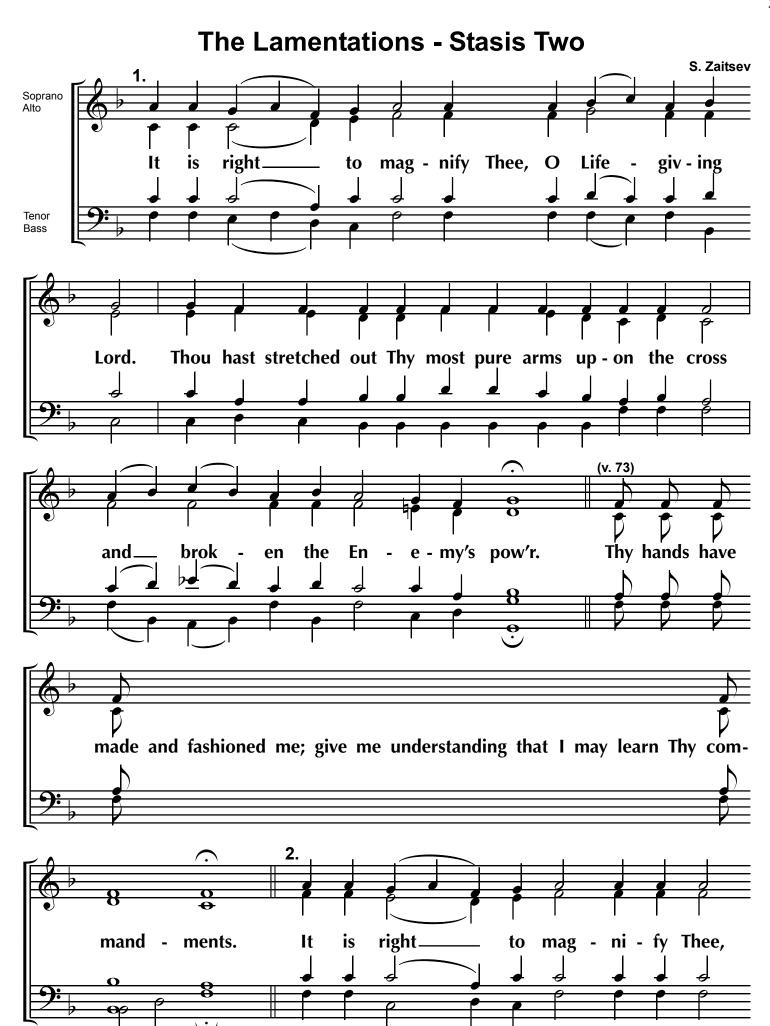


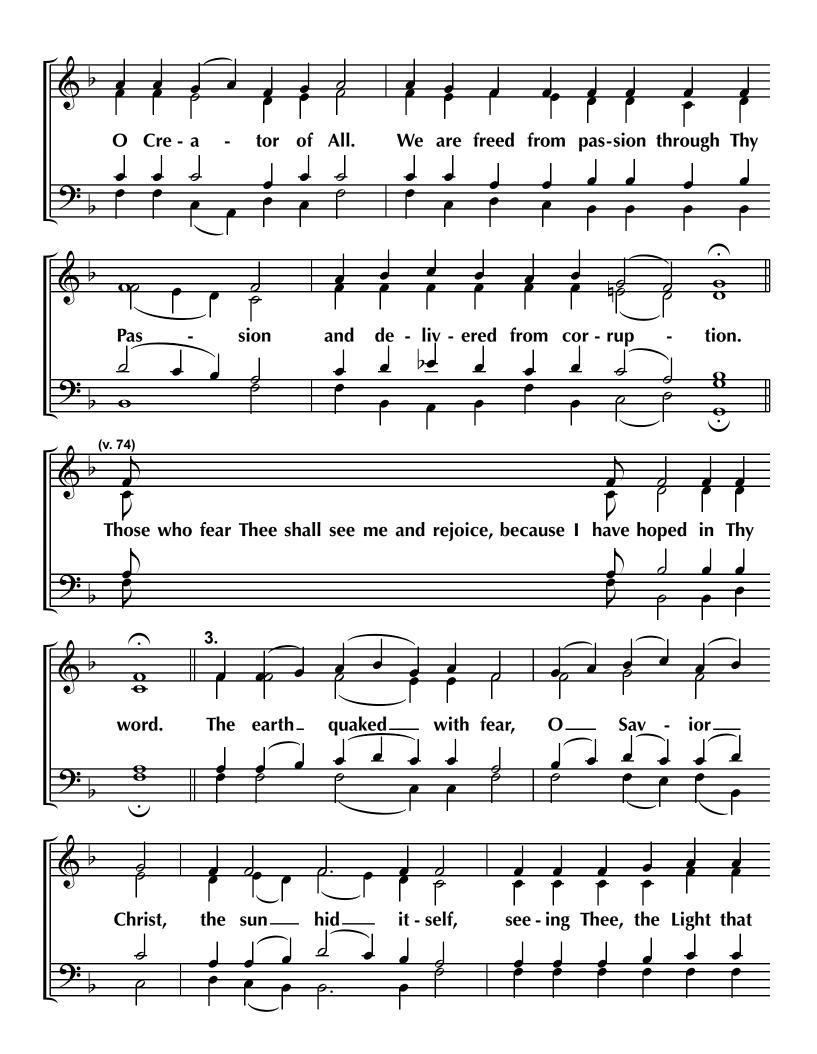


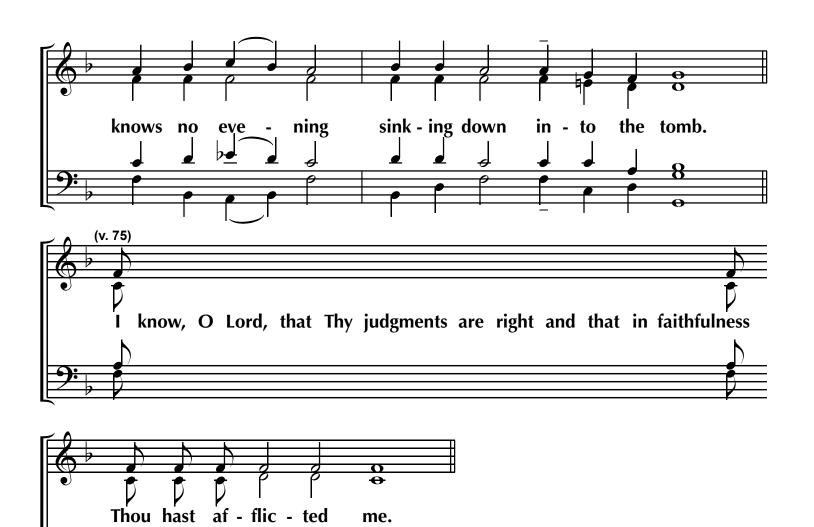












Subsequent psalm verses may be chanted according to the following pattern, if desired:



It is right to magnify Thee,
 O Life-giving Lord.
 Thou hast stretched out Thy most pure arms upon the cross and broken the Enemy's power.

THY HANDS HAVE MADE AND FASHIONED ME; GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING THAT I MAY LEARN THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 73)

2. It is right to magnify Thee,O Creator of All.We are freed from passion through Thy Passionand delivered from corruption.

THOSE WHO FEAR THEE SHALL SEE ME AND REJOICE, BECAUSE I HAVE HOPED IN THY WORD. (v. 74)

3. The earth quaked with fear, O Christ, the sun hid itself, seeing Thee, the Light that knows no evening, sinking down into the tomb.

I KNOW, O LORD, THAT THY JUDGMENTS ARE RIGHT, AND THAT IN FAITHFULNESS THOU HAST AFFLICTED ME. (v. 75)

4. Thou hast slept in the tomb, O Christ, a life-giving sleep, by which Thou hast wakened all the human race from the heavy slumber of sin.

LET THY STEADFAST LOVE BE READY TO COMFORT ME, ACCORDING TO THY PROMISE TO THY SERVANT. (v. 76)

"Alone among women, O my Child,
 I gave birth to Thee without pain.
 Now I cannot bear the grief I suffer,"
 the Most Pure Mother cried.

LET THY MERCY COME TO ME THAT I MAY LIVE, FOR THY LAW IS MY DELIGHT. (v. 77)

6. The seraphim saw Thee, O Lord, lying dead on earth below yet united with Thy Father on high, and they shuddered and trembled with fear.

LET THE GODLESS BE PUT TO SHAME BECAUSE THEY HAVE TRANSGRESSED AGAINST ME UNJUSTLY; AS FOR ME, I WILL MEDITATE ON THY STATUTES. (v. 78)

7. The veil of the temple was torn at Thy crucifixion, and the lights of Heaven hid their radiance when Thou, the Sun, wast hidden in the earth.

LET THOSE WHO FEAR THEE TURN TO ME, THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THY TESTIMONIES. (v. 79)

8. By Thy nod alone, long ago, the earth was set on its course.Now, Thou hast descended dead beneath the earth.Tremble, O Heaven, at this sight!

MAY MY HEART BE BLAMELESS IN THY STATUTES, THAT I MAY NOT BE PUT TO SHAME. (v. 80)

9. Thou, who didst form man with Thy hand, hast gone down beneath the earth, and with Thine almighty right hand Thou hast raised up fallen man.

MY SOUL LANGUISHES FOR THY SALVATION; I HOPE IN THY WORD. (v. 81)

10. Come, let us sing our lament to Christ, who dies for us, that we may be worthy, with the myrrhbearers, to hear His saving greeting: "Rejoice!"

MY EYES FAIL WITH WATCHING FOR THY PROMISE; I ASK, "WHEN WILT THOU COMFORT ME?" (v. 82)

 Thou art in very truth, O Word, the Myrrh of Incorruption.
 Therefore, to anoint Thee as the Living God, the women brought Thee precious myrrh.

FOR I HAVE BECOME LIKE A WINESKIN IN THE SMOKE, YET I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THY STATUTES. (v. 83)

12. Thou hast destroyed the palaces of Hell by Thy burial, O Christ. Thou hast trampled death down by Thy death, O Lord, and redeemed earth's children from corruption.

HOW LONG MUST THY SERVANT ENDURE? WHEN WILT THOU JUDGE THOSE WHO PERSECUTE ME? (v. 84)

13. The Source of the River of Life, the Wisdom of God, has descended to the utmost depths of Hell, to give life to all held captive there.

GODLESS MEN HAVE DUG PITFALLS FOR ME, MEN WHO DO NOT CONFORM TO THY LAW. (v. 85)

- 14. "That I may fashion anewAdam's broken nature,I willingly endure Death's sting in my flesh.
  - O Mother, do not strike your breast in grief."

ALL THY COMMANDMENTS ARE SURE; THEY PERSECUTE ME WITH FALSEHOOD; HELP ME! (v. 86)

15. O Morning Star of Righteousness,
Thou hast set beneath the earth,
and hast raised up all the dead as though
from sleep,
dispersing all the darkness of Hell.

THEY HAVE ALMOST MADE AN END OF ME ON EARTH; BUT I HAVE NOT FORSAKEN THY PRECEPTS. (v. 87)

16. The Seed that gives life to the world, two-fold in nature, sown today with tears in earth's dark furrows, tomorrow will sprout forth life.

IN THY STEADFAST LOVE SPARE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF THY MOUTH. (v. 88)

17. Adam was greatly afraid when God walked in Paradise.Now, with joy he sees God stalking Hades' depths.There he fell, but here he is raised up.

FOREVER, O LORD, THY WORD IS FIRMLY FIXED IN HEAVEN. (v. 89)

18. She who gave birth to Thee, O Christ, poured out her tears for Thee; when she saw Thy body buried in the tomb, "Arise, as Thou hast promised!" she cried.

THY TRUTH ENDURES TO ALL GENERATIONS. THOU HAST ESTABLISHED THE EARTH, AND IT STANDS FAST. (v. 90)

19. In a new tomb, O Savior,
Joseph laid Thee reverently,
singing lamentations for Thy Exodus,
mingled with the voices mourning for
Thee.

THE DAY CONTINUES BY THY ORDINANCE, FOR ALL THINGS ARE THY SERVANTS. (v. 91)

20. When Thy Mother saw Thee, O Christ, pierced with nails upon the cross, she was smitten with the nails of bitter grief; her soul was pierced, as Simeon foretold.

IF THY LAW HAD NOT BEEN MY DELIGHT, I SHOULD HAVE PERISHED IN MY AFFLICTION. (v. 92)

21. O Sweetness of the universe, when Thy Mother saw Thee drink the bitter vinegar upon the cross, her cheeks were wet with bitter tears.

### I WILL NEVER FORGET THY PRECEPTS; FOR BY THEM THOU HAST GIVEN ME LIFE. (v. 93)

22. "I am torn asunder with grief; my heart is wounded unto death seeing Thee unjustly slaughtered, O my Son," said the All-pure Virgin in her tears.

I AM THINE, SAVE ME, FOR I HAVE SOUGHT THY PRECEPTS. (v. 94)

23. "How shall I close Thy lips, O Word, and Thine eyes, so sweet?How shall I prepare Thy body for the tomb?"Joseph cried in trembling.

### THE WICKED LIE IN WAIT TO DESTROY ME, BUT I CONSIDER THY TESTIMONIES. (v. 95)

24. Joseph and Nicodemus
now sing hymns of burial
as they stand before the tomb of Christ the
Lord,
and with them sing the seraphim.

I HAVE SEEN THAT ALL THINGS COME TO AN END, BUT THY COMMANDMENT ALONE IS ETERNAL. (v. 96)

25. O Savior, Sun of Righteousness,
Thou hast set beneath the earth;
and the moon, Thy Mother, is eclipsed
with grief,
suffering the loss of Thy light.

### OH, HOW I LOVE THY LAW, O LORD! IT IS MY MEDITATION ALL DAY LONG. (v. 97)

26. Hell shook with fear, O Savior, seeing Thee, the Giver of Life, spoiling him of all his hoarded riches and raising up the dead from every age.

THY COMMANDMENT MAKES ME WISER THAN MY ENEMIES, FOR IT IS MINE FOREVER. (v. 98)

27. The sun rises brilliantly, O Word, when the night is passed.And Thou, after Thy death, shall rise in splendoras a bridegroom coming from his chambers.

I HAVE MORE UNDERSTANDING THAN ALL MY TEACHERS, FOR THY TESTIMONIES ARE MY MEDITATION. (v. 99)

28. Earth shook and quaked in fear,
O Savior and Creator,
when in her dark bosom she enfolded
Thee,
and with her quaking she awoke the dead.

#### I UNDERSTAND MORE THAN MY ELDERS, FOR I SEEK THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 100)

29. Joseph, that righteous man, with Nicodemus, wrapped Thee in sweet spices as they cried aloud:"Be terrified and tremble, O earth!"

## I HOLD BACK MY FEET FROM EVERY EVIL WAY, IN ORDER TO KEEP THY WORD. (v.101)

30. The sun set together with Thee,O Creator of the light.All creation was then overcome with fear and confessed Thee as Creator.

I DO NOT TURN ASIDE FROM THY ORDINANCES, FOR THOU HAST TAUGHT ME. (v. 102)

31. A stone hewn by human hands conceals the Cornerstone, and a mortal man hides God within a tomb.Be shaken and tremble, O Earth!

HOW SWEET ARE THY WORDS TO MY TASTE, SWEETER THAN HONEY TO MY MOUTH! (v. 103)

32. "Behold the disciple Thou hast loved and Thine own Mother!

Let us hear Thy voice again, my sweetest Child,"

cried the Pure One, weeping.

# THROUGH THY PRECEPTS I GAIN UNDERSTANDING; THEREFORE I HATE EVERY FALSE WAY. (v. 104)

33. Though Thy people nailed Thee to the cross,
Thou didst not destroy them but raised up their fathers from the dead,
O Word,
as Thou art the Giver of Life.

### THY WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH. (v. 105)

34. No form or beauty didst Thou have when Thou didst suffer, but when Thou wast clothed in resurrection light,
Thou didst beautify the human race.

# I HAVE SWORN AN OATH AND CONFIRMED IT, TO OBSERVE THY RIGHTEOUS ORDINANCES. (v. 106)

35. Thou hast gone down beneath the earth,
O Daystar without evening,
and the sun was darkened at the height of
noon,
unable to endure the sight of Thee.

### I AM SORELY AFFLICTED; GIVE ME LIFE, O LORD, ACCORDING TO THY WORD. (v. 107)

36. Clothed in black robes of mourning, like faithful servants,
Sun and Moon together, O my Savior, were darkened completely at Thy death.

### ACCEPT MY OFFERINGS OF PRAISE, O LORD, AND TEACH ME THY ORDINANCES. (v. 108)

37. The centurion knew Thee to be God, though Thou wast cold in death.

"How then shall I touch Thee with my hands, my God?
I am afraid!" Joseph cried.

#### MY SOUL IS CONTINUALLY IN THY HANDS, AND I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THY LAW. (v. 109)

38. Adam slept, and from his side came Eve, who brought death to all flesh.

Thou hast slept a blessed sleep, O Word of God, and from Thy side flows life for all the world.

## THE WICKED HAVE LAID A SNARE FOR ME, BUT I DO NOT STRAY FROM THY PRECEPTS. (v. 110)

39. Thou hast slept a little while and brought the dead to life.

Thou hast raised up all who slept from every age by Thy resurrection, O loving Lord.

# THY TESTIMONIES ARE MY HERITAGE FOREVER; YEA, THEY ARE THE JOY OF MY HEART. (v. 111)

40. O Life-giving Vine,Thou wast lifted from the earth.There Thou didst pour out Thy saving Wine, O Lord.I glorify Thy Passion and Thy Cross!

### I INCLINE MY HEART TO PERFORM THY STATUTES FOREVER, TO THE END. (v. 112)

41. When the captains of the angels saw Thee, O Savior, naked, stained with blood, condemned unjustly, how could they bear such murderous cruelty?

### I HAVE HATED TRANSGRESSORS, BUT THY LAW I HAVE LOVED. (v. 113)

42. O deceitful people,
unbelieving Israel,
knowing that His temple would be raised
again,
why did you condemn Christ to the cross?

### THOU ART MY HIDING PLACE AND MY DEFENDER; I HOPE IN THY WORD. (v. 114)

43. You clothe Him who orders all things in a robe of mockery, though He filled the vault of heaven with bright stars and made the earth most wondrously.

DEPART FROM ME, YOU EVILDOERS, AND I WILL KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF MY GOD. (v. 115)

44. Wounded in Thy side, O Word, like the pelican
Thou hast given life to Thy dead children, with the life-giving drops of Thy blood.

UPHOLD ME ACCORDING TO THY PROMISE, THAT I MAY LIVE, AND LET ME NOT BE PUT TO SHAME IN MY HOPE. (v. 116)

45. Joshua made the sun stand still of old as he smote the heathen tribes;
Thou, O Lord, hast blotted out its brightness
when Thou didst crush the Prince of Darkness.

HELP ME, AND I SHALL BE SAVED, AND I WILL MEDITATE ON THY STATUTES CONTINUALLY. (v. 117)

46. Thou hast consented in Thy love to become a mortal man; without being parted from Thy Father's side,
Thou hast gone down to Hades, O Christ.

THOU DOST SPURN ALL WHO GO ASTRAY FROM THY STATUTES; YEA, THEIR CUNNING

47. He who hung the earth upon the floods is hung upon the cross.

IS IN VAIN. (v. 118)

As a lifeless corpse, the earth receives Him and quakes in terror at His presence.

I HAVE REGARDED ALL THE WICKED OF THE EARTH AS TRANSGRESSORS; THEREFORE I LOVE THY TESTIMONIES. (v. 119)

48. "O my beloved Son,"laments the Virgin,"I now see Thee hanging on the cross condemned,whom I had hoped to see enthroned as King."

NAIL MY FLESH WITH THE FEAR OF THEE, FOR I AM AFRAID OF THY JUDGMENTS. (v. 120)

49. "Gabriel announced to me this news when he flew down from heaven; he said that the reign of my Son Jesus would endure forever."

I HAVE DONE WHAT IS JUST AND RIGHT; DO NOT LEAVE ME TO MY OPPRESSORS. (v. 121)

50. "Simeon's prophecy
has been fulfilled today,
for the sword of which he spoke has
pierced my heart,
O my Son, Emmanuel."

UPHOLD THE WELFARE OF THY SERVANT; LET NOT THE GODLESS OPPRESS ME. (v. 122)

51. Be ashamed, O Jews, at the witness of your dead, raised to life by Him whom you condemned to death in malice and envy.

MY EYES FAIL WITH WATCHING FOR THY SALVATION, AND FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THY RIGHTEOUS PROMISE. (v. 123)

52. O my Jesus, Light invisible, when the Sun beheld Thee hidden without breath inside a tomb of stone, it trembled and darkened its light.

DEAL WITH THY SERVANT ACCORDING TO THY MERCY, AND TEACH ME THY STATUTES. (v. 124)

53. Thine All-blameless Mother wept most bitterly, when she saw Thee laid within the tomb, O Word, ineffable, eternal God.

I AM THY SERVANT; GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING, THAT I MAY KNOW THY TESTIMONIES. (v. 125)

54. Thine undefiled Mother,
when she saw Thee die,
cried to Thee, O Christ, in bitter sorrow:
"Do not tarry among the dead, O Life!"

IT IS TIME FOR THE LORD TO ACT, FOR THEY HAVE BROKEN THY LAW. (v. 126)

55. Hell, who had filled all men with fear, trembled at the sight of Thee, and in haste he yielded up his prisoners, O Immortal Sun of Glory.

THEREFORE, I LOVE THY COMMANDMENTS ABOVE GOLD, ABOVE FINE GOLD. (v. 127)

56. O Savior, the sight before our eyes is great and terrible, for the Cause of Life today submits to die, wishing to give life to all.

THEREFORE, I DIRECT MY STEPS BY ALL THY PRECEPTS; I HATE EVERY FALSE WAY. (v. 128)

57. O Master, Thy side is pierced and Thy hands are nailed.
Thus, Thou hast healed the wounds of our first parents and the sinful greed of their hands.

THY TESTIMONIES ARE WONDERFUL; THEREFORE MY SOUL SEEKS THEM. (v. 129) 58. Once, in every house of Bethlehem, they wept for Rachel's children.

Now His Mother, with the apostolic choir, laments for the Virgin's Son.

THE UNFOLDING OF THY WORDS GIVES LIGHT; IT IMPARTS UNDERSTANDING TO THE SIMPLE. (v. 130)

59. Christ was slapped on the face by the hands of mortal men, though He fashioned man with His almighty hand and crushed the teeth of the Beast.

WITH OPEN MOUTH I PANT, BECAUSE I LONG FOR THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 131)

60. All Thy faithful people, O Christ, singing hymns of praise, bless Thy crucifixion and Thy burial, by which we are ransomed from death.

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

61. O God without beginning,
Eternal Word and Spirit,
help Thy people to prevail against the foe,
as Thou art the Lover of Mankind.

NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

62. O Virgin, pure and undefiled, you gave birth to our Life: make the strife and scandals of the Church to cease; in your goodness, grant her peace.

And then, the first troparion is repeated:

It is right to magnify Thee,
 O Life-giving Lord.
 Thou hast stretched out Thy most pure
 arms upon the cross,
 and broken the enemy's power.





#### **The Lamentations - Stasis Two**









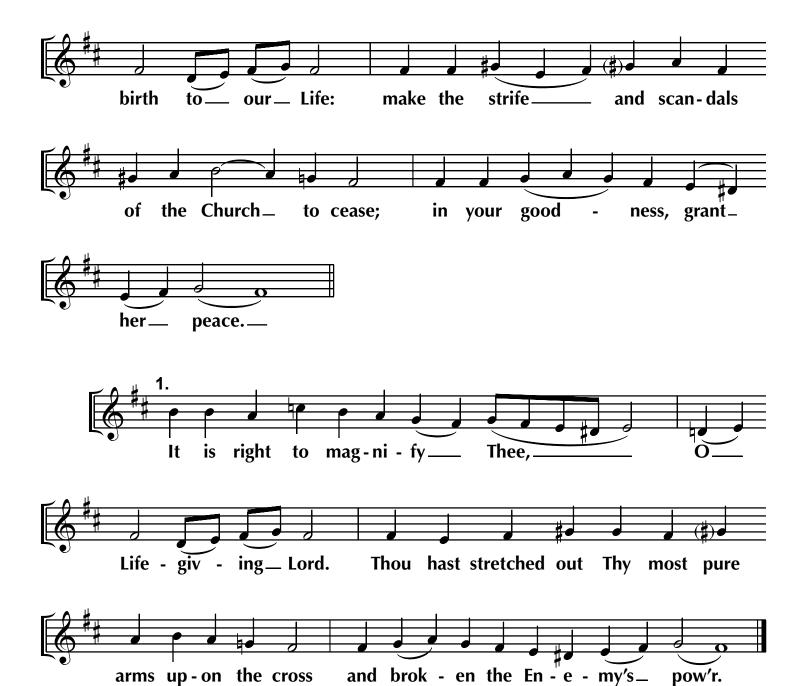


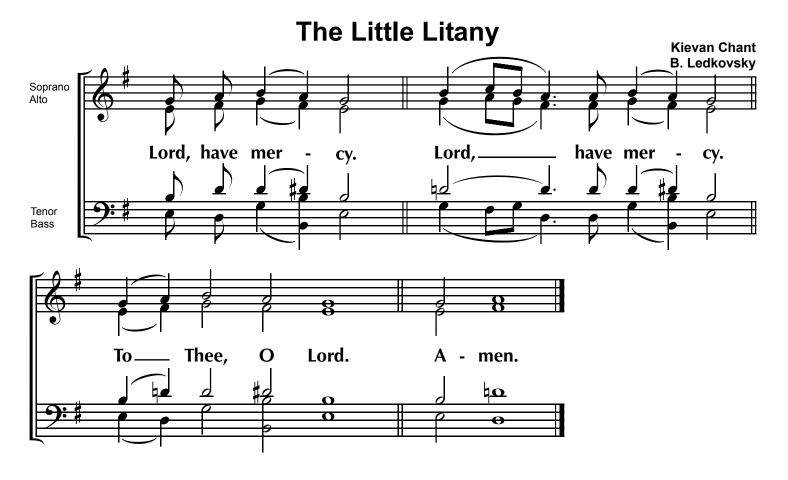












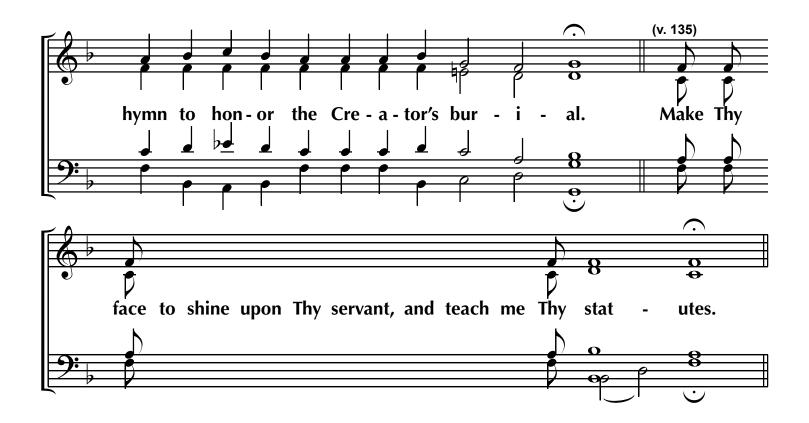




### **The Lamentations - Stasis Three**







Subsequent psalm verses may be chanted according to the following pattern, if desired:



 Every generation offers Thee its hymn of praise at Thy burial, O my Christ.

LOOK UPON ME, AND BE MERCIFUL TO ME, AS IS THY GOOD PLEASURE TOWARD THOSE WHO LOVE THY NAME. (v. 132)

2. The Arimathean took Thee down from the tree and laid Thee in a tomb.

ORDER MY STEPS ACCORDING TO THY PROMISE, AND LET NO INIQUITY HAVE DOMINION OVER ME. (v. 133)

3. The myrrhbearing women with foresight brought sweet spices and drew near to Thee, O my Christ.

DELIVER ME FROM THE FALSE ACCUSATION OF MEN, THAT I MAY KEEP THY PRECEPTS. (v. 134)

4. Come, all creation, sing a hymn to honor the Creator's burial.

MAKE THY FACE TO SHINE UPON THY SERVANT, AND TEACH ME THY STATUTES. (v. 135)

5. Let us, with the myrrhbearers, anoint as dead the Living One with the Myrrh of True Knowledge.

MY EYES SHED STREAMS OF TEARS, BECAUSE MEN DO NOT KEEP THY LAW. (v. 136)

O thrice-blessed Joseph, bury now the body of Christ the Giver of Life.

RIGHTEOUS ART THOU, O LORD, AND RIGHT ARE THY JUDGMENTS. (v. 137)

7. Thou didst feed Thy people with manna in the desert, but they raised their heel against Thee.

THOU HAST APPOINTED THY TESTIMONIES IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND IN ALL FAITHFULNESS. (v. 138)

8. Thou didst feed the nations, filling them with bounty.
They repay Thee with gall and vinegar.

MY ZEAL CONSUMES ME, BECAUSE MY FOES FORGET THY WORDS. (v. 139)

9. Oh, the folly of those who killed the prophets! Now they slay the Messiah.

THY PROMISE IS WELL TRIED IN THE FIRE, AND THY SERVANT LOVES IT. (v. 140)

 Judas the disciple, like a foolish servant, has betrayed the Abyss of Wisdom.

I AM SMALL AND DESPISED, YET I DO NOT FORGET THY PRECEPTS. (v. 141)

11. Judas the traitor has become a captive by selling his Deliverer.

THY RIGHTEOUSNESS IS RIGHTEOUSNESS FOREVER, AND THY LAW IS TRUTH. (v. 142)

12. As Solomon has written, the mouth of the transgressor is a pit of evil.

TROUBLE AND ANGUISH HAVE COME UPON ME, BUT THY COMMANDMENTS ARE MY DELIGHT. (v. 143)

13. God's chosen people chose to walk on crooked paths.
Thorns and snares are in their way!

THY TESTIMONIES ARE RIGHTEOUS FOREVER; GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING THAT I MAY LIVE. (v. 144)

14. Joseph and Nicodemus bury the Creator with honors fitting for the dead.

### I CRY WITH MY WHOLE HEART; HEAR ME, O LORD! I WILL KEEP THY STATUTES. (v. 145)

15. O Life-giving Savior, Thou hast destroyed hell. Unto Thee be might and glory!

### I CRY TO THEE; SAVE ME, THAT I MAY OBSERVE THY TESTIMONIES. (v. 146)

 The All-pure Virgin wept with a mother's grief, O Word, when she saw Thee lying dead.

### I RISE BEFORE DAWN AND CRY FOR HELP; I HOPE IN THY WORDS. (v. 147)

17. "O my sweet springtime,
O my sweetest Child,
where has all Thy beauty faded?"

MY EYES ARE AWAKE BEFORE THE MORNING, THAT I MAY MEDITATE UPON THY PROMISE. (v. 148)

18. Thine All-pure Mother mourned and lamented Thee when she saw Thee dead, O Word.

HEAR MY VOICE ACCORDING TO THY LOVINGKINDNESS, O LORD; IN THY JUDGMENT GIVE ME LIFE. (v. 149)

19. The myrrhbearing women came at dawn with spices to anoint Christ, the Myrrh of God.

THEY DRAW NEAR WHO PERSECUTE ME WITH EVIL PURPOSE; THEY ARE FAR FROM THY LAW. (v. 150)

20. By dying, O my God, Thou hast put death to death, through Thy divine power.

### BUT THOU ART NEAR, O LORD, AND ALL THY COMMANDMENTS ARE TRUE. (v. 151)

21. The Deceiver has been deceived, and those whom he deceived are freed by Thy Wisdom, O God.

LONG HAVE I KNOWN FROM THY TESTIMONIES, THAT THOU HAST FOUNDED THEM FOREVER. (v. 152)

22. The traitor has thrown himself down to the depths of hell and the pit of destruction.

LOOK ON MY HUMILIATION AND DELIVER ME, FOR I DO NOT FORGET THY LAW. (v. 153)

23. Foolish and most wretched, Judas chose an evil path. Thorns and snares are in his way!

JUDGE MY CAUSE, AND REDEEM ME; GIVE ME LIFE ACCORDING TO THY PROMISE. (v. 154)

24. All who crucified Thee, O Word, shall be destroyed together in the pit of destruction.

### SALVATION IS FAR FROM THE WICKED, FOR THEY DO NOT SEEK THY STATUTES. (v. 155)

25. All bloodguilty men shall be destroyed together in the pit of destruction.

GREAT ARE THY TENDER MERCIES, O LORD; GIVE ME LIFE ACCORDING TO THY JUSTICE. (v. 156)

26. O Son of God and King of all, my God and my Creator, how canst Thou endure such suffering?

MANY ARE MY PERSECUTORS AND MY ADVERSARIES, BUT I DO NOT SWERVE FROM THY TESTIMONIES. (v. 157)

27. As a ewe beholds her lamb, the Virgin gazed on Thee with grief when she saw Thee hanging on the tree.

I LOOK AT THE FAITHLESS WITH DISGUST, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KEEP THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 158) 28. Joseph and Nicodemus bury the Body that gives life to all the world.

CONSIDER HOW I LOVE THY PRECEPTS! GIVE ME LIFE ACCORDING TO THY MERCY. (v. 159)

29. The Virgin's heart was pierced. She shed hot tears for Thee, and cried out lamenting.

THE SUM OF THY WORD IS TRUTH, AND EVERY ONE OF THY RIGHTEOUS ORDINANCES ENDURES FOREVER. (v. 160)

30. "O Light of my eyes,
O my beloved Son,
how art Thou now hidden in a tomb?"

PRINCES PERSECUTE ME WITHOUT CAUSE, BUT MY HEART STANDS IN AWE OF THY WORDS. (v. 161)

31. "Do not weep, O Mother!
I suffered all these things
to give freedom to Adam and Eve."

I REJOICE AT THY WORD LIKE ONE WHO FINDS GREAT SPOIL. (v. 162)

32. "O my Son, I praise Thee for Thy great compassion that led Thee to this suffering!"

I HATE AND ABHOR FALSEHOOD, BUT I LOVE THY LAW. (V. 163)

33. Thou hast tasted vinegar to free us from the bitter taste of the fruit forbidden of old.

SEVEN TIMES A DAY I PRAISE THEE FOR THY RIGHTEOUS ORDINANCES. (v. 164)

34. Thou art nailed upon the cross, who of old didst shelter
Thy people with a pillar of cloud.

GREAT PEACE HAVE THOSE WHO LOVE THY LAW; NOTHING CAN MAKE THEM STUMBLE. (v. 165)

35. The myrrhbearing women came, O Savior, to Thy tomb, offering Thee sweet spices.

I HOPE FOR THY SALVATION, O LORD, AND I LOVE THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 166)

36. Arise, O Lord all-merciful!

Raise us from the depths of hell and from the dark abyss of sin.

MY SOUL KEEPS THY TESTIMONIES; I LOVE THEM EXCEEDINGLY. (v. 167)

37. The Mother who gave birth to Thee prayed to Thee with weeping: "Arise, O Lord, and Giver of Life!"

I KEEP THY PRECEPTS AND TESTIMONIES, FOR ALL MY WAYS ARE BEFORE THEE, O LORD. (v. 168)

38. Make haste to arise, O Word! Take away the sorrow of Thy Virgin Mother.

LET MY CRY COME BEFORE THEE, O LORD; GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING ACCORDING TO THY WORD! (v. 169)

39. All the hosts of heaven were filled with fear and wonder when they saw Thee dead, O Lord.

LET MY SUPPLICATION COME BEFORE THEE; DELIVER ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD. (v. 170)

40. We honor Thy passion with love and fear, O Lord.
Grant us forgiveness of our sins.

MY LIPS WILL POUR FORTH PRAISE, FOR THOU HAST TAUGHT METHY STATUTES. (v. 171)

41. O strange and dreadful wonder! How art Thou now hidden in the earth, O Word of God?

MY TONGUE WILL SING OF THY WORD, FOR ALL THY COMMANDMENTS ARE RIGHT. (v. 172)

42. When Thou didst flee to Egypt, Joseph guarded Thee, O Lord. Now another Joseph buries Thee.

LET THY HAND BE NEAR TO SAVE ME, FOR I HAVE CHOSEN THY PRECEPTS. (v. 173)

43. Thine All-holy Mother weeps for Thee, lamenting at Thy death, O my Savior.

I LONG FOR THY SALVATION, O LORD, AND THY LAW IS MY DELIGHT. (v. 174)

44. The hosts of angels tremble at the strange and fearful sight of Thy burial, O Maker of all.

LET MY SOUL LIVE, THAT I MAY PRAISE THEE, AND LET THINE ORDINANCES HELP ME. (v. 175) 45. Early in the morning the myrrhbearing women came to Thee and sprinkled myrrh on Thy tomb.

I HAVE GONE ASTRAY LIKE A LOST SHEEP; SEEK THY SERVANT, FOR I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THY COMMANDMENTS. (v. 176)

46. By Thy resurrection, grant peace to Thy Church, and salvation to Thy people.

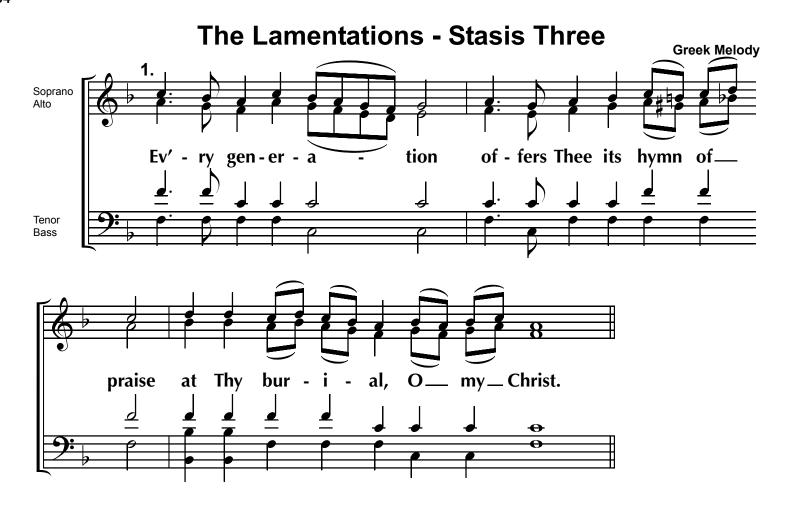
GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

47. O God in Trinity,
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grant Thy mercy to the world.

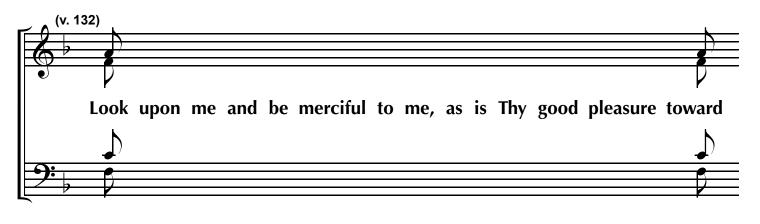
NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

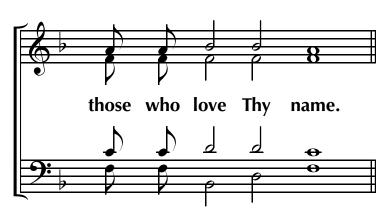
48. Grant us, your servants, to behold, O Virgin, the Resurrection of your Son!

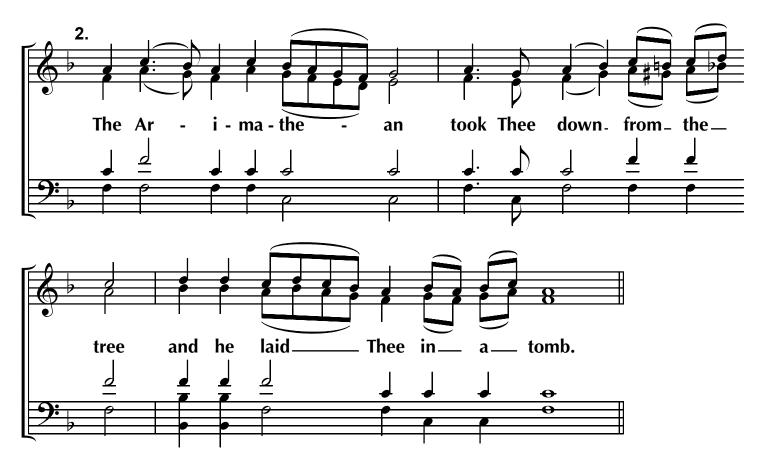




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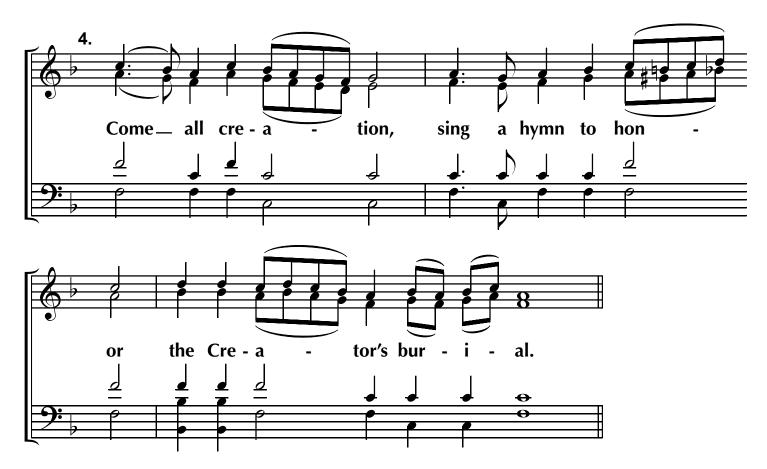




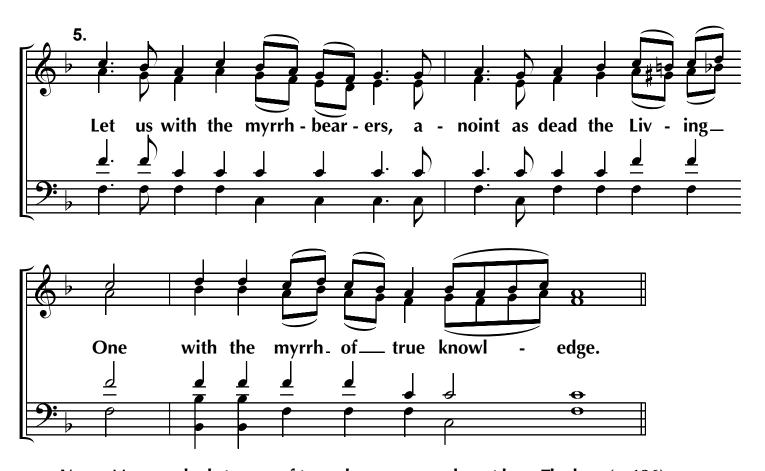
Verse: Order my steps according to Thy promise, and let no iniquity have dominion over me. (v. 133)



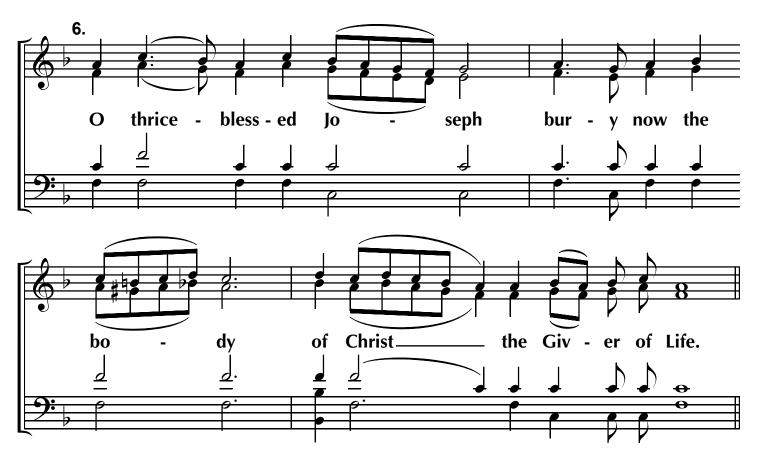
Verse: Deliver me from the false accusations of men, that I may keep Thy precepts. (v. 134)



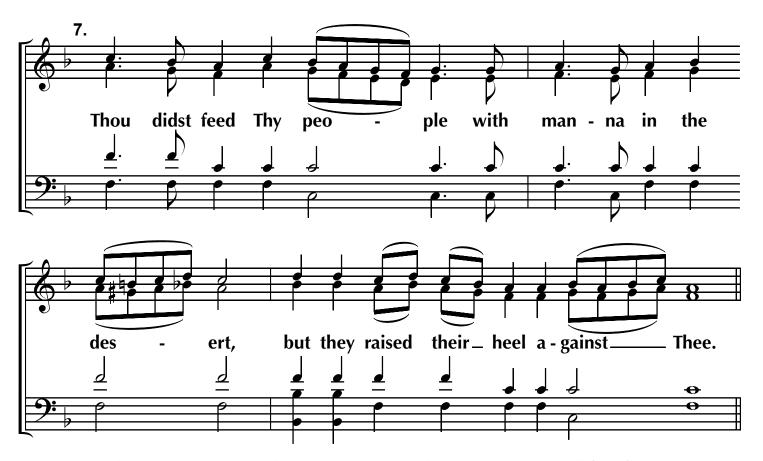
Verse: Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and teach me Thy statutes. (v. 135)



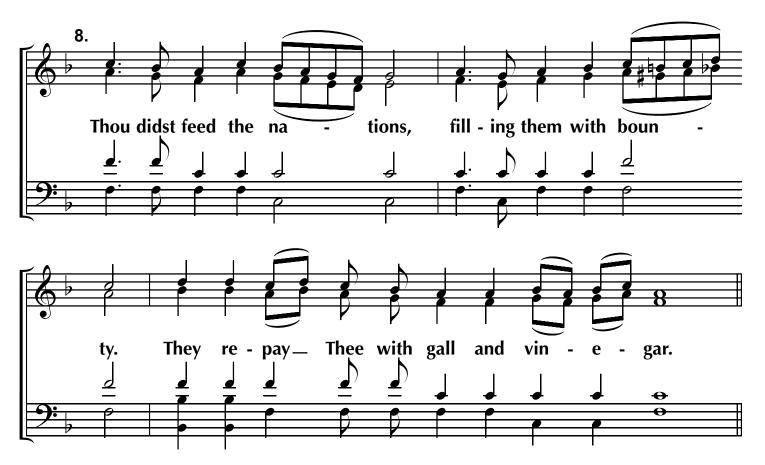
Verse: My eyes shed streams of tears, because men do not keep Thy law. (v. 136)



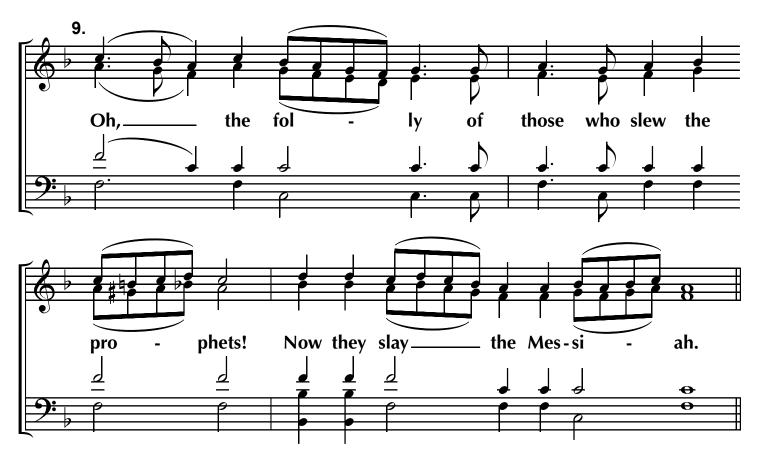
Verse: Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and right are Thy judgments. (v. 137)



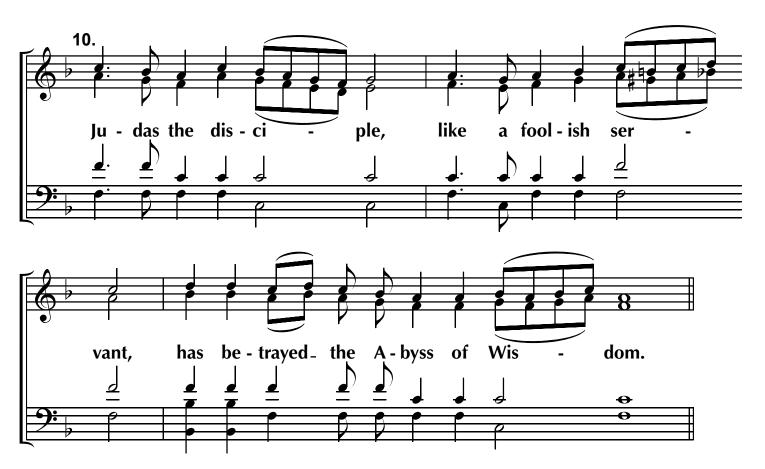
Verse: Thou hast appointed Thy testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness. (v. 138)



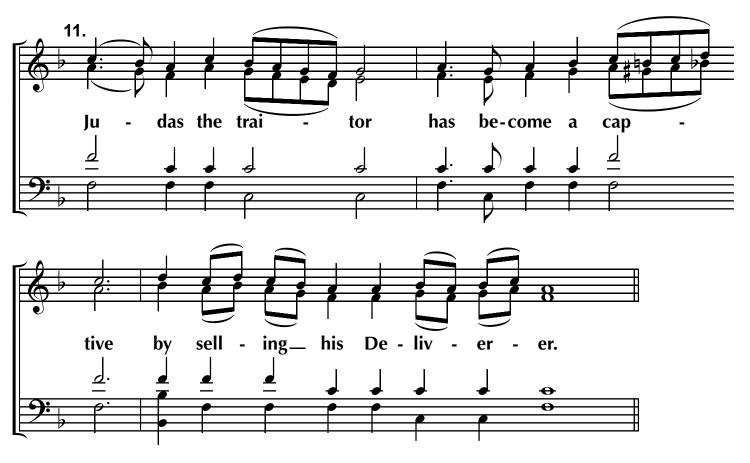
Verse: My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget Thy words. (v. 139)



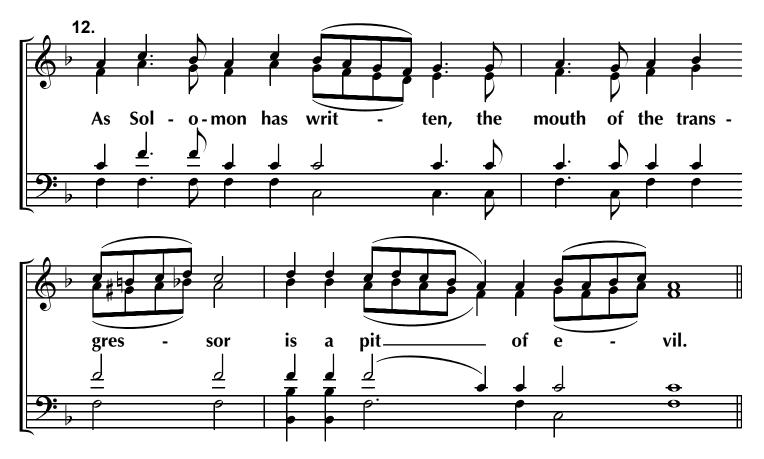
Verse: Thy promise is well tried in the fire, and Thy servant loves it. (v. 140)



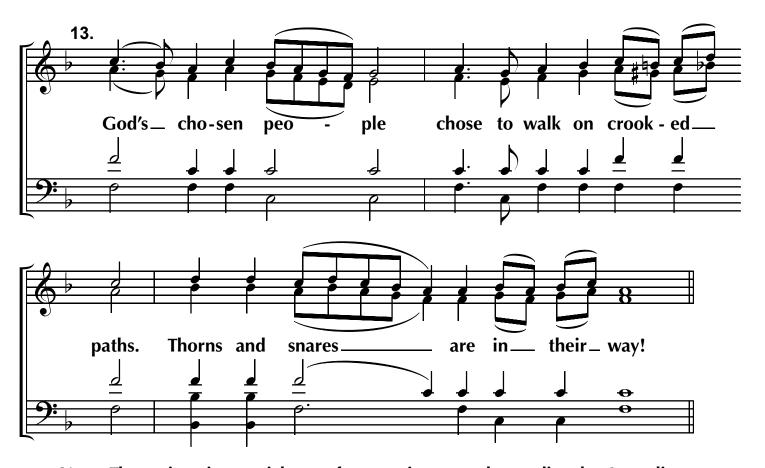
Verse: I am small and despised, yet I do not forget Thy precepts. (v. 141)



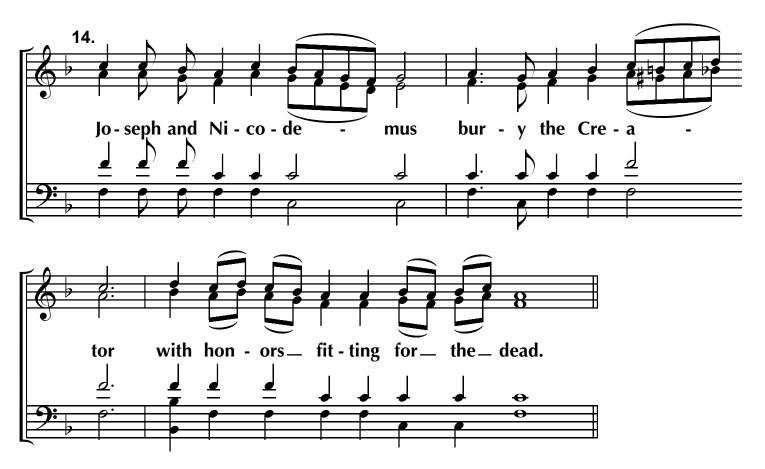
Verse: Thy righteousness is righteous forever, and Thy law is truth. (v. 142)



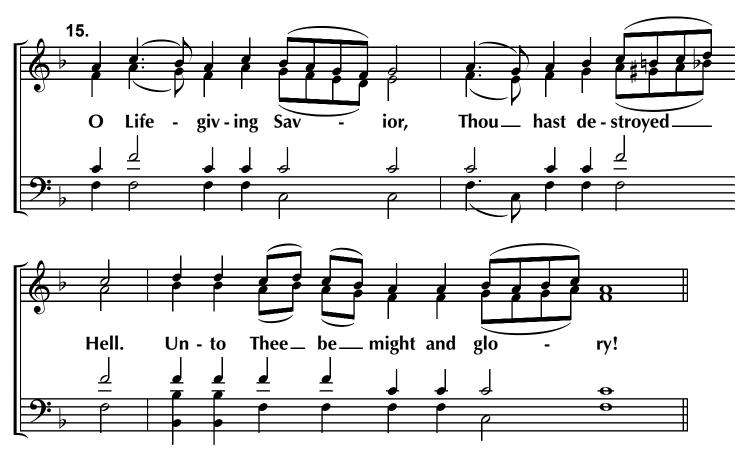
Verse: Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but Thy commandments are my delight. (v. 143)



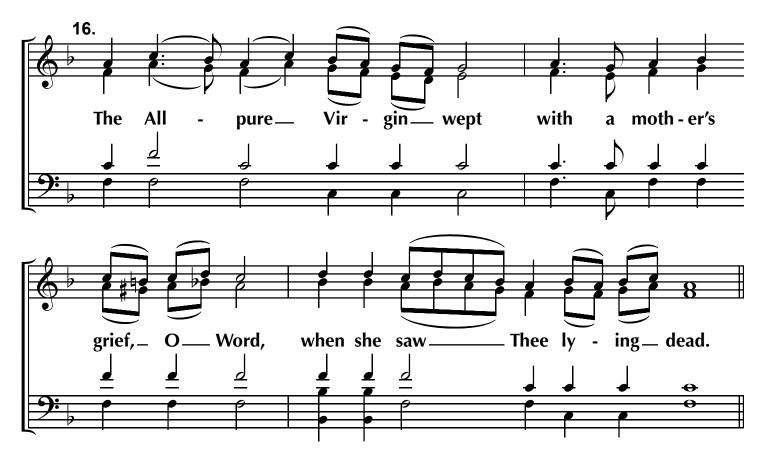
Verse: Thy testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live. (v. 144)



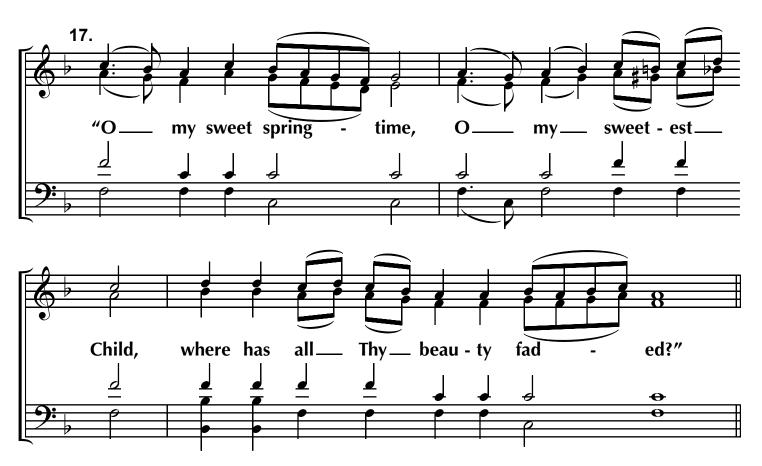
Verse: I cry with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord! I will keep Thy statutes. (v. 145)



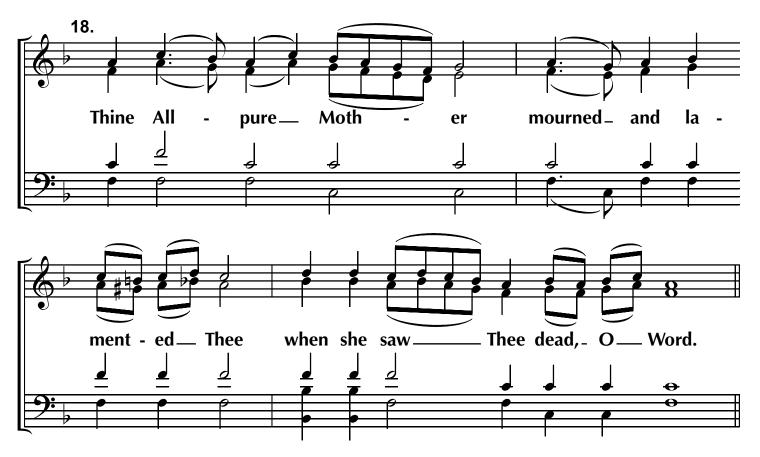
Verse: I cry to Thee: save me, that I may observe Thy testimonies. (v. 146)



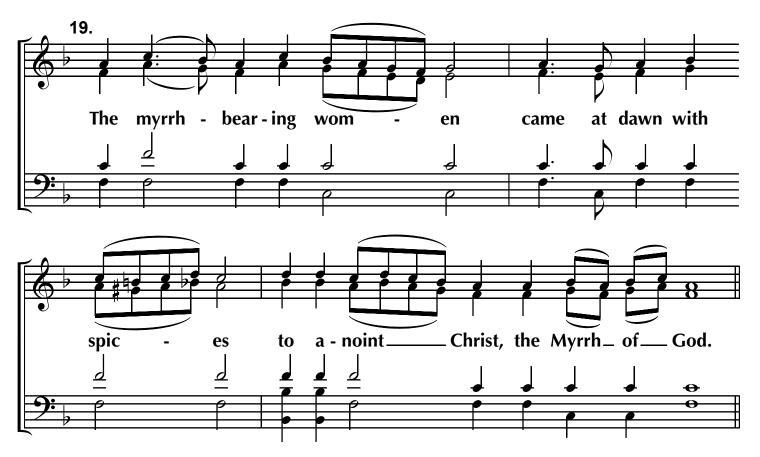
Verse: I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Thy words. (v. 147)



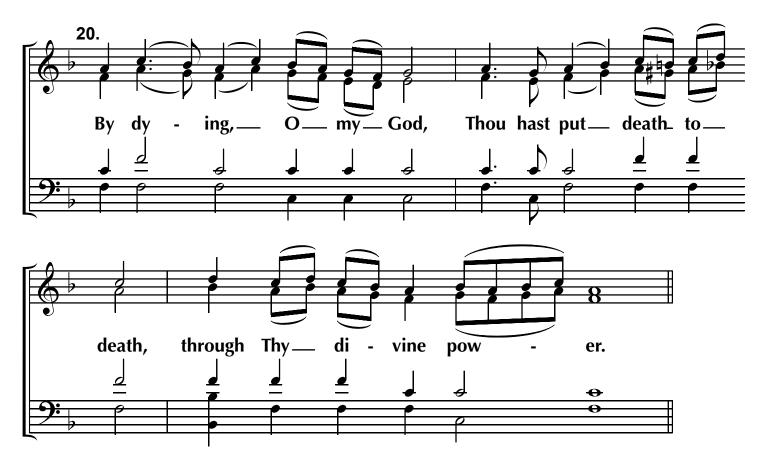
Verse: My eyes are awake before the morning, that I may meditate upon Thy promise. (v. 148)



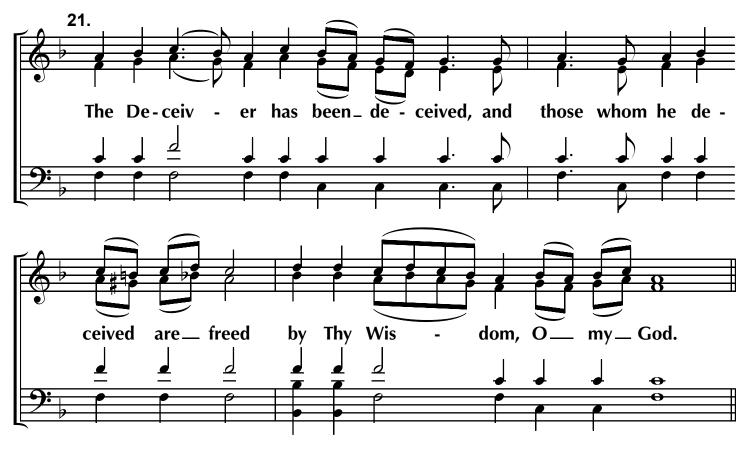
Verse: Hear my voice according to Thy lovingkindness, O Lord; in Thy judgment give me life. (v. 149)



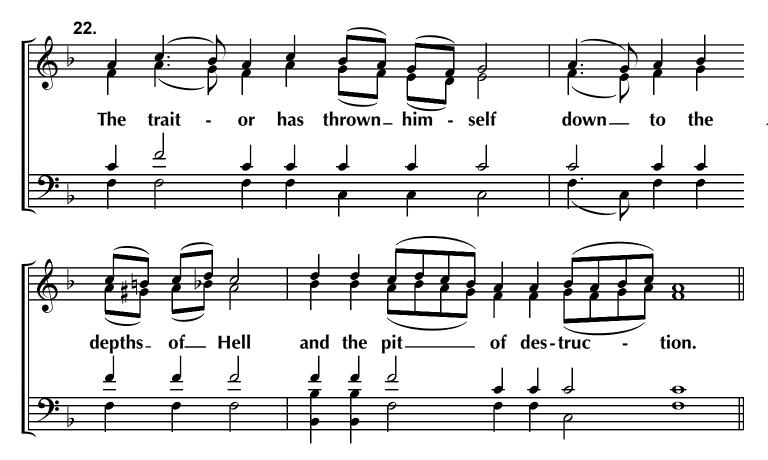
Verse: They draw near who persecute me with evil purpose; they are far from Thy law. (v. 150)



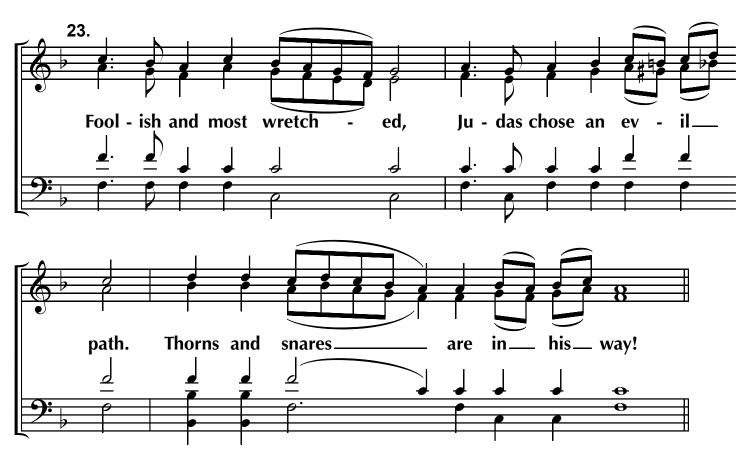
Verse: But Thou art near, O Lord, and all Thy commandments are true. (v. 151)



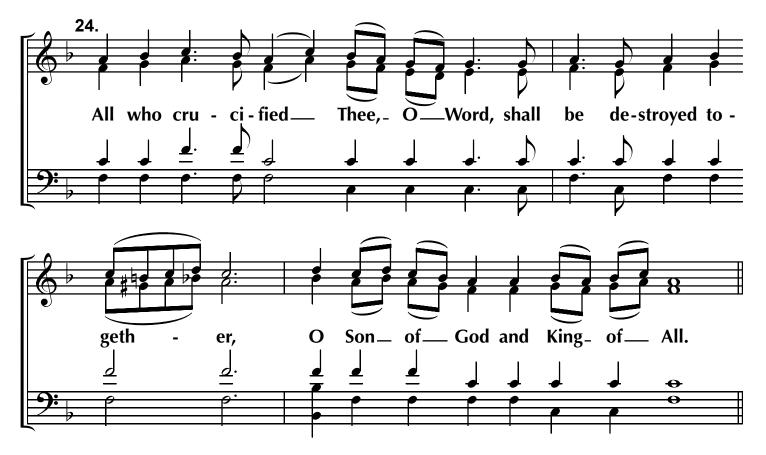
Verse: Long have I known from Thy testimonies, that Thou hast founded them forever. (v. 152)



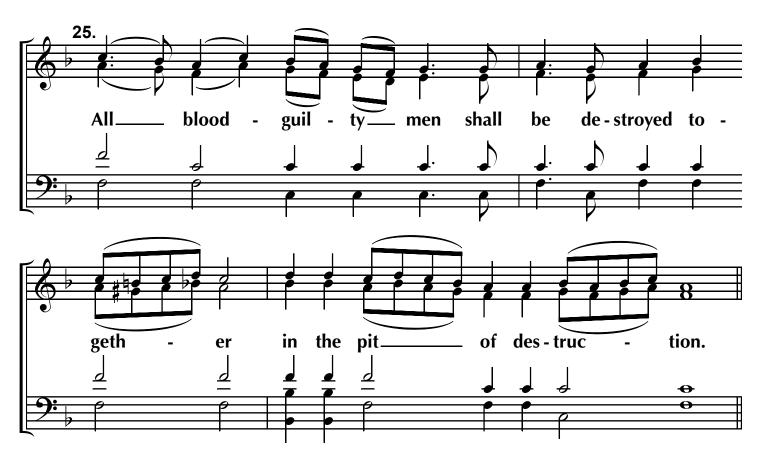
Verse: Look upon my humiliation and deliver me, for I do not forget Thy law. (v. 153)



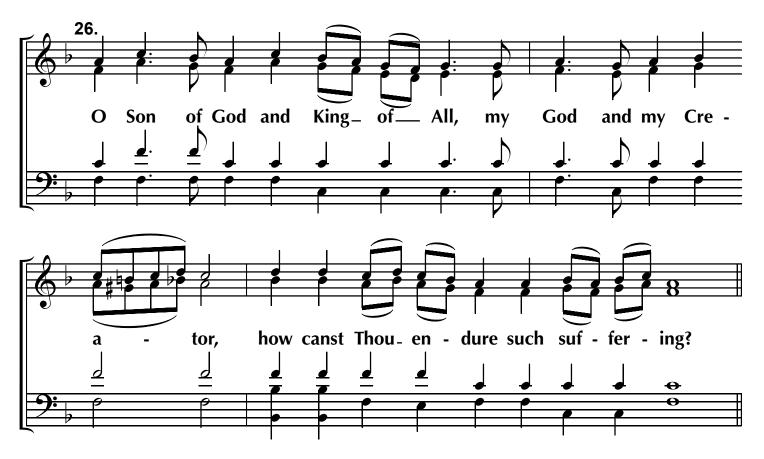
Verse: Judge my cause, and redeem me; give me life according to Thy promise. (v. 154)



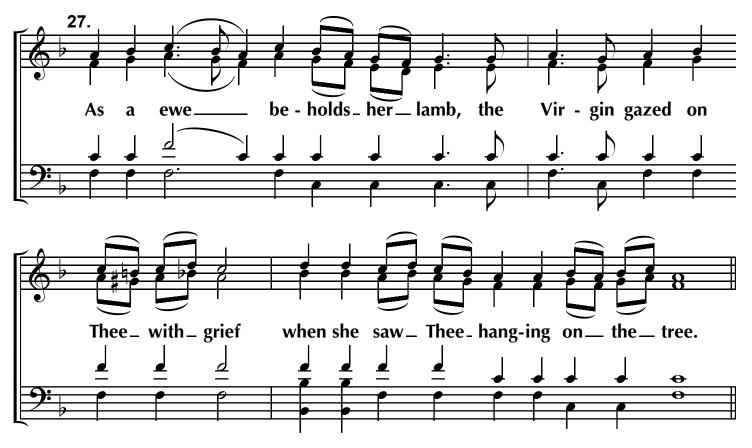
Verse: Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek Thy statutes. (v. 155)



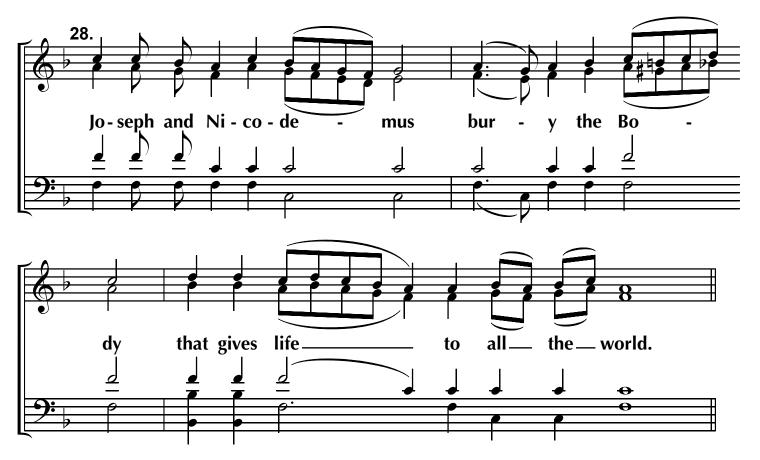
Verse: Great are Thy tender mercies, O Lord; give me life according to Thy justice. (v. 156)



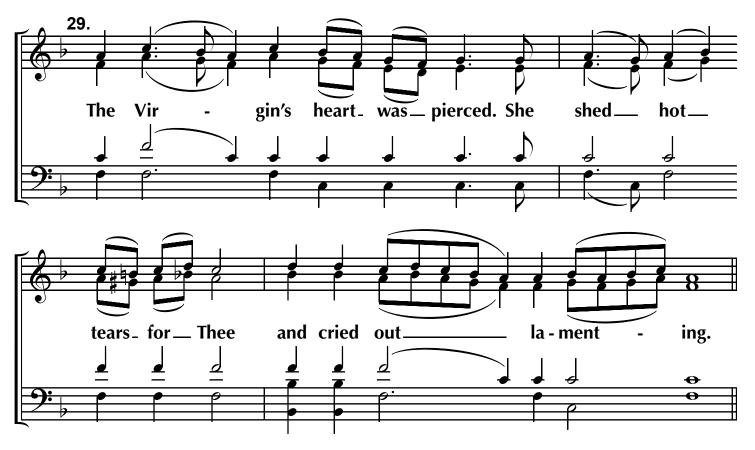
Verse: Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from Thy testimonies. (v. 157)



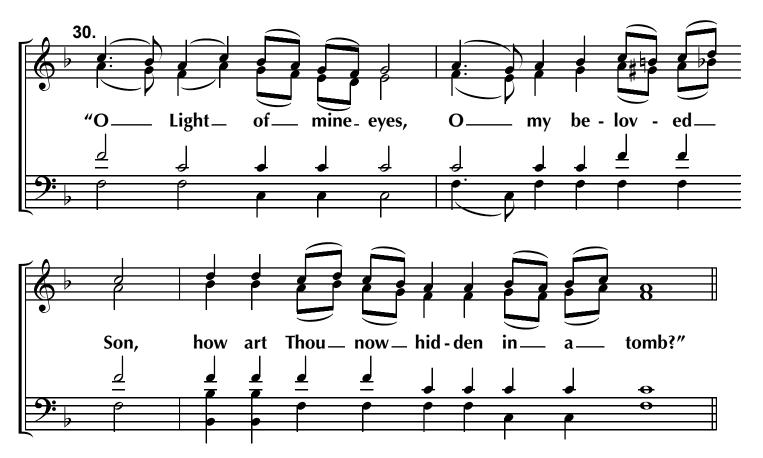
Verse: I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep Thy commandments. (v. 158)



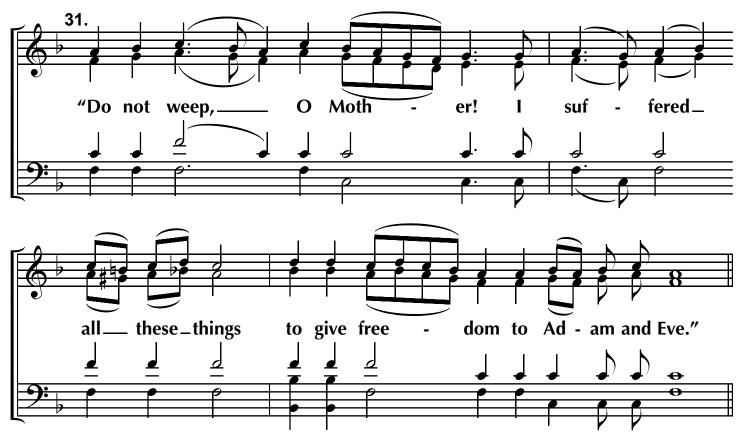
Verse: Consider how I love Thy precepts! Give me life according to Thy mercy. (v. 159)



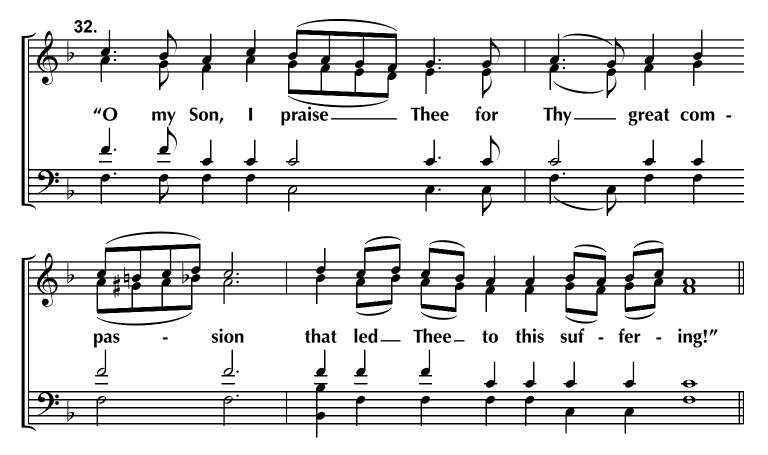
Verse: The sum of Thy word is truth, and every one of Thy righteous ordinances endures forever. (v. 160)



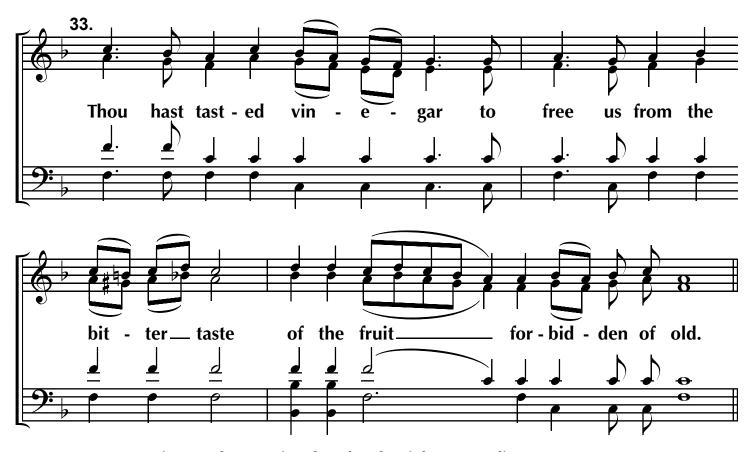
Verse: Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of Thy words. (v. 161)



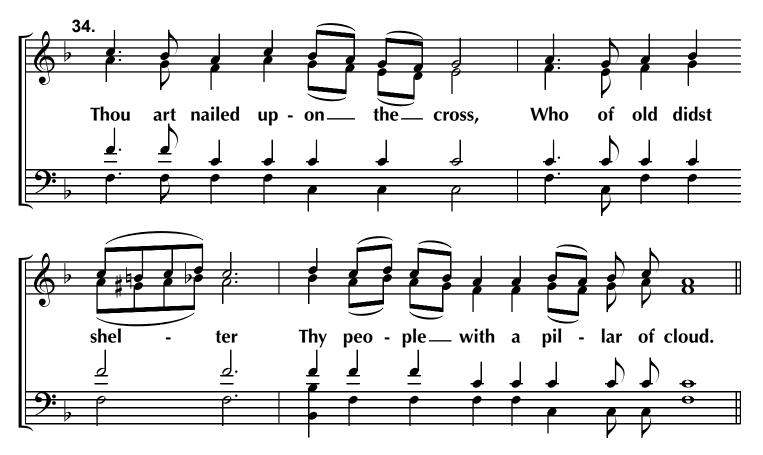
Verse: I rejoice at Thy word like one who finds great spoil. (v. 162)



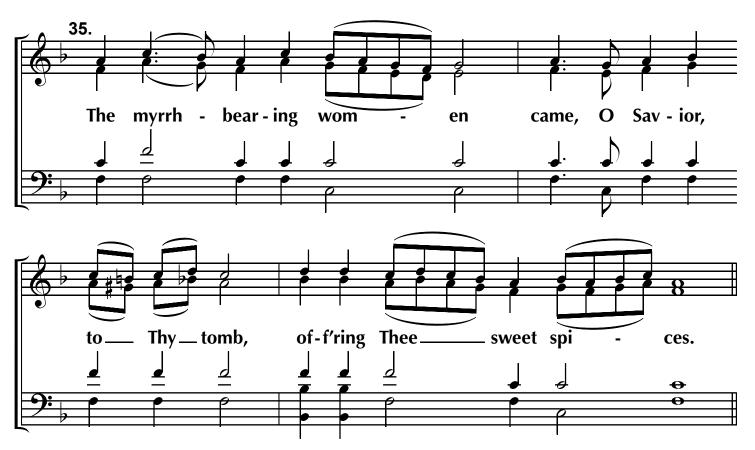
Verse: I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love Thy law. (v. 163)



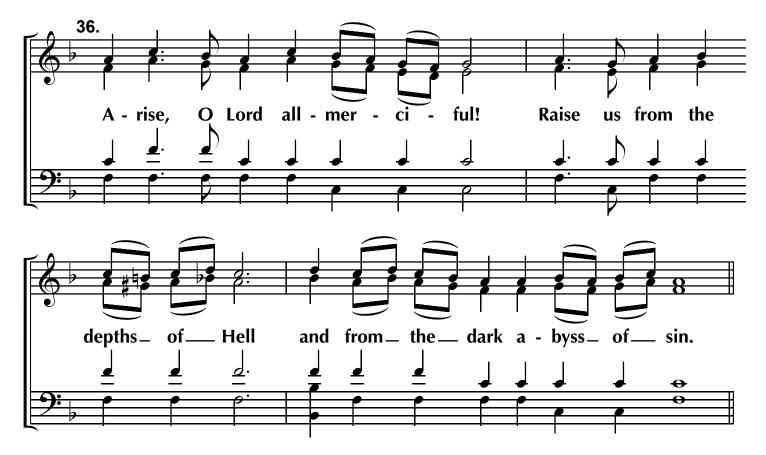
Verse: Seven times a day I praise Thee for Thy righteous ordinances. (v. 164)



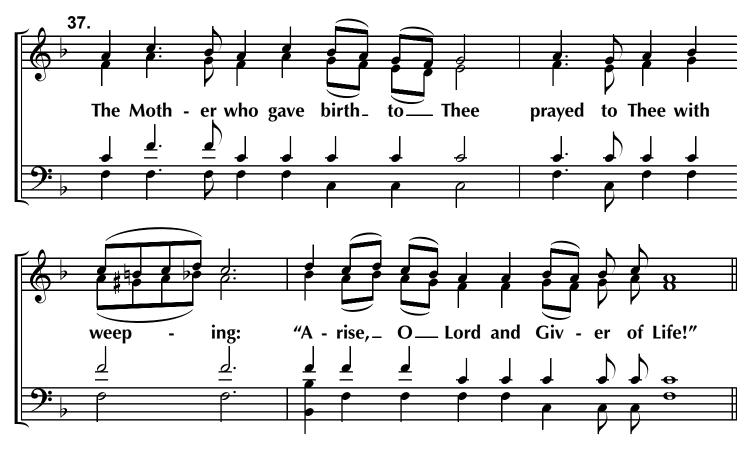
Verse: Great peace have those who love Thy law; nothing can make them stumble. (v. 165)



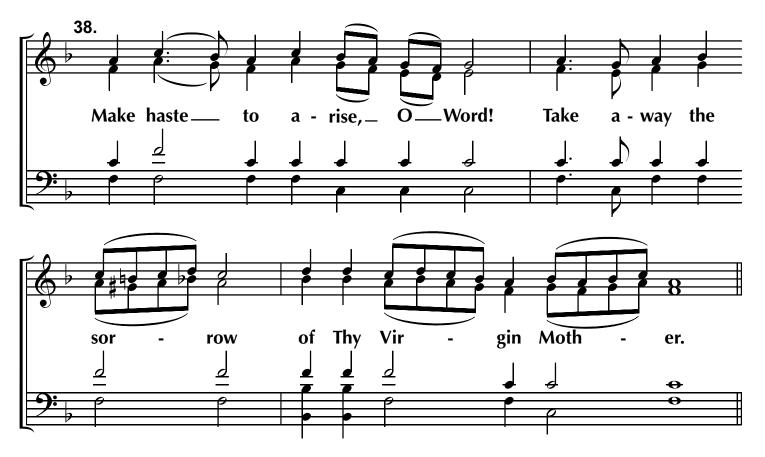
Verse: I hope for Thy salvation, O Lord, and I love Thy commandments. (v. 166)



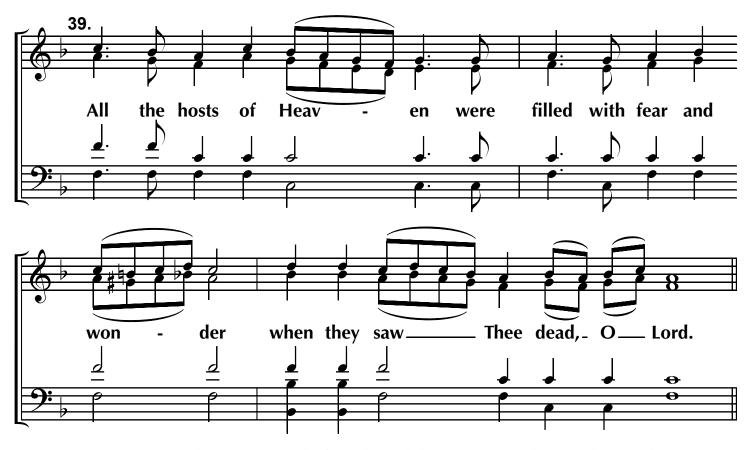
Verse: My soul keeps Thy testimonies; I love them exceedingly. (v. 167)



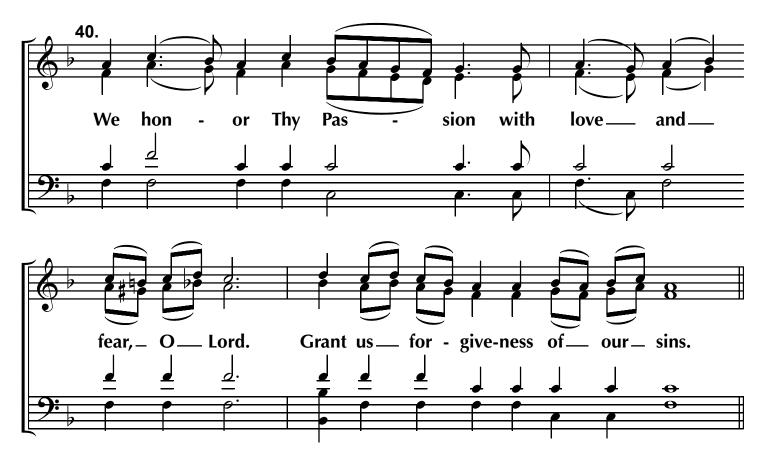
Verse: I keep Thy precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before Thee, O Lord. (v. 168)



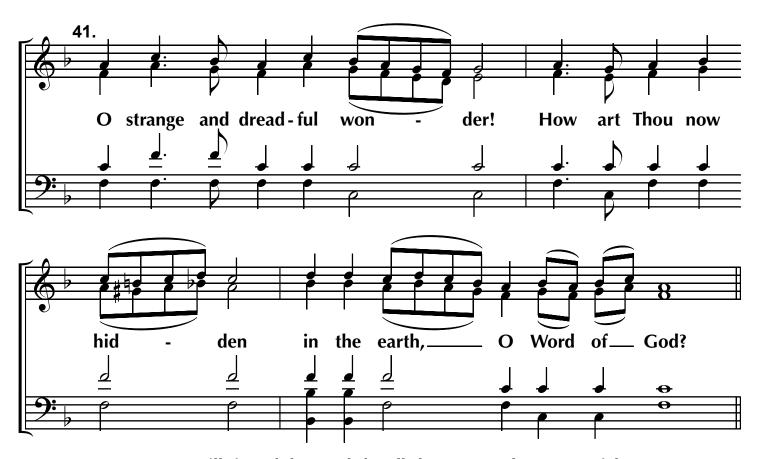
Verse: Let my cry come before Thee, O Lord; give me understanding according to Thy word. (v. 169)



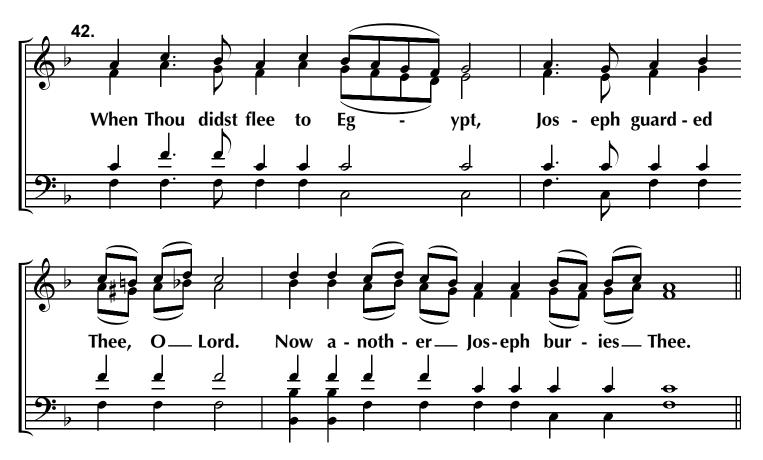
Verse: Let my supplication come before Thee; deliver me according to Thy word. (v. 170)



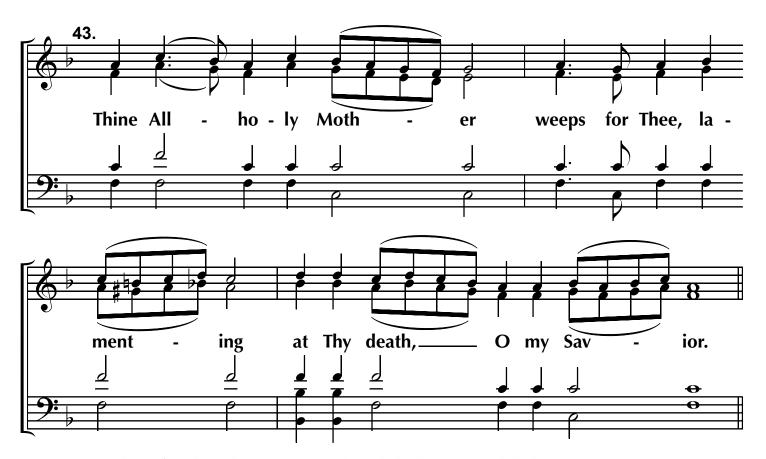
Verse: My lips will pour forth praise, for Thou hast taught me Thy statutes. (v. 171)



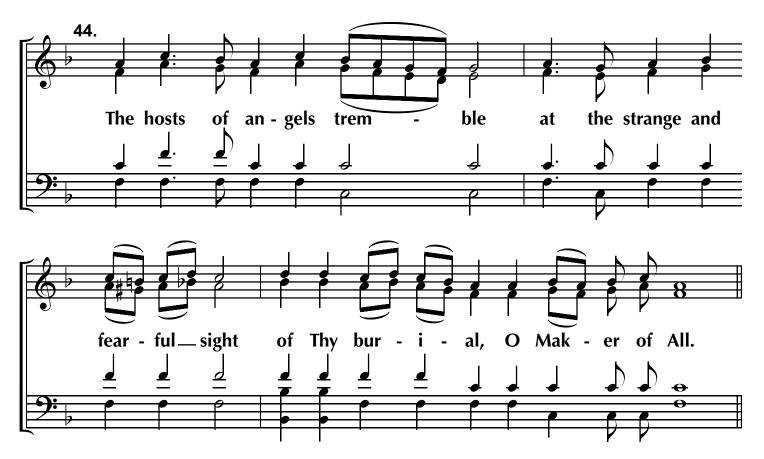
Verse: My tongue will sing of Thy word, for all Thy commandments are right. (v. 172)



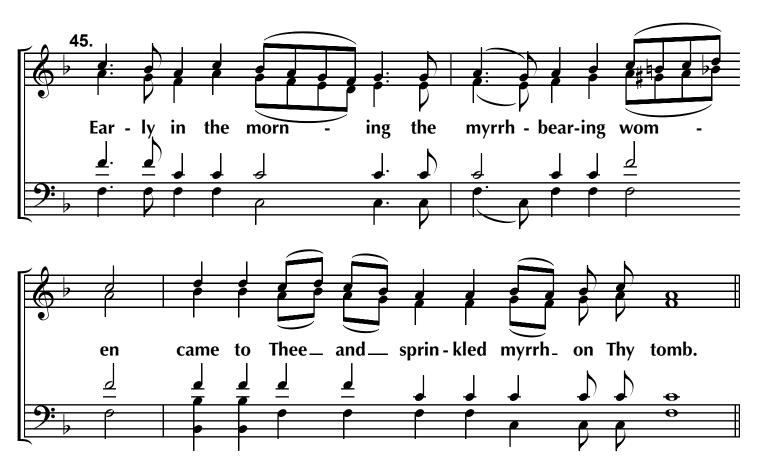
Verse: Let Thy hand be near to save me, for I have chosen Thy precepts. (v. 173)



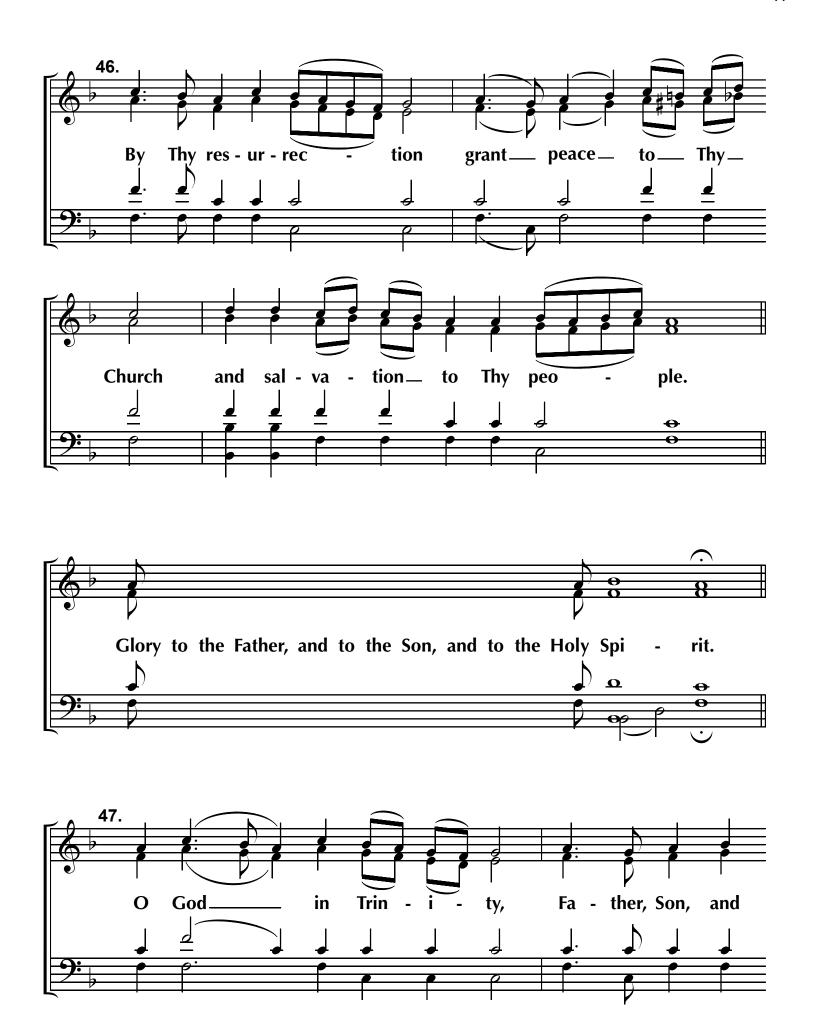
Verse: I long for Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy law is my delight. (v. 174)

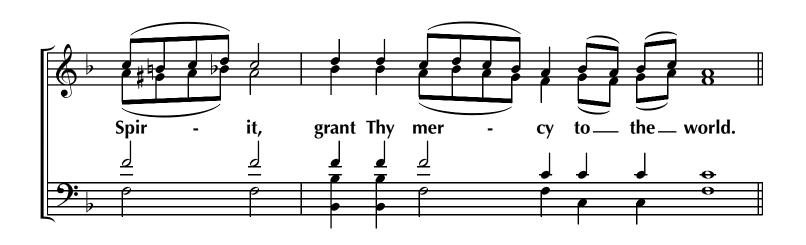


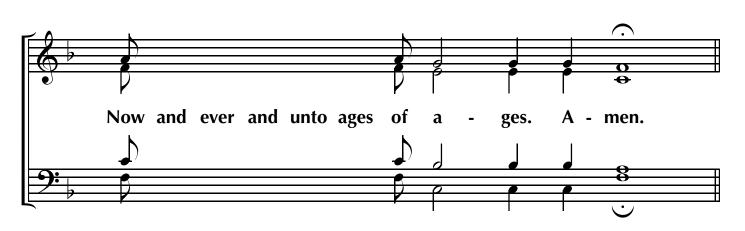
Verse: Let my soul live, that I may praise Thee, and let Thine ordinances help me. (v. 175)

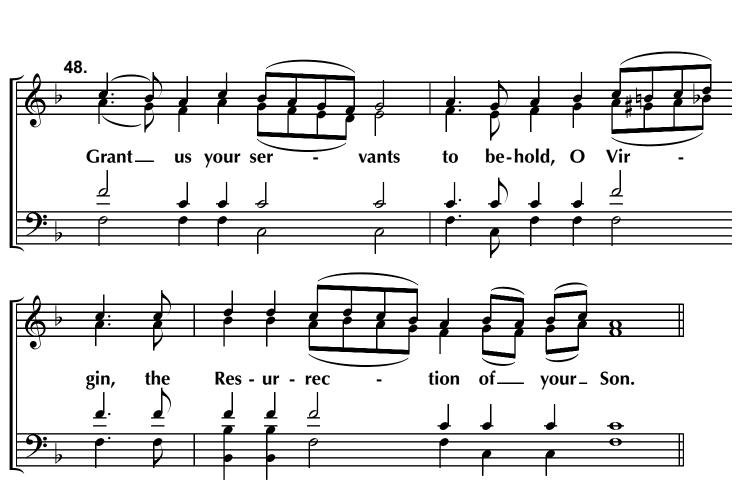


Verse: I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Thy servant, for I have not forgotten Thy commandments. (v. 176)







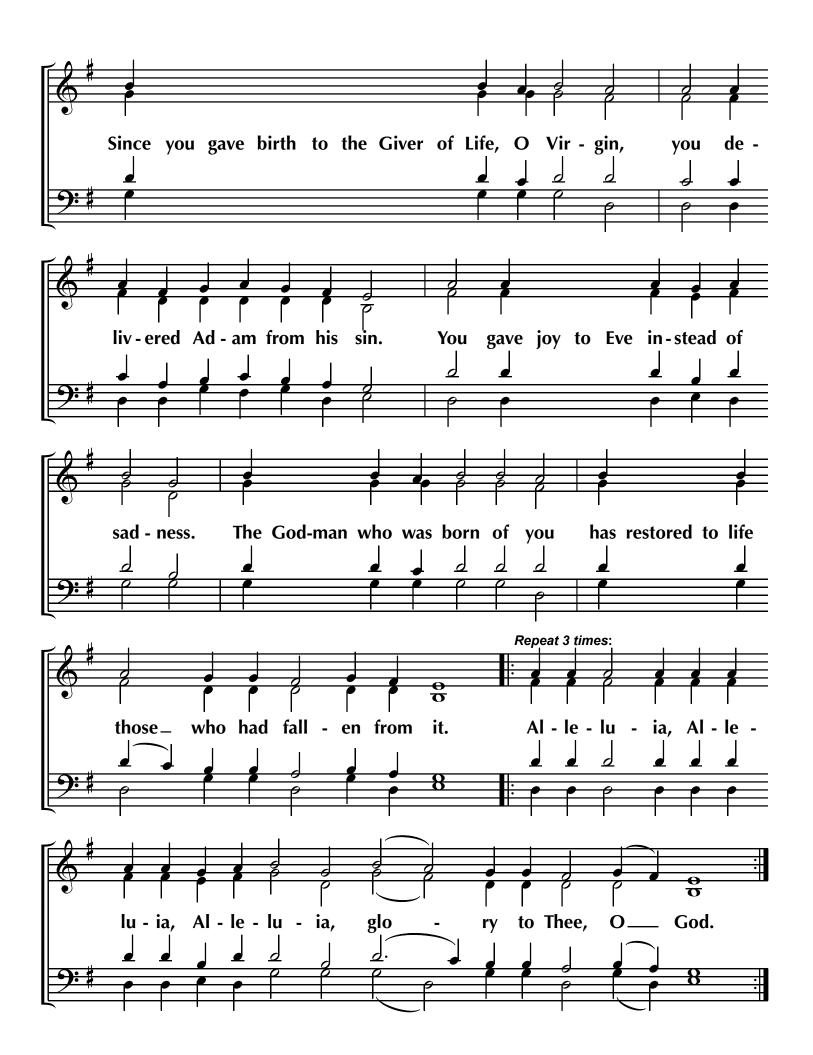






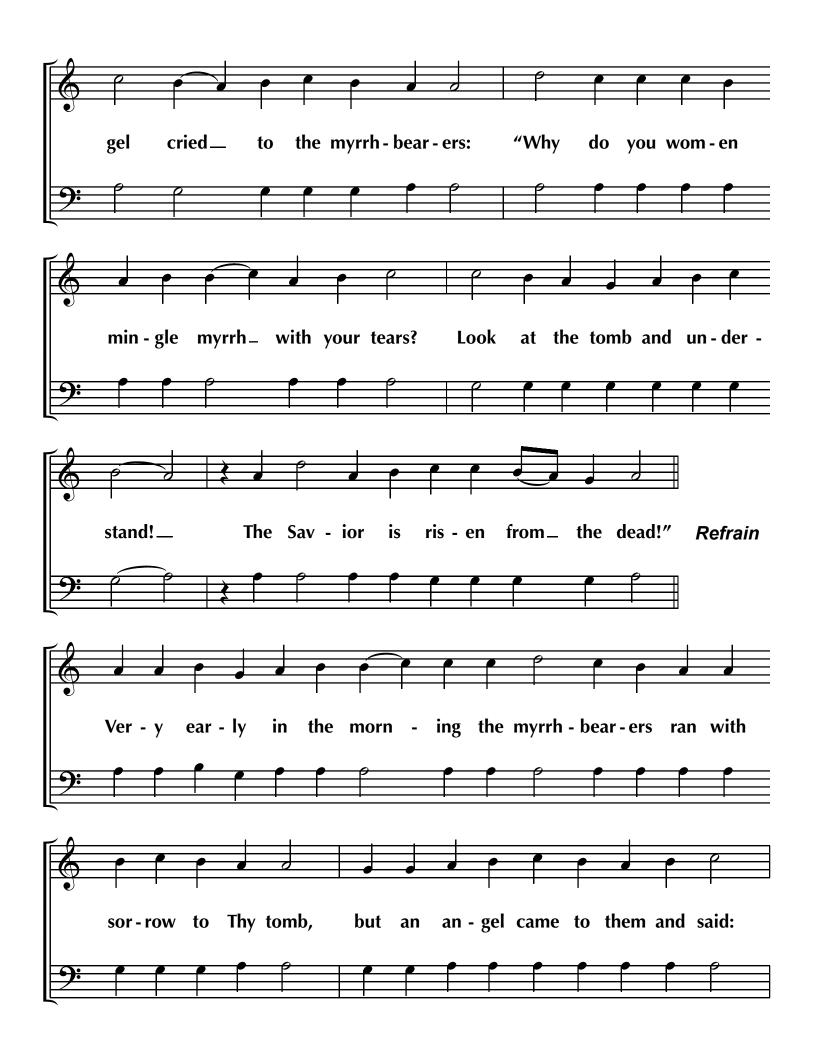


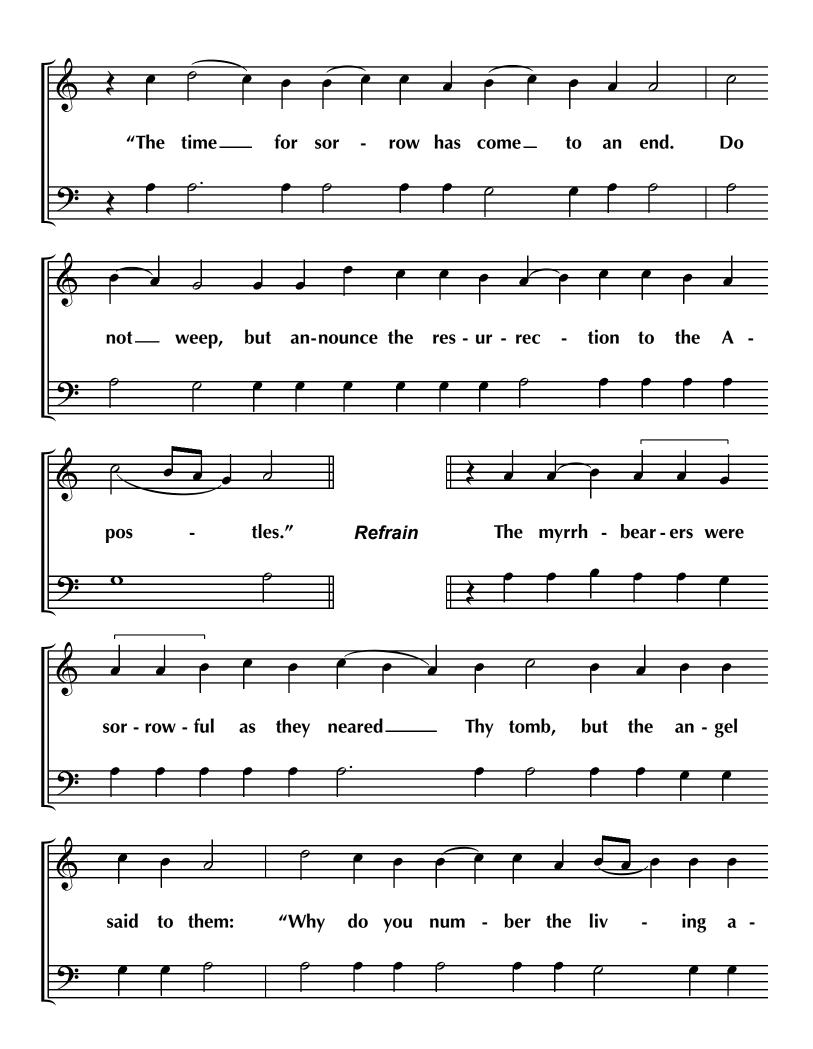




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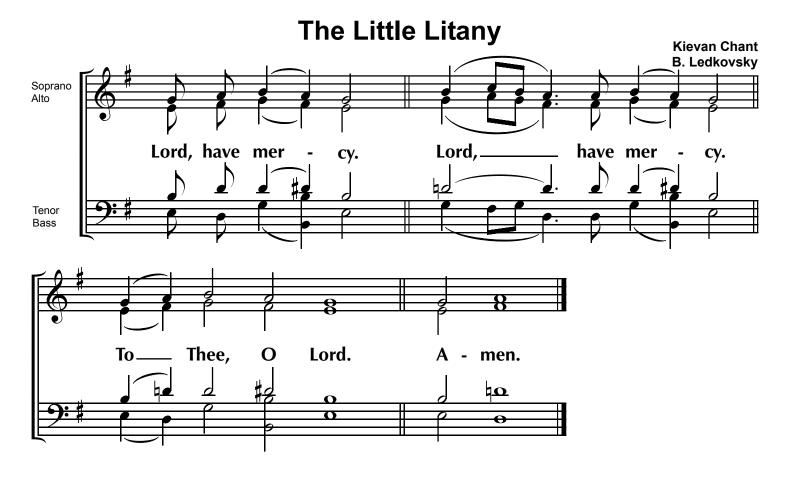




















Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.



Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.



## Psalm 51 (50)

- Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy steadfast love; according to Thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!
- For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.
- Against Thee, Thee only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight, so that Thou art justified in Thy sentence and blameless in Thy judgment.
- Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- Fill me with joy and gladness, let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice.
- Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

- Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
- Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will return to Thee.
- Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Thy deliverance.
- O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
- For Thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, Thou wouldst not be pleased.
- The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart Thou wilt not despise.
- Do good to Zion in Thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
- then wilt Thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Thy altar.

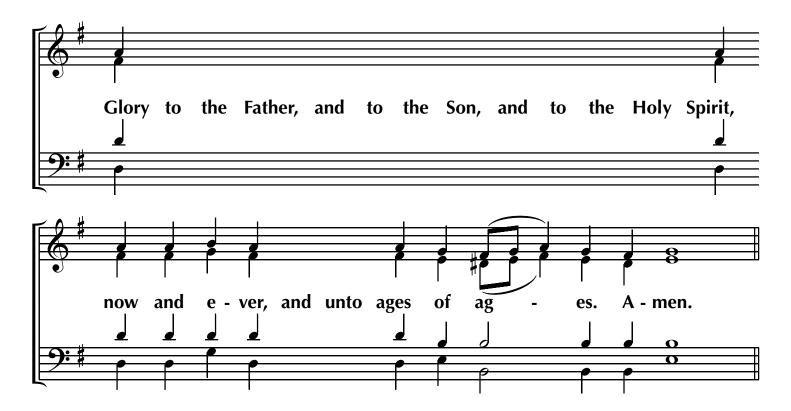




Unto Thee I sing a hymn for the departed and a song of burial, O Lord my God, who by Thy burial hast opened for me the entrance to life and by Thy death hast put Death and Hell to death.

Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Beholding Thee upon the throne on high and in the grave below, the things of heaven and the things beneath the earth trembled at Thy death; for in a manner past understanding wast Thou, the very Source of Life, seen dead.



Thou didst descend to the depths of the earth to fill all with Thy glory; for my person that is in Adam was not hidden from Thee, and when Thou wast buried, Thou didst renew me who am corrupt, O Lover of mankind.

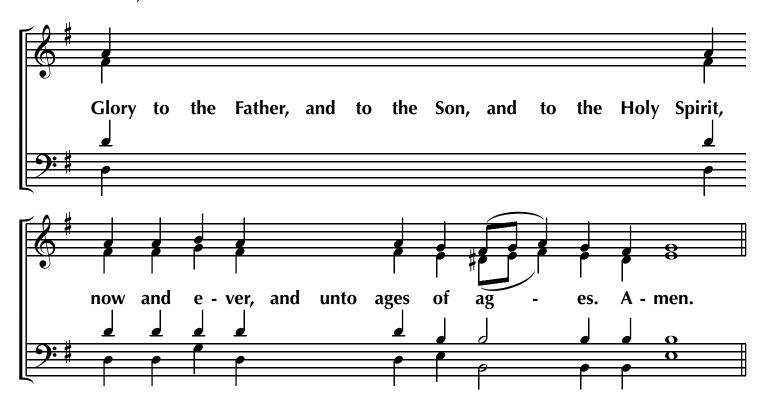




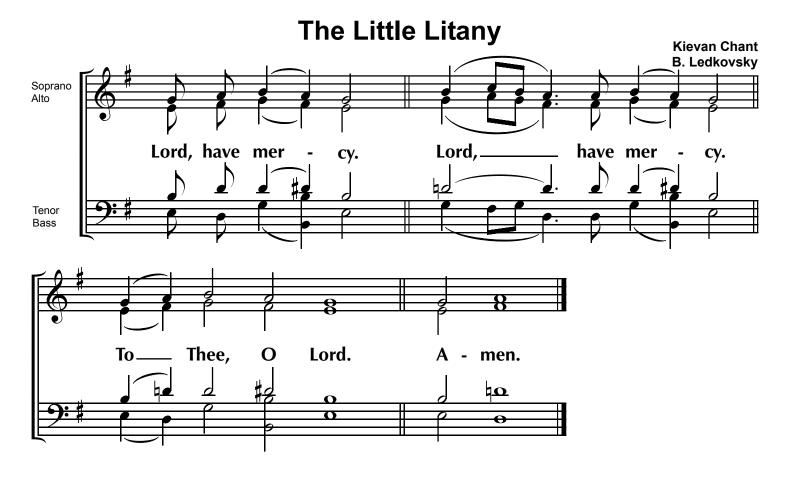
By a multitude of visions Thou didst indicate the signs of Thy burial, O Master. But now, as God and man, Thou dost make clear Thy hidden things even unto those in hell, who cry: "None is holy but Thee, O Lord!"

Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Thou hast stretched out Thy hands, O Savior, and united what before had been divided; and by clothing Thyself in a winding sheet Thou hast saved even those held captive by the tomb, who cry: "None is holy but Thee, O Lord!"



By Thy will a sealed tomb contained Thee who cannot be contained; for by Thy divine accomplishments Thou hast made known Thy power unto those who sing: "None is holy but Thee, O Lord who lovest mankind!"







# **Kathisma Hymn**



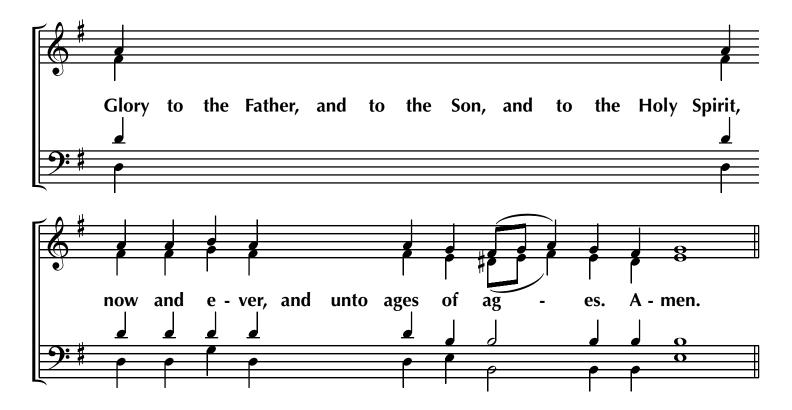




Thou hast sanctified this, the seventh day, which of old Thou didst bless by rest from work; for Thou dost bring all things into being and renew them, O my Savior, while resting and reviving on the sabbath.

Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

By the overwhelming strength of Thy divine nature Thou didst win the victory, O Word; for Thy soul was parted from the flesh, sundering by Thy might the bonds of hell and death.



When Hell encountered Thee as a mortal man deified, marked with wounds yet having almighty power, it cried out at Thine awesome appearance.

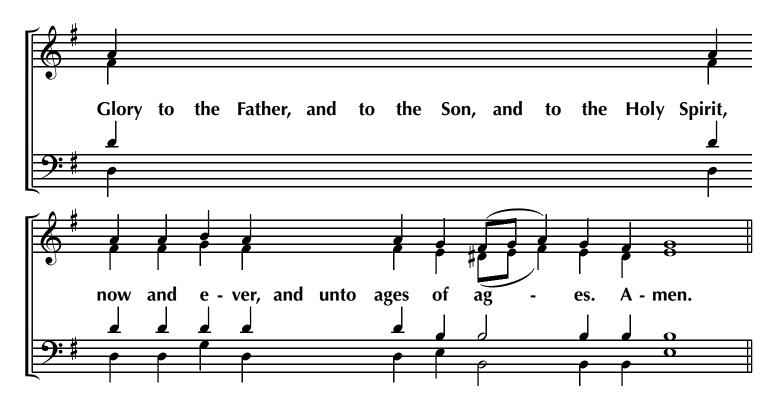




When Thou didst become earthly, O Creator, Thou didst renew those born on earth; and the winding sheet and the grave revealed the mystery concerning Thee, O Word; for Joseph the noble counsellor, fulfills the counsel of Him who begot Thee and who wondrously renews me in Thee.

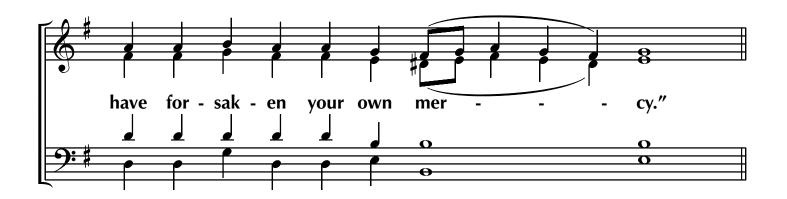
Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Through death Thou dost transform what is mortal, and through burial Thou dost transform what is corruptible; for in a manner befitting God Thou dost make incorrupt and immortal the nature which Thou hast assumed, since Thy flesh did not see corruption, and in a wondrous manner Thy soul was not abandoned in hell.



Thou didst come forth from a painless birth, O my Maker, and Thy side was pierced. By this hast Thou, the new Adam, accomplished the restoration of Eve. Thou didst fall into a sleep surpassing nature, and, as the all-powerful One, Thou didst raise up life from sleep and corruption.



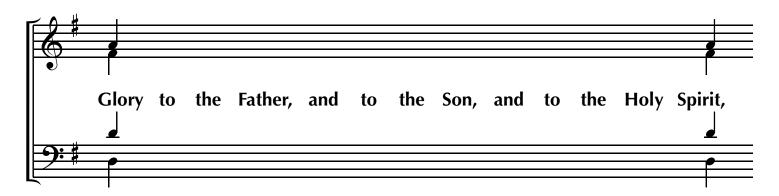




Thou wast killed, O Word, but not separated from the flesh which Thou dost share with us; for even though the temple of Thy body was destroyed at the time of the Passion, the Person of Thy divinity and of Thy flesh was one, for in both dost Thou remain one Son, God and man.

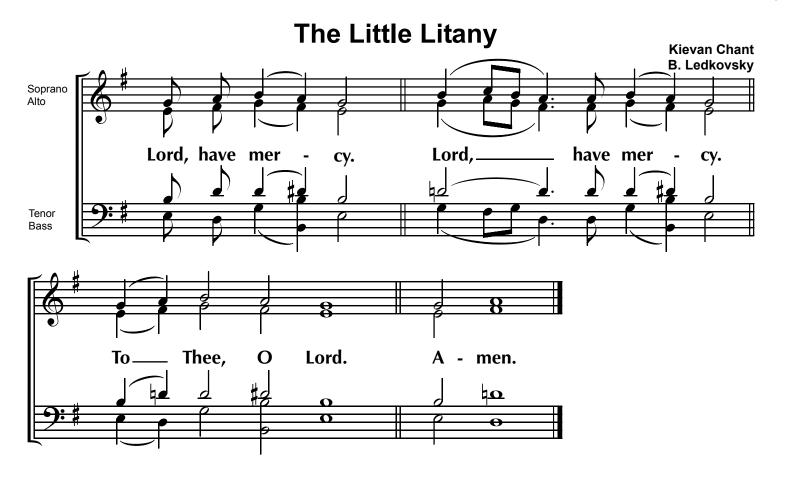
Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

The fall of Adam resulted in the death of man, not God; for even though the earthly substance of Thy flesh suffered, Thy divinity remained passionless. In Thyself Thou hast transformed the corruptible to incorruption, and by Thy resurrection Thou hast revealed a fountain of incorruptible life.



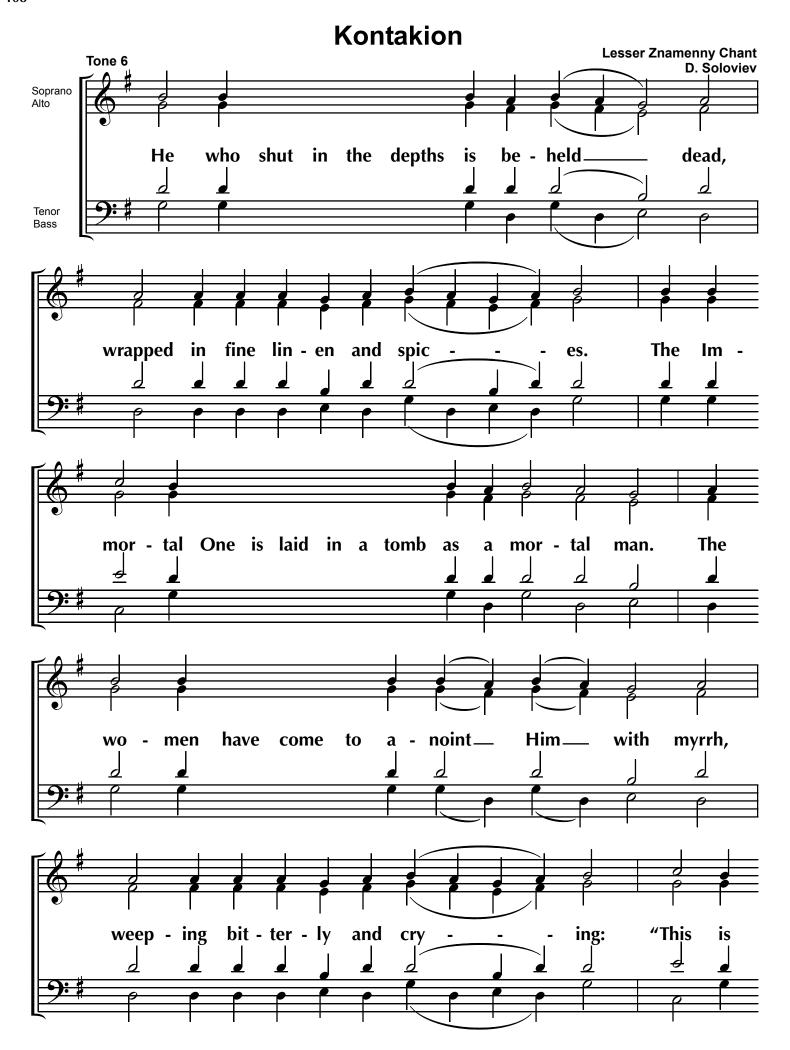


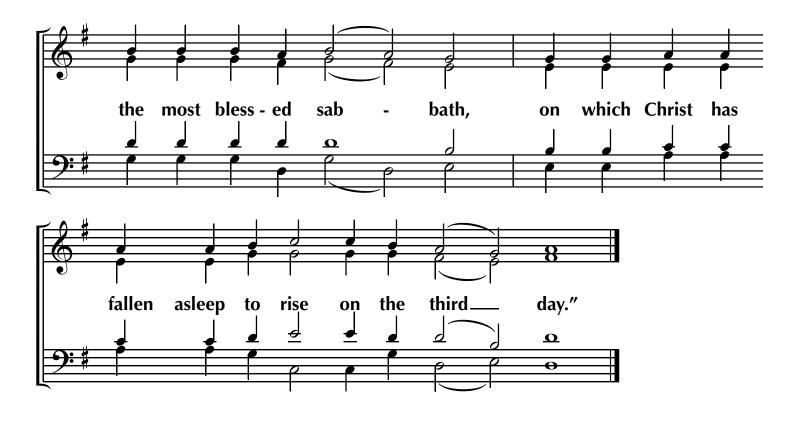
Hell rules the race of mortal men, but not eternally; for when Thou wast placed in the grave, O Powerful One, Thou didst tear asunder the bars of death by Thy life-creating hand and didst proclaim true deliverance to those sleeping there from the ages, since Thou, O Savior, hast become the firstborn of the dead.







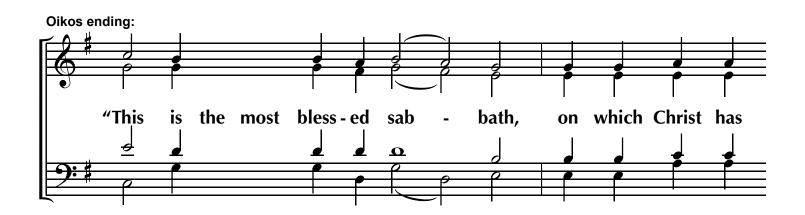


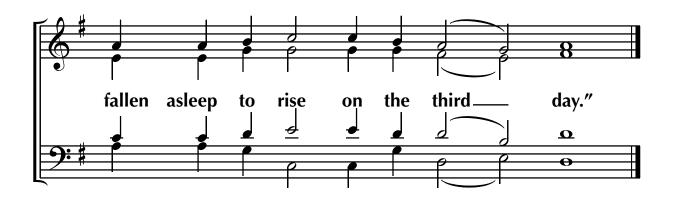


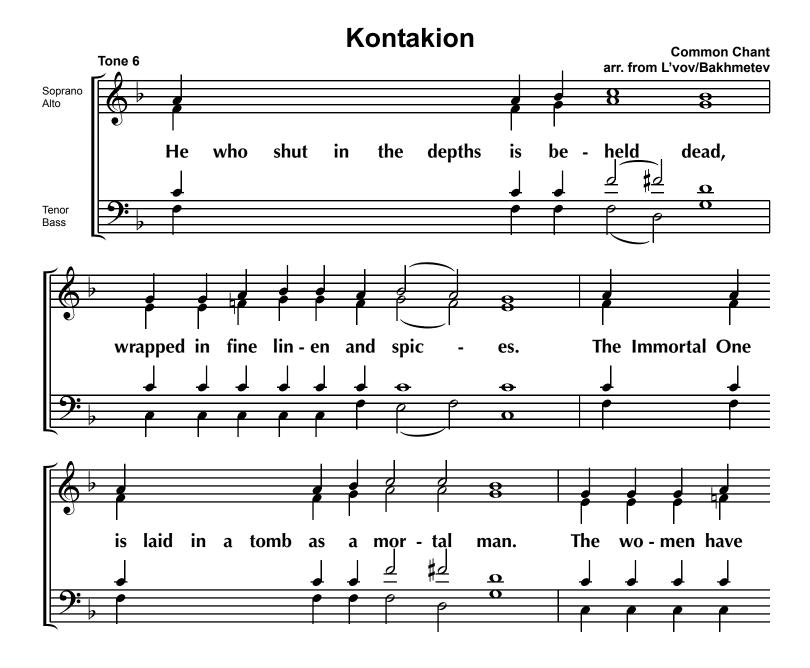
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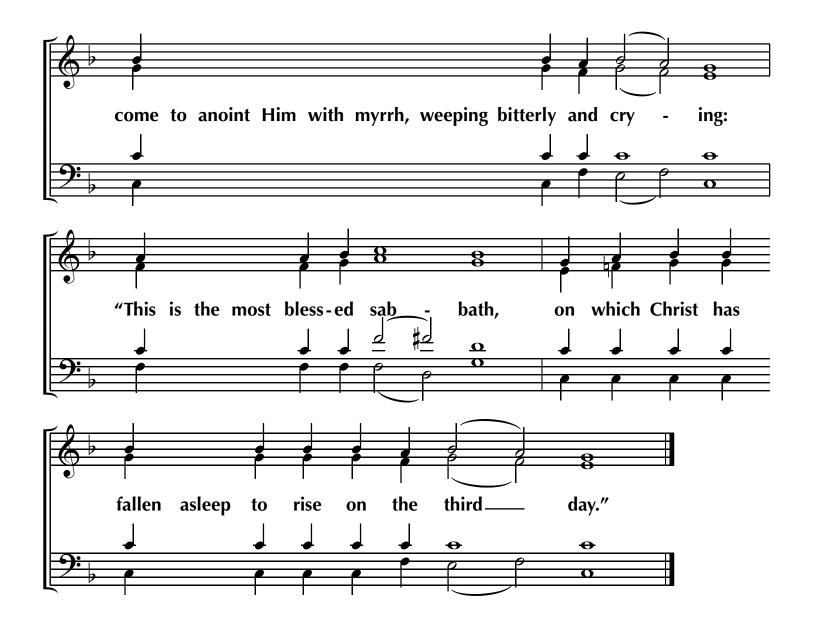
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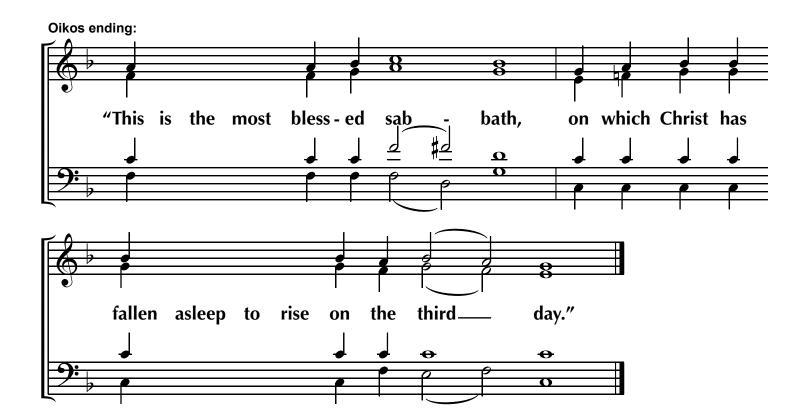




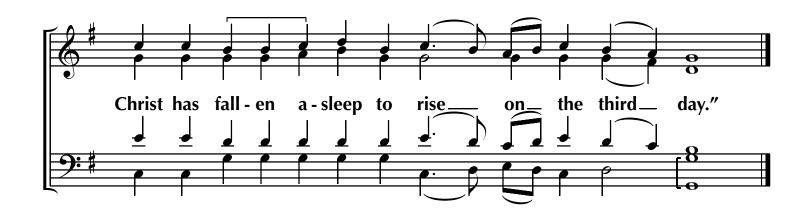
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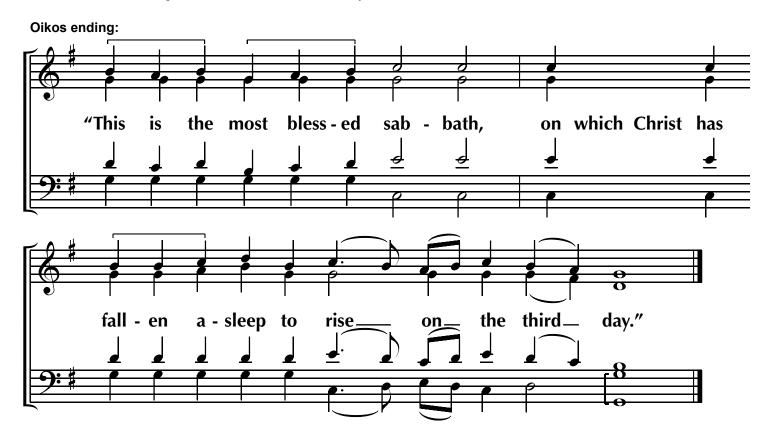


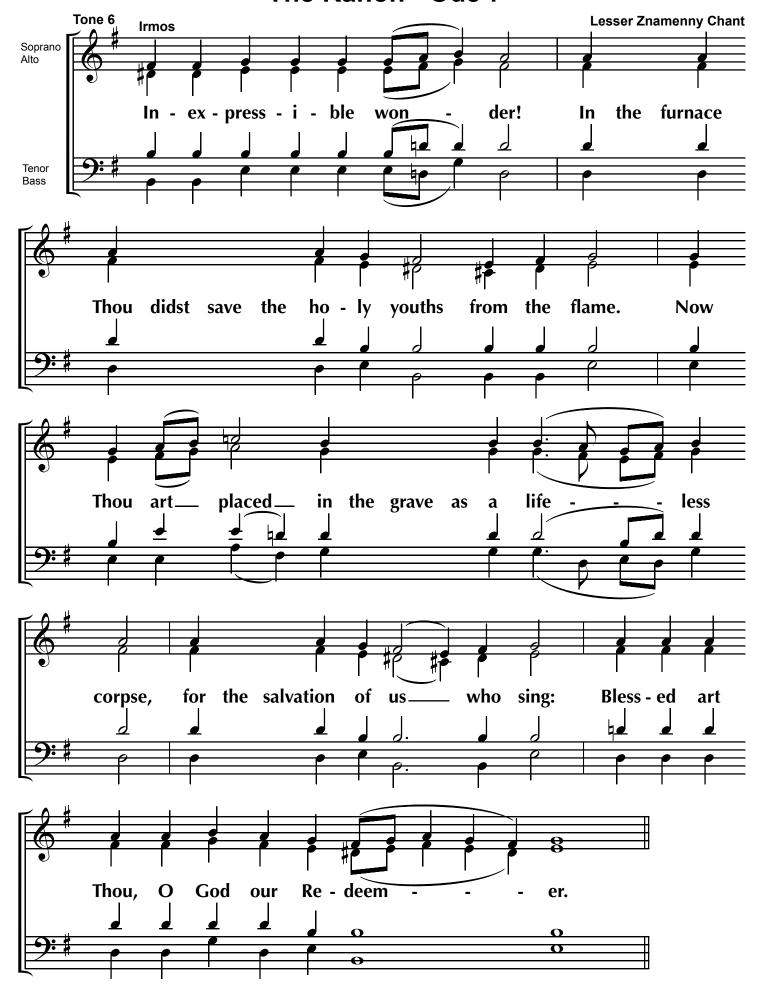


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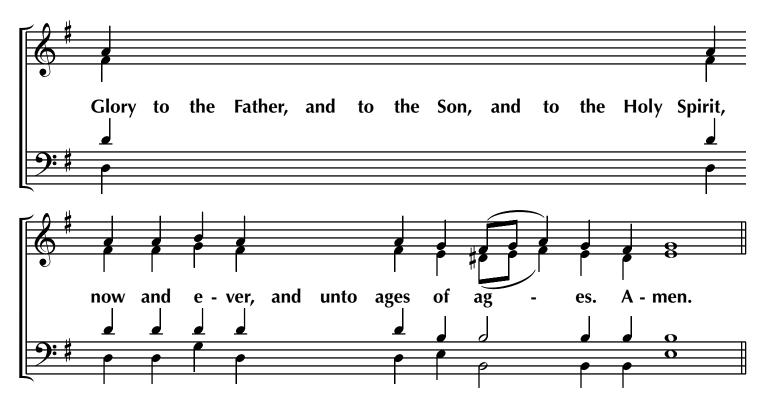
Hell was wounded in heart when it received Him whose side was pierced by a spear, and it groans, consumed by divine fire, unto the salvation of us who sing: "Blessed art Thou, O God, our Redeemer!"

Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Happy is the tomb! For having received the Creator as one asleep, it became a divine treasury of life, for the salvation of us who sing: "Blessed art Thou, O God, our Redeemer!"

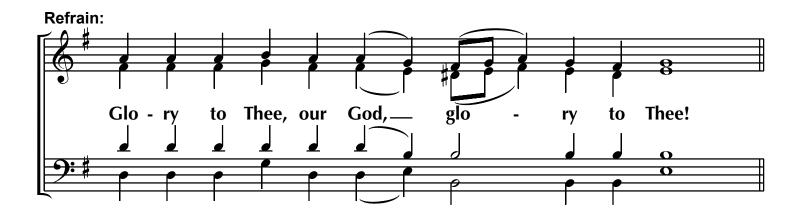
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In accordance with the law of the dead, the Life of all accepts burial in the tomb, and the tomb becomes the source of resurrection, unto the salvation of us who sing: "Blessed art Thou, O God, our Redeemer!"



In hell, in the tomb, and in Eden, the divinity of Christ was one and undivided with the Father and the Spirit, for the salvation of us who sing: "Blessed art Thou, O God, our Redeemer!"

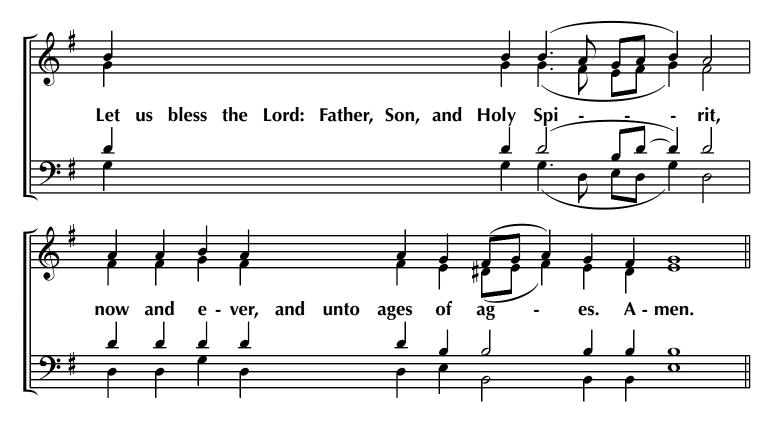




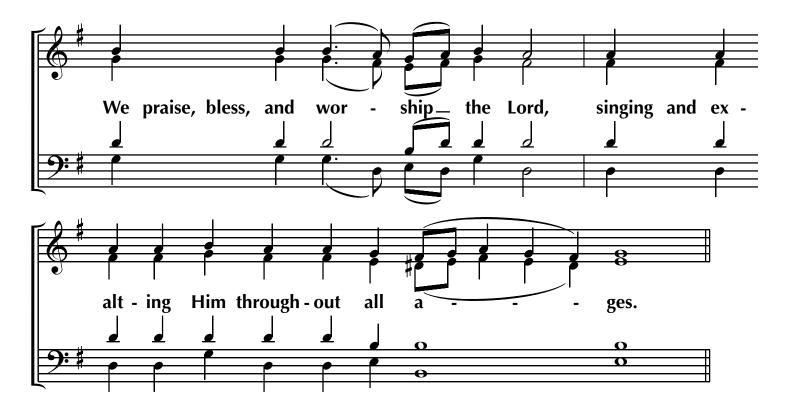
The pure Temple has been destroyed, yet He raises with Himself the tabernacle that had fallen; for the second Adam, who dwells in the highest, has descended to the first Adam, even unto the lowest chambers of Hell. Bless Him, O youths! Praise Him, O priests! O people, exalt Him above all forever!

Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

The courage of all the disciples failed, but Joseph of Arimathea showed valor; for seeing the God of all dead and naked, he sought Him and dressed Him for burial, crying: "Bless Him, O youths! Praise Him, O priests! O people, exalt Him above all forever!"



What new wonders! What great goodness! What ineffable forbearance! For He that dwells in the highest is willingly sealed beneath the earth, and God is slandered as a deceiver. Bless Him, O youths! Praise Him, O priests! O people, exalt Him above all forever!



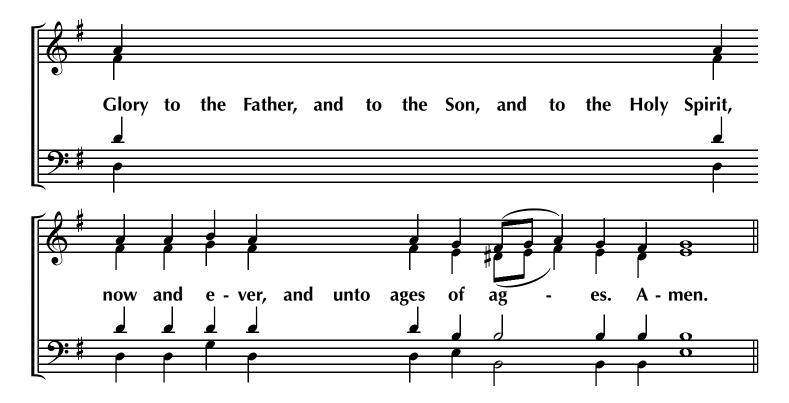




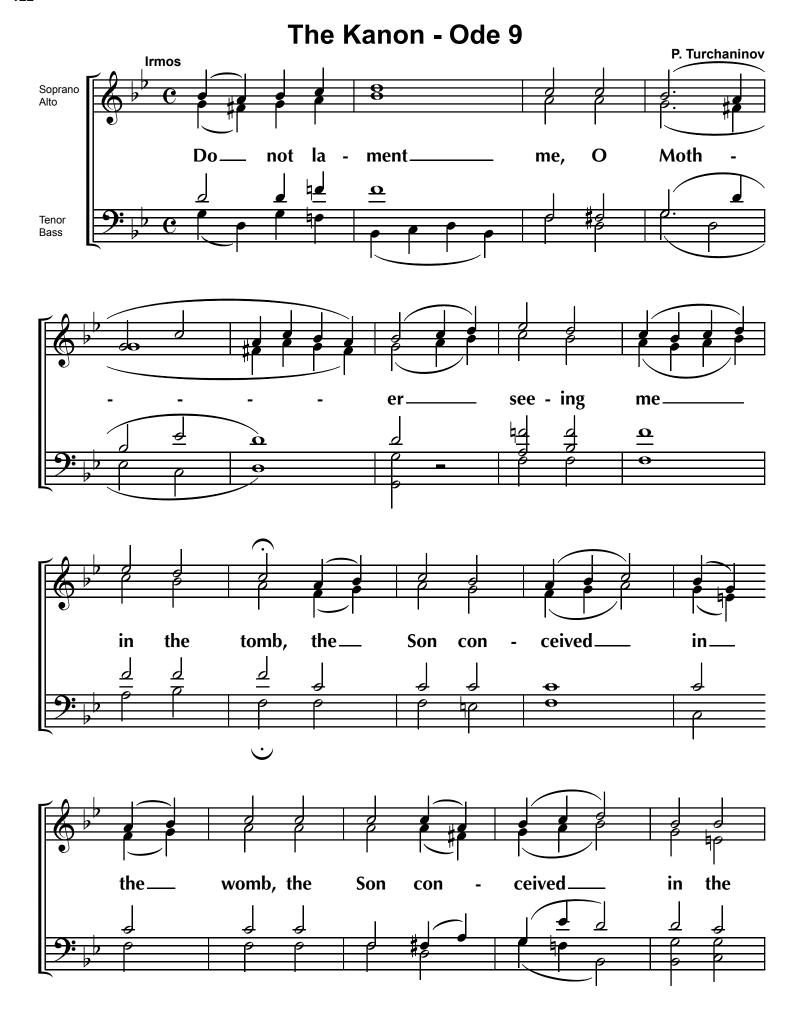
"I escaped sufferings and was blessed beyond nature at Thy strange birth, O Son who art without beginning. But now, beholding Thee, my God, dead and without breath, I am sorely pierced by the sword of sorrow. But arise, that I may be magnified."

Refrain: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

"By mine own will, the earth covers me, O Mother, but the gatekeepers of hell tremble at seeing me clothed in the blood-stained garments of vengeance; for when I have vanquished mine enemies on the cross, I shall arise as God and magnify you."



"Let creation rejoice! Let all born on earth be glad! For hateful Hell has been despoiled. Let the women with myrrh come to meet me; for I am redeeming Adam and Eve and all their descendants, and on the third day shall I arise!"

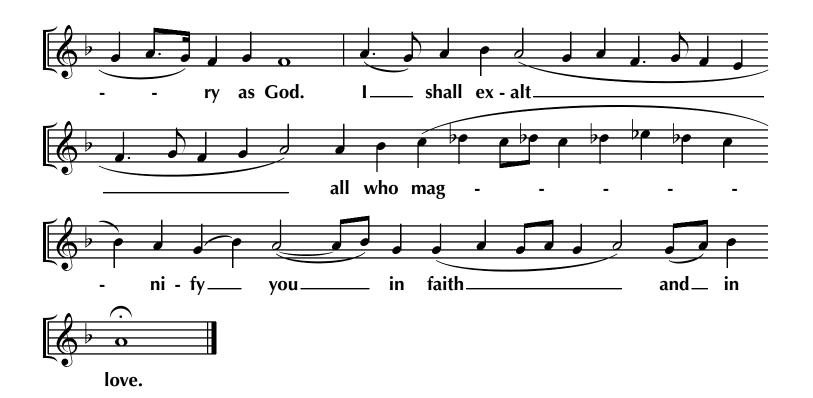


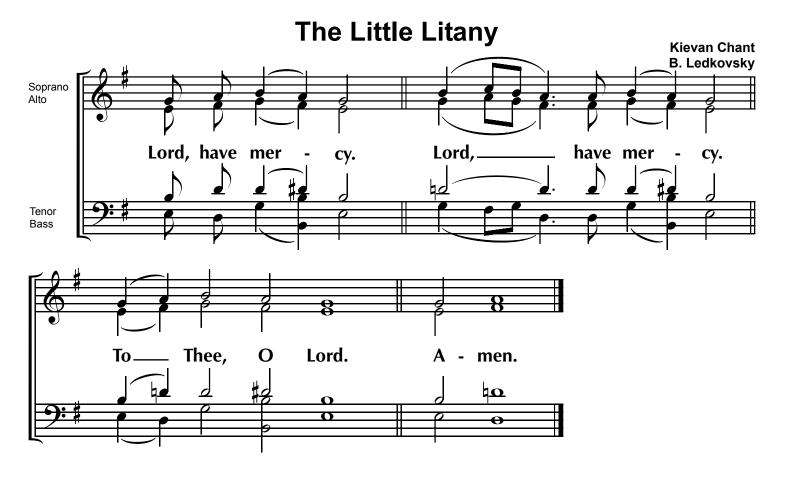






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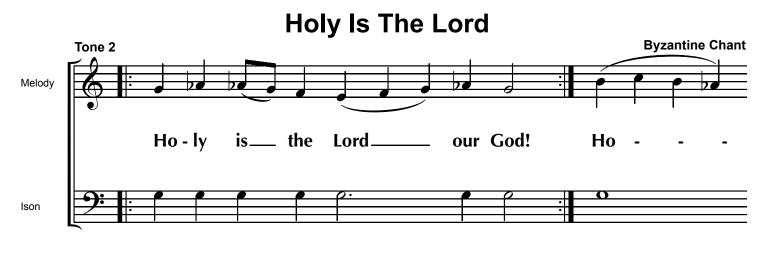


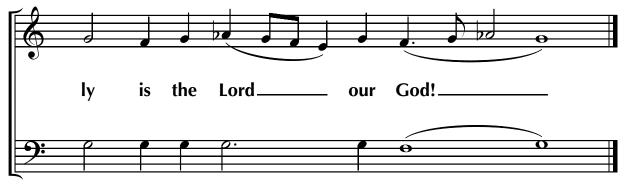




# Holy Is The Lord



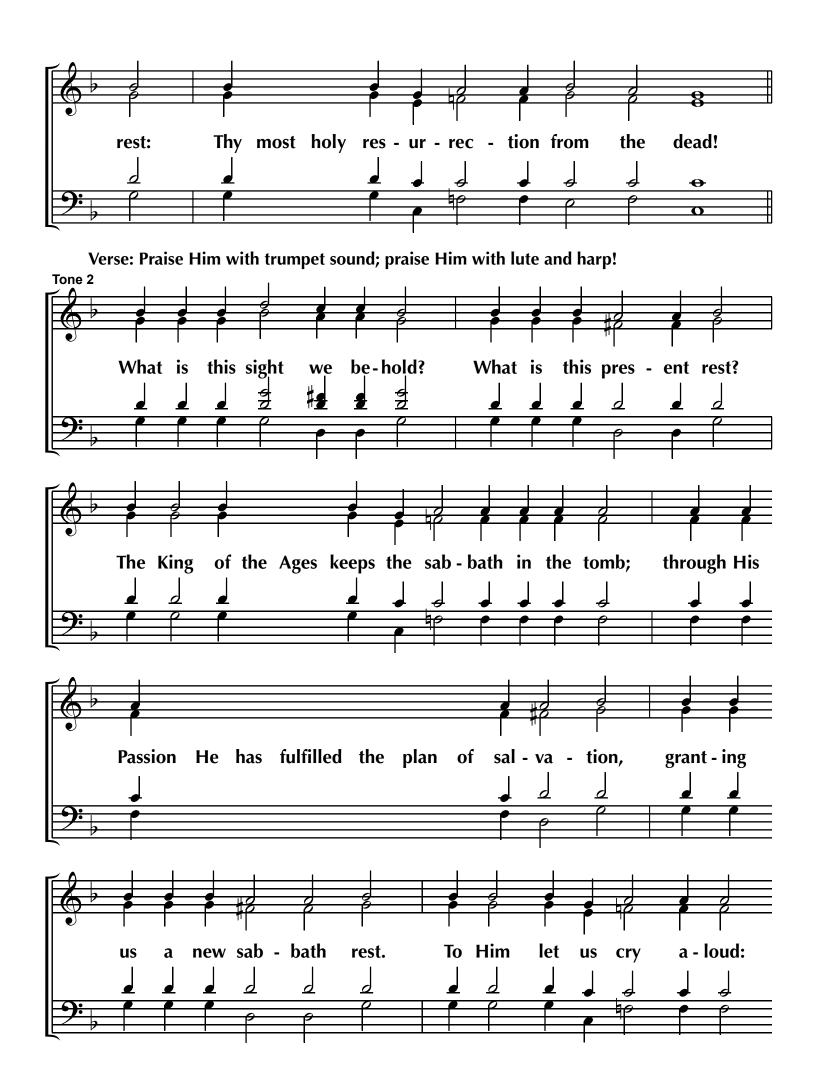








Verse: Praise Him for His mighty deeds, praise Him according to His exceeding greatness! Tone 2 Today a tomb holds Him who holds creation in the hol - low A stone covers Him who covered the heavens with His hand. <del>9</del> Life sleeps and Hell trem - bles. Adam is set free from his bonds. Glory to Thy plan of sal - va - tion! all things, Thou hast ful-filled granting us an eternal sab - bath



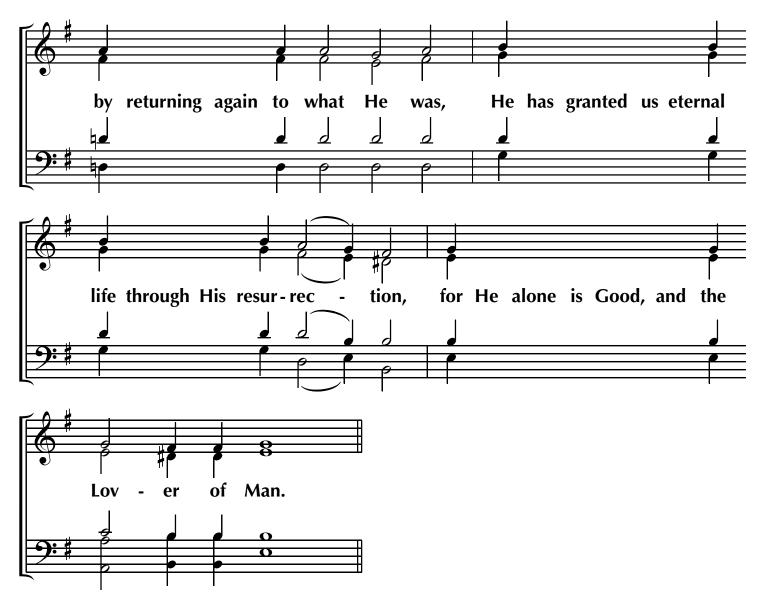




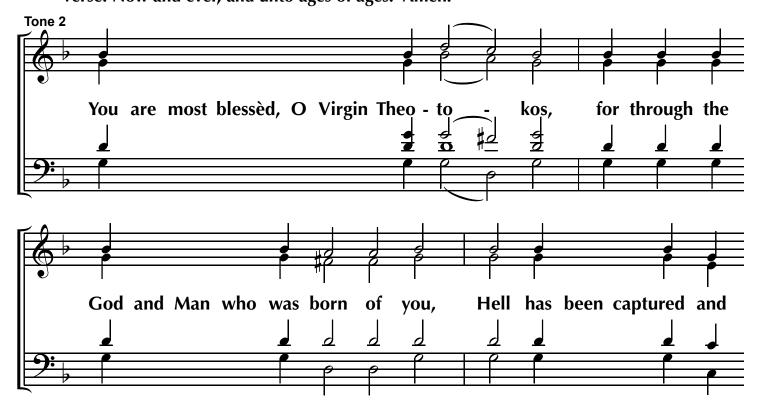
Verse: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

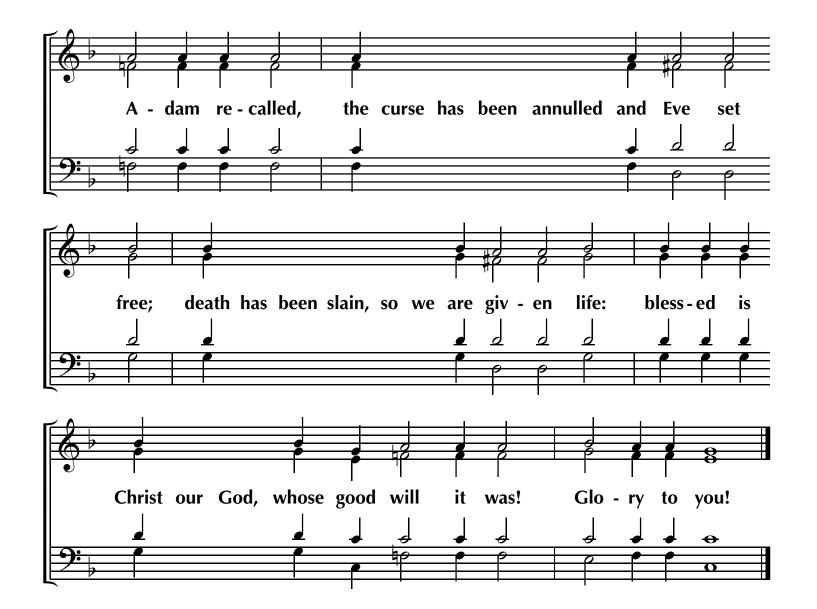




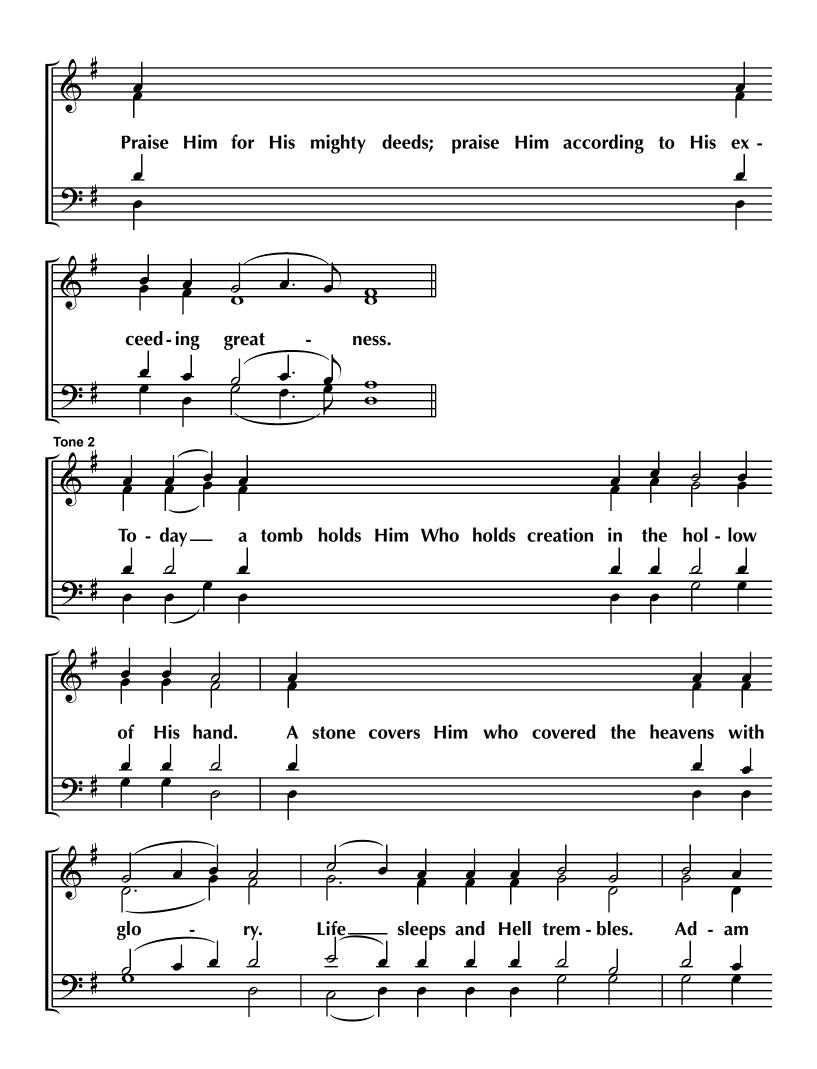


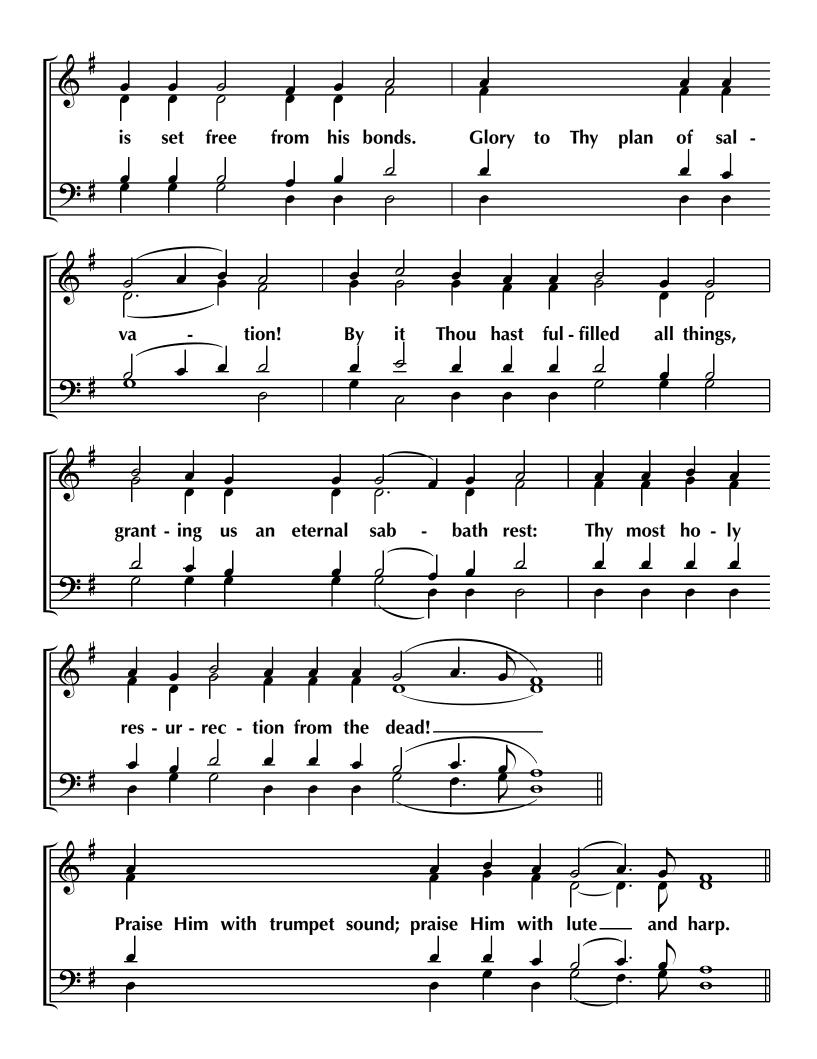
Verse: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

















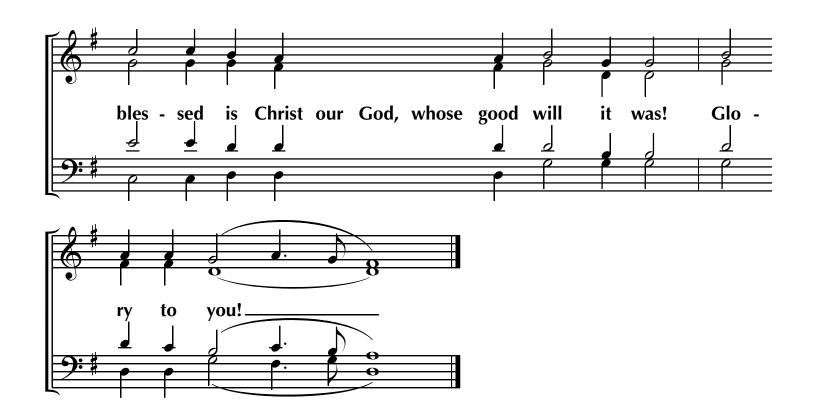






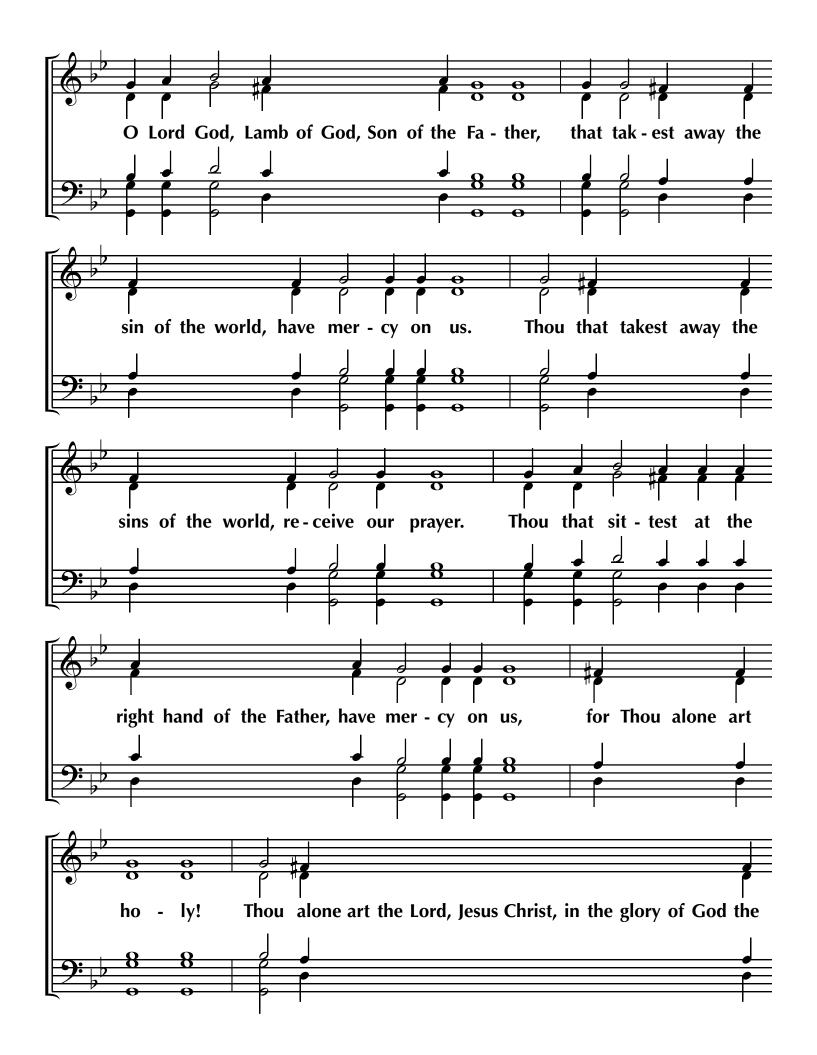






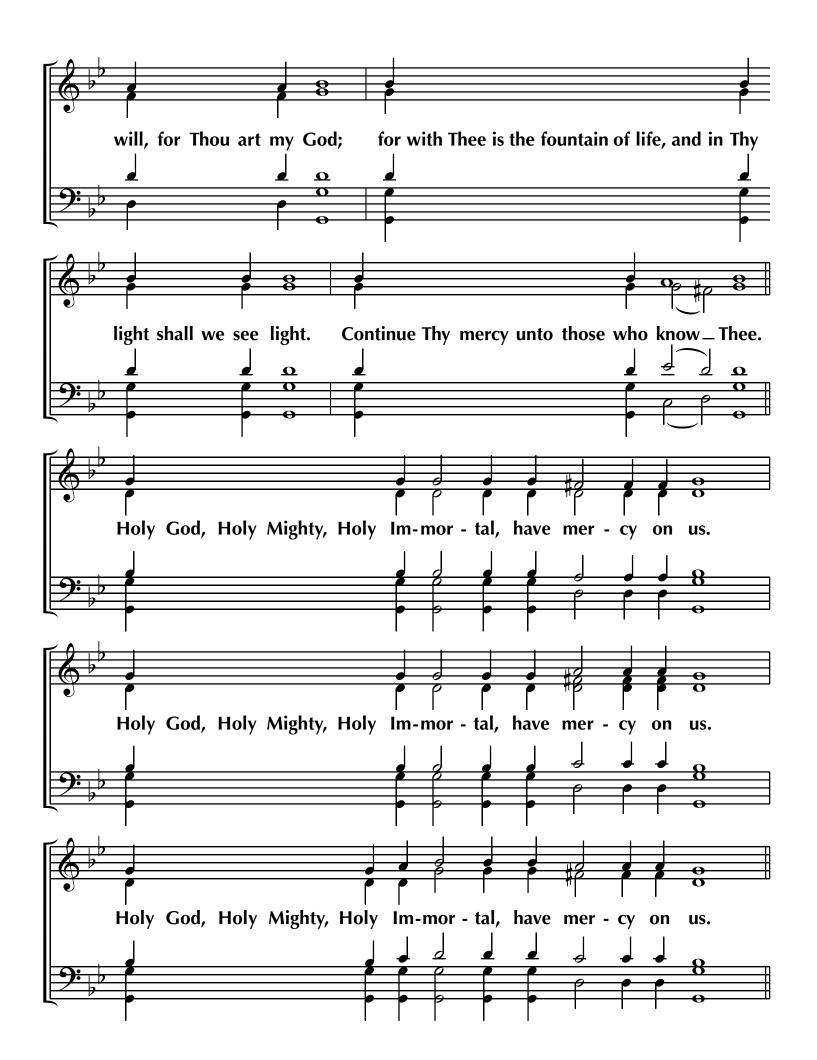
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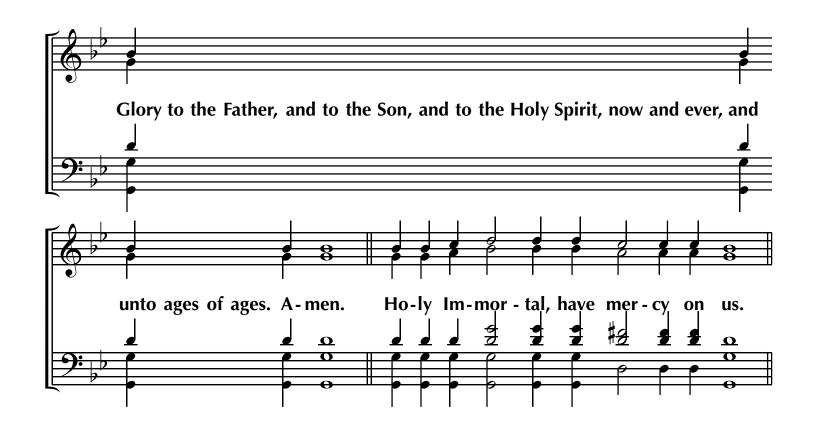




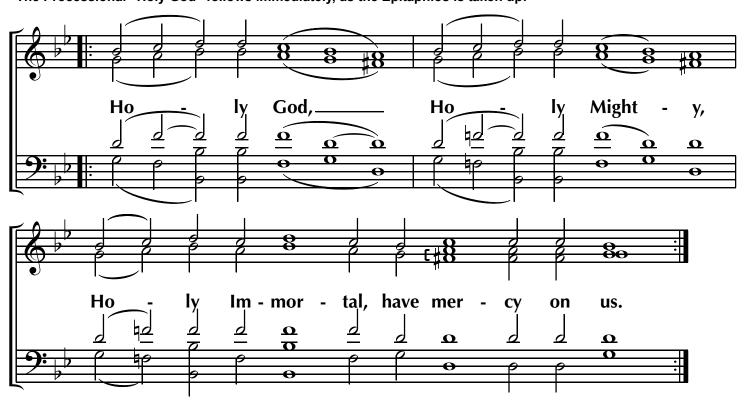








The Processional "Holy God" follows immediately, as the Epitaphios is taken up:

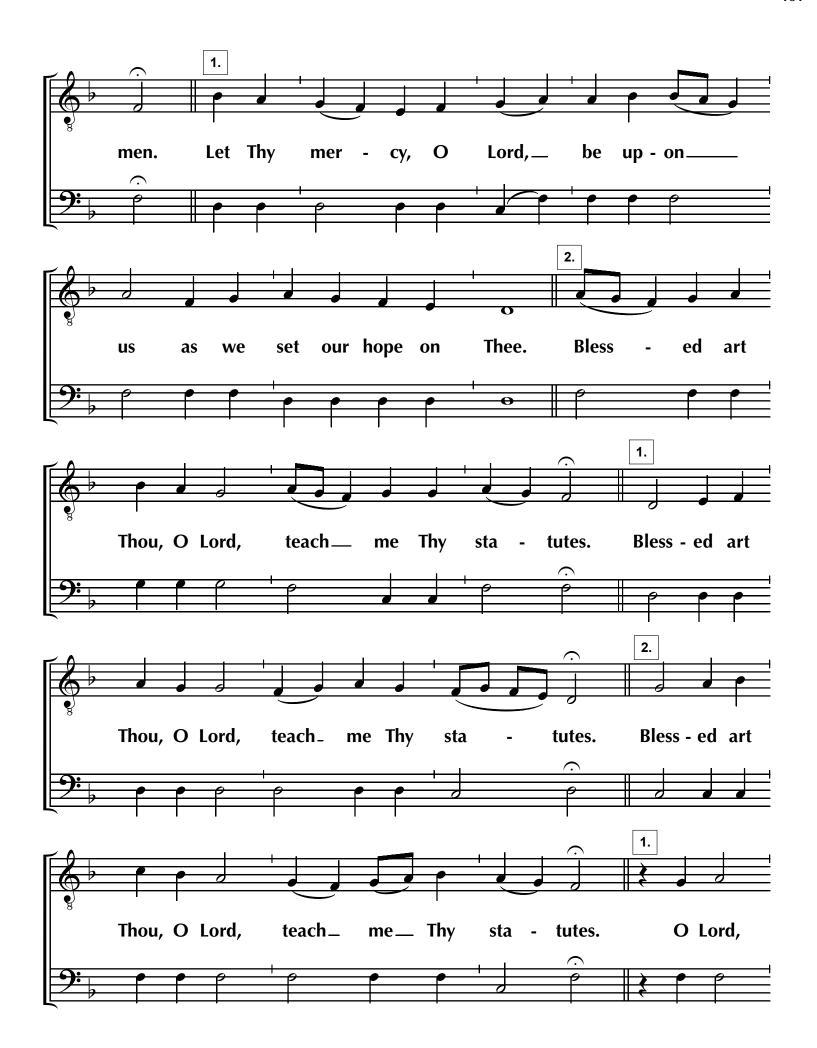


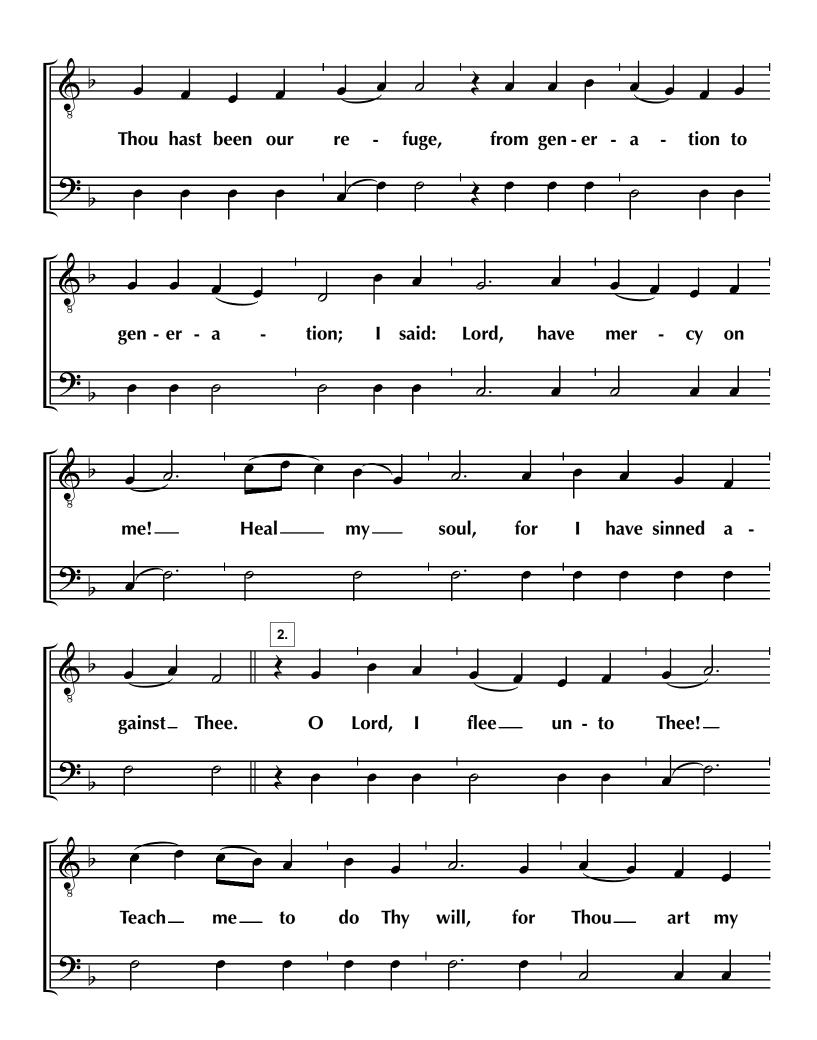






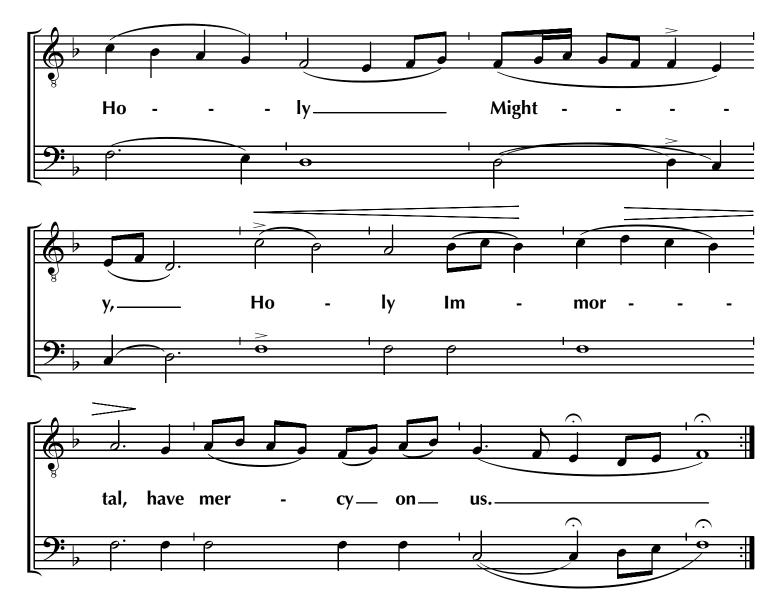




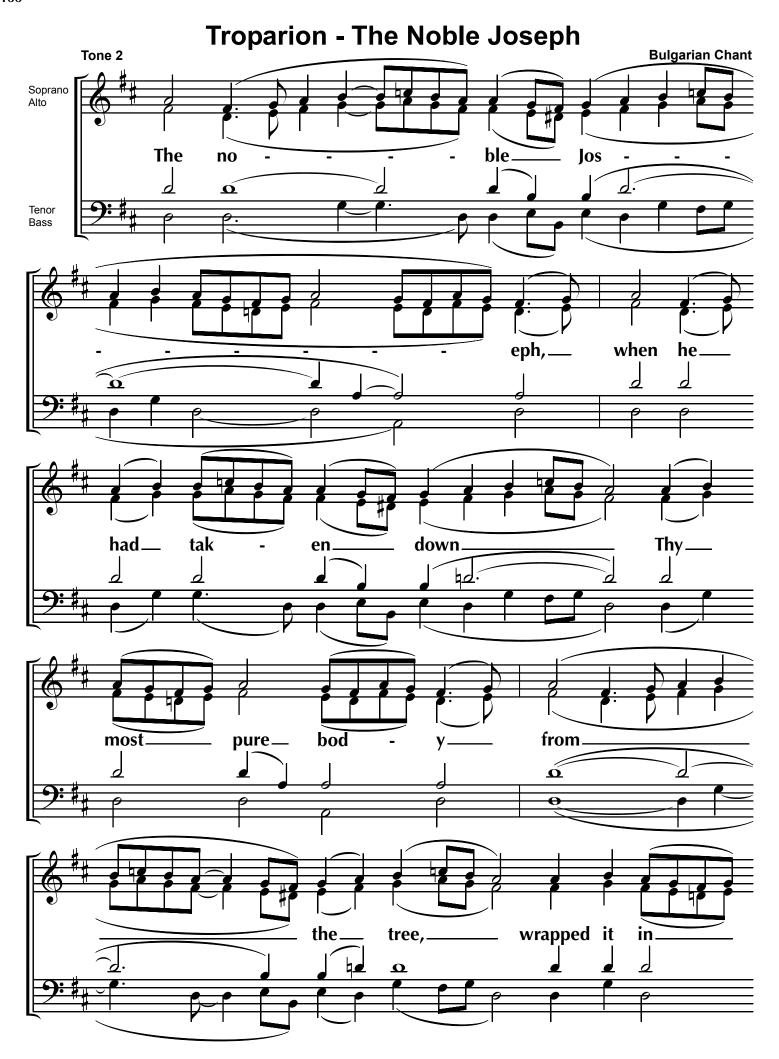


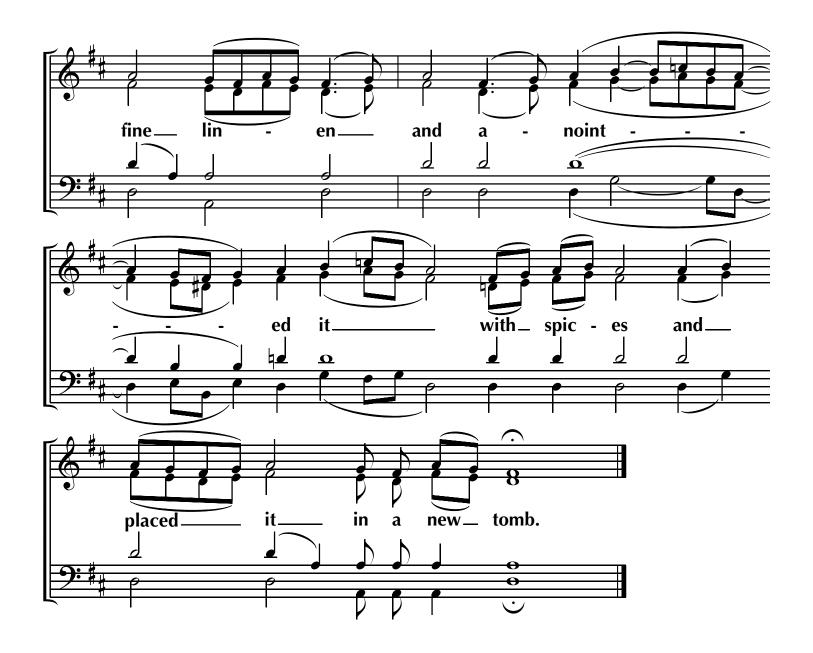






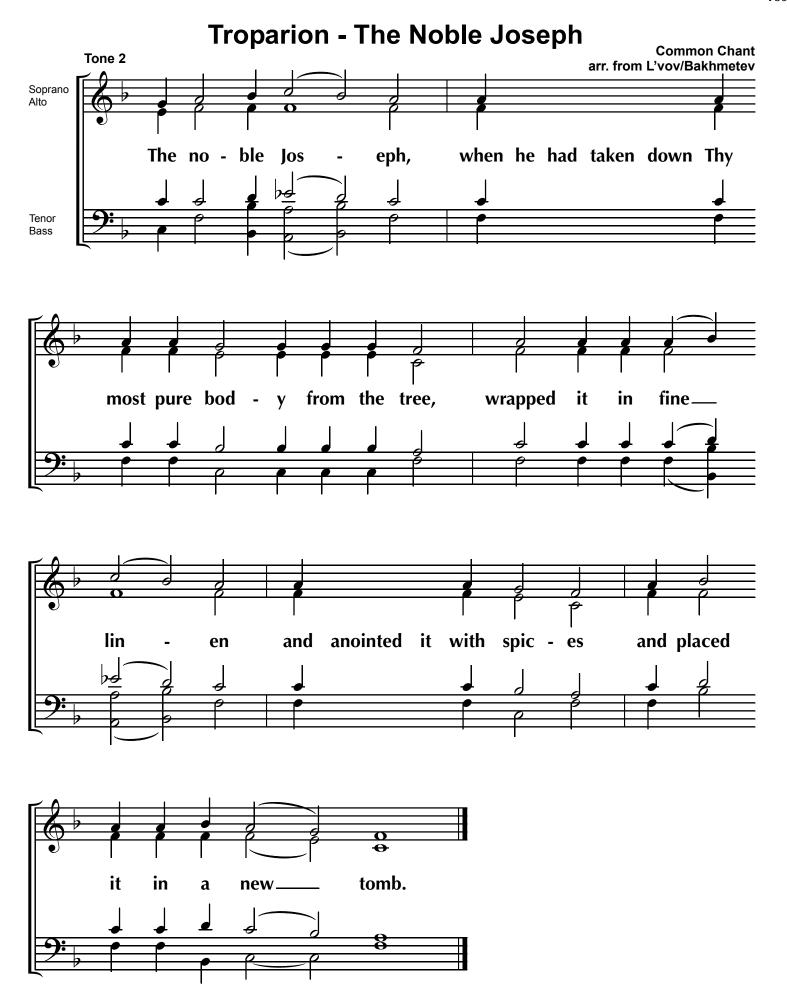
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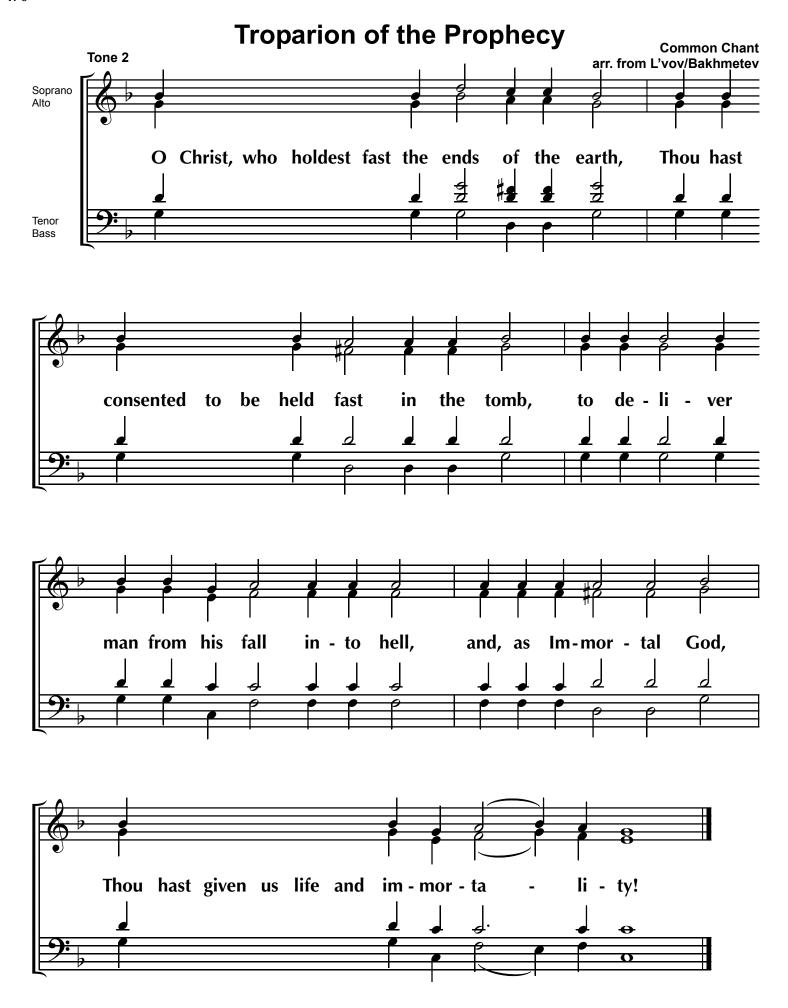






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Alternatively, the Troparion of the Prophecy may be intoned in the following manner:

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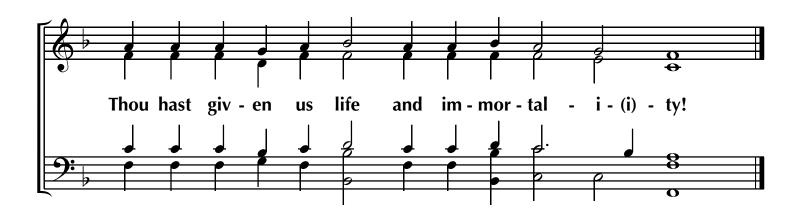
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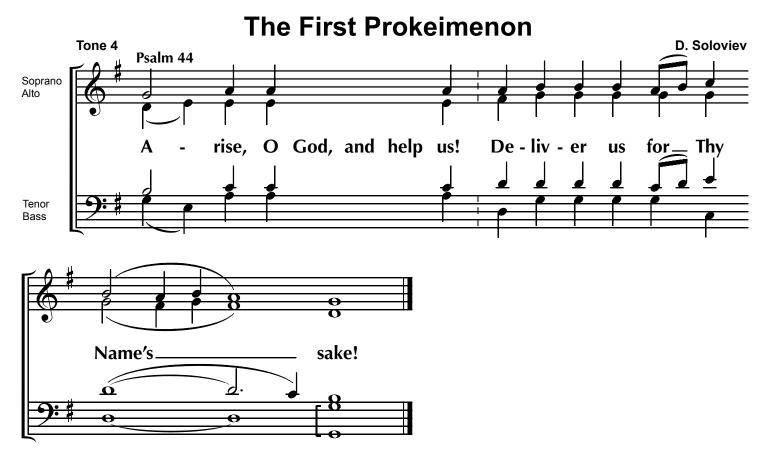
fall into hell, and, as Immortal God...

Choir: ...Thou hast given us life and immortality!

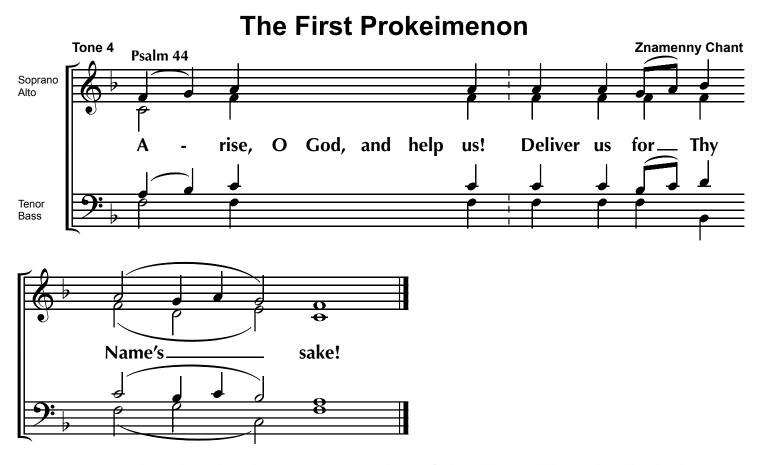


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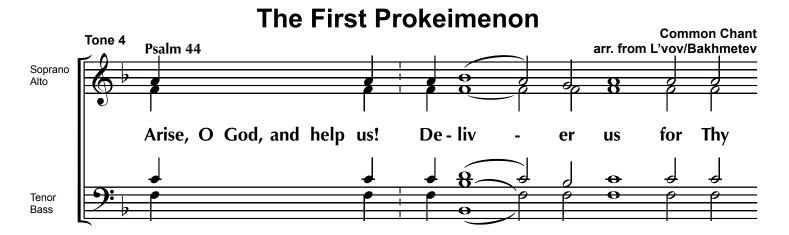


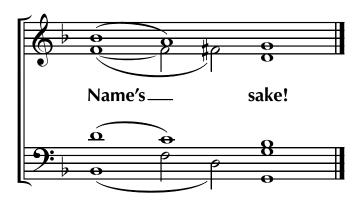


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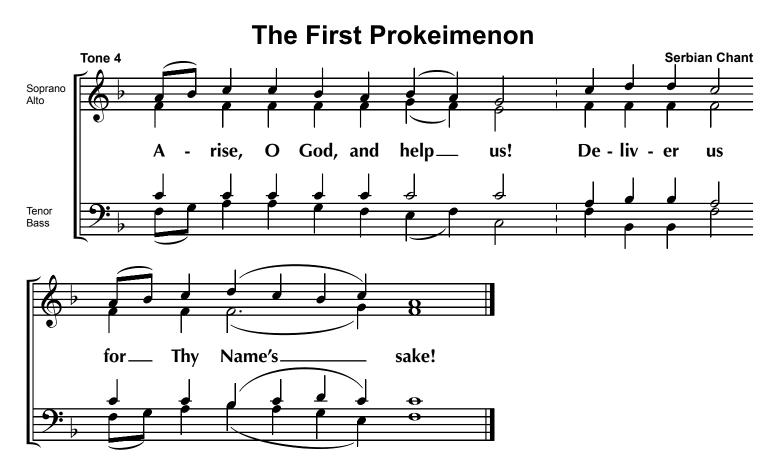


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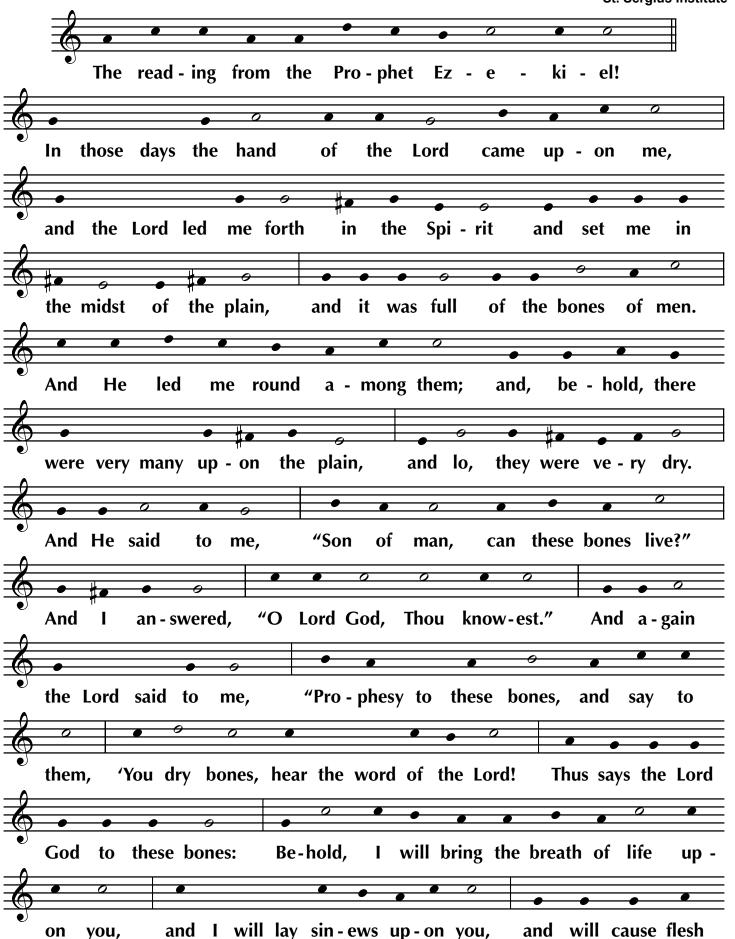


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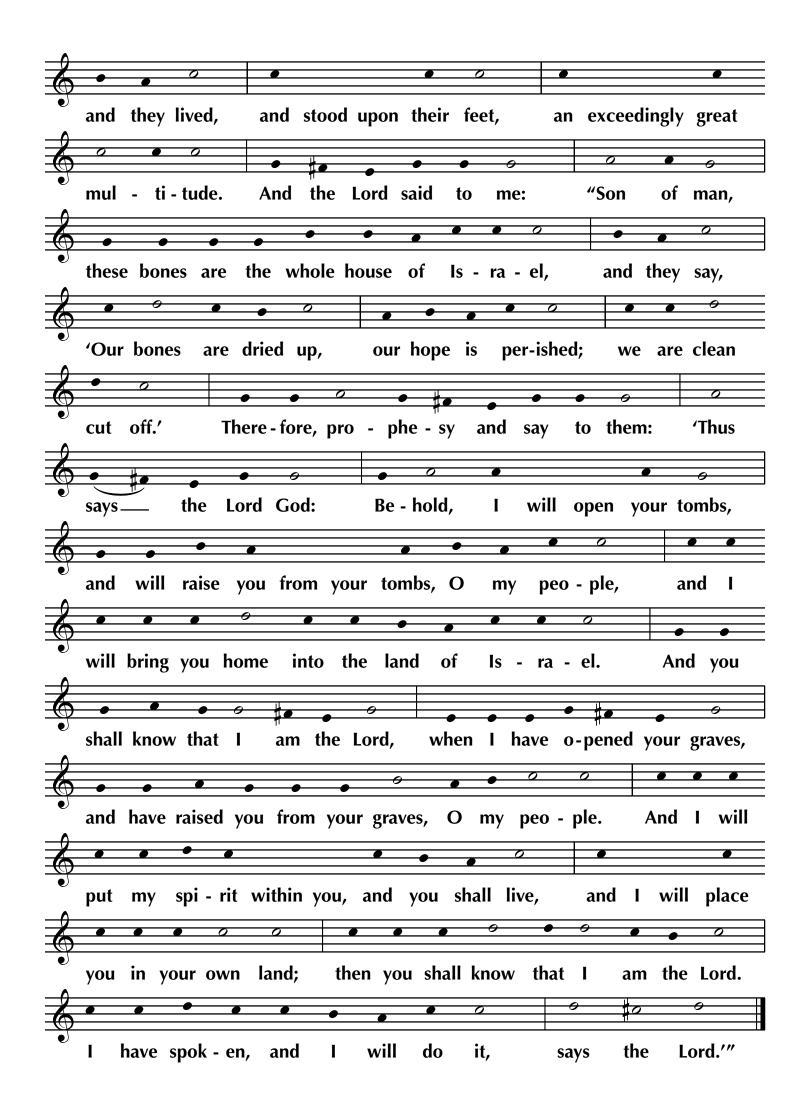
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(Ezekiel 37:1-14)

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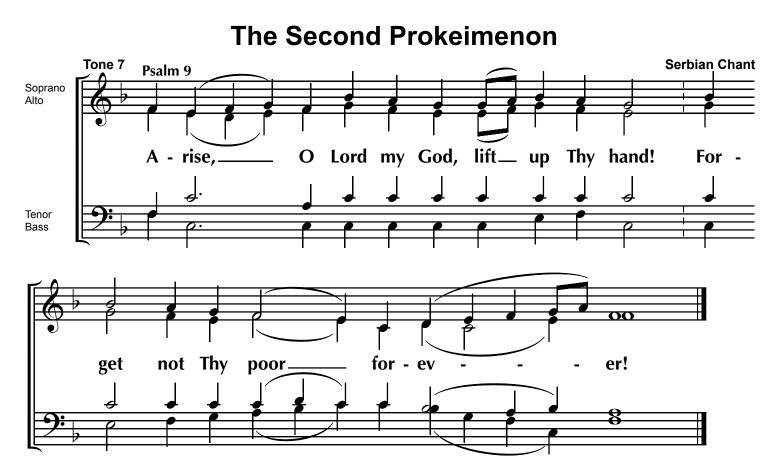




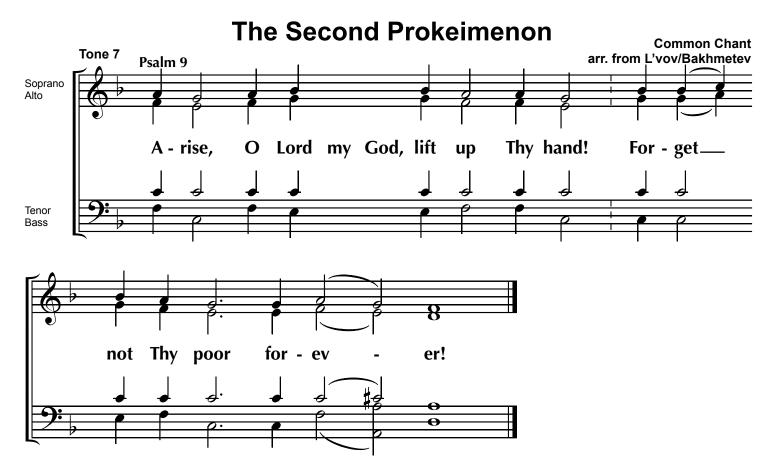
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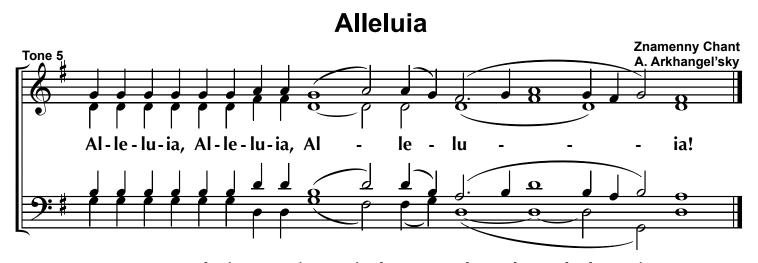
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Verse: Let God arise! Let His enemies be scattered! Let those who hate Him flee from before His face! (Psalm 68:2)

#### **ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

Verse: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire! (v. 3)

#### **ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

Verse: So the sinners will perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad! (v. 3)

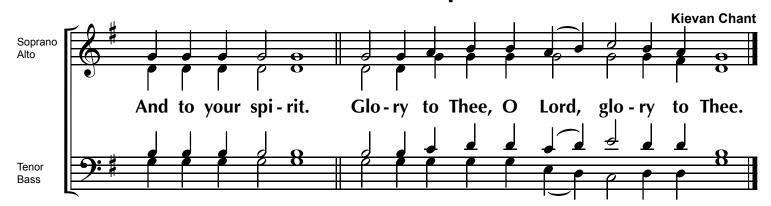
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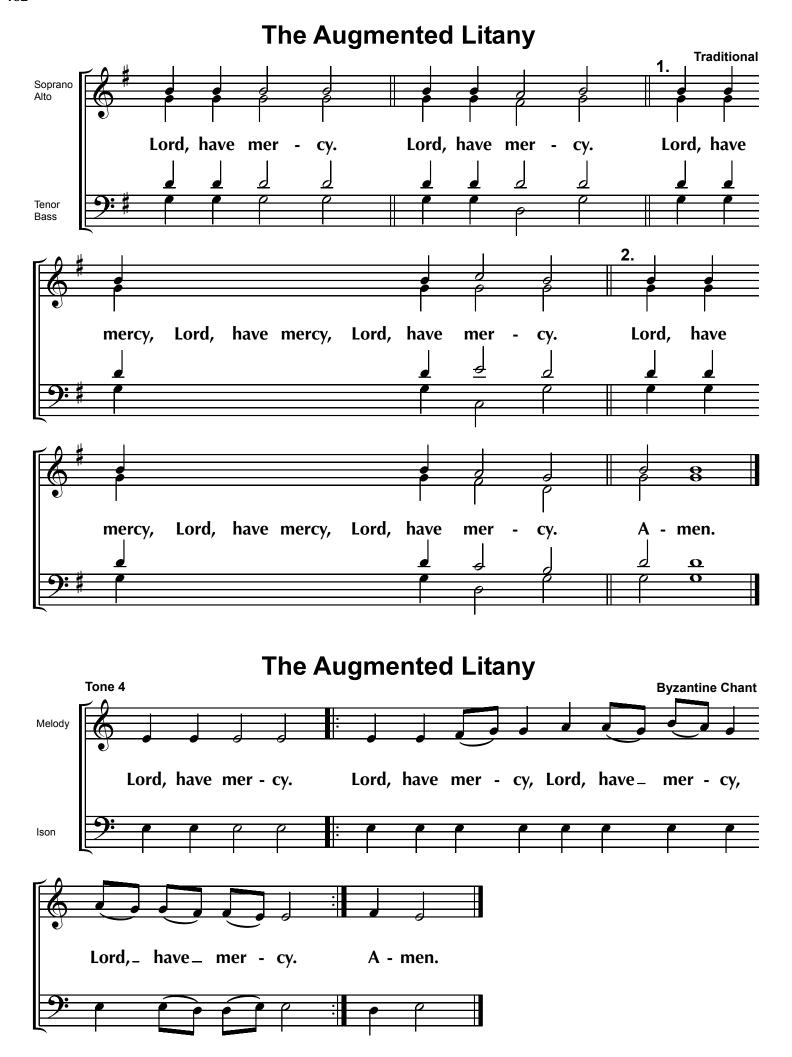
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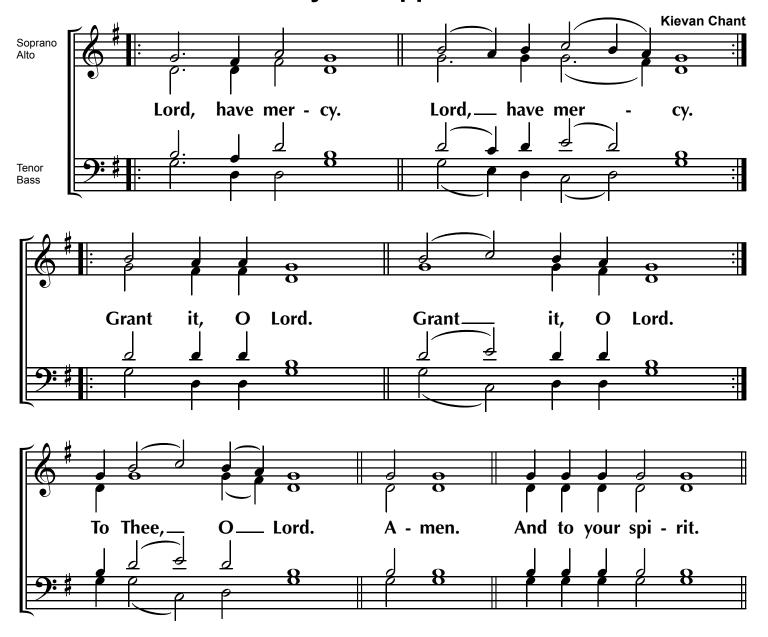
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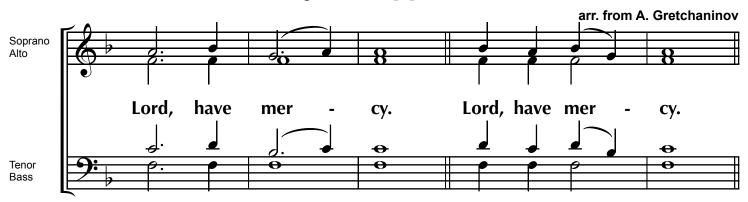


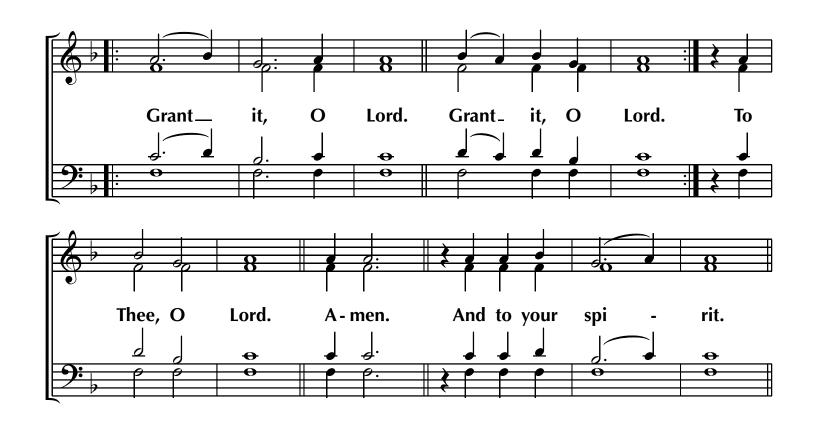


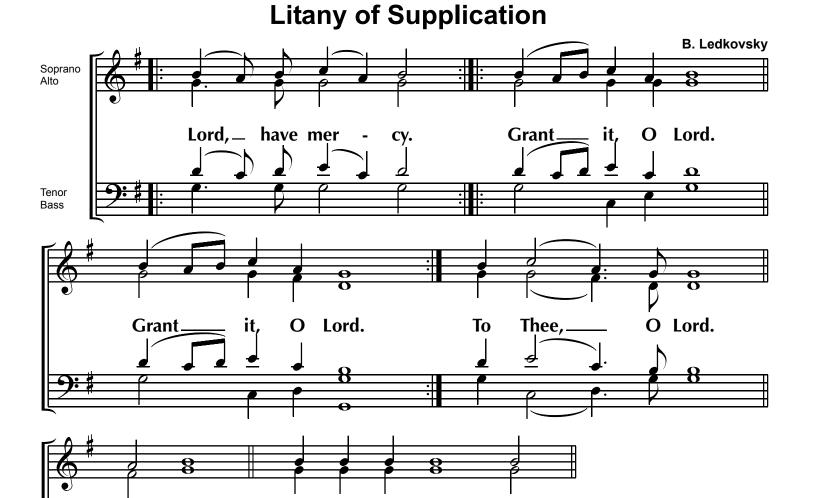
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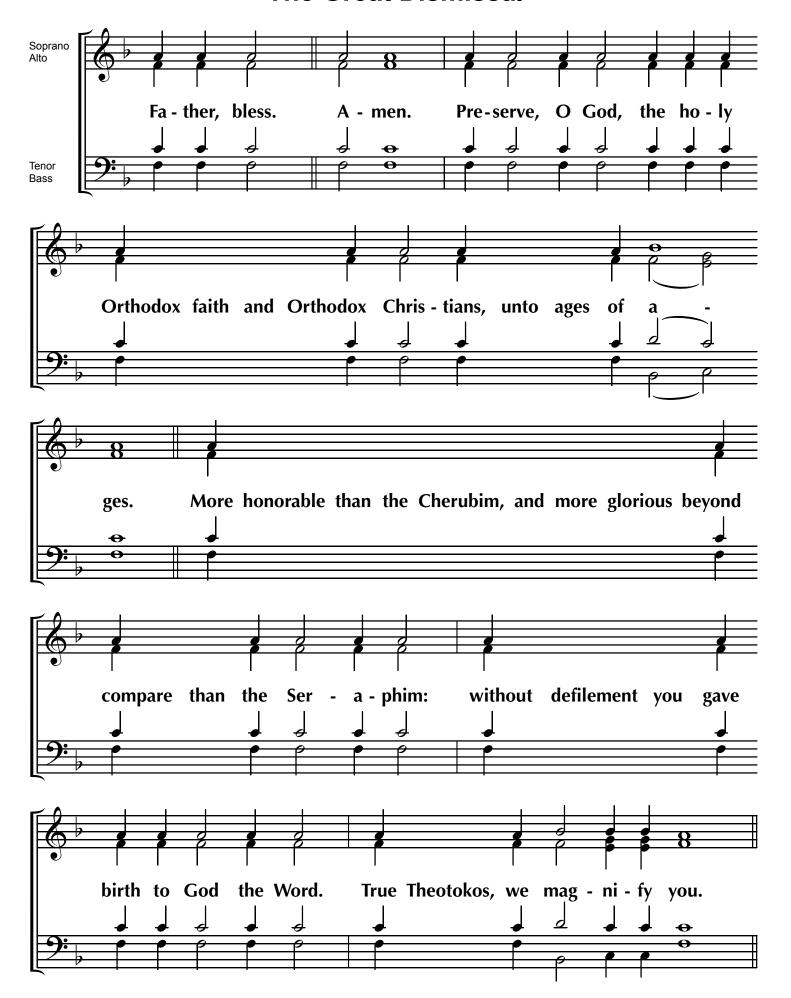
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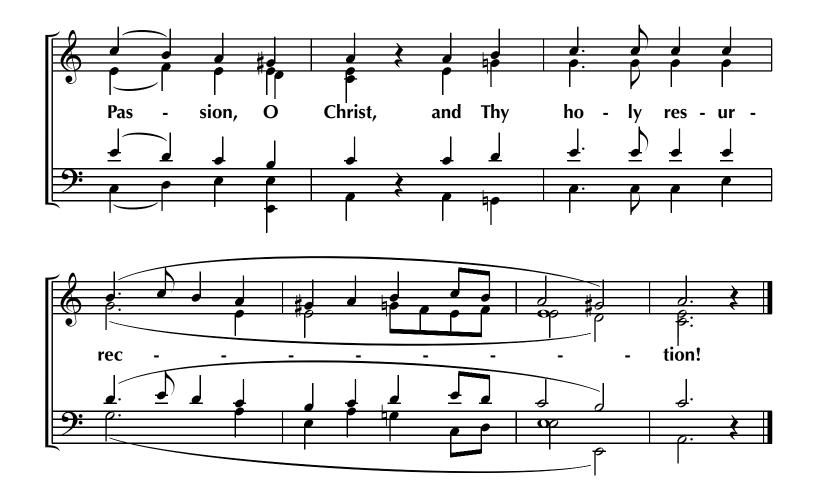












# THE VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY

#### **Opening Psalm (Psalm 104)**

PRIEST: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

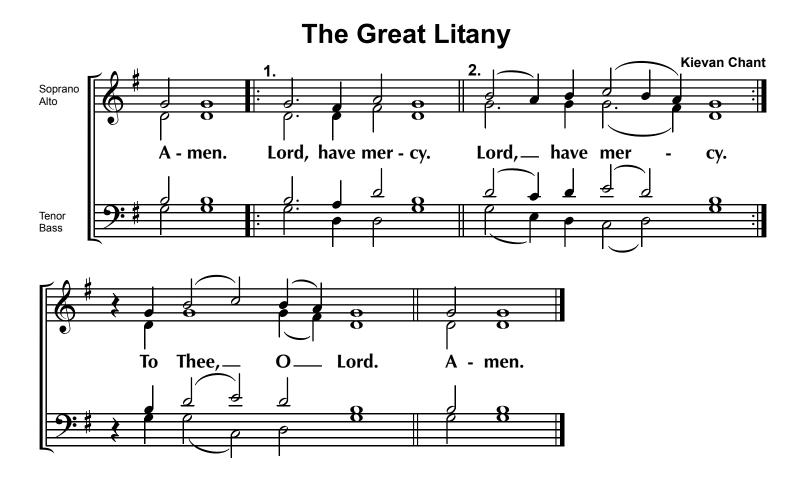
- READER: Amen. Come, let us worship God, our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.
- Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, Thou art very great. Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment; who hast stretched out the heavens like a tent.
- Who hast laid the beams of Thy chambers on the waters, who makest the clouds Thy chariot, who ridest on the wings of the wind, who makest Thy angels spirits, and Thy ministers a fiery flame.
- Thou didst set the earth on its foundations so that it should never be shaken. Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment, the waters stood above the mountains.
- At Thy rebuke they fled, at the sound of Thy thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which Thou didst appoint for them.
- Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. Thou makest springs gush forth in the valleys, they flow between the hills.

- They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. By them the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.
- From Thy lofty abode Thou waterest the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy work. Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle, fodder for the animals that serve man.
- That he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart.
- The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees.
- The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers. Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons. The sun knows its time for setting.
- Thou makest darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.
- When the sun rises, they get them away and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening.
- O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all! The earth is full of Thy creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great.

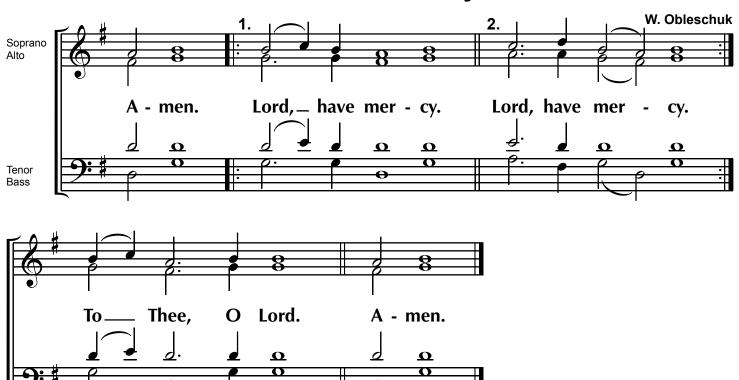
- There go the ships, and Leviathan which Thou didst form to sport in it. These all look to Thee to give them their food in due season.
- When Thou givest to them, they gather it up; when Thou openest Thy hand, they are filled with good things.
  When Thou hidest Thy face, they are dismayed; when Thou takest away their spirit, they die and return to their dust.
- When Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created and Thou renewest the face of the earth! May the glory of the Lord endure forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!
- Who looks on the earth and it trembles! Who touches the mountains and they

- smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have being!
- May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be comsumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul!
- The sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness, and it is night. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
- Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to Thee, O God! (3)



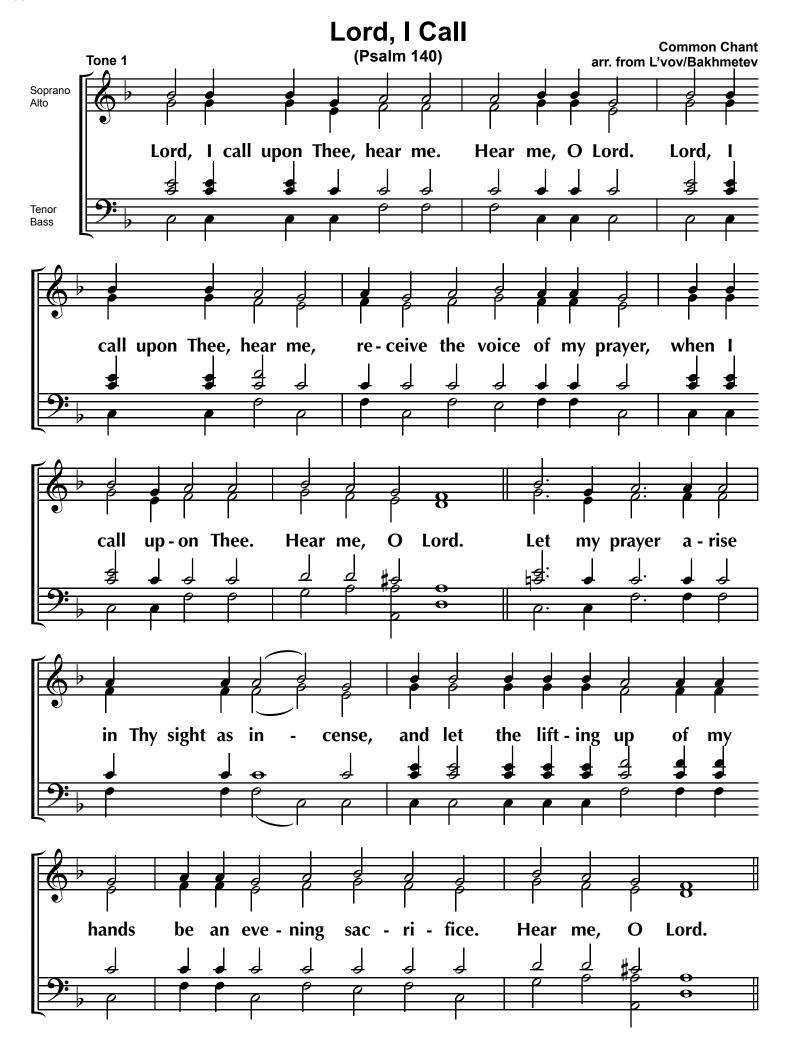


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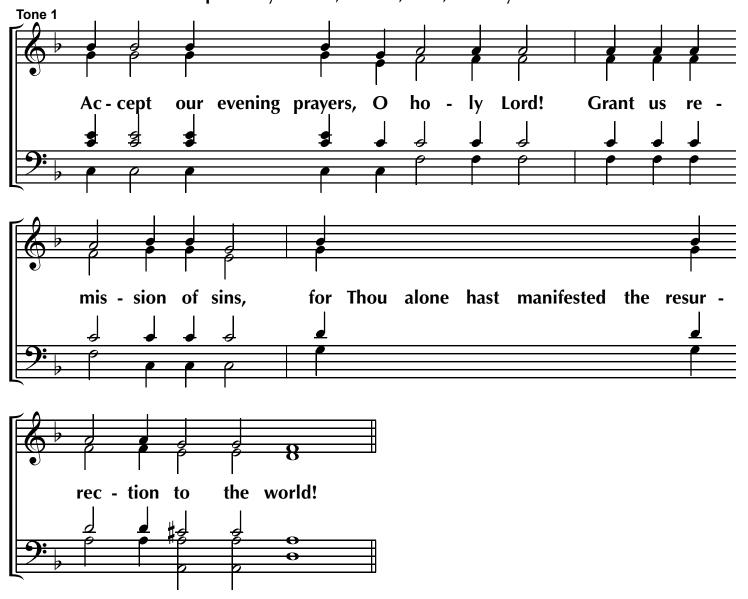


## **The Great Litany**

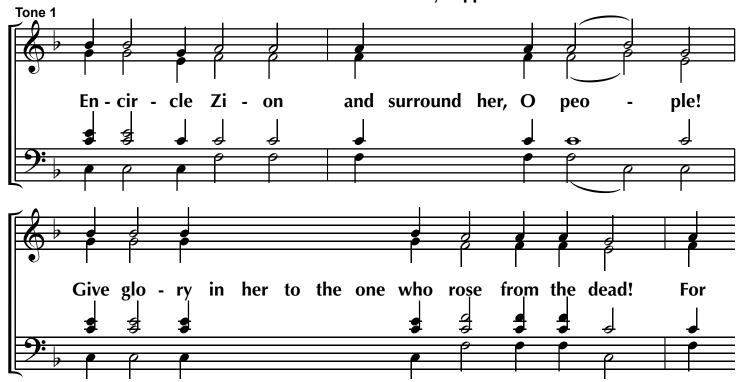


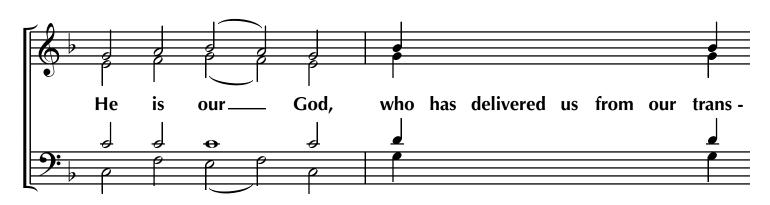


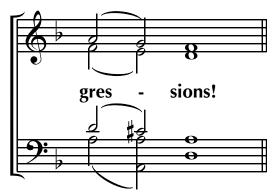
Verse: Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.



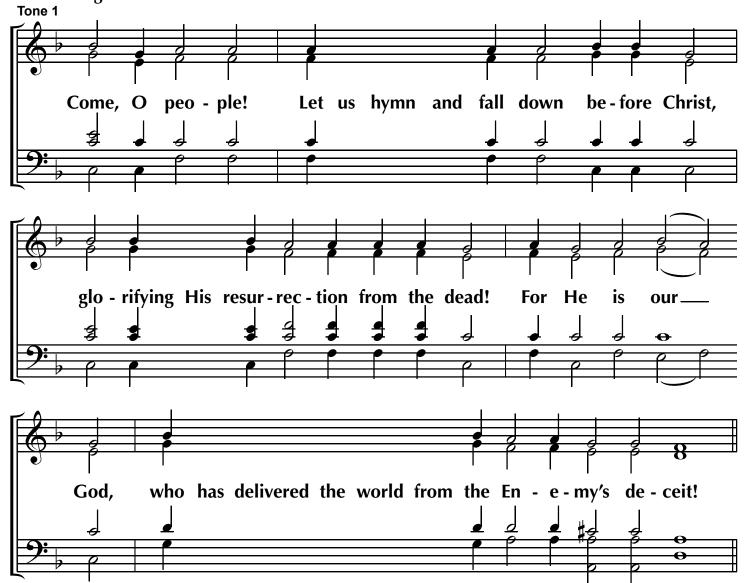
Verse: Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.



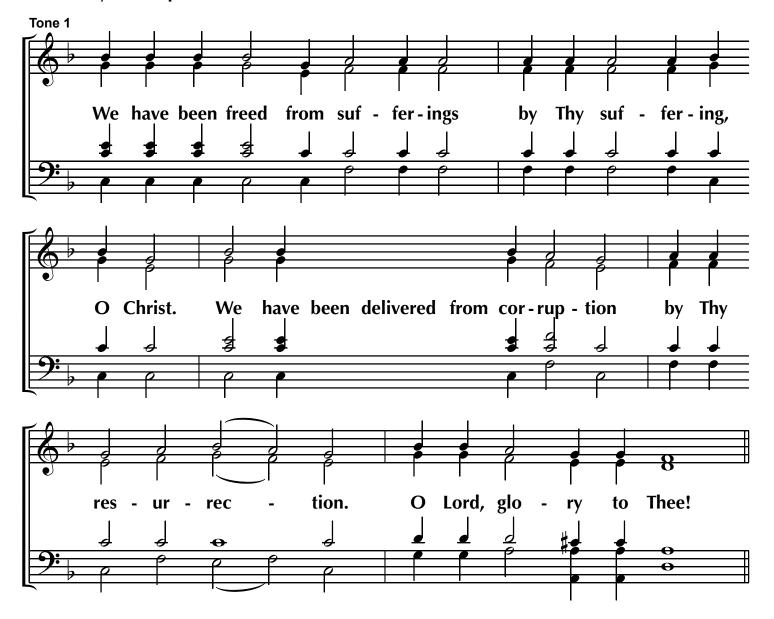




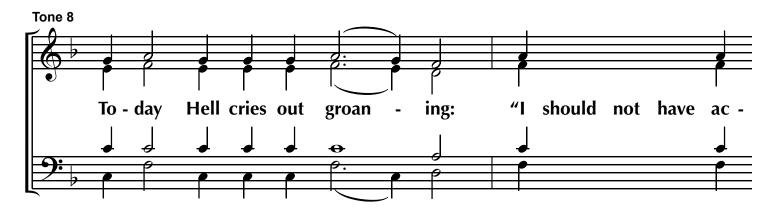
Verse: If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.



Verse: For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word, my soul hopes on the Lord.



Verse: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord!





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

(Repeat) "Today Hell cries out groaning: 'I should not..."

Verse: Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!



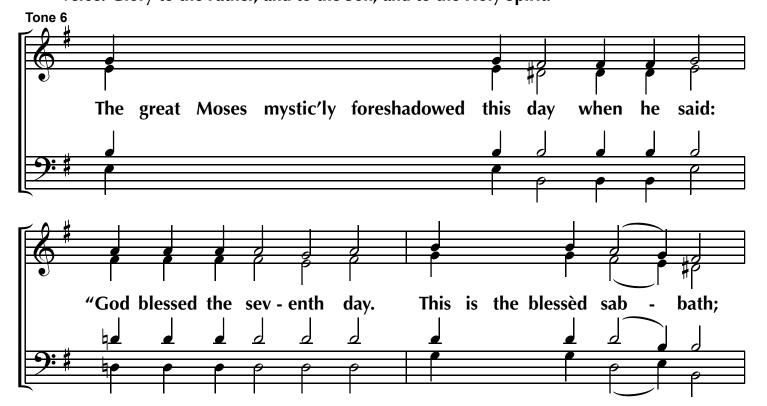


Verse: For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

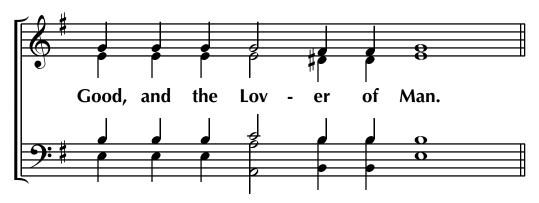




Verse: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

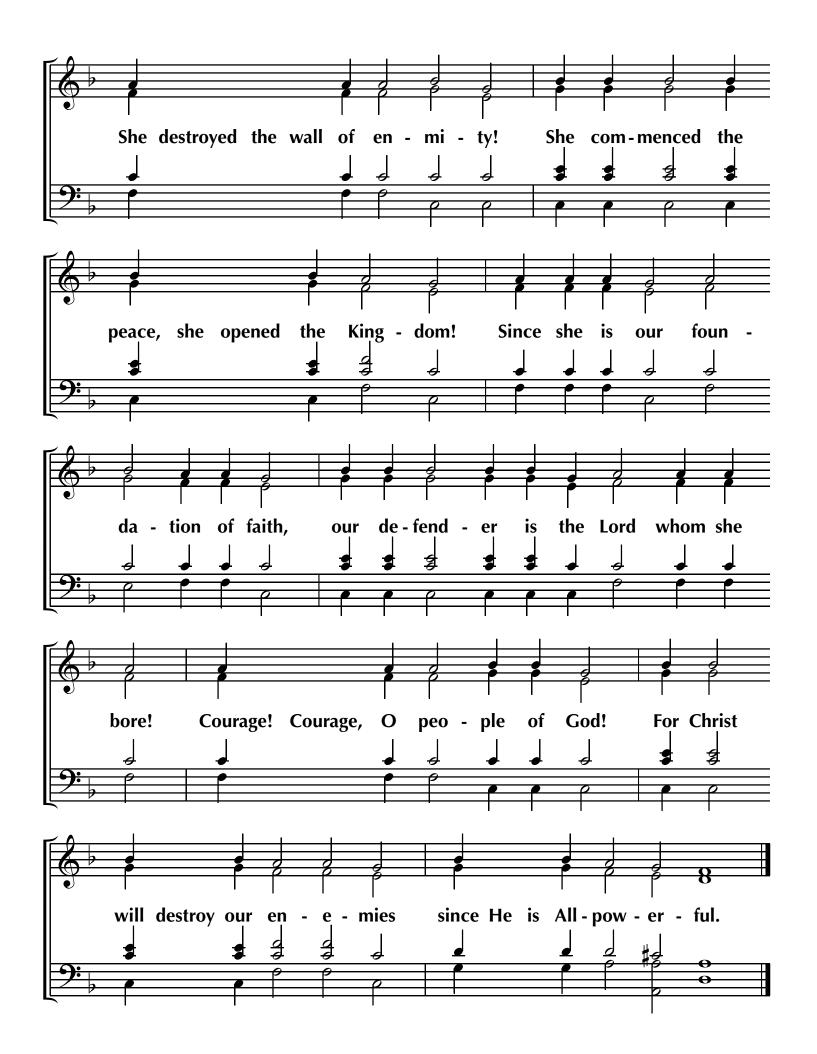


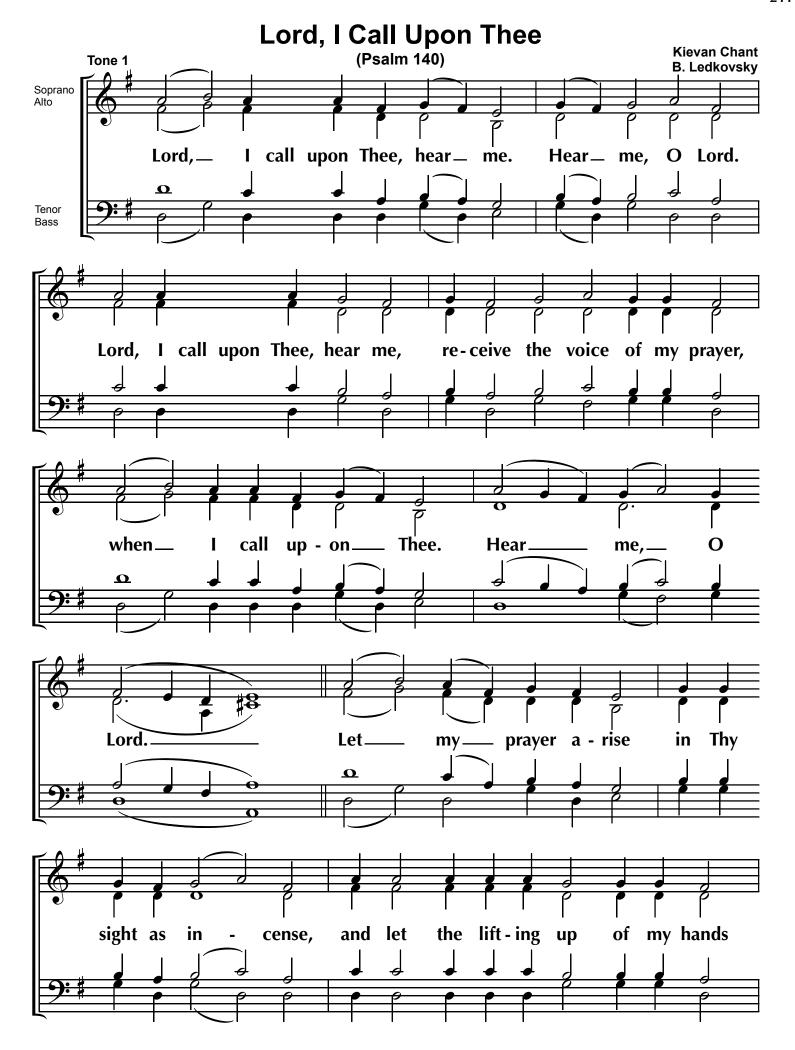




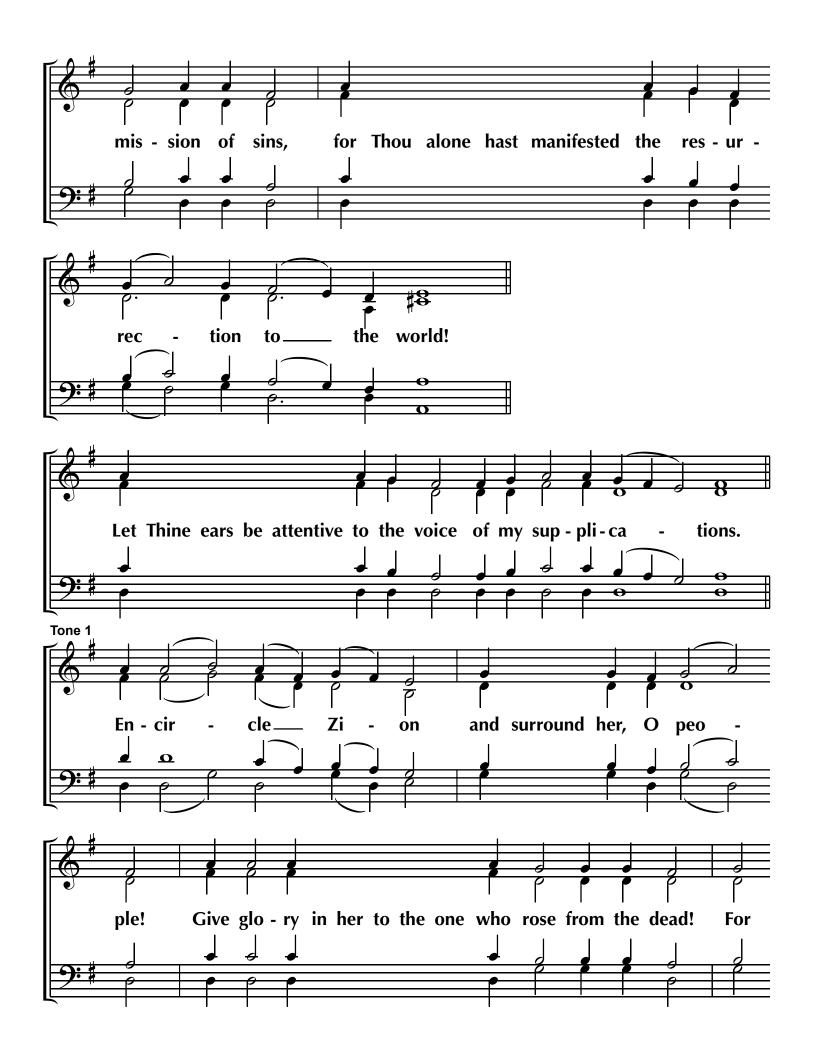
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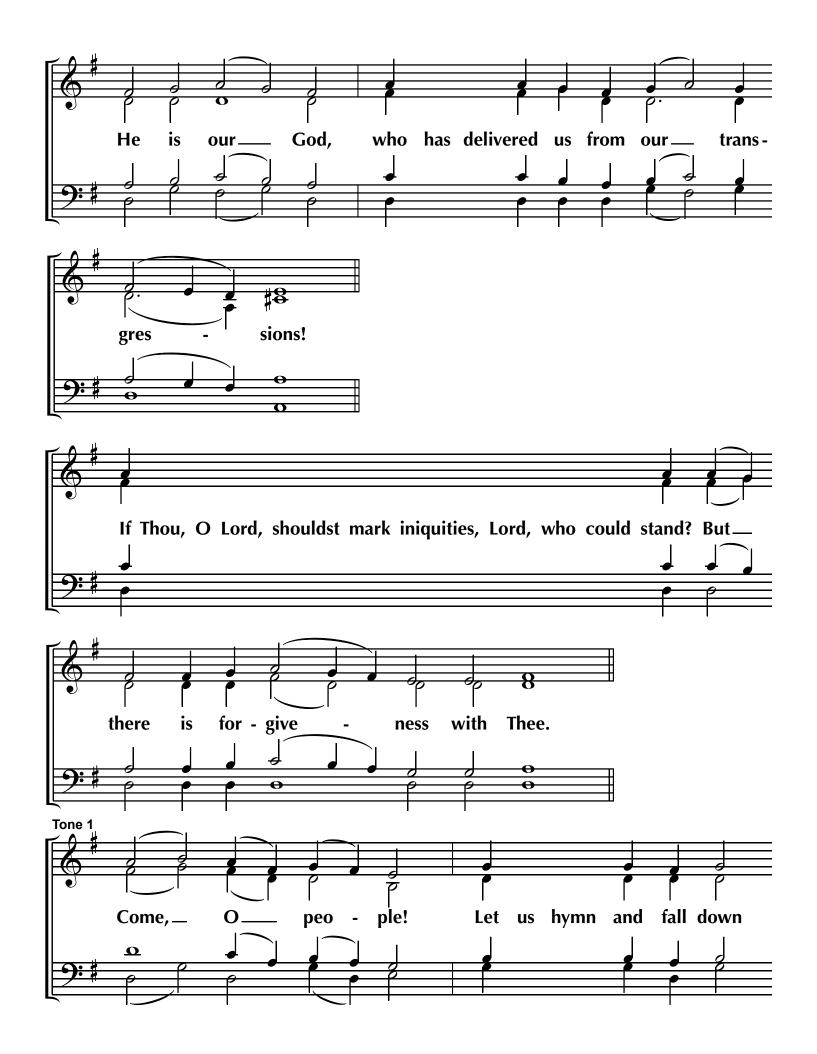


























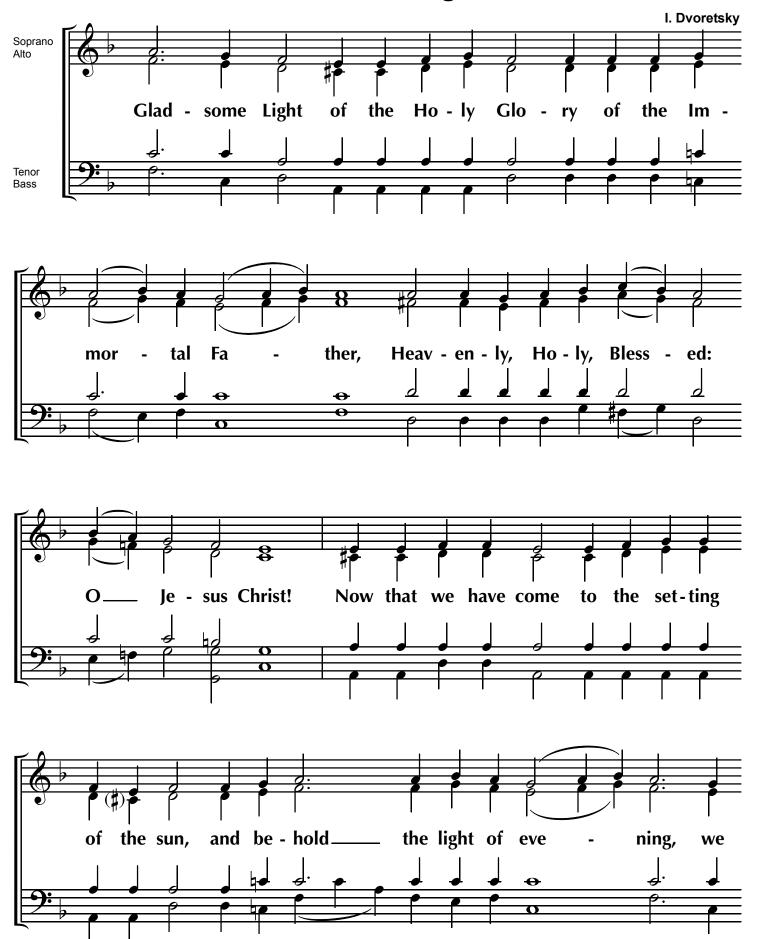








## **Gladsome Light**







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## **Gladsome Light**





## **Old Testament Readings**

1 - Genesis 1:1-13

2 - Isaiah 60:1-16

3 - Exodus 12:1-11

4 - Jonah 1:1-17, 2:1-10, 3:1-10, 4:1-11

5 - Joshua 5:10-15

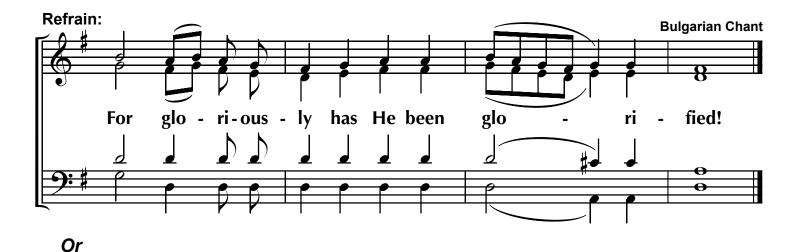
6 - Exodus 13:2-15:19

Reader:

(Continuing from Ex 15:1) ... Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the Lord; and they believed in the Lord and in His servant Moses.

Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying: "Let us sing unto the Lord:

Choir: For gloriously has He been glorified!





The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. Let us sing unto the Lord! (Refrain, sung after each verse.)

He was to me a helper and protector for salvation. Let us sing unto the Lord! This is my God and I will glorify Him; the God of my father and I will exalt Him. Let us sing unto the Lord!

The Lord bringing wars to nought, the Lord is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea. Let us sing unto the Lord!

And his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea. Let us sing unto the Lord! The floods cover them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Let us sing unto the Lord!

Thy right hand, O Lord, has been glorified in power. Let us sing unto the Lord! Thy right hand, O Lord, has shattered the enemy, and in the greatness of Thy

majesty Thou hast overthrown Thine adversaries. Let us sing unto the Lord!

Thou sendest forth Thy fury, it consumes them like stubble, and by the spirit of Thy displeasure the water parted asunder. Let us sing unto the Lord!

The waters stood up like a wall, the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. Let us sing unto the Lord!

The enemy said: I will pursue and I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, I will satisfy my soul, I will destroy with my sword, my hand shall have dominion. Let us sing unto the Lord!

Thou didst send Thy Spirit and the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters. Let us sing unto the Lord!

Who is like Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee - glorified in holiness, marvelous in glory, doing wonders? Let us sing unto the Lord!

Thou didst stretch out Thy right hand and the earth swallowed them. Thou hast led in Thy righteousness the people whom Thou hast redeemed. Let us sing unto theLord!

Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed, the leaders of Moab, trembling seizes them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Let us sing unto the Lord!

Until Thy people pass by, O Lord, until the people pass by whom Thou hast purchased. Let us sing unto the Lord!

Thou wilt bring them in and plant them on Thy mountain, the place, O Lord, which Thou hast made for Thine abode. The sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands have made ready. Let us sing unto the Lord!

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever." For when the horse of Pharaoh with the chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the Lord brought back the water of the sea upon them. Let us sing unto the Lord!

But the children of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. Let us sing unto the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Let us sing unto the Lord!

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Let us sing unto the Lord! FOR GLORIOUSLY HAS HE BEEN GLORIFIED!

7 - Zephaniah 3:8-15

8 - I Kings (III Kings, LXX) 17:8-24

9 - Isaiah 61:10-62:5

10 - Genesis 22:1-18

11 - Isaiah 61:1-9

12 - II Kings (IV Kings, LXX) 4:8-27

13 - Isaiah 63:11-64:5

14 - Jeremiah 31:31-34

15 - Daniel 3:1-23; The Song of the Three Holy Children 1-66

Reader: (Continuing from v. 28): ...Then the three, as with one mouth, praised and glorified and blessed God in the furnace, saying:

"Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers, and to be praised and highly exalted for ever;

And blessed is Thy glorious, holy name, and to be praised and highly exalted for ever; Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thy holy glory, and to be extolled and highly exalted for ever;

Blessed art Thou, who sittest upon cherubim and lookest upon the deeps, and to be praised and highly exalted for ever;

Blessed art Thou upon the throne of Thy kingdom, and to be praised and highly exalted for ever;

Blessed art Thou in the firmament of heaven, and to be sung and glorified for ever. Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord:

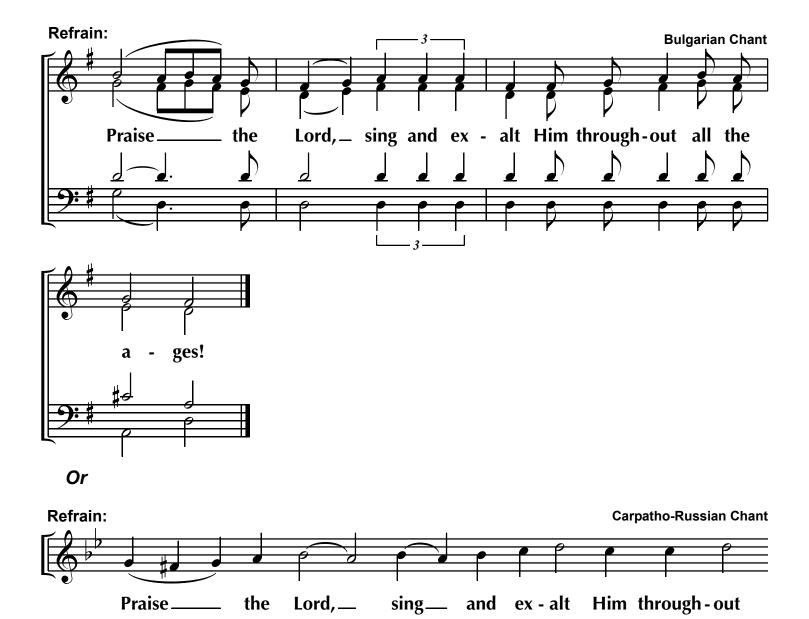
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Bless the Lord, you heavens, (Refrain, sung after each verse.)

Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord.

Bless the Lord, all waters above the heaven.

Bless the Lord, all powers.

Bless the Lord, sun and moon.

Bless the Lord, stars of heaven.

Bless the Lord, all rain and dew.

Bless the Lord, all winds.

Bless the Lord, fire and heat.

Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat.

Bless the Lord, dews and snows.

Bless the Lord, nights and days.

Bless the Lord, light and darkness.

Bless the Lord, ice and cold.

Bless the Lord, frosts and snows.

Bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds.

Let the earth bless the Lord.

Bless the Lord, mountains and hills.

Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth.

Bless the Lord, you springs.

Bless the Lord, seas and rivers.

Bless the Lord, you whales and all creatures that move in the waters.

Bless the Lord, all birds of the air.

Bless the Lord, all beasts and cattle.

Bless the Lord, you sons of men.

Bless the Lord, O Israel.

Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord.

Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord.

Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous.

Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart.

Bless the Lord, Ananiah, Azariah, and Mishael."

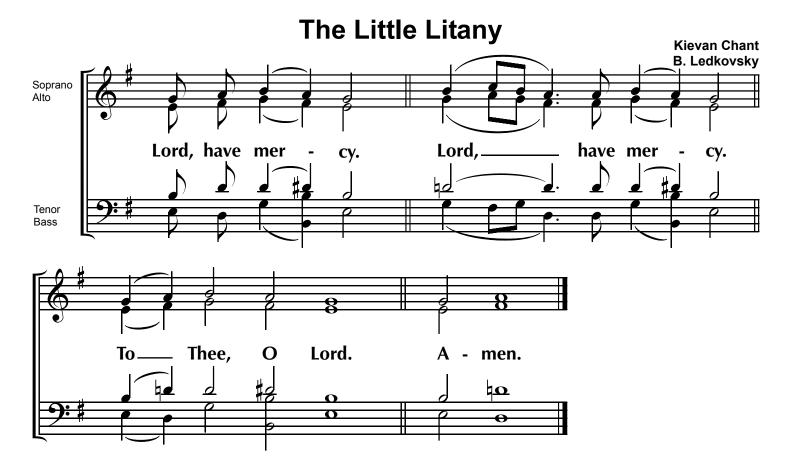
Bless the Lord, apostles, prophets and martyrs of the Lord.

We bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

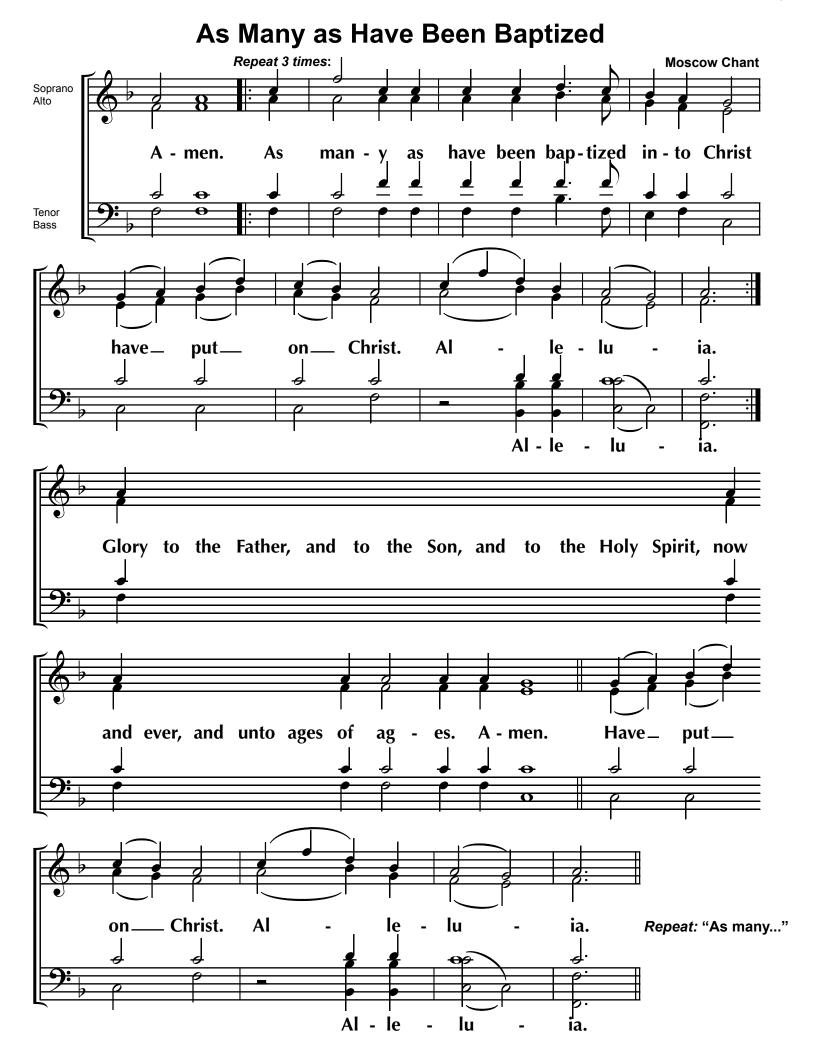
We praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him throughout the ages.

PRAISE THE LORD, SING AND EXALT HIM THROUGHOUT ALL THE AGES.





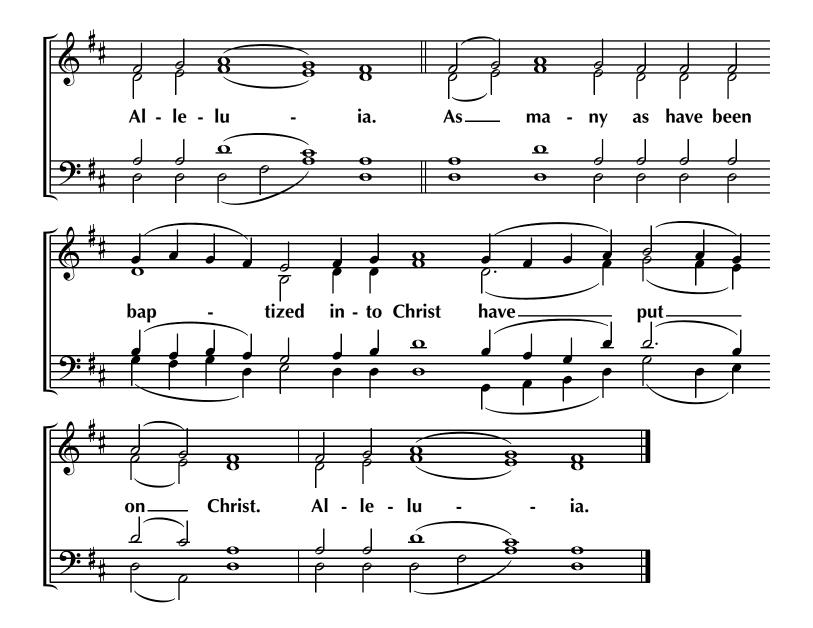


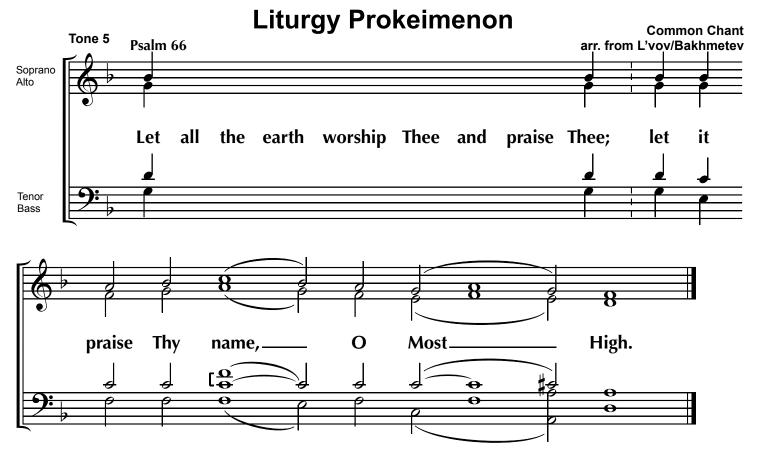




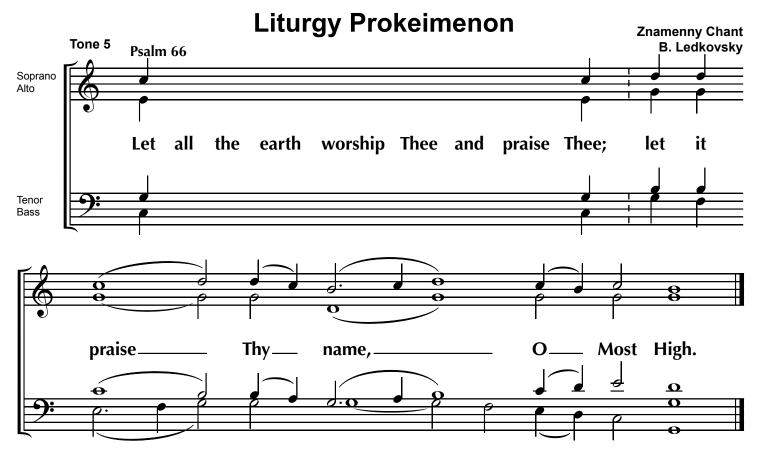




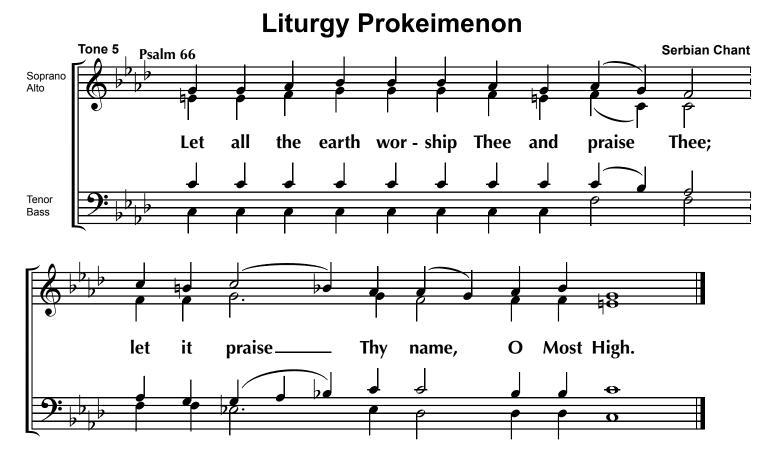




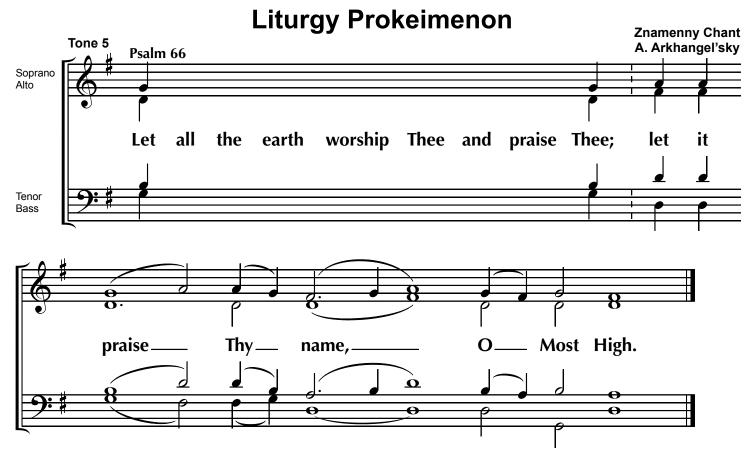
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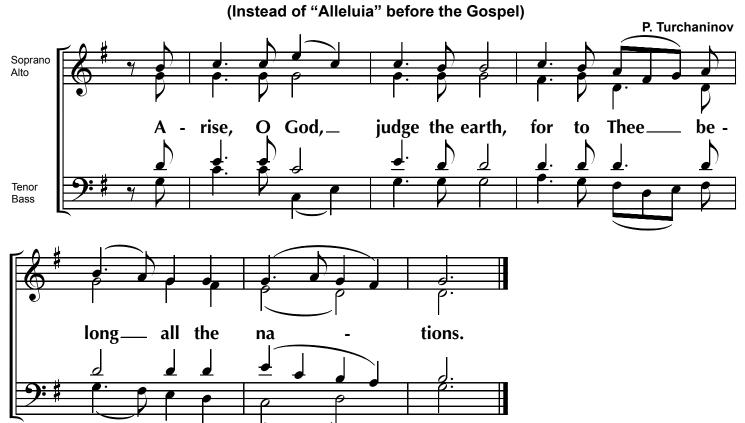


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## Arise, O God



God has taken His place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods He holds judgment.

ARISE, O GOD...

How long will you judge unjustly and accept the faces of sinners?

ARISE, O GOD...

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

ARISE, O GOD...

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the sinner.

ARISE, O GOD...

They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk about in darkness.

ARISE, O GOD...

Let all the foundations of the earth be shaken! I say: You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like men, and fall like any prince!

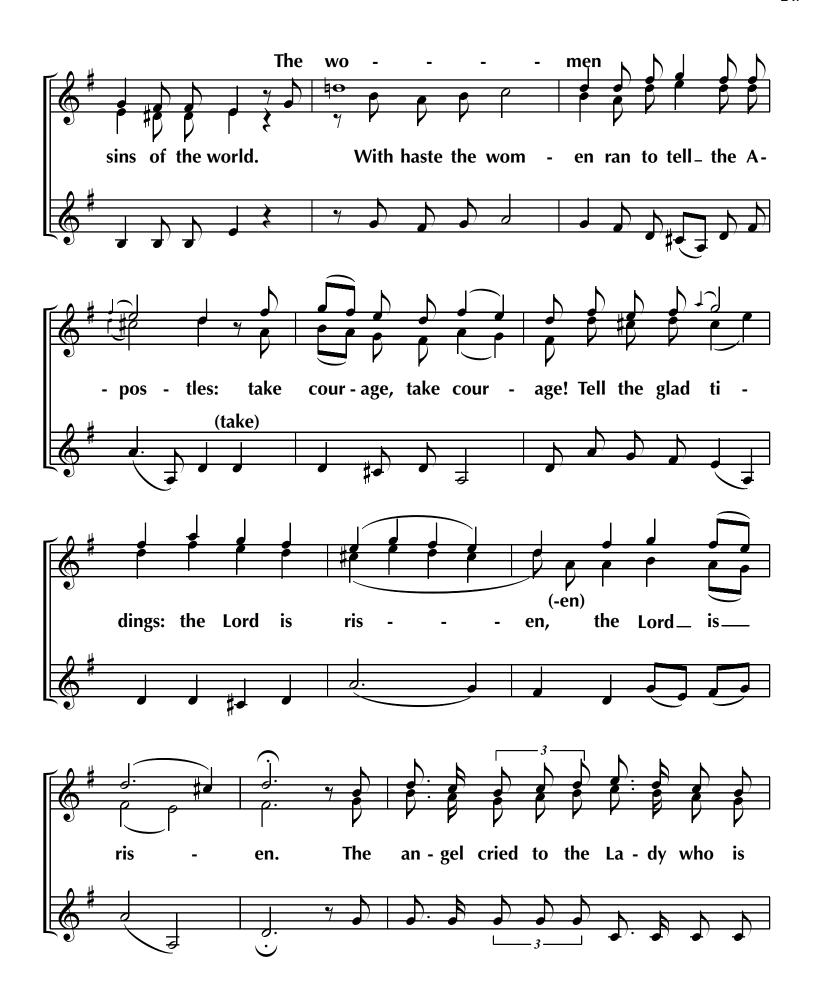
ARISE, O GOD...

Arise, O God, judge the earth...

... FOR TO THEE BELONG ALL THE NATIONS!









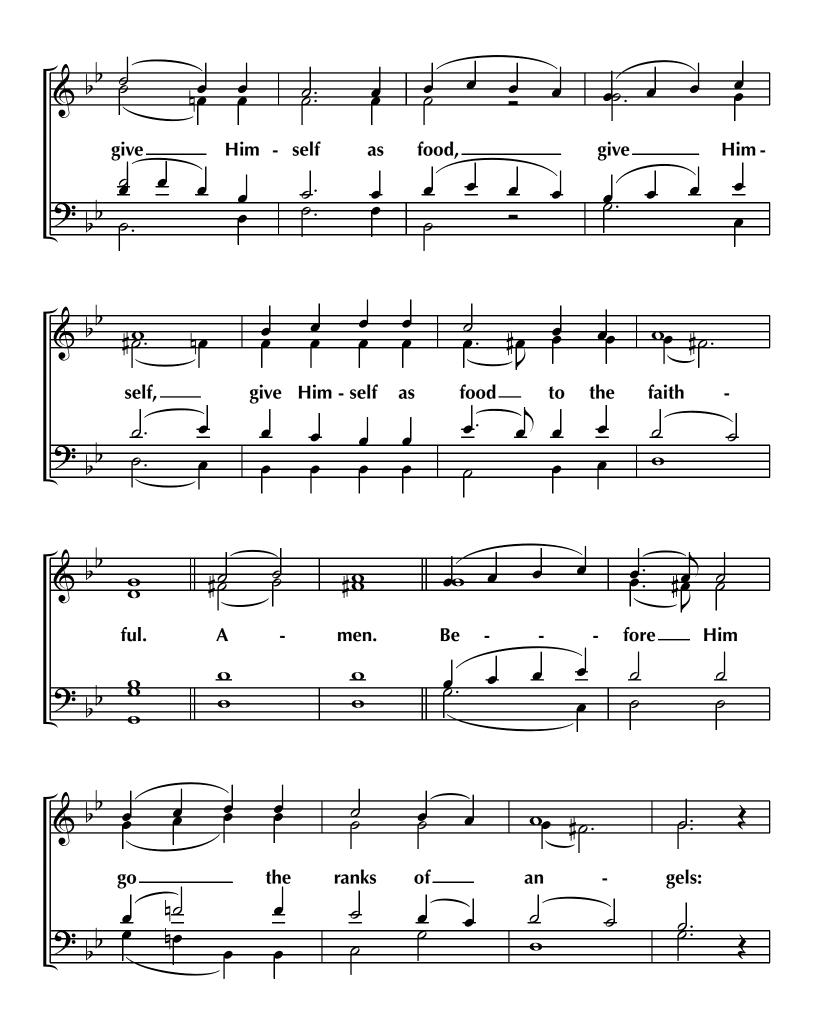


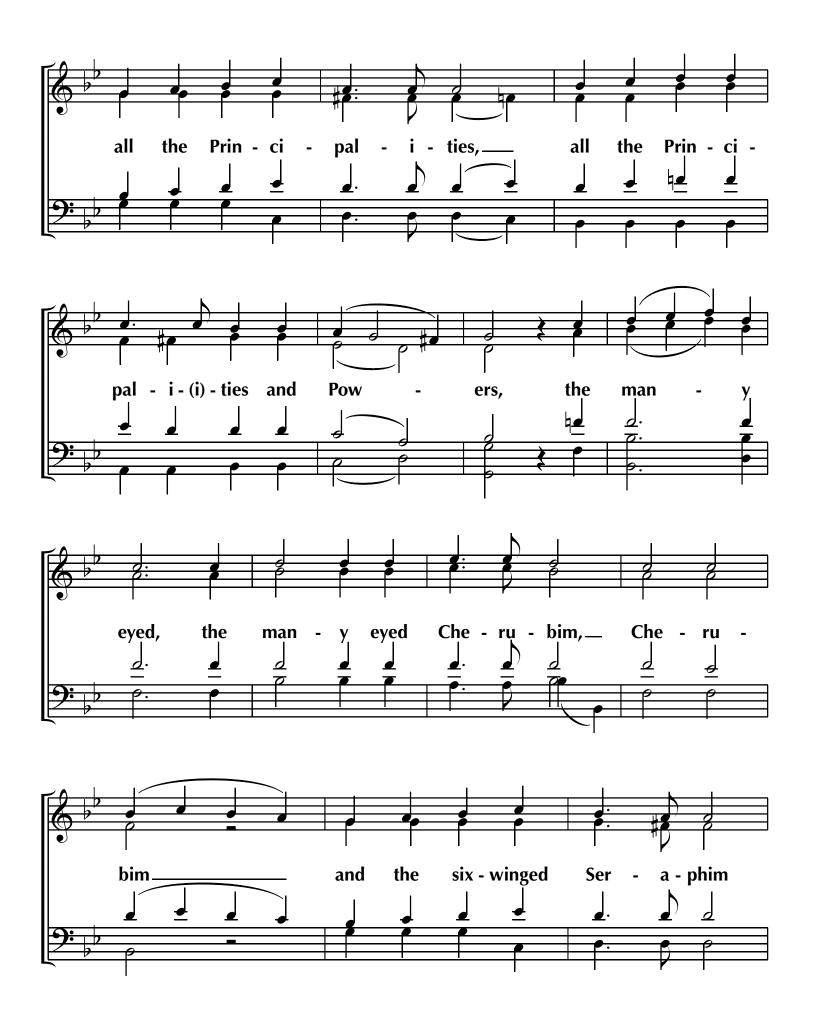














## **Let All Mortal Flesh**





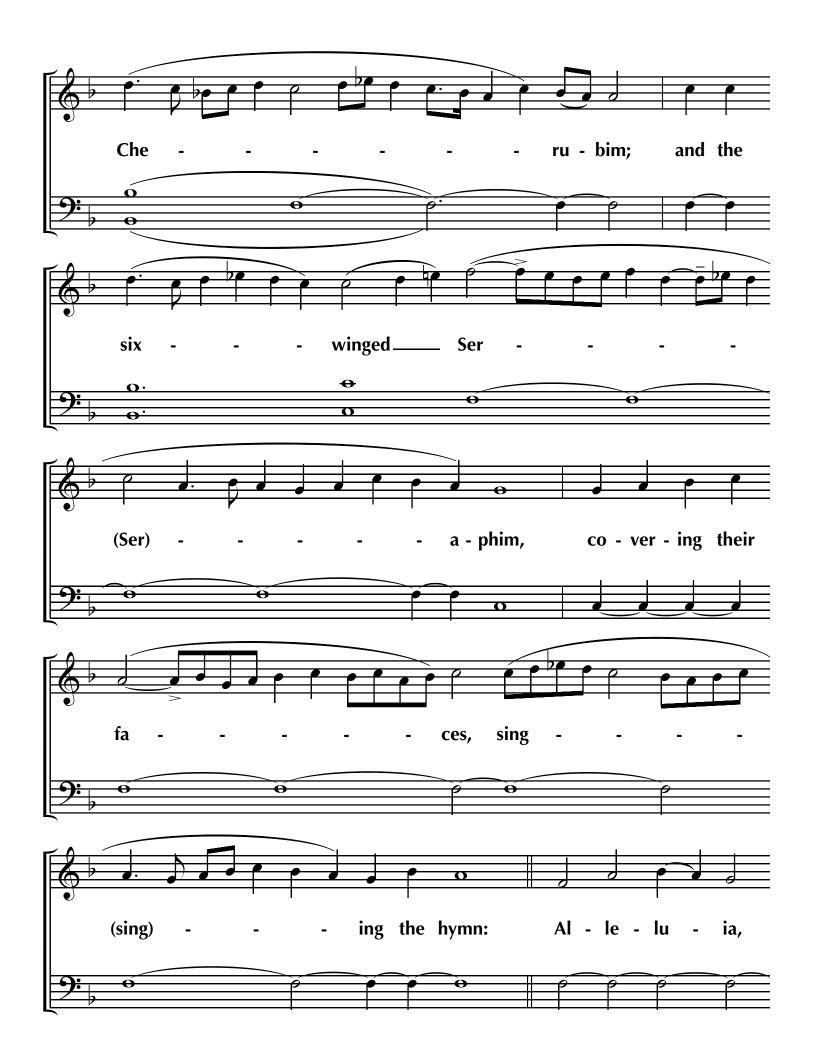


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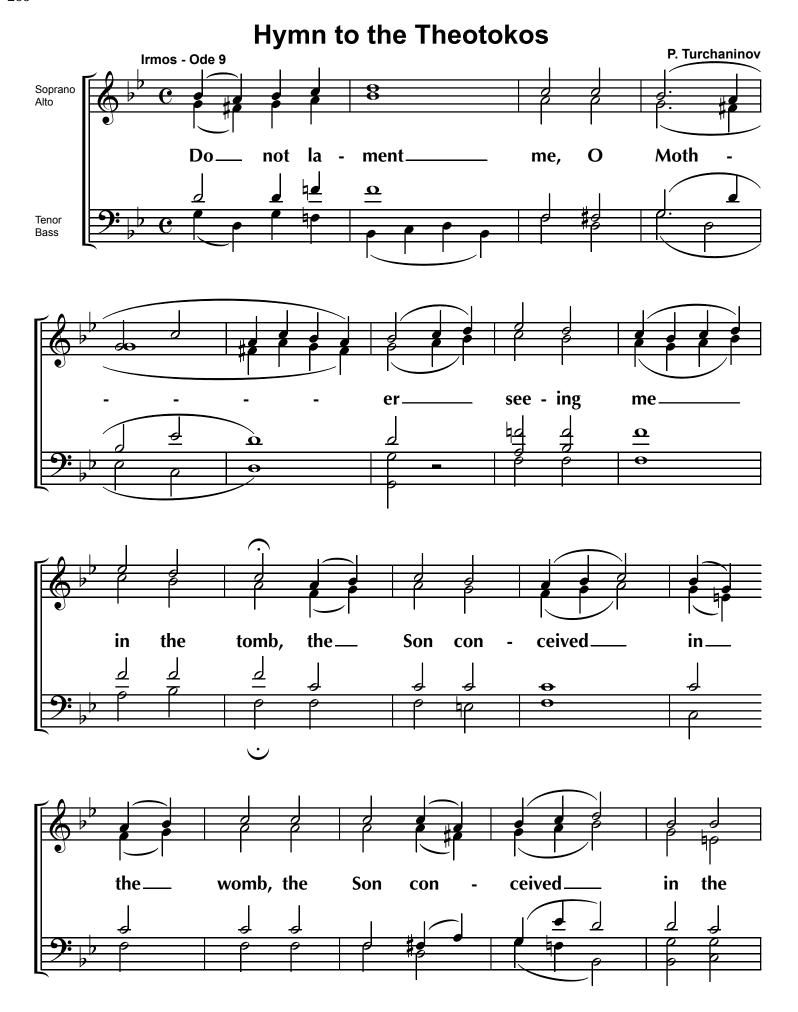


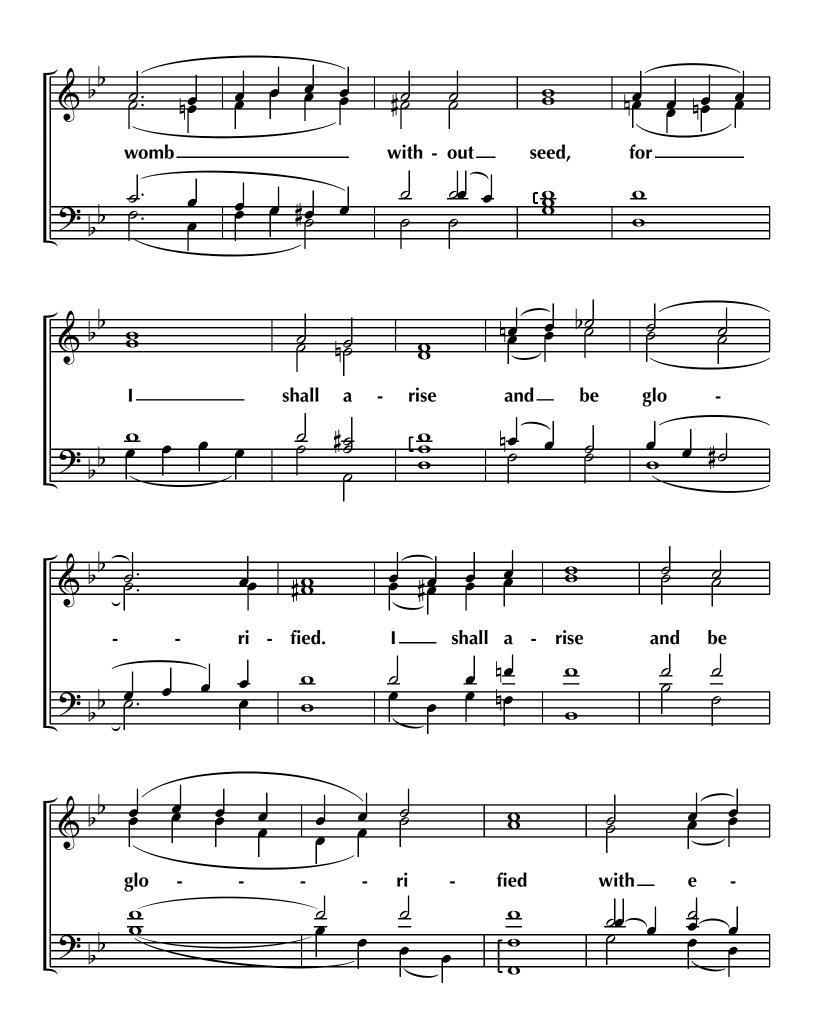








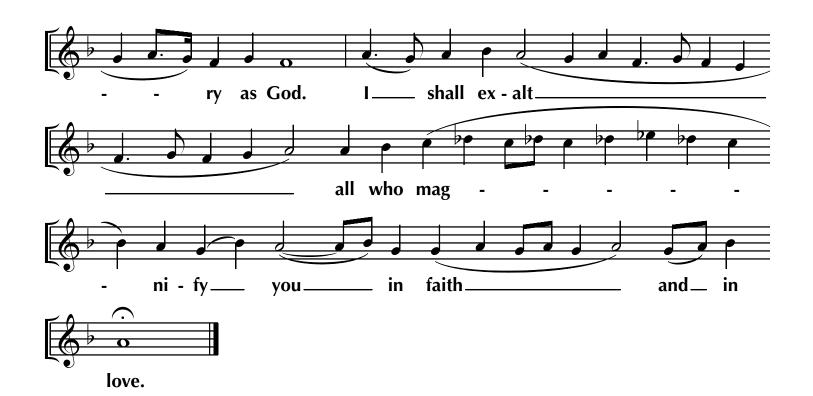


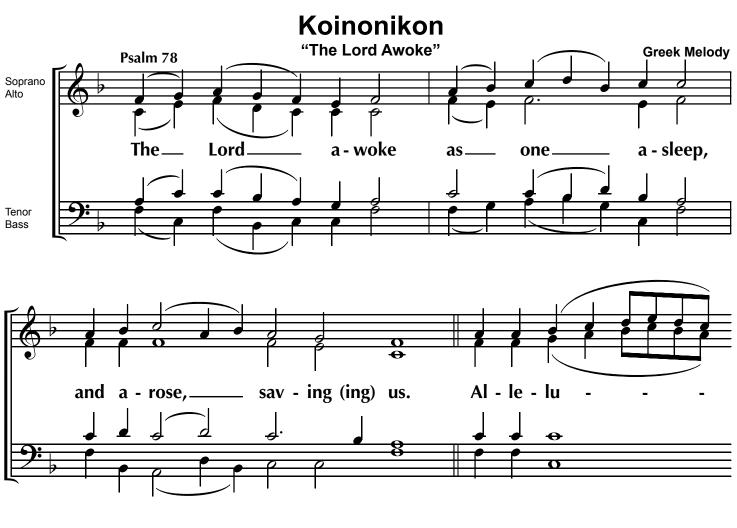


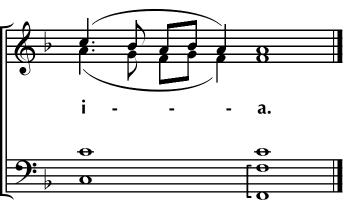




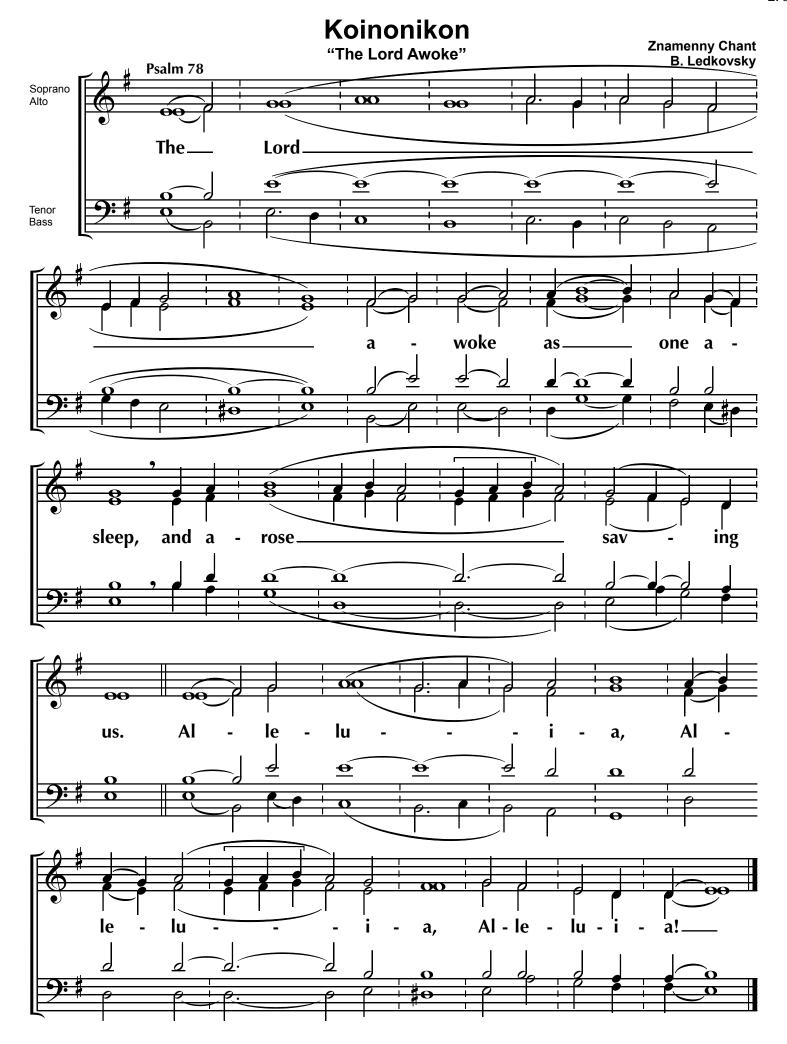
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## Koinonikon

"The Lord Awoke"

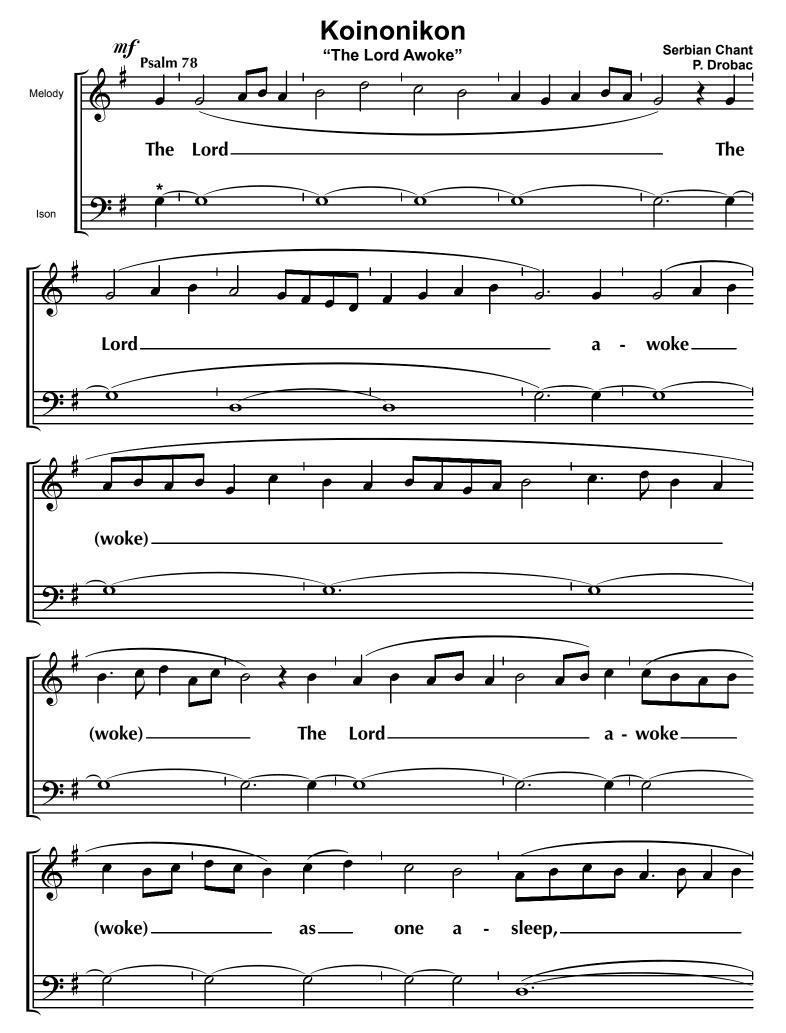






To CHORUS:





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