

December 27th. St Stephen. Afterfeast of Nativity.

On the Beatitudes sing 8 verses:

4 for the Feast
4 for St Stephen

Verses for the Feast, Tone 1:



Christ is born, give glo - ry! Christ comes from heav - en, go to meet



him! Christ is on earth, be ex - alt - - - - ed! Sing to the Lord, all the



earth; and you peo - ples raise the hymn with joy, for he has been



glo - ri - fied.



Ru - ined through trans - gres - sion, the one made in God's im - - - age



be - came whol - ly sub - ject to cor - rup - - - - tion, fell from a bet - ter



and di - vine life. Him the wise Cre - a - tor now re - fash - - - - ions,



for he has been glo - ri - fied.

Verses for St Stephen, Tone 5



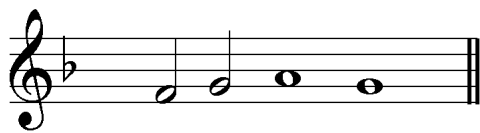
Hav - ing stood be - side those who killed God in ac - - cord - ance with



the Law, Steph - en, a sol - dier of Christ, clothed with his in -



vin - ci - ble strength, cut down all the blas - phem - ous he - re - - sies



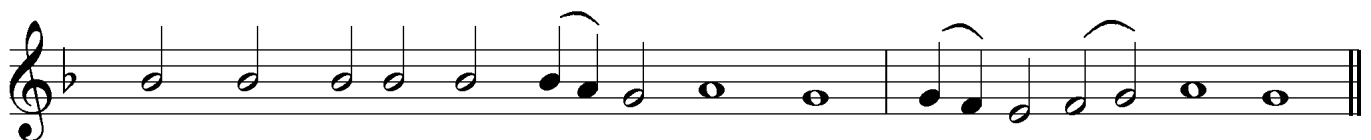
of the law - less.



With zeal for Christ, a - flame with love, and stripped for com - - bat,

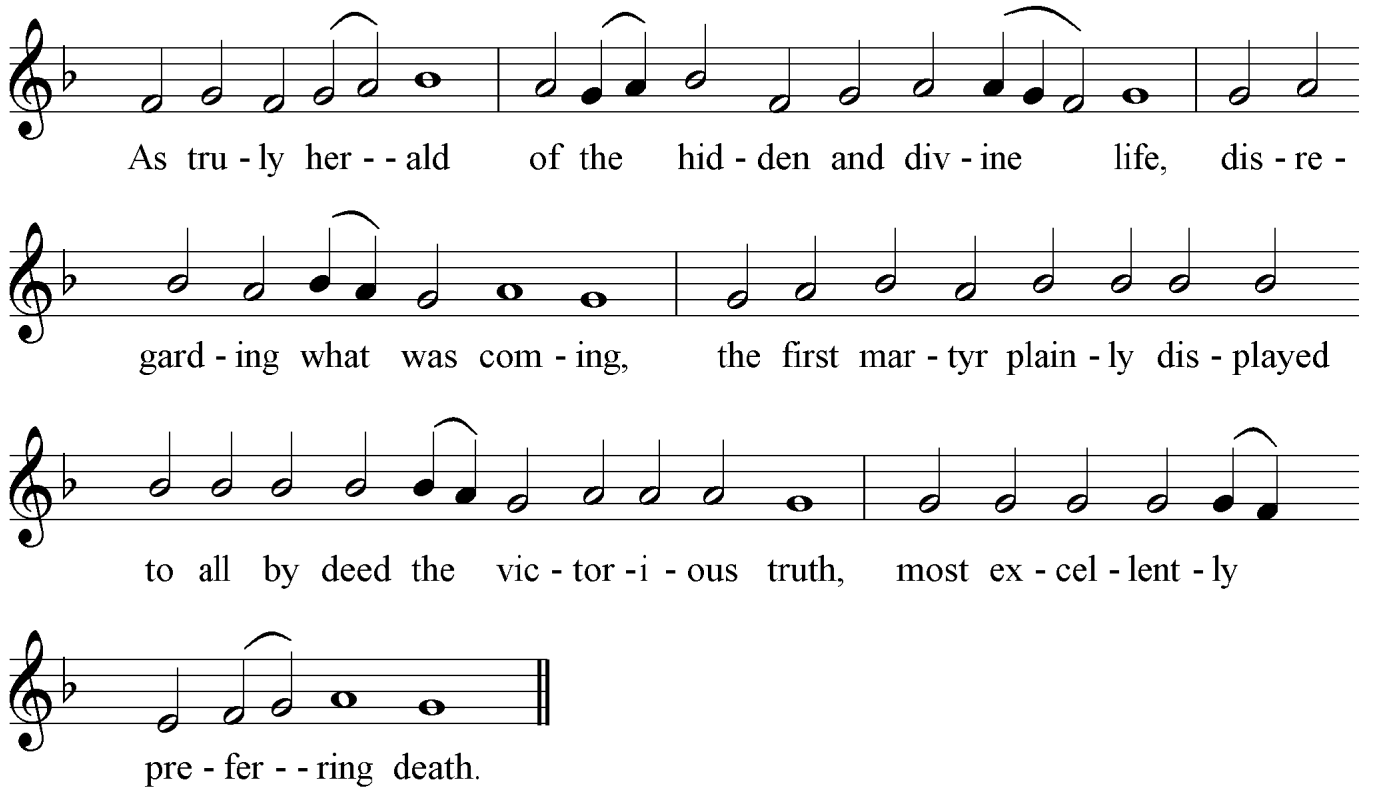


filled with faith and the di - vine Spir - it, O first mar - tyr, you

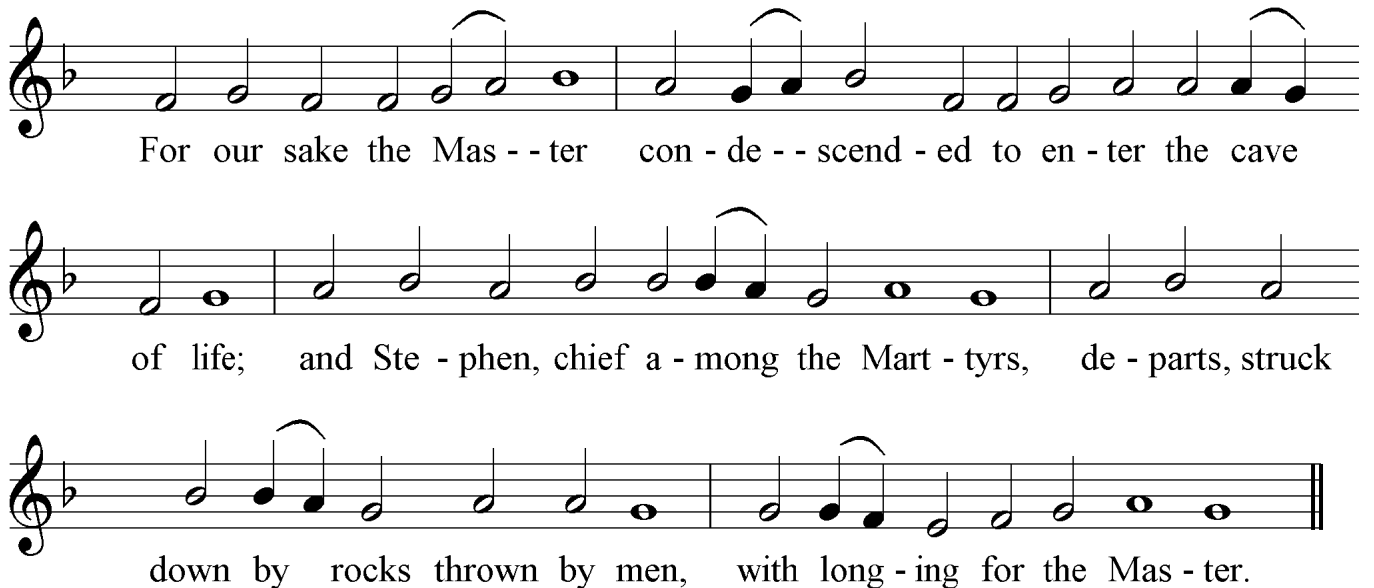


con - firmed all the God - giv - en preach - ing of the Fish - - er - men.

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As tru - ly her - - ald of the hid - den and div - ine life, dis - re -
gard - ing what was com - ing, the first mar - tyr plain - ly dis - played
to all by deed the vic - tor - i - ous truth, most ex - cel - lent - ly
pre - fer - - ring death.



For our sake the Mas - - ter con - de - - scend - ed to en - ter the cave
of life; and Ste - phen, chief a - mong the Mart - tyr, de - parts, struck
down by rocks thrown by men, with long - ing for the Mas - ter.