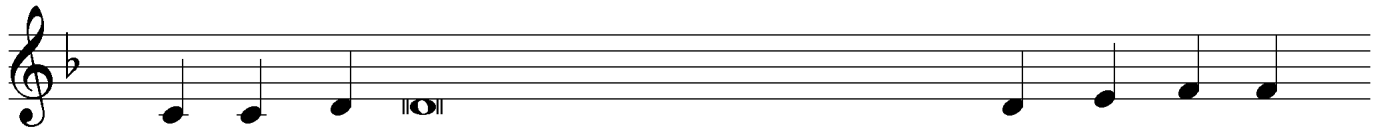


# Nativity of the Lord

## Aposticha, Tone 2:

(I) A great and most glo-ri-ous won-der  
has come to pass to---day: A Vir----gin gives  
birth, and her womb suf-fers no cor-rup-----tion.  
The Word is made flesh, yet is not  
sep-a---rat-ed from the Fa-----ther. An-----gels  
with Shep-----herds give glo-----ry, and with them we cry  
a-loud: Glo-----ry to God in the high---est,  
and on earth peace.

**Tone 8:**



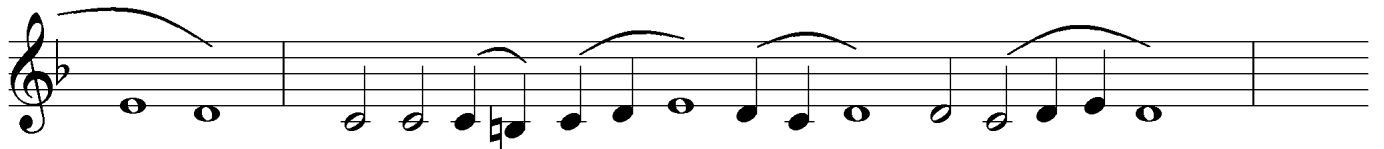
(II) From the womb be - fore dawn I have be - got - ten you. The Lord has



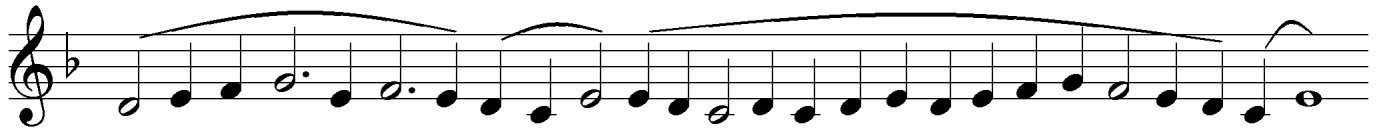
sworn and will not change his mind.



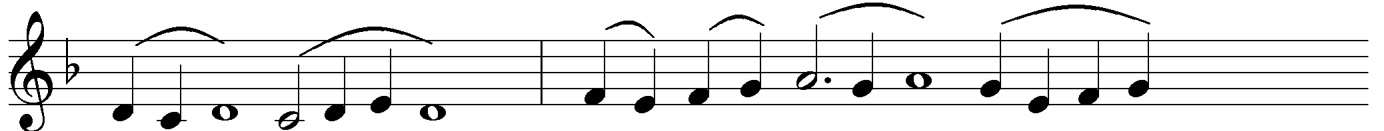
To - day the Vir - - - - - gin gives birth



to the Cre - - a - - - - - tor of all.



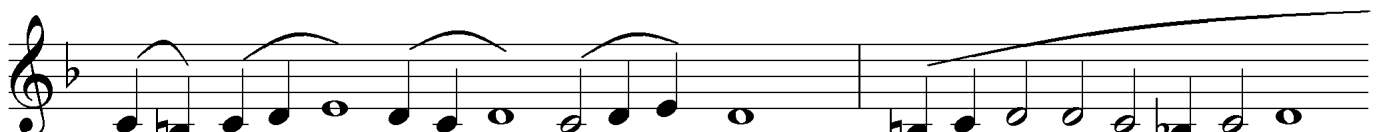
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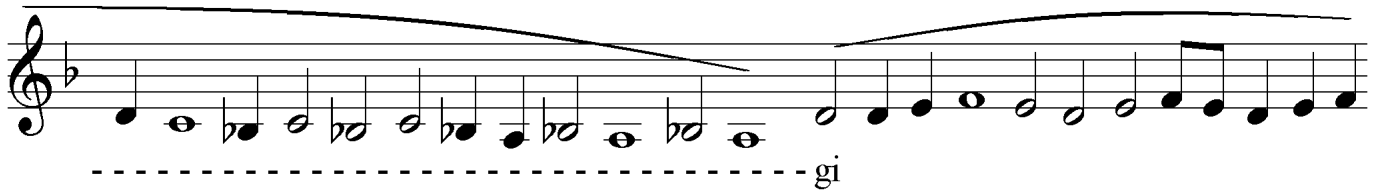
a Cave and a star dis - - - - -



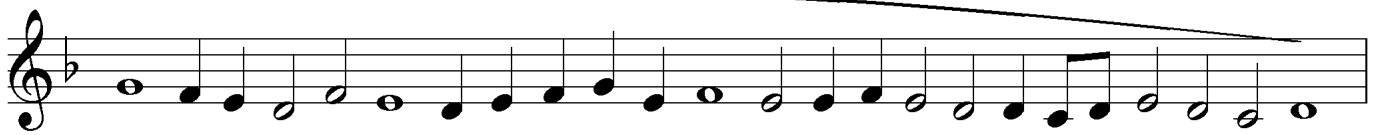
clos - - - - - es Christ, the Sun,



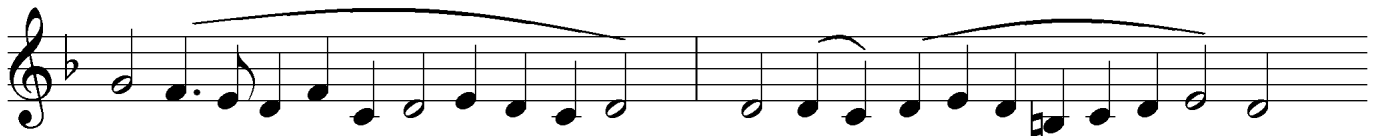
to those in dark - - - - - ness. Ma - - - - -



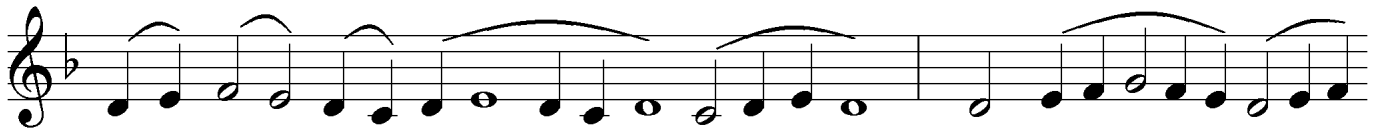
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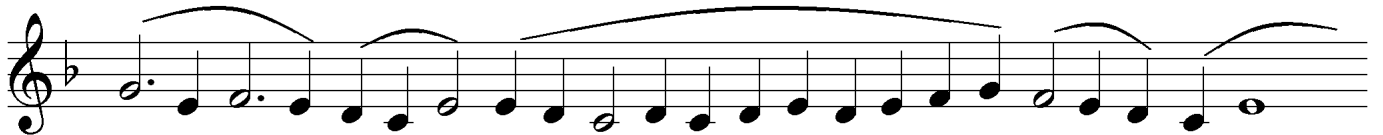
wor - - - - ship with gifts, en - light - - - - - ened



by faith, and the Shep - - - - - herds



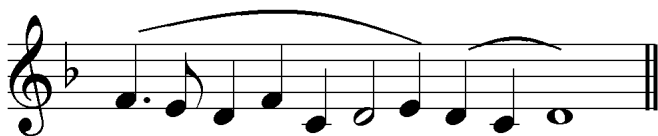
be - - - hold the won - - - - - der, while An - - - - - gels



sing in praise and say:

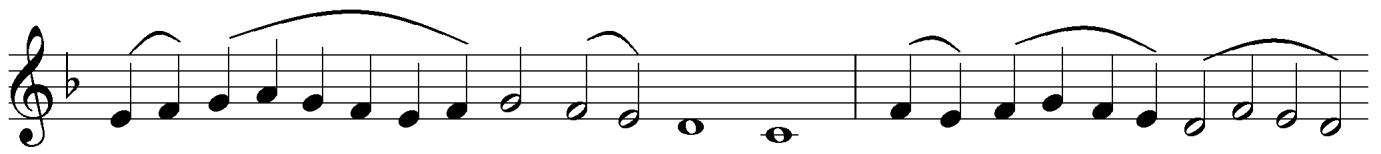


Glo - - - - ry to God in the



high - - - - - est.

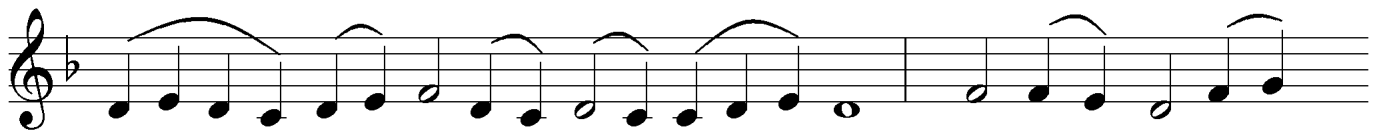




they of-----fered pre-cious gifts: re---fined gold,



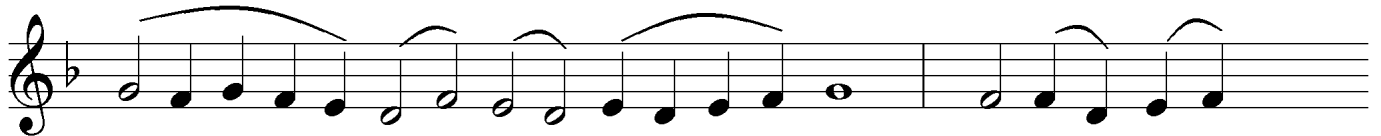
as to the King of the ag-----es, and frank-in-



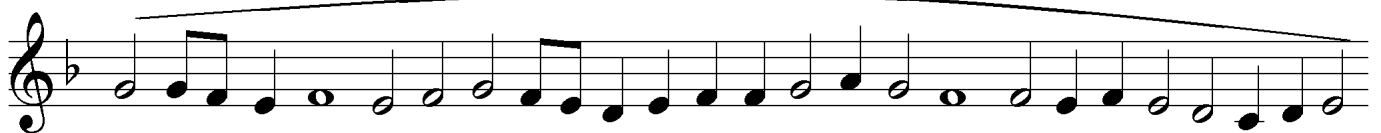
cense, as to the God of all, and myrrh to the



Im---mor-----tal as to one three days dead.



Come, all you na-----tions, and let us



wor-----



ship

him,



who was born to save our souls.

**Tone 4:**



(II) Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



Be glad, O Je - - ru - sa - - lem, and keep



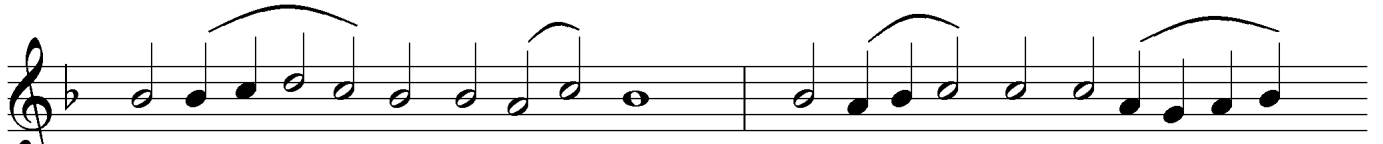
fes - ti - val, all who love Zi - - - - - on. To - day the



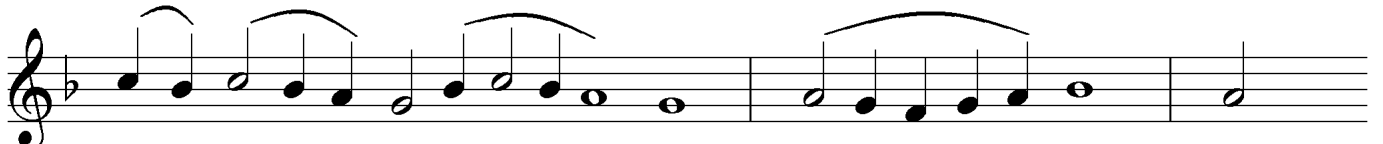
an - - - - - cient bond of the con - dem - na - - tion of Ad - am is



loosed. Par - - - - - a - dise is o - - - - - pened to us;



the ser - - - - - pent is van - quished. For he who of old



de - - - ceived a wom - - - - - an now sees a



wom - an be - come Moth - - - er of the Cre - - a - tor. O





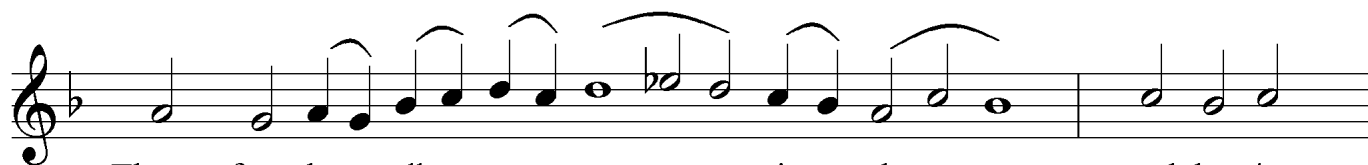
through his swad - - - - - dling cloths; and through



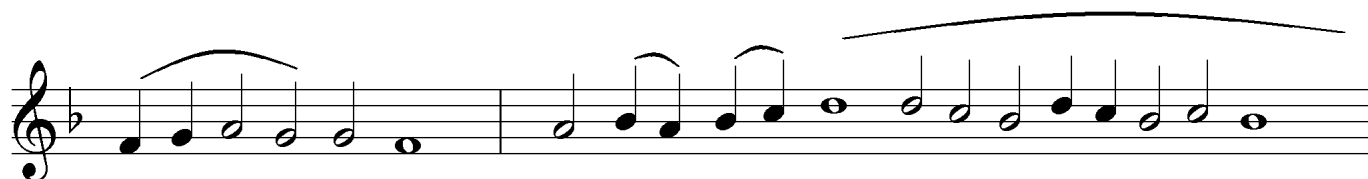
be - - com - ing a child he heals the



pains of Eve in child - - - - - birth.



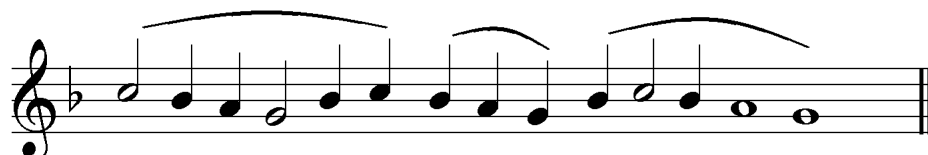
There - fore let all cre - - a - - - - - tion dance, and let it



leap for joy: for Christ has come



to re - store it, and to



save our souls.



(1) Both now and for ev - er, and to the ag - es of ag - es. A - men.



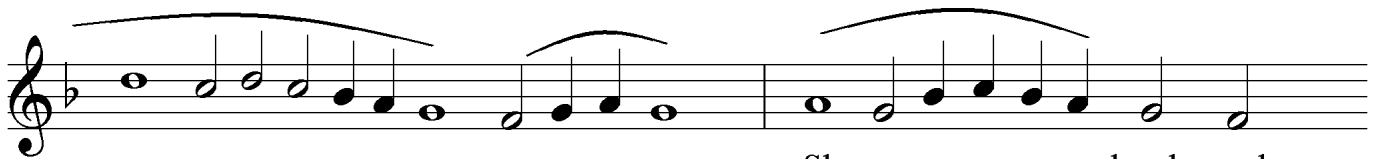
You made your dwell - ing in a cave,



Christ God,



a man - - ger re - ceived



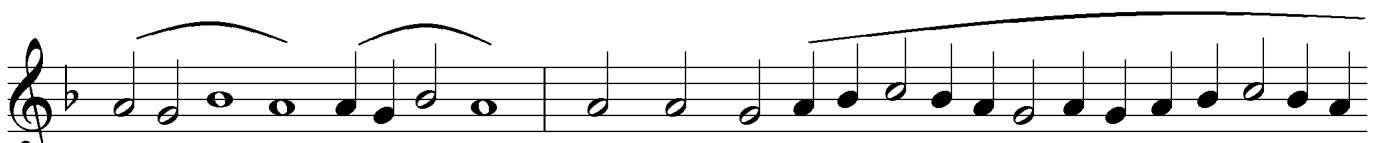
you, Shep - - - - - herds and



Ma - - - - - gi



wor - - - - - shipped.



Then was the proc - la - ma - - - - -

tion of the Proph

ets ful-filled, and the An-gel ic

Pow-ers

mar-velled, cry-ing out and

say-ing:

Glo-ry to your con-descen-sion,

on-ly Lov-er

of Man-kind.