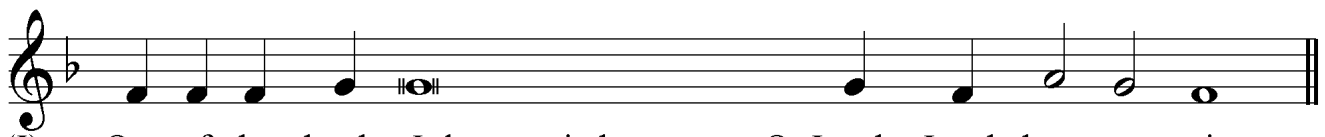


December 25th. Nativity of the Lord.

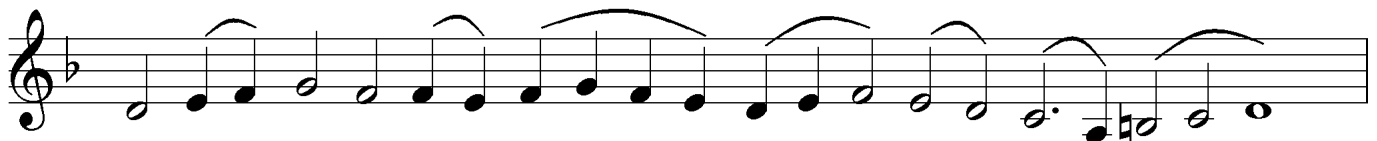
At Vespers, on "Lord, I have cried" sing 8 verses in Tone 2:



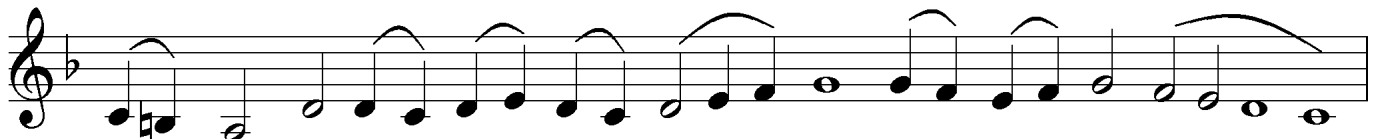
(I) Out of the depths I have cried to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.



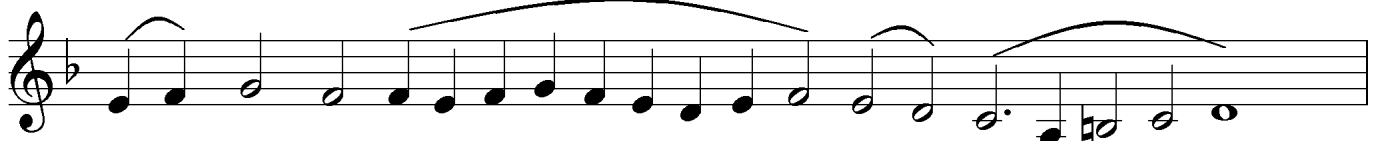
Come, let us re-joice in the Lord,



as we tell of this pres - - - - - ent mys - - ter - - - y.



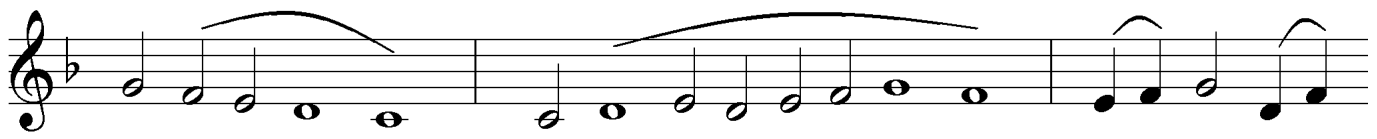
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the sword of flame turns back,



and the Cher - u - - - bim with - draw from the tree



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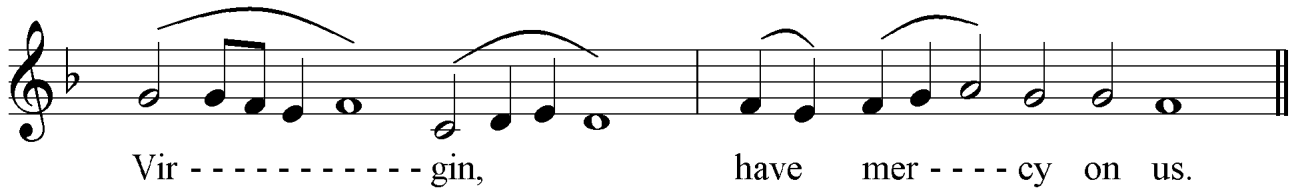


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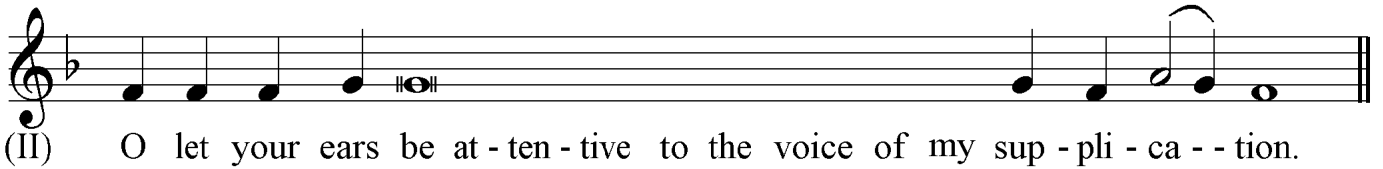


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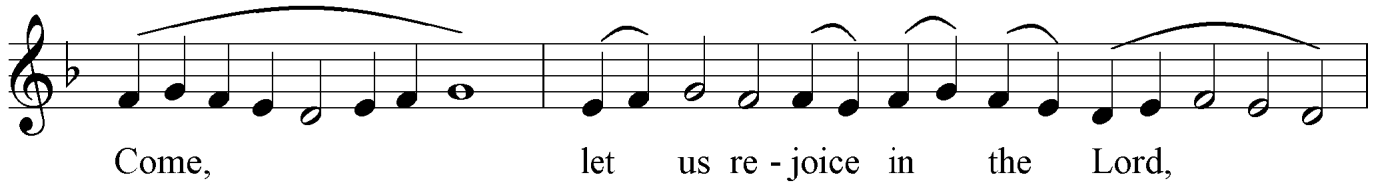
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un - - der - - go - ing change he came forth from a moth - - er
who knew not wed - - lock. For what he was he has re - - mained:
be - ing true God; and what
he was not he has tak - - en up, be - - com - ing hu - - - - man
through love for man - kind. To him let us cry
a - loud: God, born from a



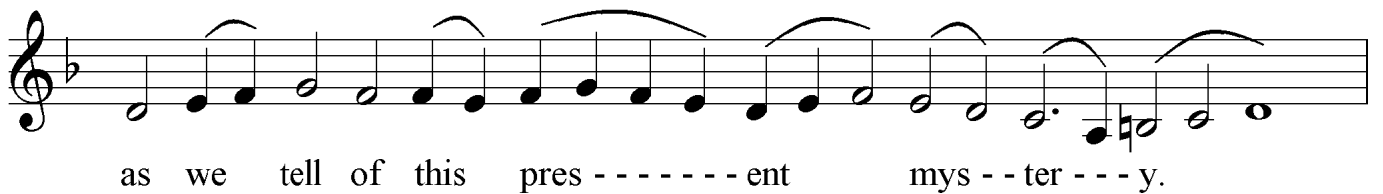
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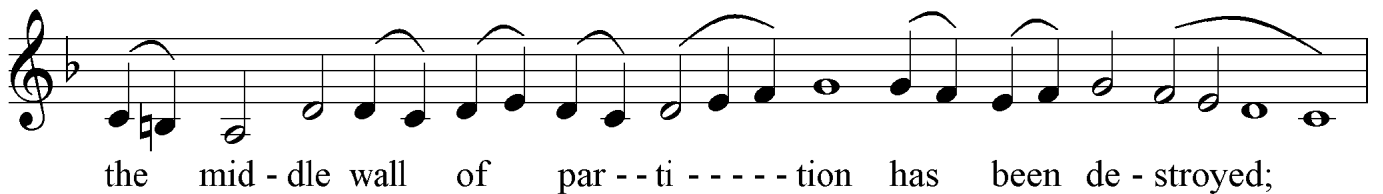
(II) O let your ears be at - ten - tive to the voice of my sup - pli - ca - - tion.



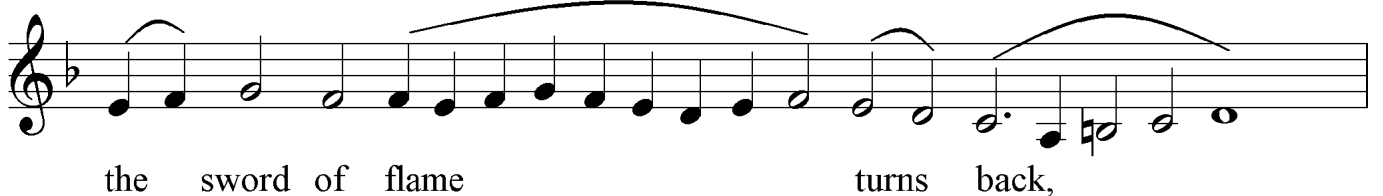
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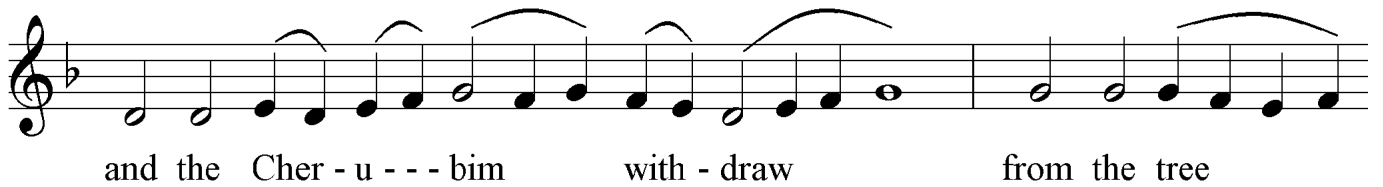
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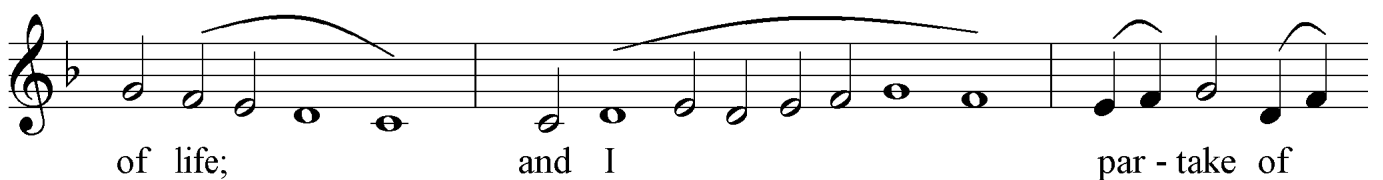
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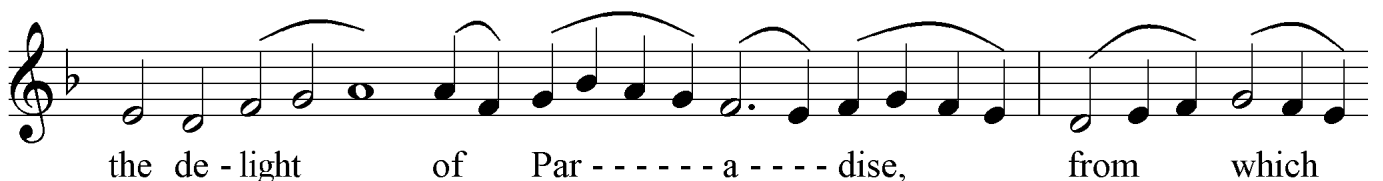
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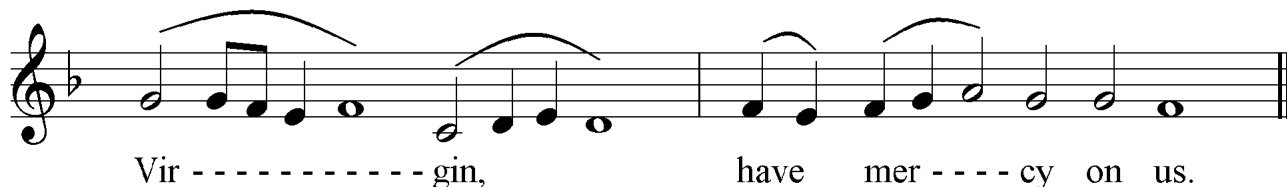
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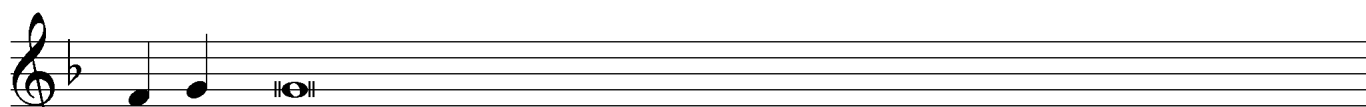
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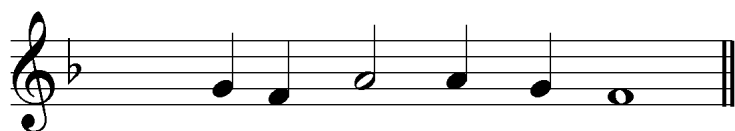
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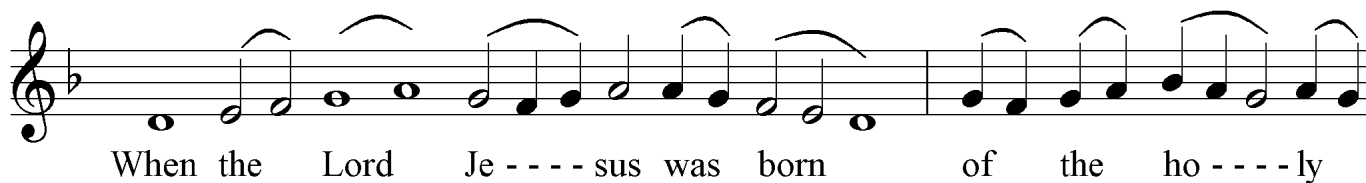
Vir - - - - - gin, have mer - - - - cy on us.



(I) If you, Lord, should mark in - i - qui - ties, O Lord, who will stand? But



there is for - give - ness with you.



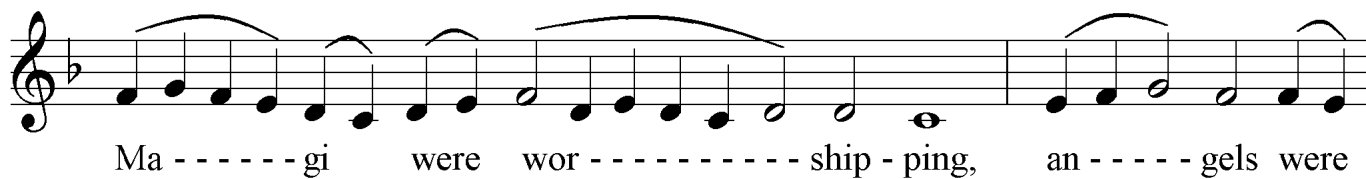
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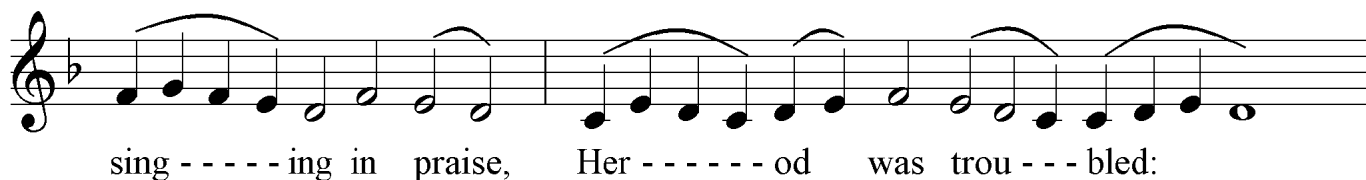
Vir - - gin, the u - ni - - verse was en - - light - - - - - ened,



for shep - herds were dwell - ing in the fields, and




Ma - - - - - gi were wor - - - - - ship - ping, an - - - - gels were




sing - - - - - ing in praise, Her - - - - - od was trou - - - - bled:



you made light shine on us, O Christ God,



by your com - - - - - ing. Light from Light,



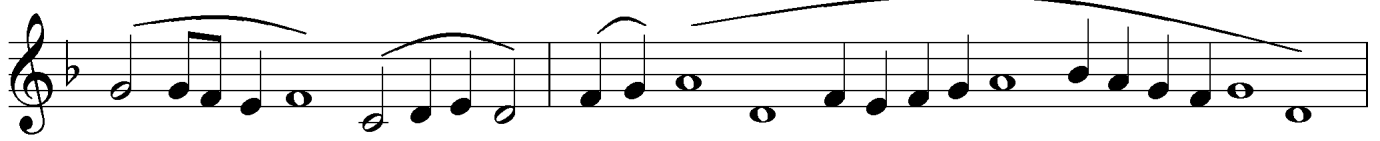
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cre - - a - - - - tion bright with joy. Eve - ry - thing



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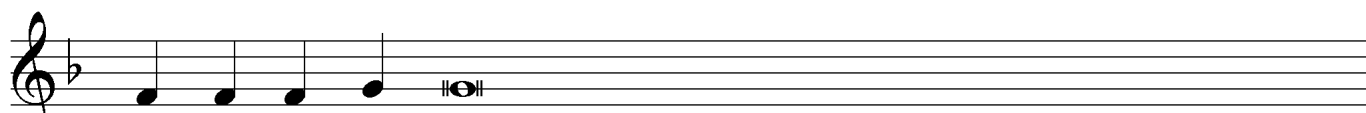
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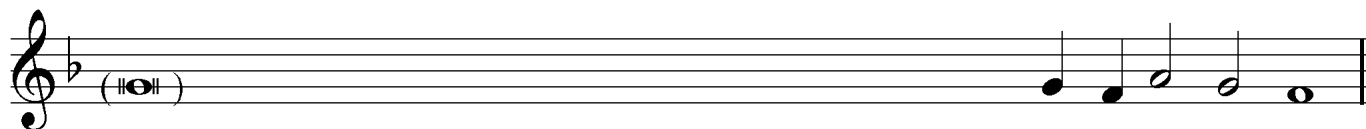
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forth from a Vir - - - - - gin, have mer - - - - - cy on us.

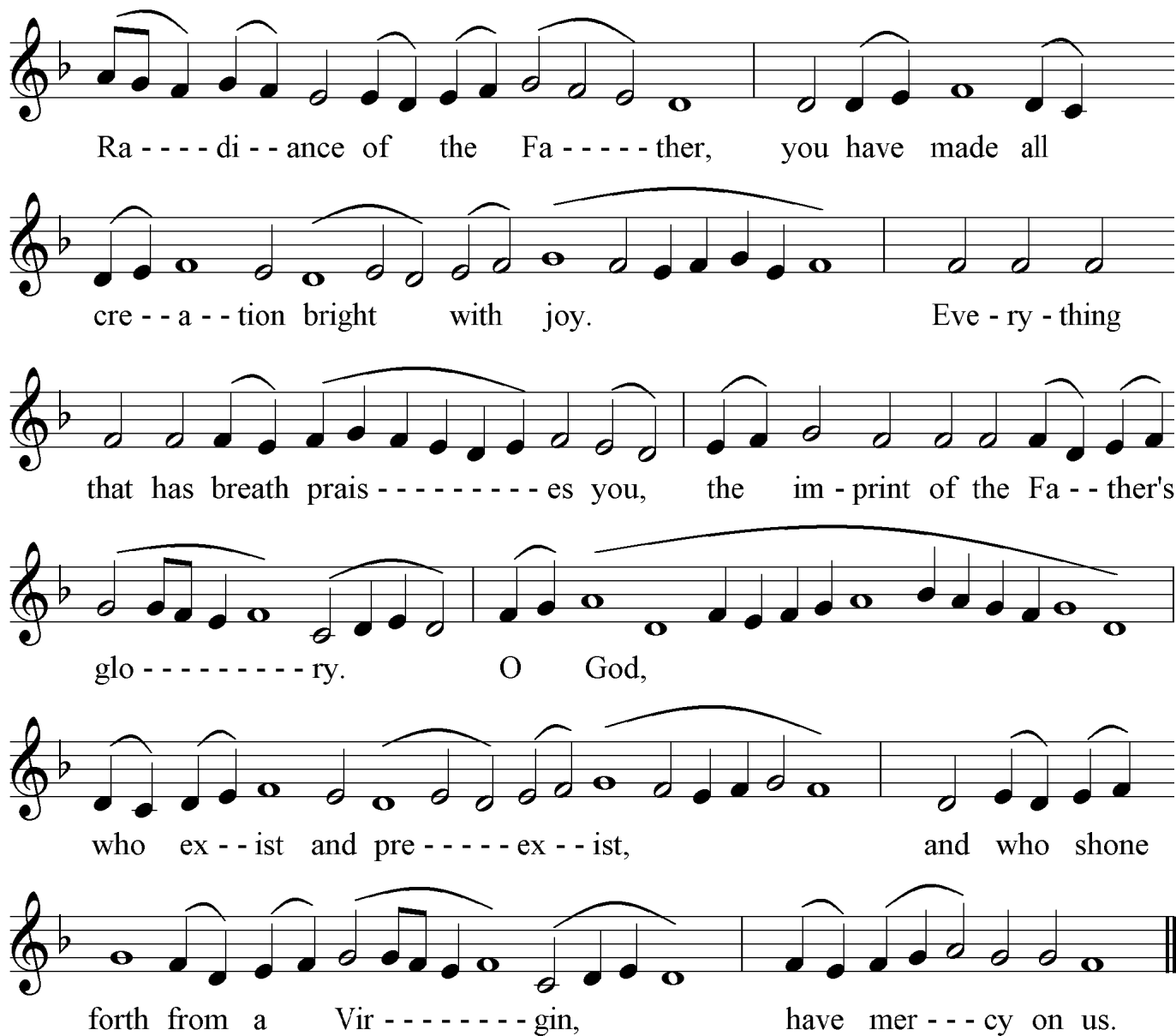


(II) For with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with him plen - ti - ful

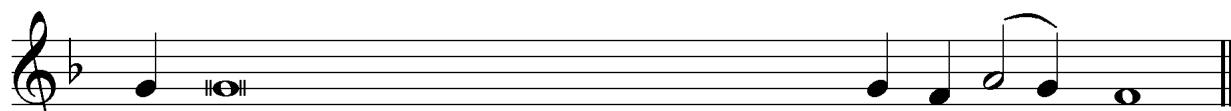


re - demp - tion; and he will re - deem Is - ra - el from all his in - i - qui - ties.

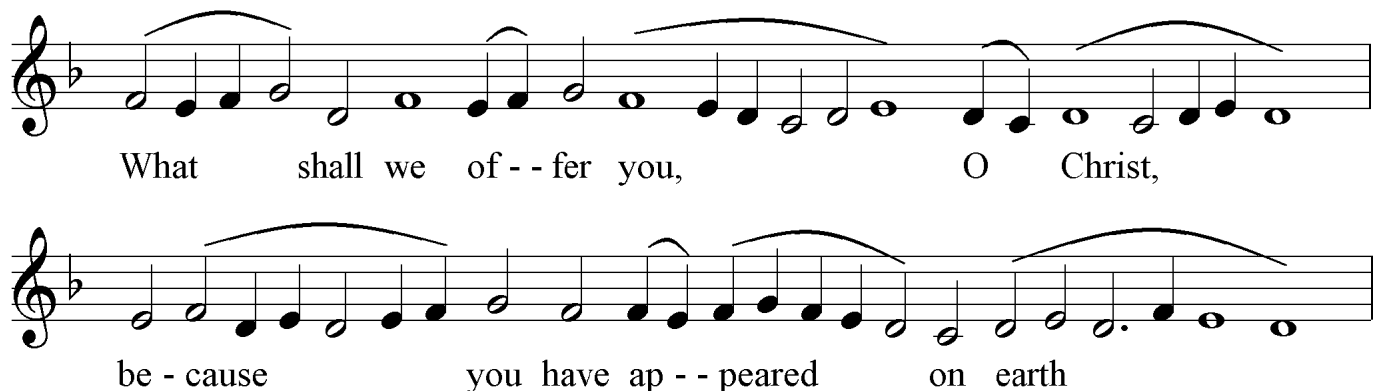




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(I) Praise the Lord, all you na - tions; praise him, all you peo - - - - - ples.

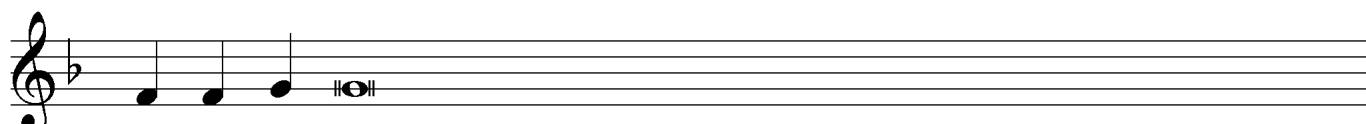


What shall we of - - - - - fer you, O Christ,
be - cause you have ap - - - - - peared on earth

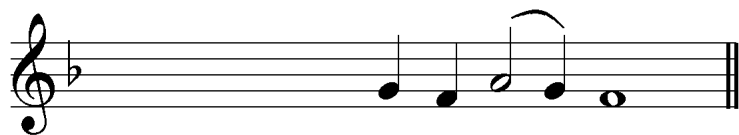
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gin Moth - - - - -

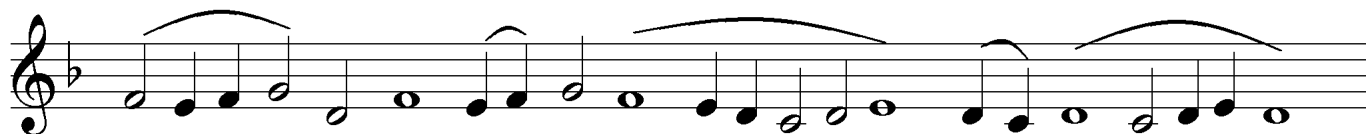
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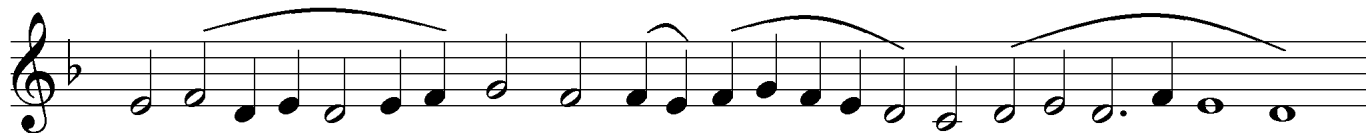
(II) For his mer - cy has been might - y to - wards us; and the truth of the



Lord en - dures to the ag - - - es.



What shall we of - - fer you, O Christ,



be - cause you have ap - - peared on earth



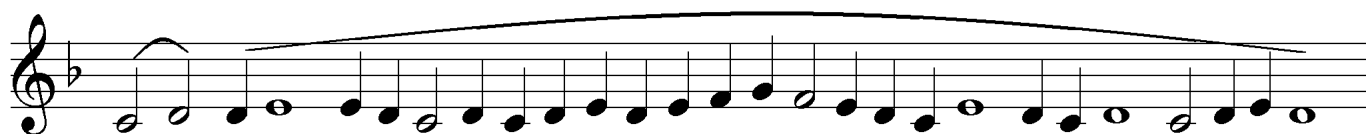
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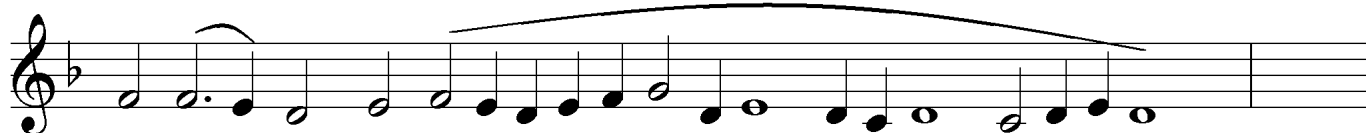
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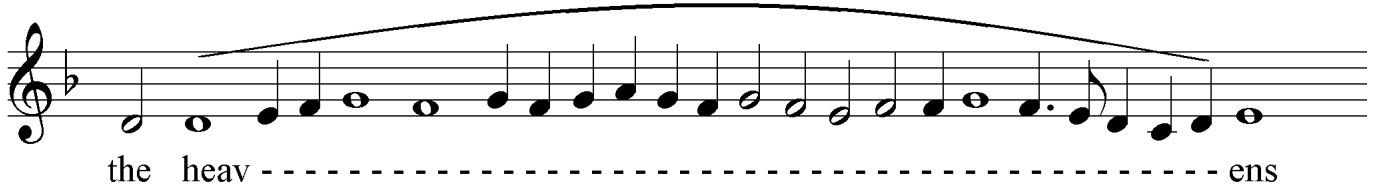
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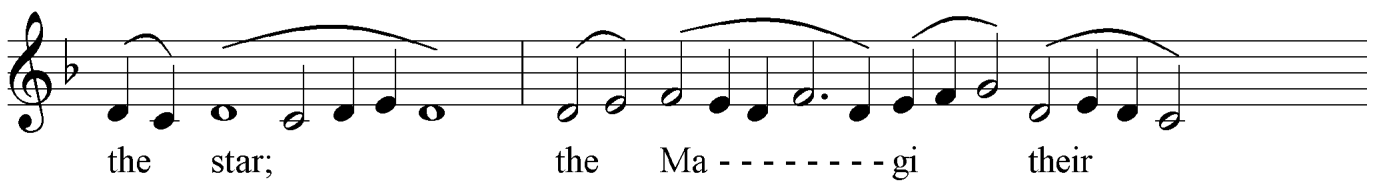
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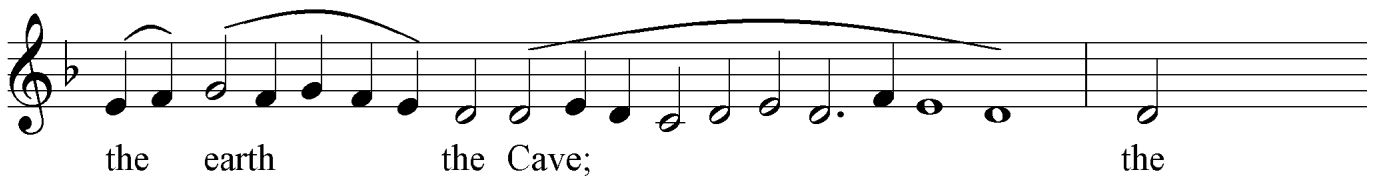


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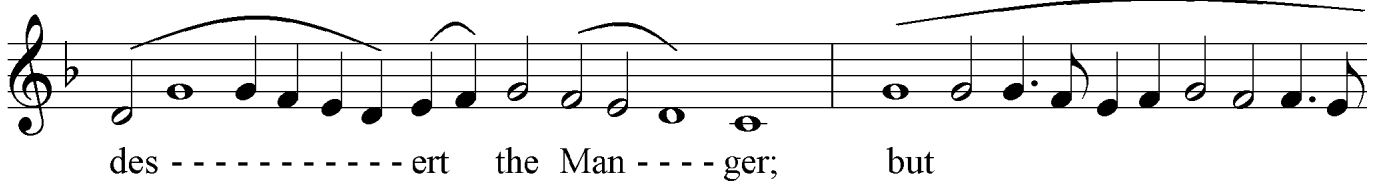


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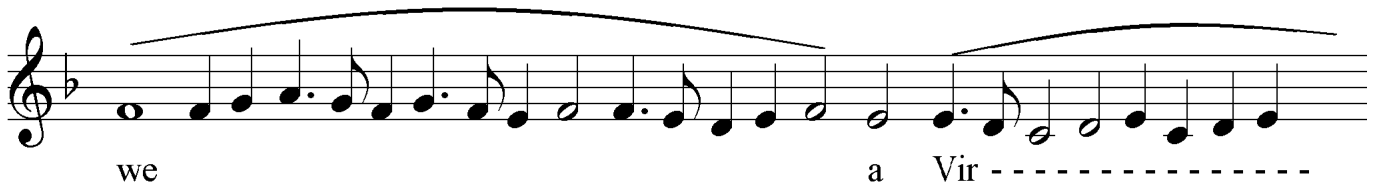
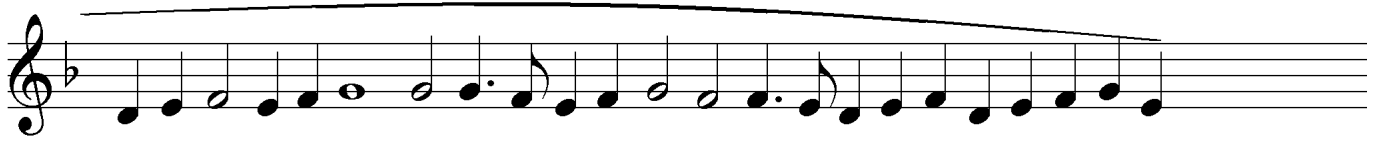
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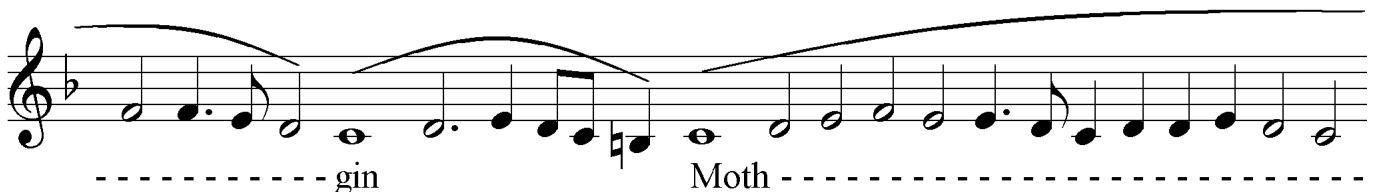
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Glory. Both now. Same Tone.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

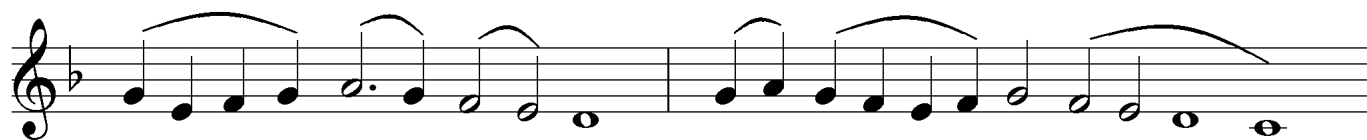
Both now and for ev - er, and to the ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

When Au - - gus - tus reigned a - lone on the earth the man - - y

king - - doms of man - kind came to an end; and when you

be - came man from the Pure One the man - - y gods of

i - - - dol - a - try were de - stroyed; the cit - ies of the



world passed un - - - der a sin - - - - - gle rule;



and the na - - - - - tions came to be - lieve in a



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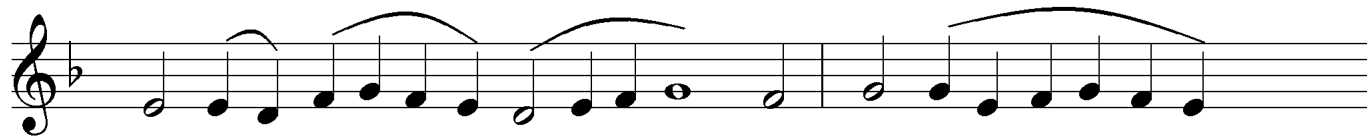
en - rolled by the de - cree of Cae - - sar; we the



faith - - ful were en - rolled in the name of the



God - - - head when you, our God, be - - came man.



Great is your mer - - - - - cy, O Lord,



glo - - - - ry to you.

Refrain after 3rd Reading:



Have mer - - - - cy on them and on us.

Refrain after 6th Reading:

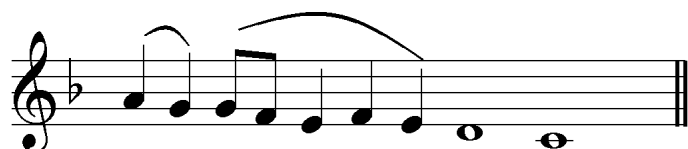


Giv - er of life, glo - - - - - - - - - - ry to you.

Prokeimenon, Tone 1:



The Lord said to me, 'You are my Son, to - day I have



be - - got - - - - - - - - - - ten you.'

Verse: Ask of me, and I shall give you nations as your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as your possession.

Alleluia, Tone 5



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, al - - - le - - lu - - - - - - - - - - ia.

Verse 1: The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Verse 2: The Lord will send you a rod of power out of Zion.

Verse 3: From the womb before dawn I have begotten you.