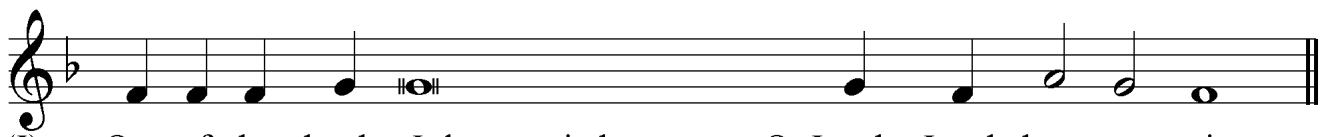


# December 25th. Nativity of the Lord.

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



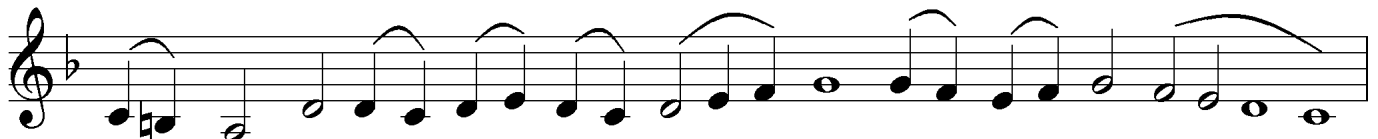
(I) Out of the depths I have cried to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.



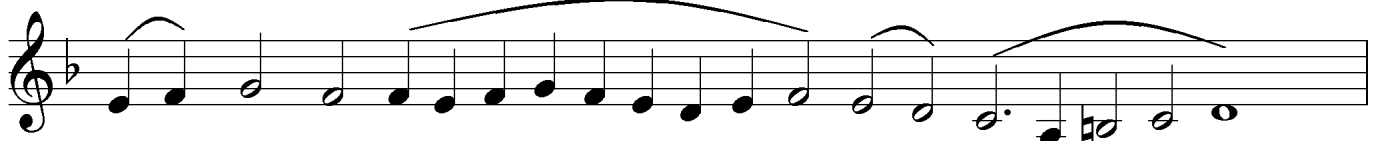
Come, let us re-joice in the Lord,



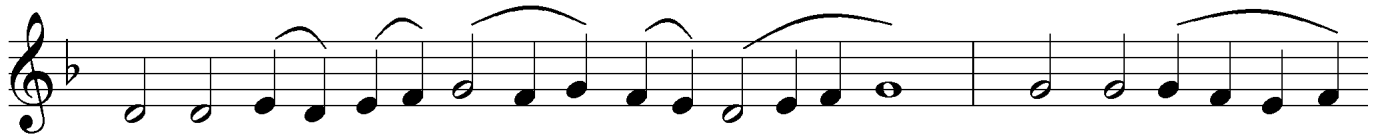
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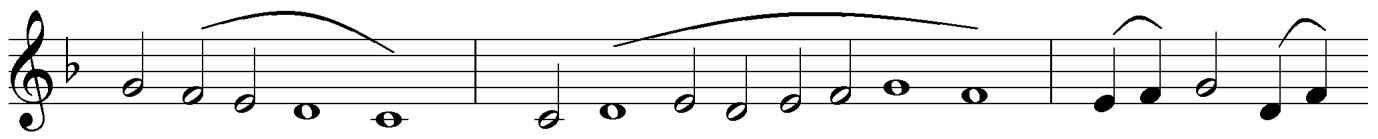
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the sword of flame turns back,



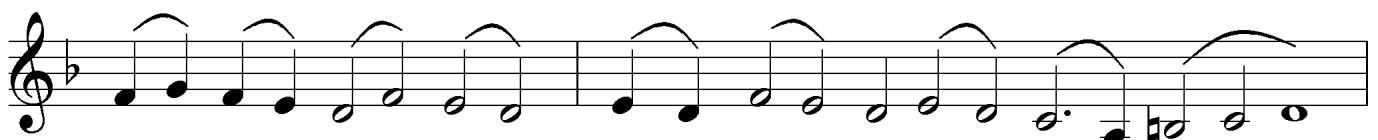
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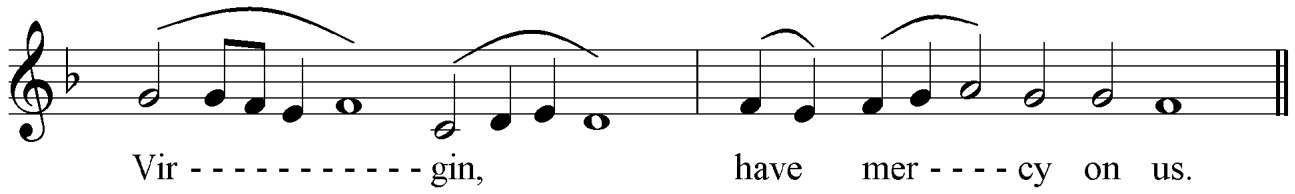


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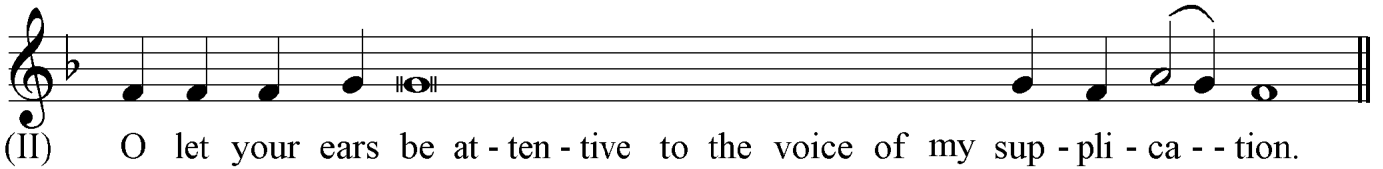


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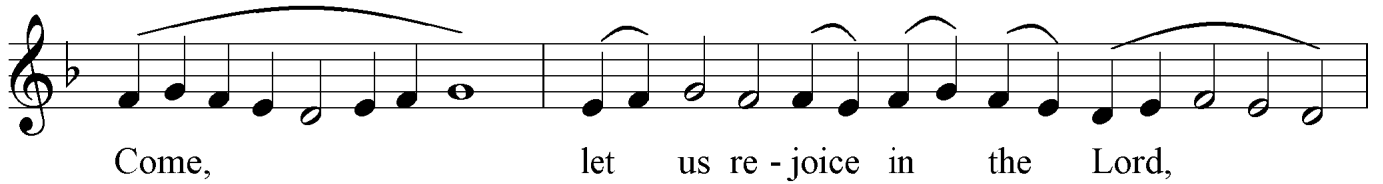
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a ser - - - - - vant, and with - out  
un - - der - - go - ing change he came forth from a moth - - er  
who knew not wed - - lock. For what he was he has re - - mained:  
be - ing true God; and what  
he was not he has tak - - en up, be - - com -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



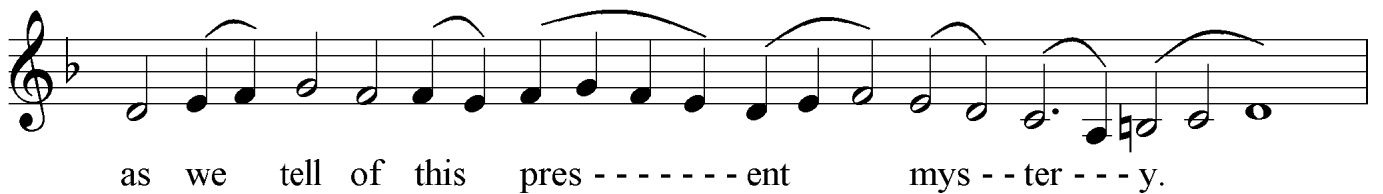
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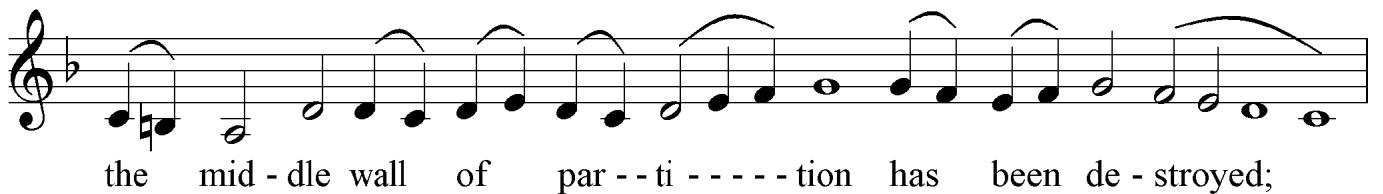
(II) O let your ears be at - ten - tive to the voice of my sup - pli - ca - - tion.



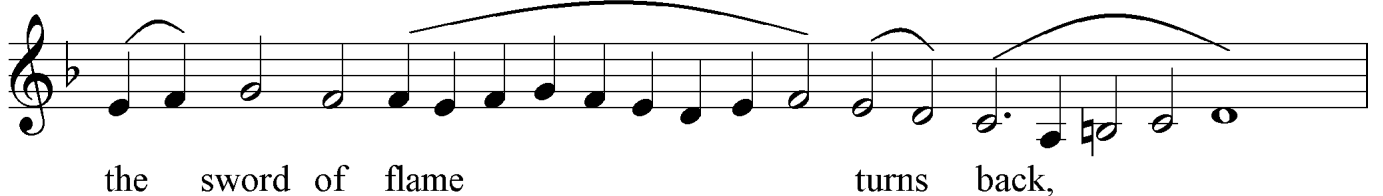
Come, let us re - joice in the Lord,



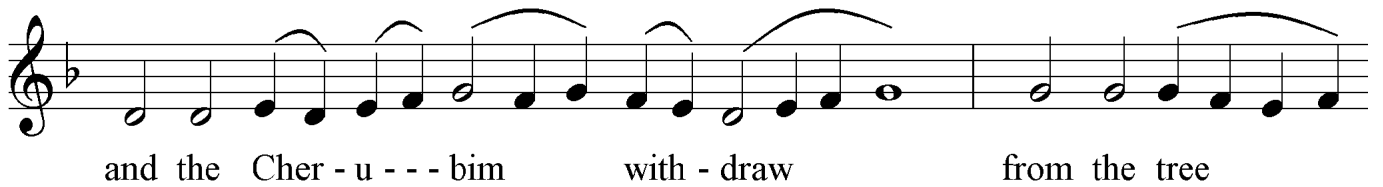
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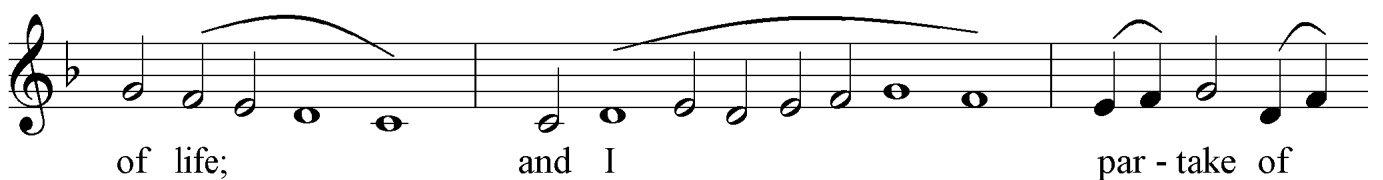
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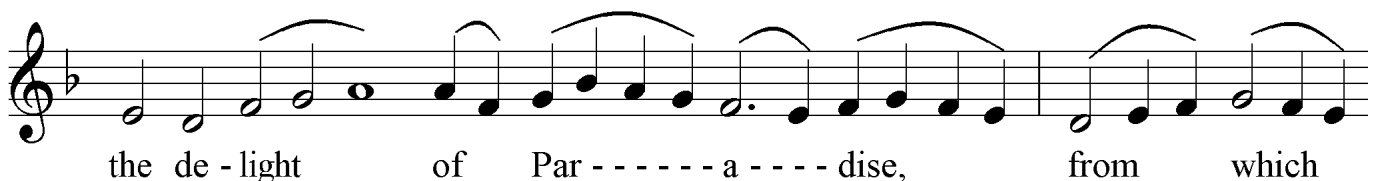
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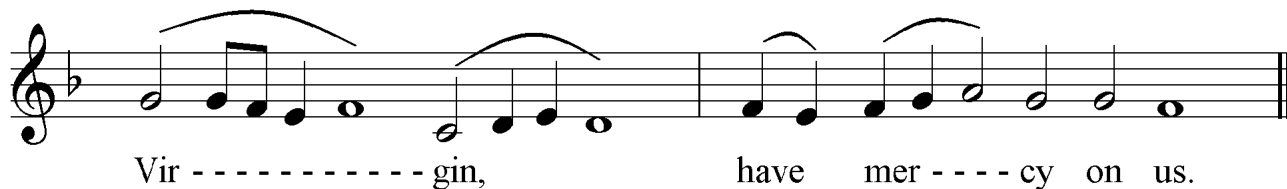


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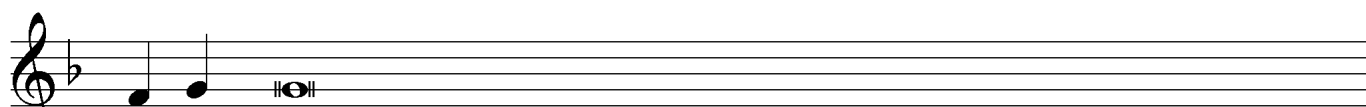




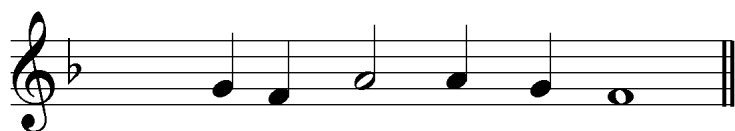
a - loud: God, born from a



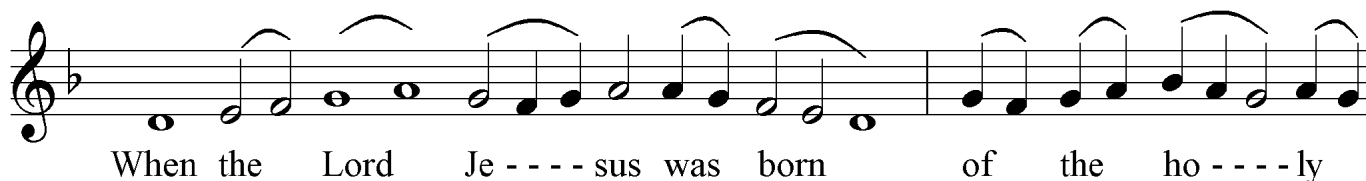
Vir - - - - - gin, have mer - - - - cy on us.



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




there is for - give - ness with you.



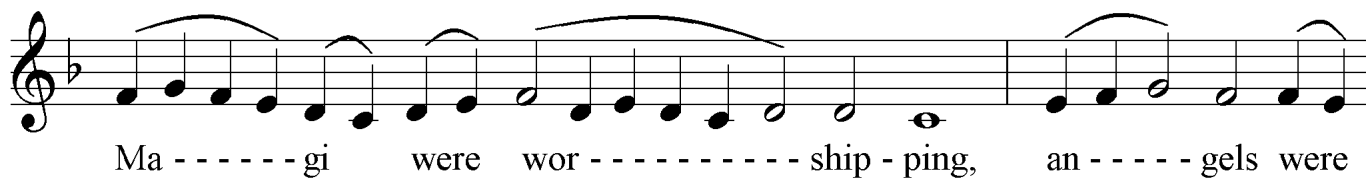
When the Lord Je - - - - sus was born of the ho - - - - ly



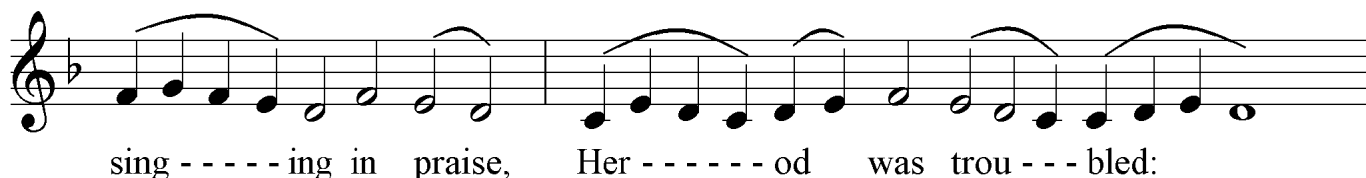
Vir - - gin, the u - ni - - verse was en - - light - - - - - ened,



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

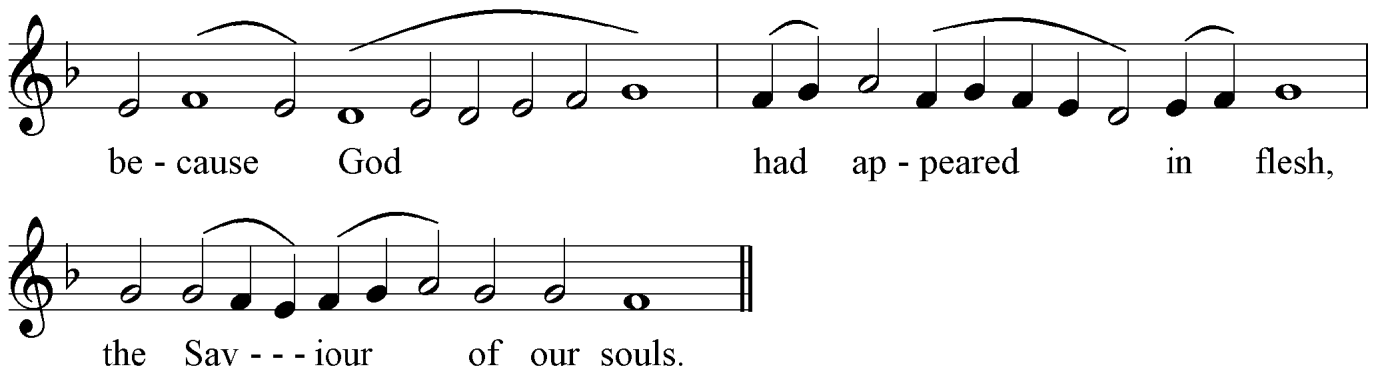


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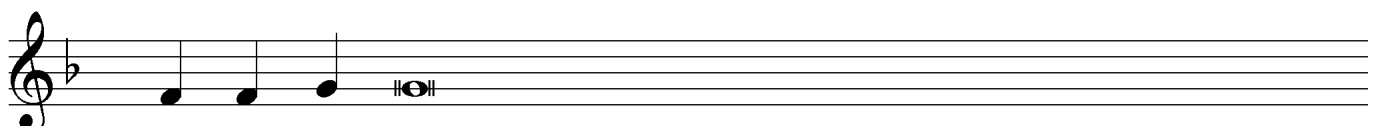


sing - - - - - ing in praise, Her - - - - - od was trou - - - - bled:

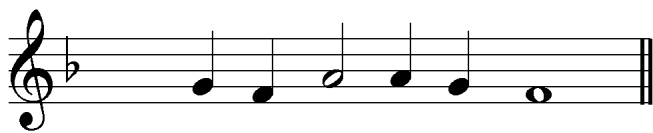




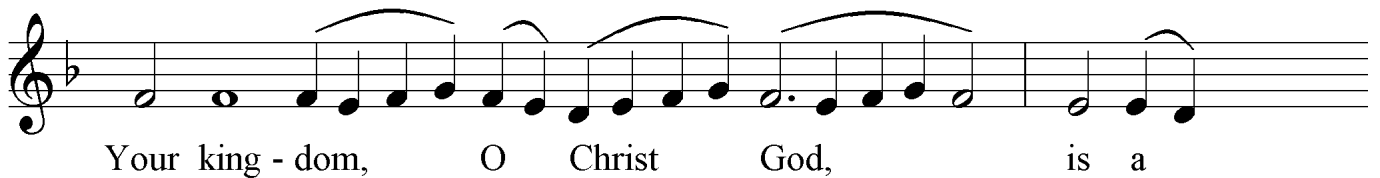
be - cause God had ap - peared in flesh,  
the Sav - - - iour of our souls.



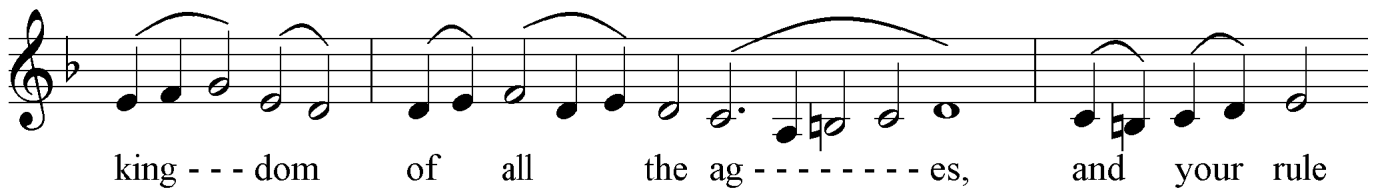
(I) From the morn - ing watch un - til night, from the morn - ing watch let



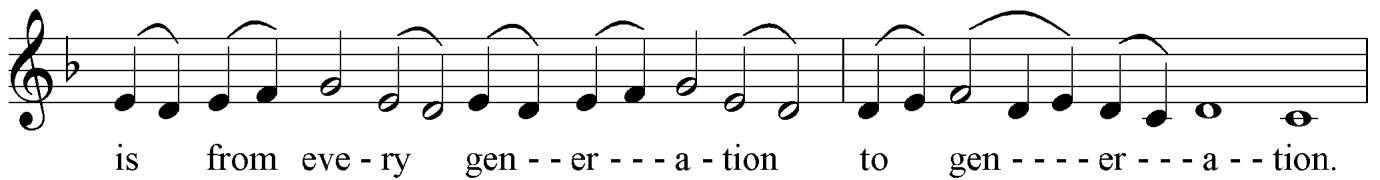
Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.



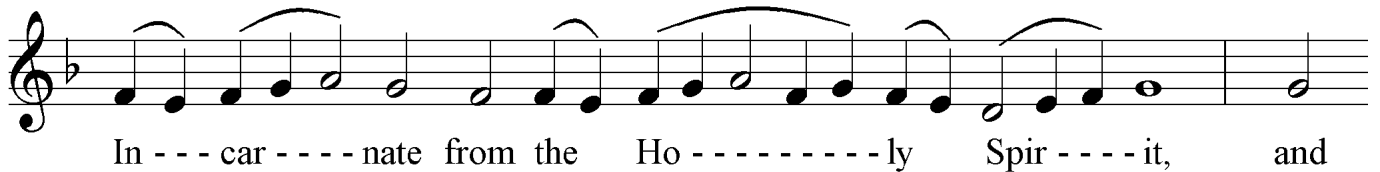
Your king - dom, O Christ God, is a



king - - - dom of all the ag - - - - - es, and your rule



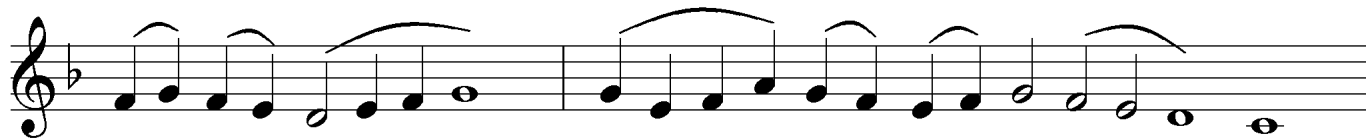
is from eve - ry gen - - er - - - a - tion to gen - - - er - - - a - - - tion.



In - - - car - - - - - nate from the Ho - - - - - ly Spir - - - - - it, and



be - com - ing man from the ev - er - - - vir - - - gin Mar - - - - - y,



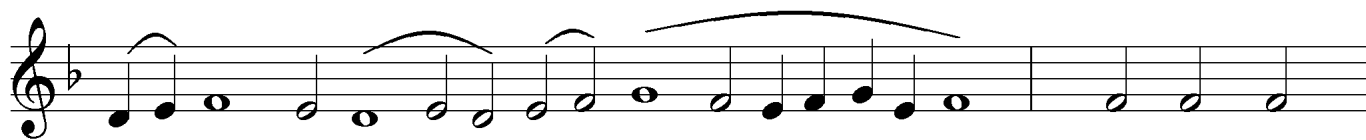
you made light shine on us, O Christ God,



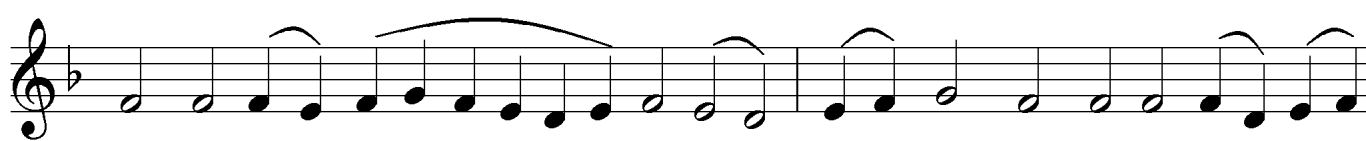
by your com - - - - - ing. Light from Light,



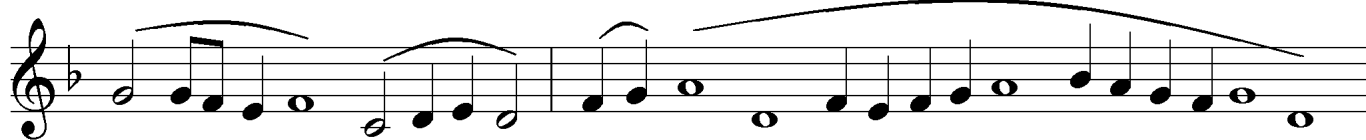
Ra - - - - di - - - - ance of the Fa - - - - - ther, you have made all



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




that has breath prais - - - - - es you, the im - print of the Fa - - - - - ther's



glo - - - - - ry. O God,

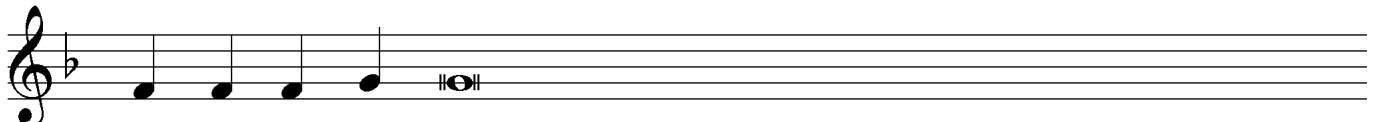


who ex - - - - - ist and pre - - - - - ex - - - - - ist, and who shone

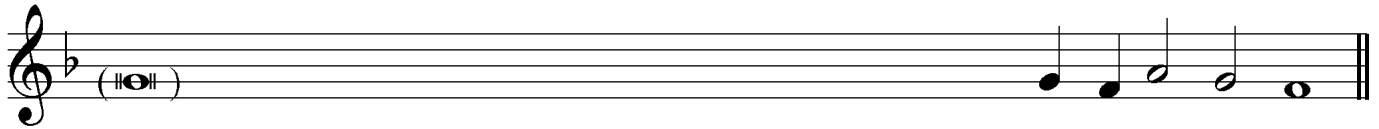


forth from a Vir - - - - - gin, have mer - - - - - cy on us.



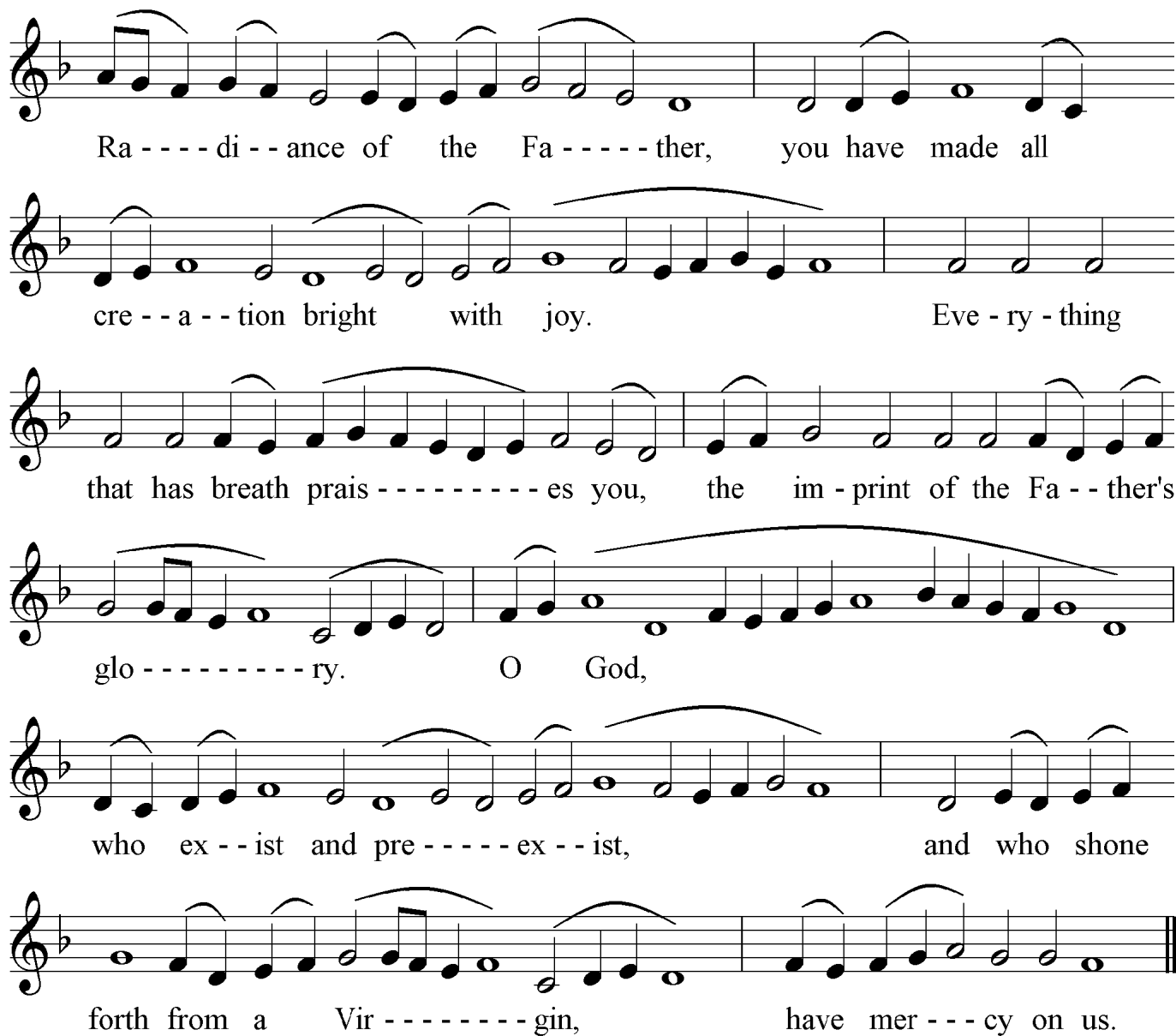


(II) For with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with him plen - ti - ful

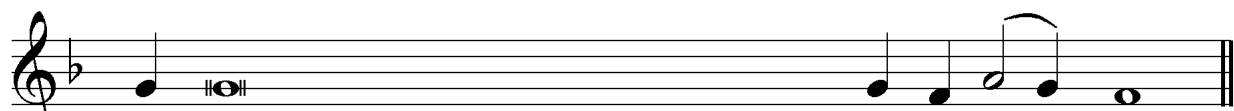


re - demp - tion; and he will re - deem Is - ra - el from all his in - i - qui - ties.

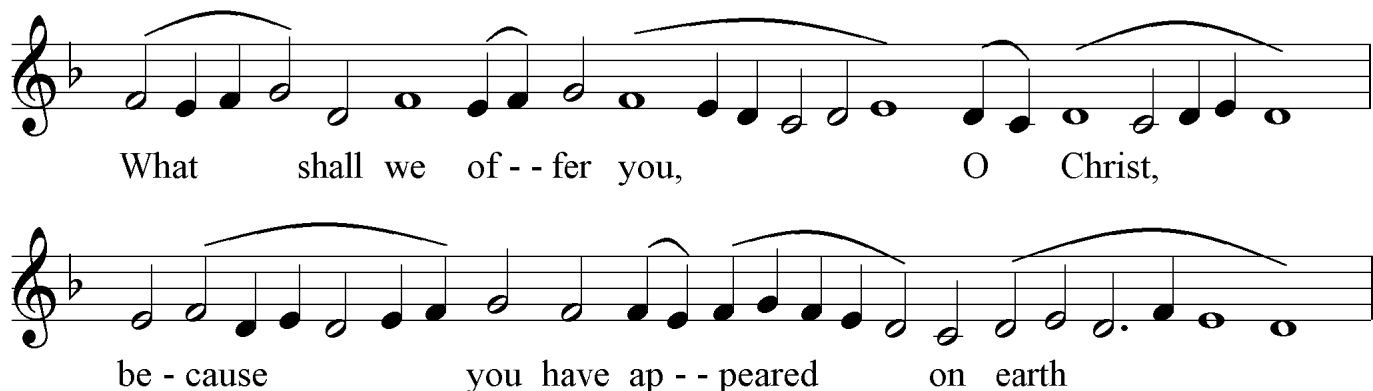




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that has breath prais - - - - - es you, the im - print of the Fa - - - - - ther's  
glo - - - - - ry. O God,  
who ex - - - - - ist and pre - - - - - ex - - - - - ist, and who shone  
forth from a Vir - - - - - gin, have mer - - - - - cy on us.



(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



des - - - - - ert the Man - - - - - ger; but

we a Vir - - - - -

gin Moth - - - - -

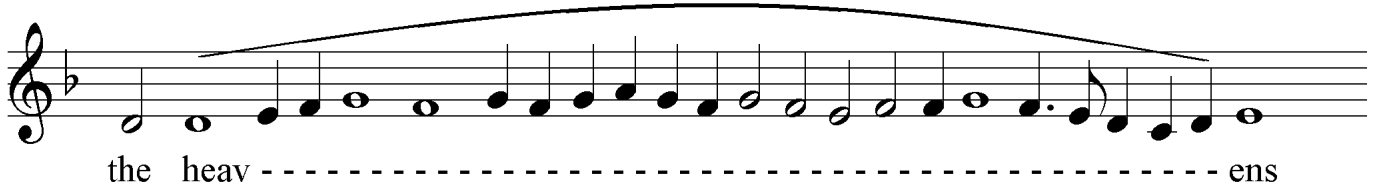
er. God

be - - fore the ag - - - - -

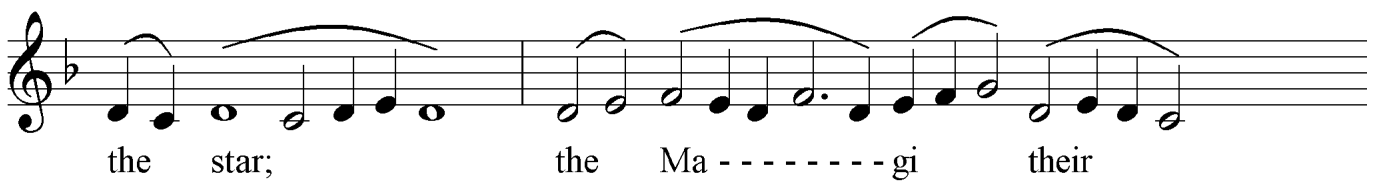
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The musical score consists of ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a style typical of Gregorian chant or early polyphony, with long, flowing lines and frequent use of slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by dashed lines to indicate syllables. The text is in Latin, with an English translation provided below it. The score ends with a double bar line on the final staff.



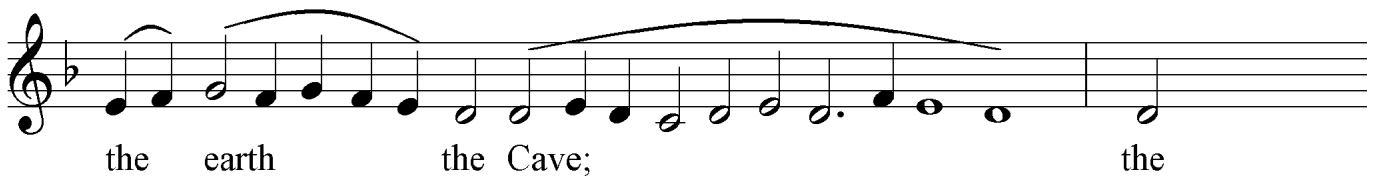


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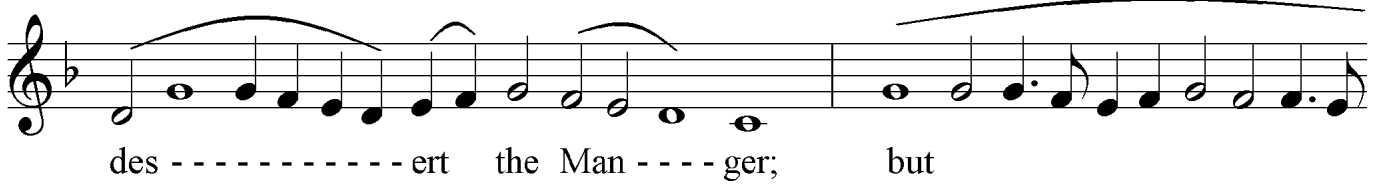


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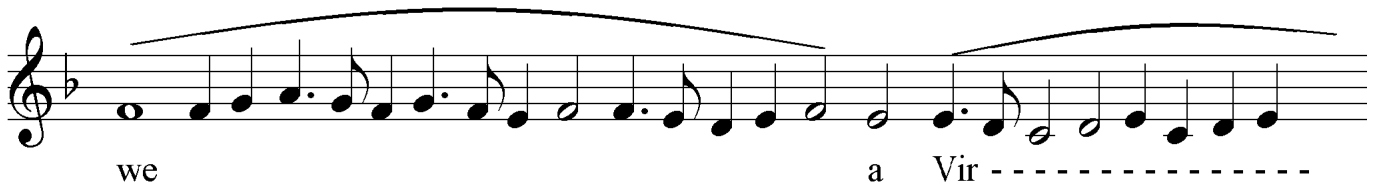
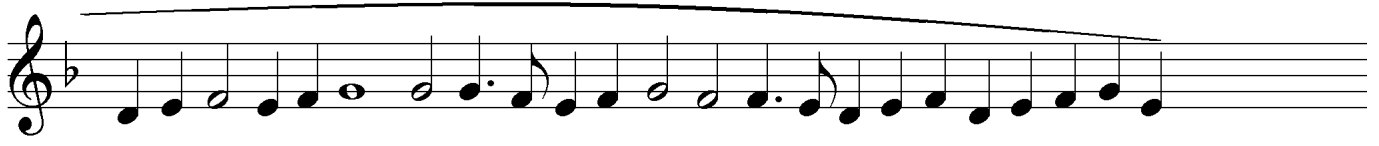
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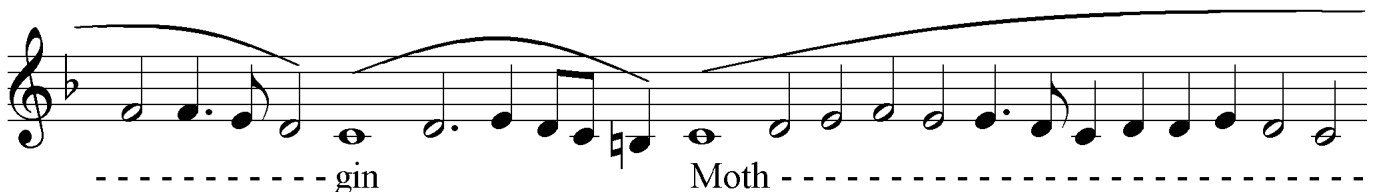
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gin Moth - - - - -



er. God

be - - fore the ag - - - - - cy on us.

**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

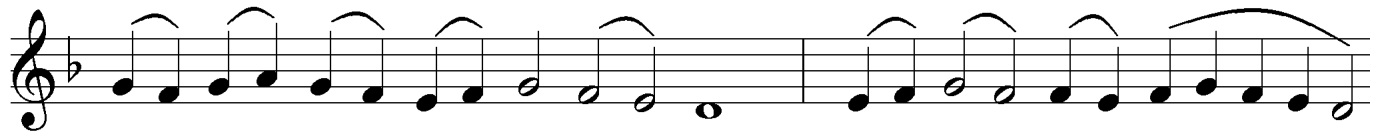
i - - - dol - a - try were de - stroyed; the cit - ies of the



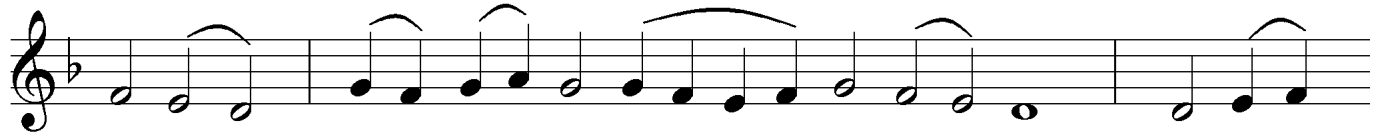
world passed un - - - der a sin - - - - - gle rule;



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



sin - - gle sov - - er - - eign God - head; the peo - - ples were



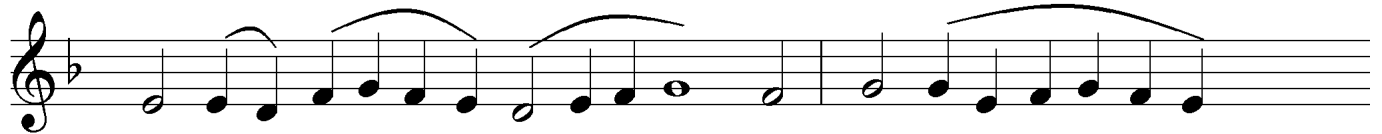
en - rolled by the de - cree of Cae - - sar; we the



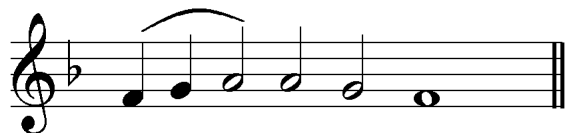
faith - - ful were en - rolled in the name of the



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:**

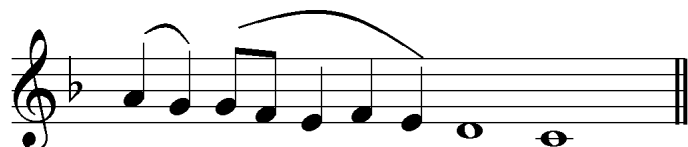


Giv - er of life, glo - - - - - - - - - - ry to you.

**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.