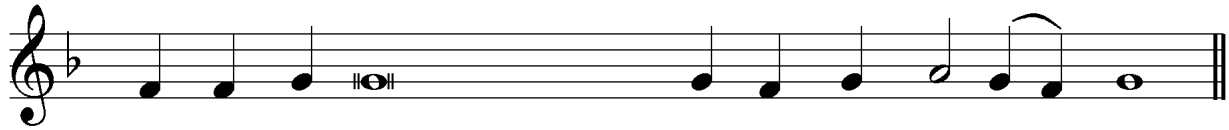


Thursday of the Ascension.

Great Vespers.

On "Lord, I have cried" sing 10 verses in Tone 6:



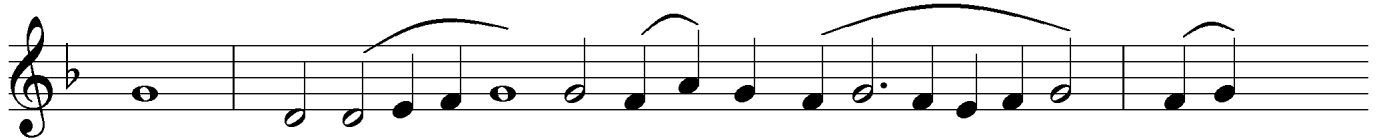
(1) Bring my soul out of pris - on: that I may con - fess your name.



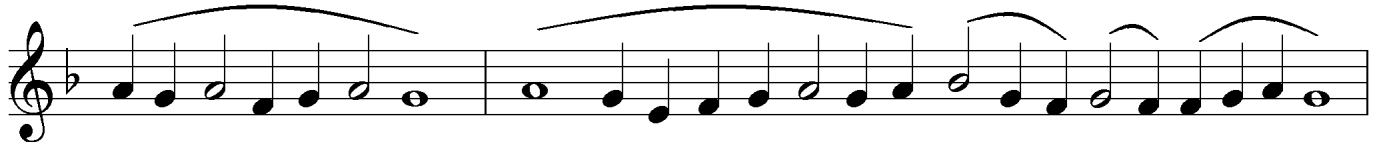
The Lord has been tak - - en up in - to heav - - - en,



so that he may send the Par - - - - a - clete in - - - - to the



world. The heav - - - - - ens have pre - pared his



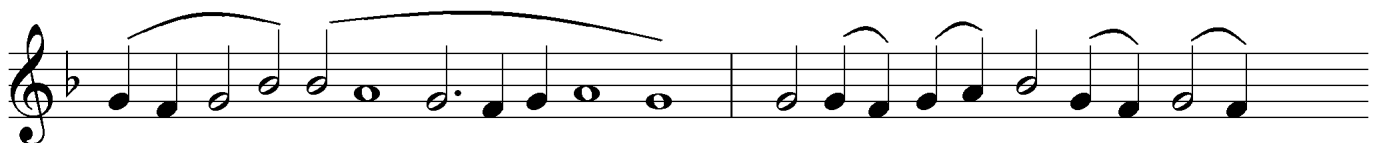
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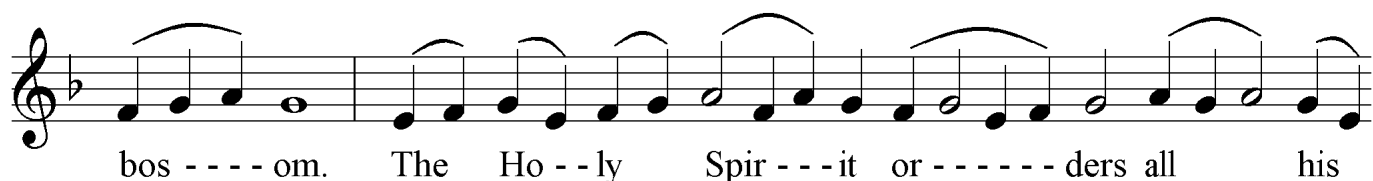
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he holds e - ter - - nal - - ly in his



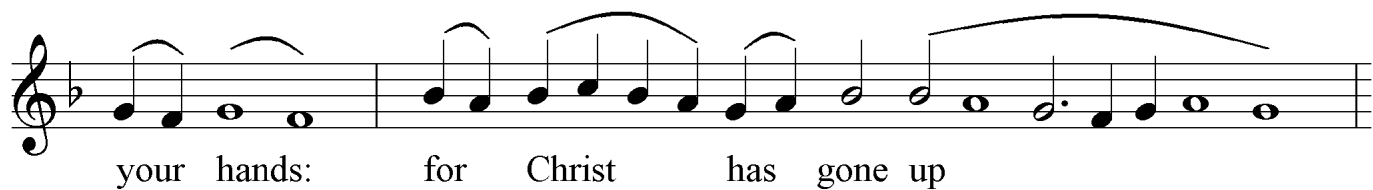
bos - - - - om. The Ho - - ly Spir - - - it or - - - - - ders all his



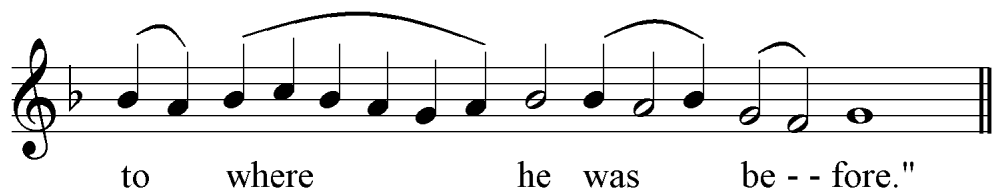
An - - - - gels: "Lift up your gates,



you Rul - ers; all you na - - - - - tions clap



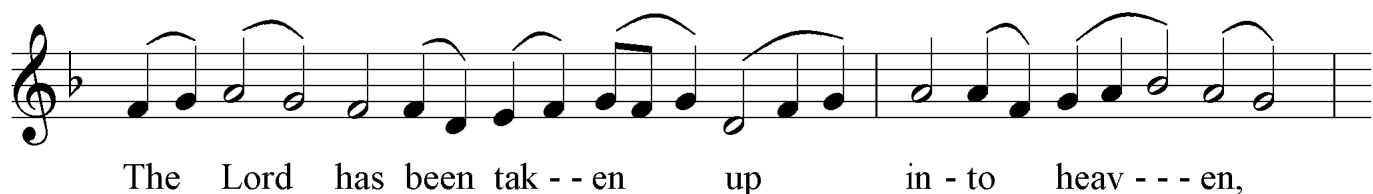
your hands: for Christ has gone up



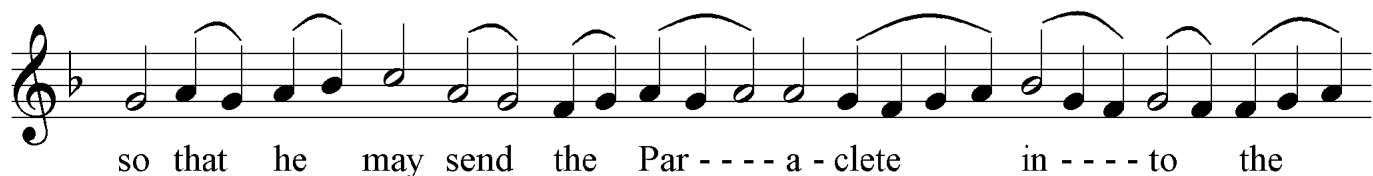
to where he was be - - fore."



(II) The just will a - wait me: un - til you re - ward me.



The Lord has been tak - - en up in - to heav - - - en,



so that he may send the Par - - - - a - clete in - - - - to the

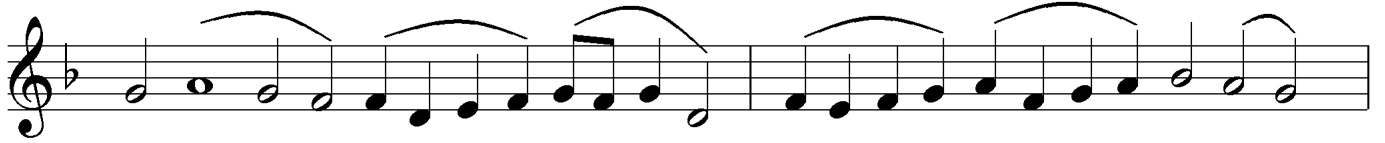


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An - - - - gels: "Lift up your gates,
you Rul - ers; all you na - - - - - tions clap
your hands: for Christ has gone up
to where he was be - - fore."



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



O Lord, when you were tak - - - - - en up,



the Cher - u - bim were a - - - - - mazed as they



con - tem - plat - ed you, the God who is en - - - throned



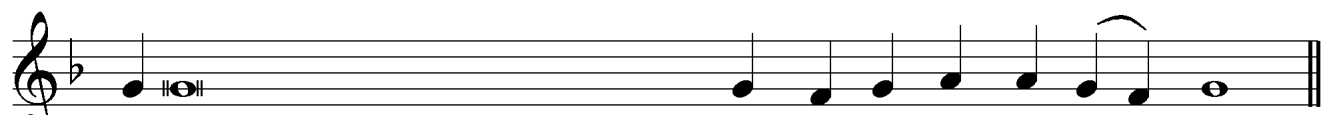
on them, as - cend - - - ing on the clouds; and we



glo - - - - - ri - - - - - fy you, for your mer - - - cy



is good, glo - - - - - ry to you.



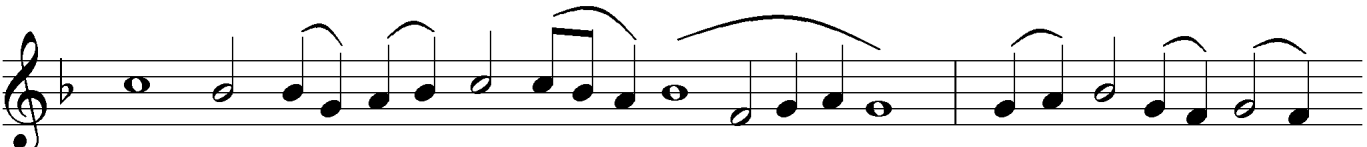
(II) O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my sup - pli - ca - - - tion.



O Lord, when you were tak - - - - - en up,



the Cher - u - bim were a - - - - - mazed as they



con - tem - plat - ed you, the God who is en - - - throned



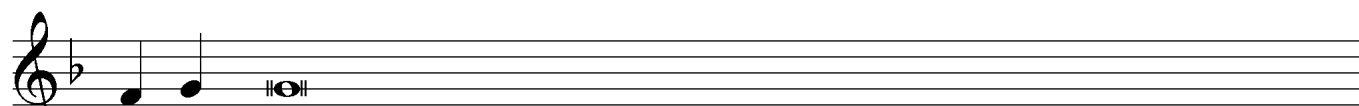
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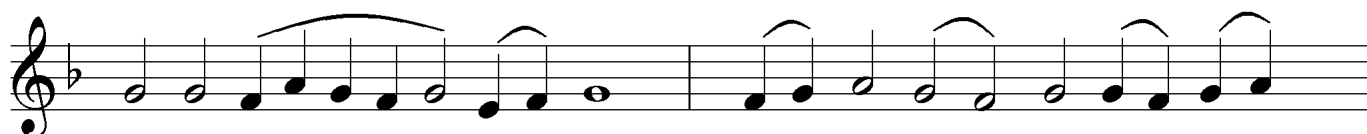
is good, glo - - - - - ry to you.



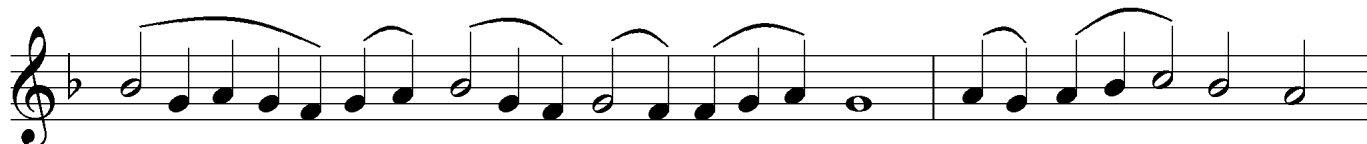
(1) If you, Lord, should mark in - i - qui - ties, O Lord, who will stand? But



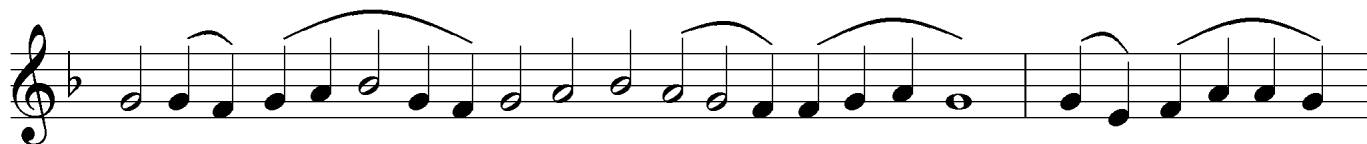
there is for - give - ness with you.



As we con - - - - - tem - plate your As - cen - - sion on the



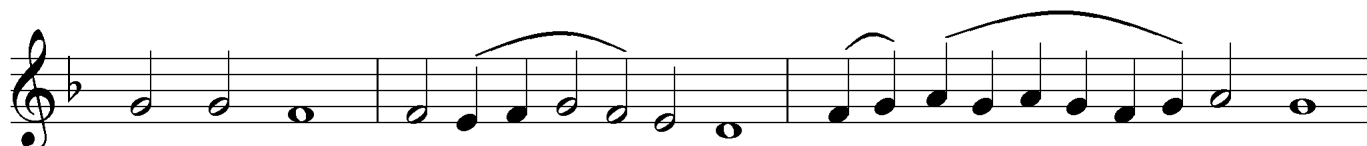
ho - - - - - ly moun - - tains, O Christ, the ra - - - - - di - ance



of the glo - - - - - ry of the Fa - - - - - ther, we praise



in song the ra - - - - - di - ant ap - - pear - - - - - ance of your



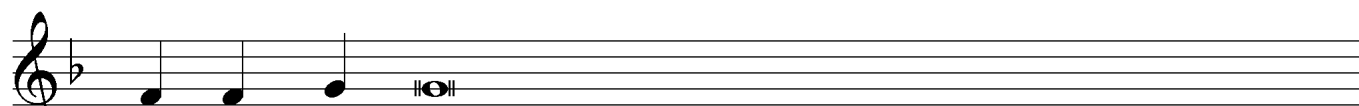
coun - te - nance; we ven - - - - - er - ate your suf - - - - - fer - ings;



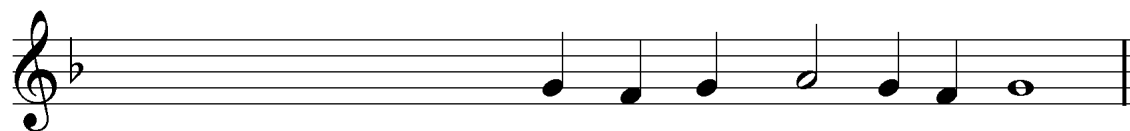
we hon - our your Res - - - - - ur - - rec - tion; we glo - - - - - ri - fy



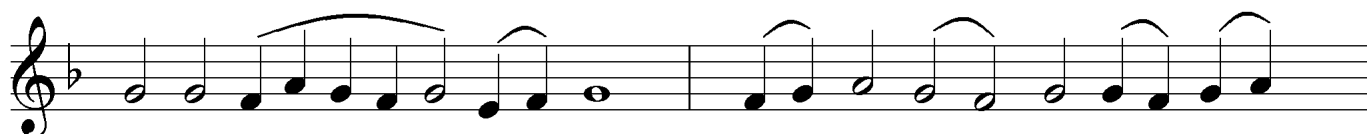
your glo - - ri - ous As - cen - - - - - sion: have mer - cy on us.



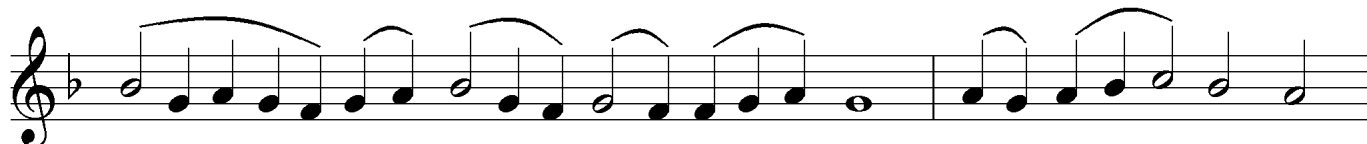
(II) For your name's sake I have wait - ed for you, O Lord; my soul has



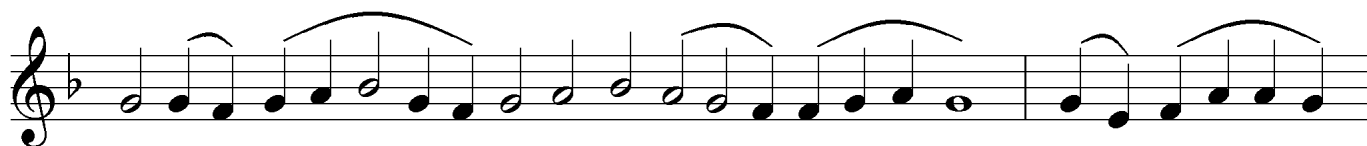
wait - ed on your word, my soul has hoped in the Lord.



As we con - - - - - tem - plate your As - cen - - sion on the



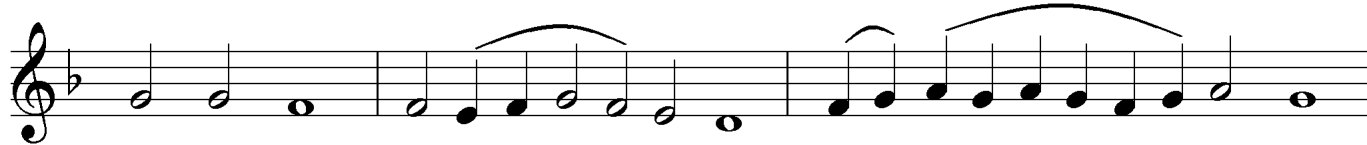
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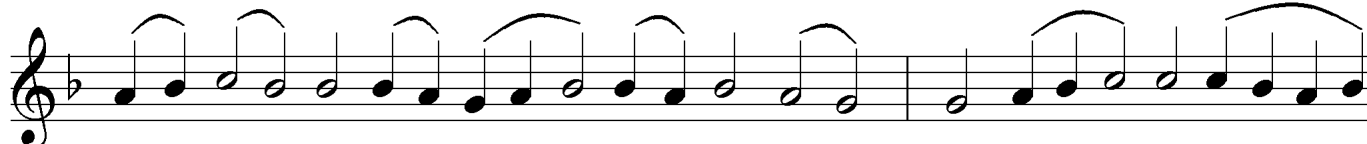
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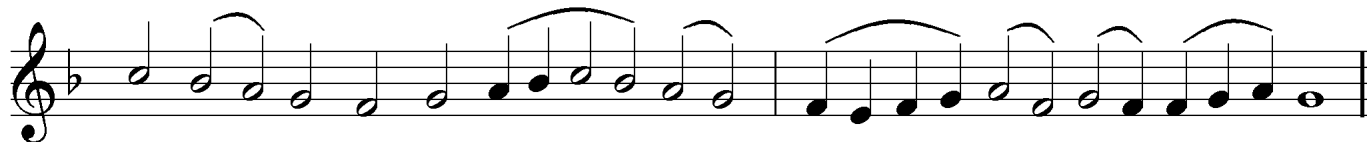
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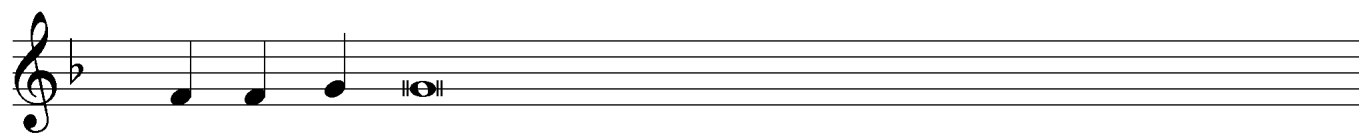
coun - te - nance; we ven - - - - - er - ate your suf - - - - - fer - ings;



we hon - our your Res - - - - - ur - - rec - tion; we glo - - - - - ri - fy



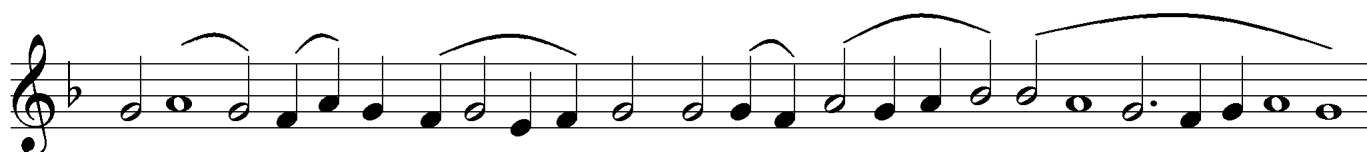
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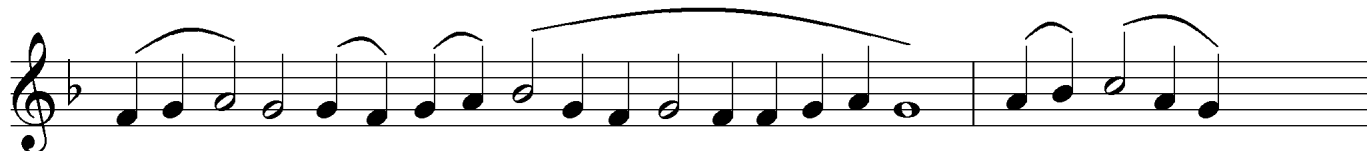
(I) From the morn - ing watch un - til night, from the morn - ing watch let



Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.



O Lord, the A - pos - - - - tles, as they saw you



lift - - - - ed up on clouds, O Christ,



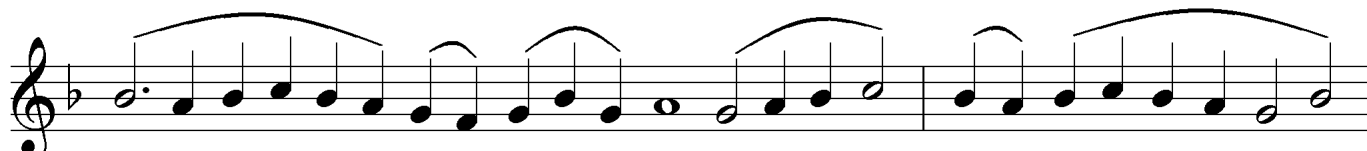
Giv - er of life, they were filled with lam - en - ta - tions of tears



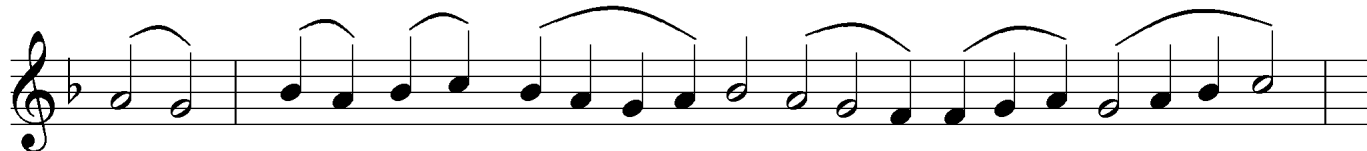
of de - jec - - - - - tion, and, sing - - - - ing a dirge, they



said: "O Mas - - ter, do not



let us be or - phans, your ser - - - - -



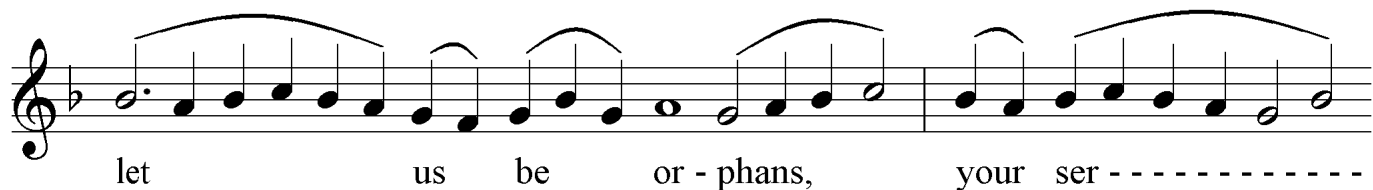
vants whom through pit - - - - - y you have loved,



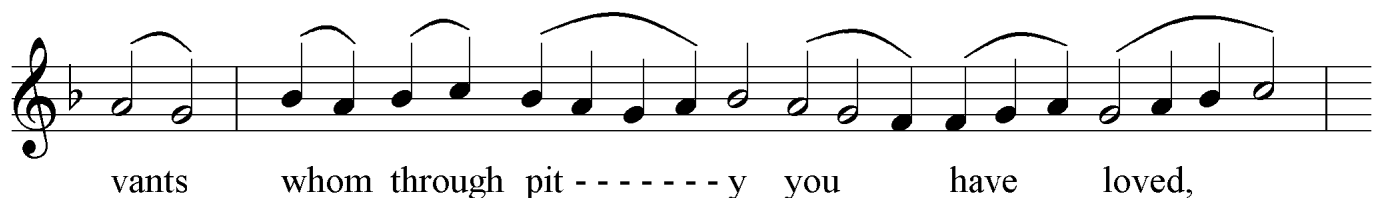
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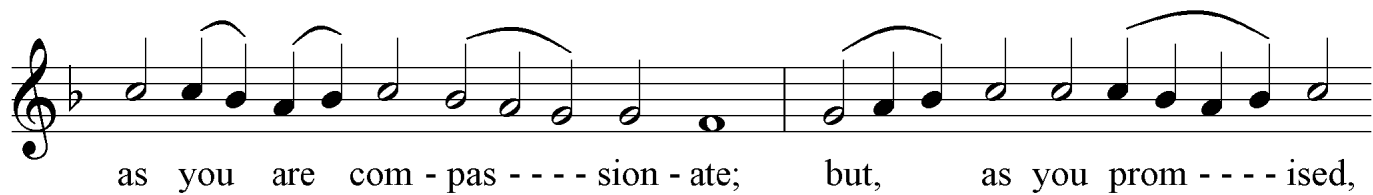
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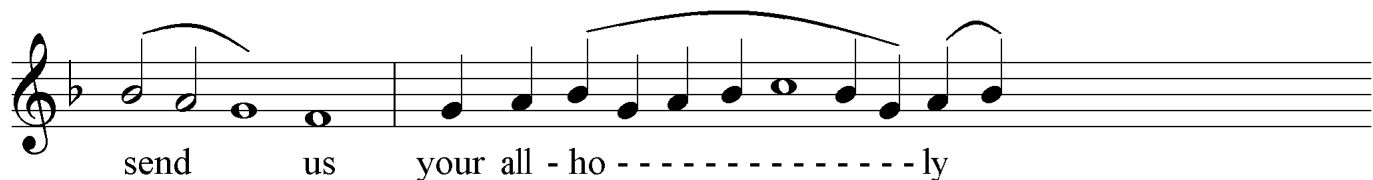
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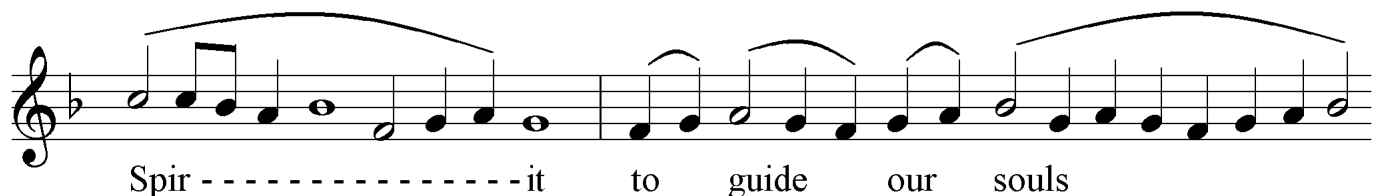
vants whom through pit - - - - - y you have loved,



as you are com - pas - - - - sion - ate; but, as you prom - - - - ised,



send us your all - ho - - - - - ly



Spir - - - - - it to guide our souls



with light."

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

O Lord, as you com - plet - ed the mys - ter - y of your

dis - - - - - pen - - sa - - - - - tion, tak - - - - - ing your Dis - ci - - - - - ples

on - - to the Mount of Ol - - - - - ives,

you were tak - - - - - en up, and be - - hold, you

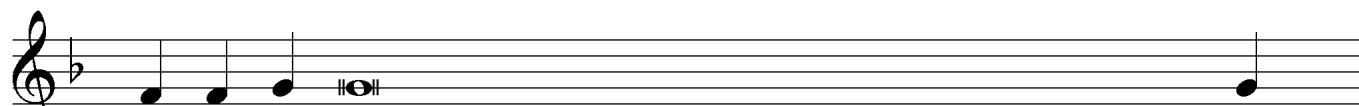
passed through the fir - - - ma - - - ment of heav - - - en. For my

sake you be - came poor like me, and you as - cend - - - - - ed

to the place from which you had not been part - - - ed.

Send forth your all - - - ho - - - - - ly Spir - - - - - it

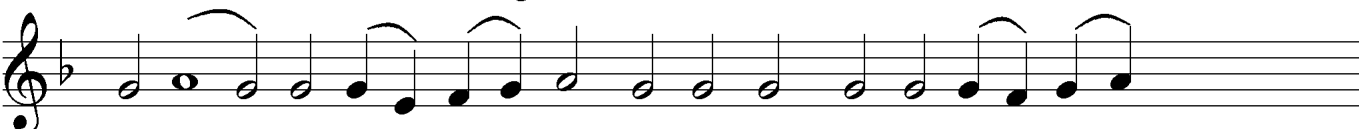
to en - - - light - - - - - en our souls.



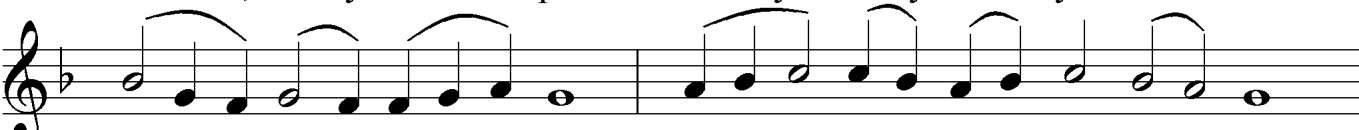
(II) For his mer - cy has been might - y to - wards us; and the truth of the



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



O Lord, as you com - plet - ed the mys - ter - y of your



dis - - - - pen - - sa - - - - tion, tak - - - - ing your Dis - ci - - - ples



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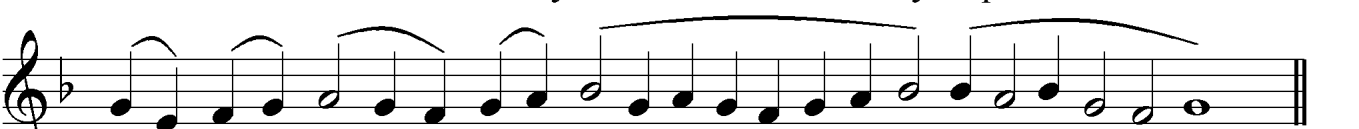
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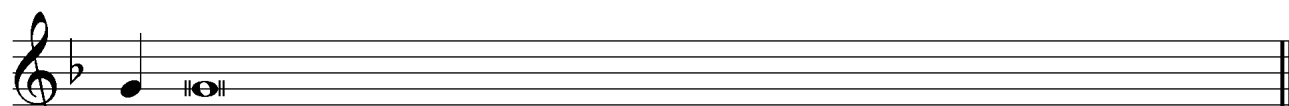
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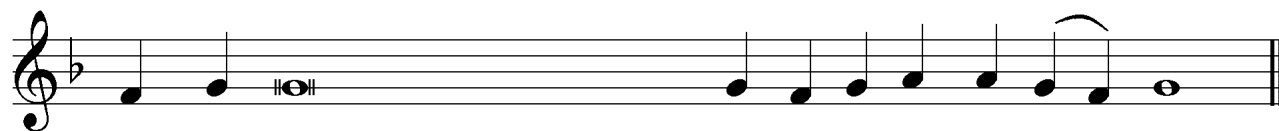
Send forth your all - - - ho - - - - ly Spir - - - - - it



to en - - - light - - - - en our souls.



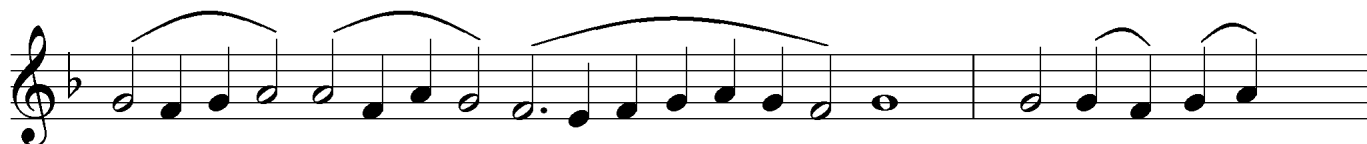
(1) Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



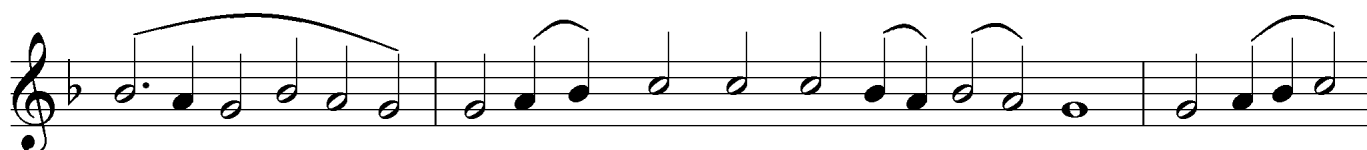
Both now and for ev - er, and to the ag - es of ag - es. A - - - men.



Not part - - - - ed from the bos - om of the Fa - - - - ther, O



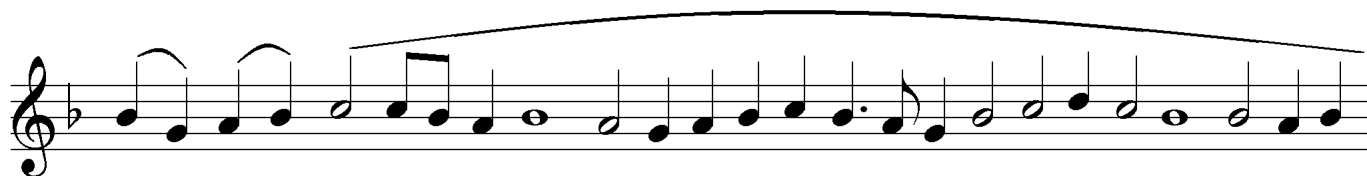
most sweet Je - - - - - sus, and hav - - ing



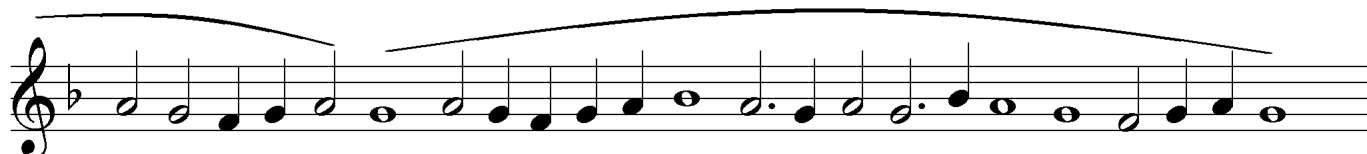
lived a - mong those on earth as hu - - man, to - day



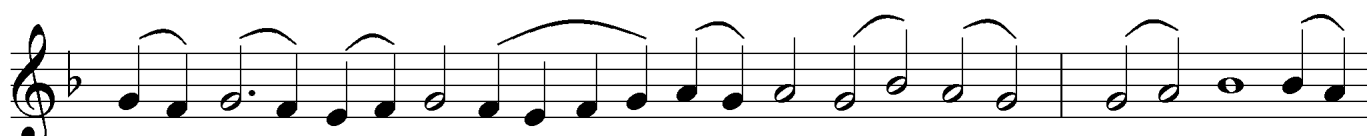
from the Mount of Ol - - - - - ives you were tak - - - - - en



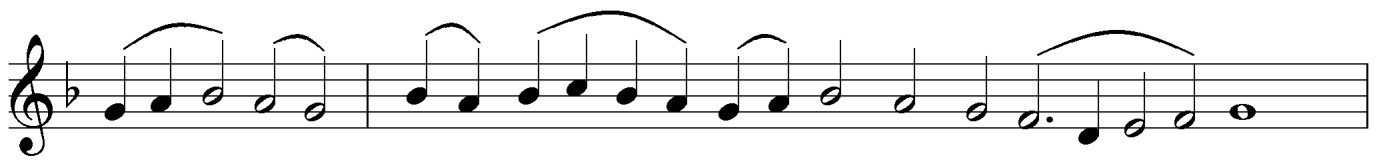
up in glo - - - - -



- - - - - ry,



and hav - - ing in pit - - - - - y ex - alt - - - ed our fall - en



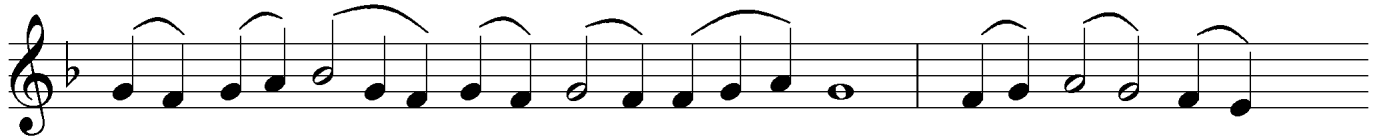
na - - - - - ture, you seat - - - - - ed it with the Fa - - - - - ther.



There - - - - fore the heav - - - - - en - ly ranks of the



Bod - - - - - i - less, a - mazed by the won - - - - - der,



were be - - side them - selves with fear, and seized with



trem - - - - - bling they mag - - ni - - - - - fied your



love for man - - - kind. With them we al - - - so who



are on earth, as we glo - - - - - ri - - - - - fy your



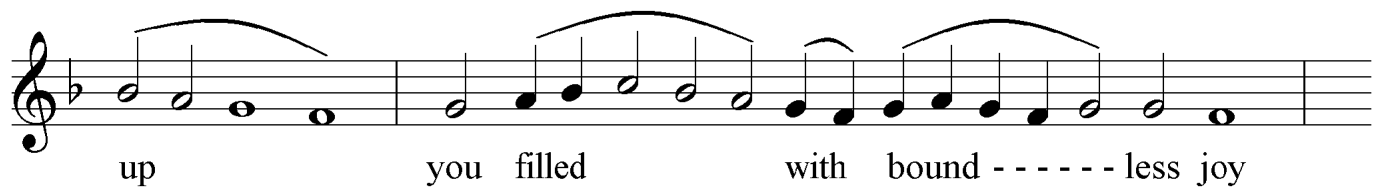
con - - de - - - scen - sion to - wards us and your



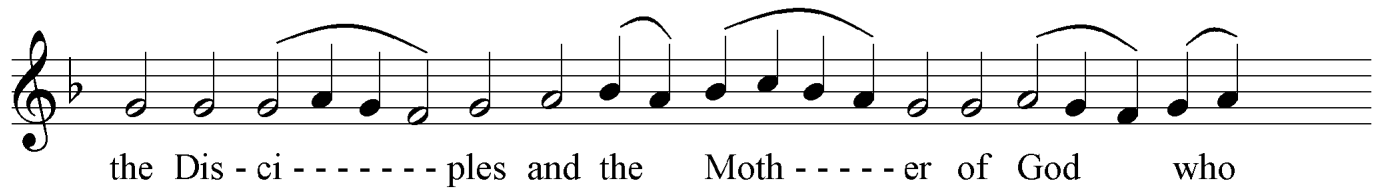
As - - cen - - - - - sion from us, im - plore



you, say - - - - ing: "When you were tak - - - - - en



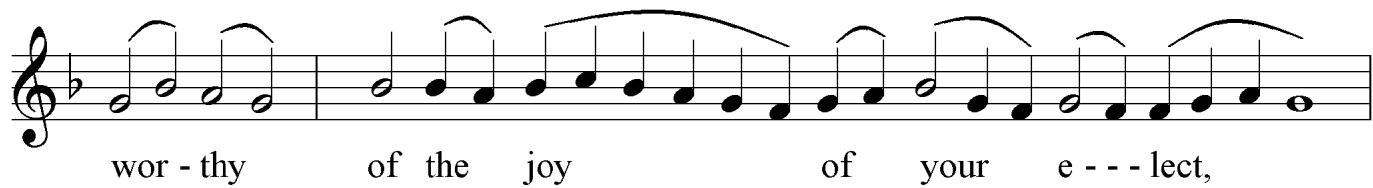
up you filled with bound - - - - - less joy



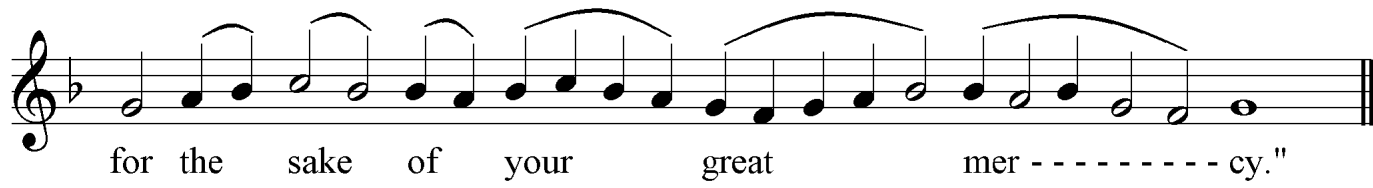
the Dis - ci - - - - - ples and the Moth - - - - - er of God who



bore you: at their prayers make us al - - - - so

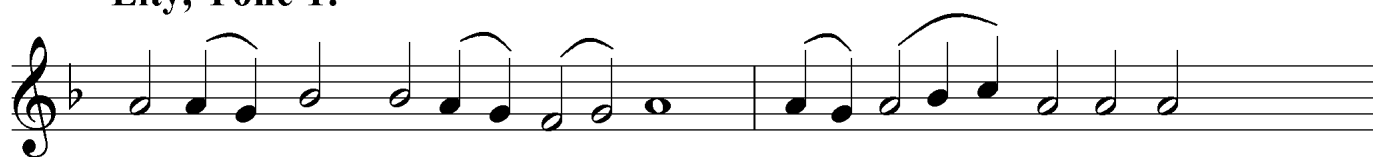


wor - thy of the joy of your e - - - lect,



for the sake of your great mer - - - - - cy."

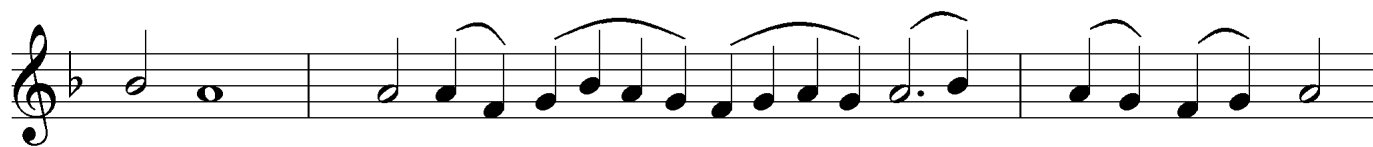
Lity, Tone 1:



In as - - cend - ing to heav - en, from whence you al - so



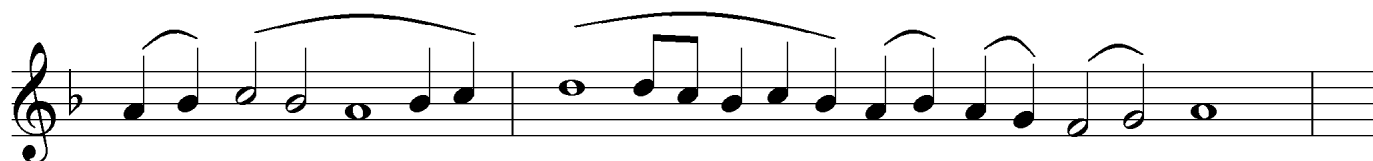
de - scend - - - - ed, do not leave us or - - - - phans,



O Lord; may your Spir - - - - it come, bring - ing peace



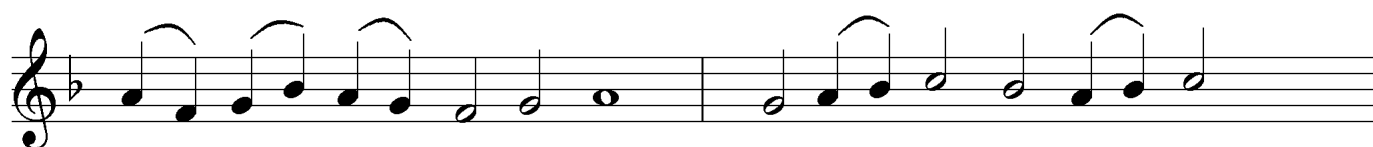
to the world; show to the chil - - - - - dren of



man - - kind deeds of your pow - - er,



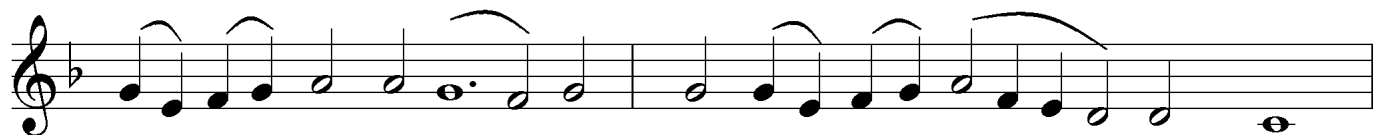
O Lord, who love man - - kind.



You as - - - cend - ed, O Christ, to your Fa - ther, who is



with - - out be - - - - gin - - - - - ning, yet you were nev - er



part - ed from his bos - - om which is un - - cir - - - - - cum - scribed;

and the pow - - - - - ers

ac - cept - - - ed no ad - di - tion to the thrice - - - ho - - ly hymn

of praise, but ac - - - know - ledged you, O Lord,

as one Son,

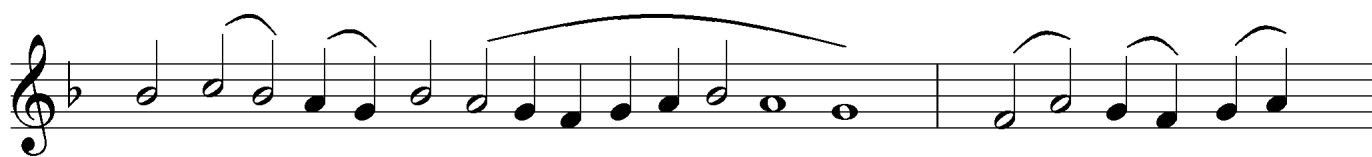
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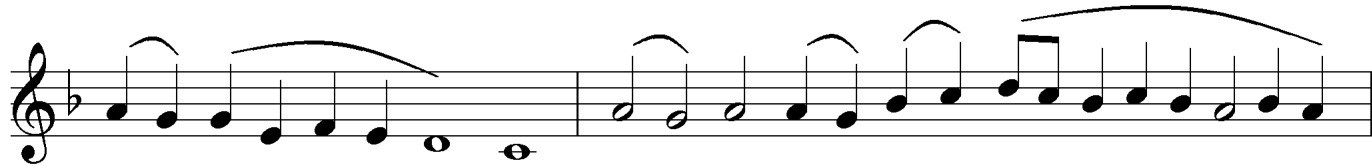
ther, e - ven

af - ter the in - car - na - - - tion. In the mul - - ti - tude of your

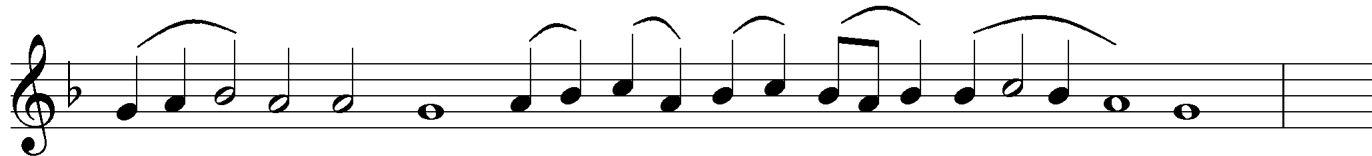
com - pas - - - - - sions, have mer - - cy on us.



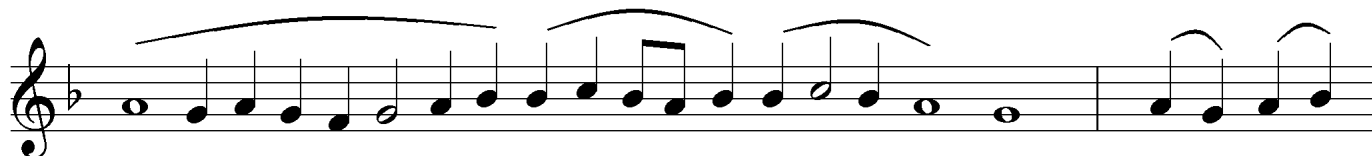
Your An - - gels, O Lord, said to the



A - - - pos - - - - - tles: "Men of Gal - - i - - - - - lee,



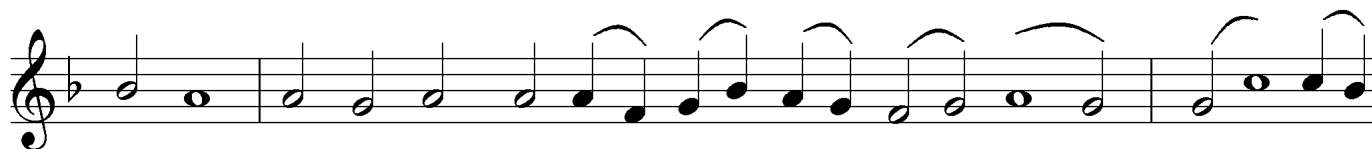
why do you stand look - ing up to heav - - - - - en?



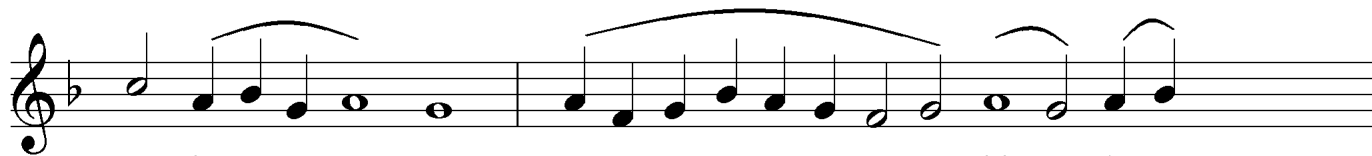
This is Christ God, who is



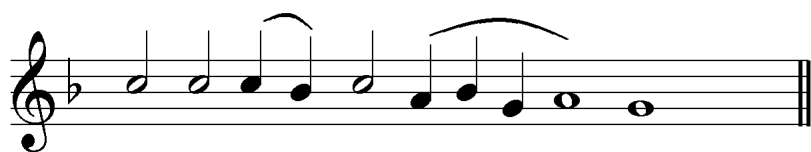
tak - en up from you to heav - - en. He will come



a - gain in the same way that you have seen him go - - - ing

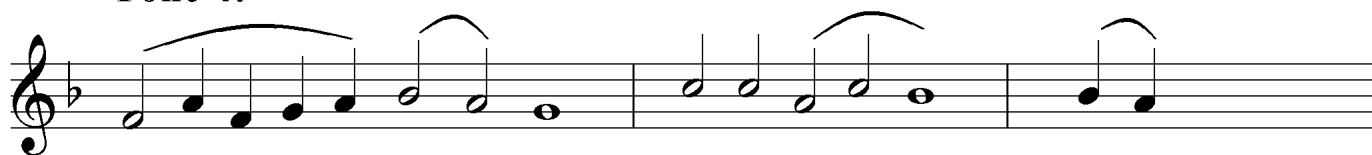


to heav - - - - - en: serve him in

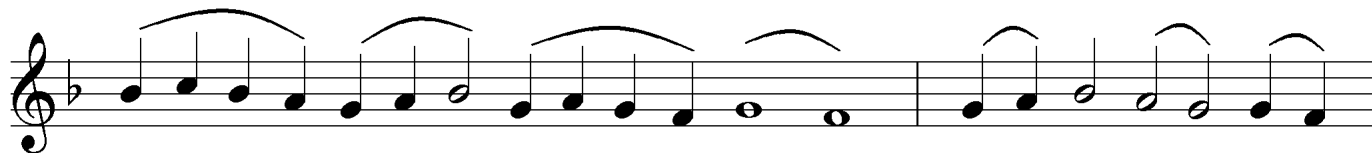


ho - li - ness and jus - - - - - tice."

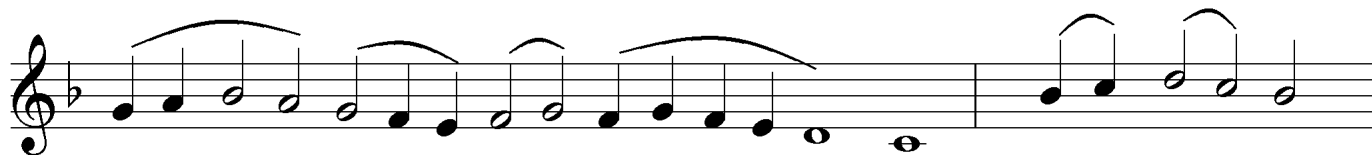
Tone 4:



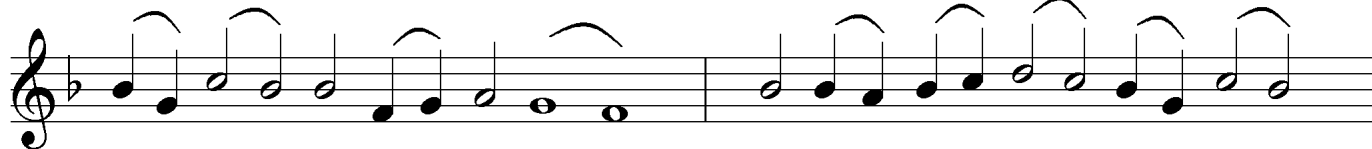
When you came to the Mount of



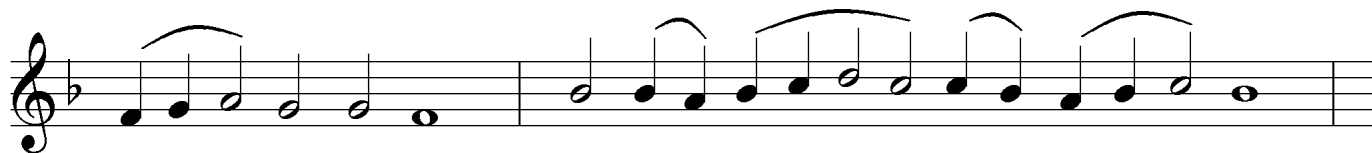
Ol - - - - - ives, O Christ, to ful - fil the



Fa - - - - - ther's good pleas - - - - - ure, the An - - gels



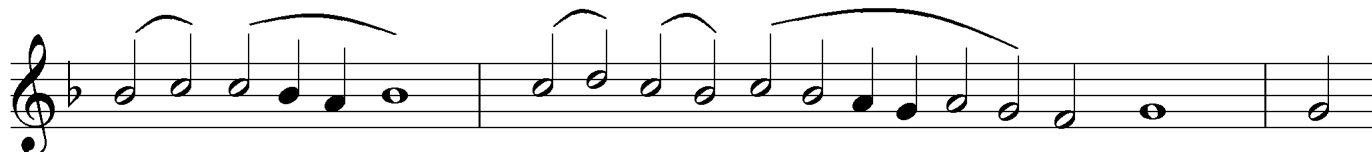
in heav - en were a - mazed, and those be - - neath the earth



shud - - dered in fear; the Dis - - ci - - - - - ples stood by



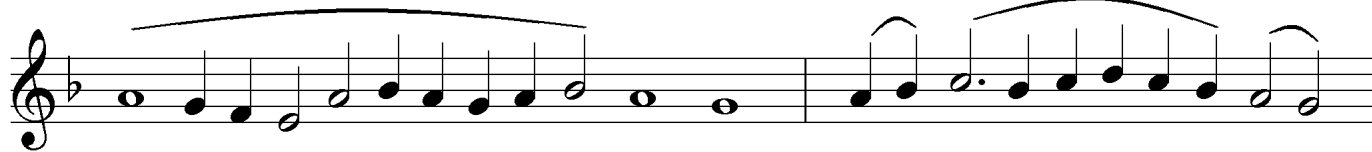
trem - - - - - bling



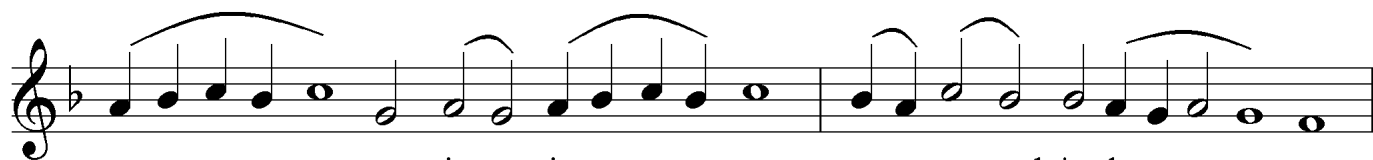
with joy as you spoke to them; and



as a throne a wait - ing cloud had been pre - pared



op - - - - - po - site, while heav - - - - - en



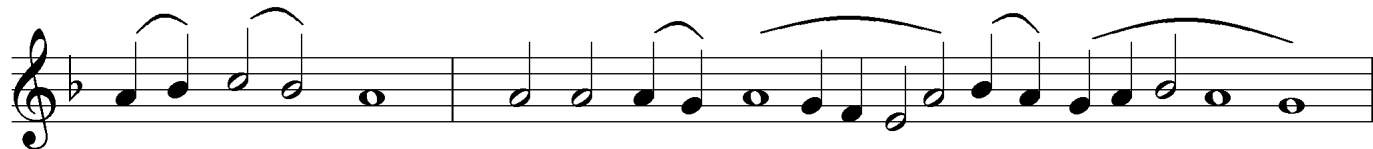
o - - - - - pen - ing its gates ap - - peared in beau - - - - - ty,



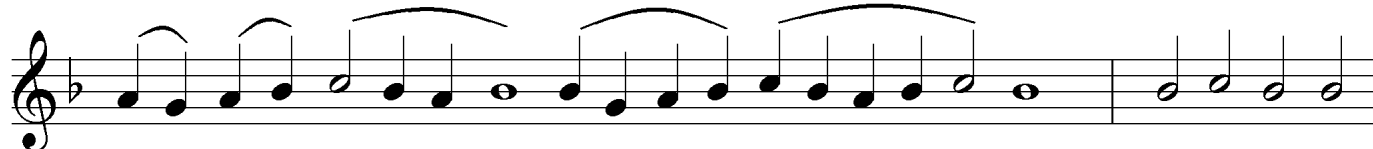
and the earth



re - - - veals its hid - - - - den vaults, so that Ad - am's de - scent



was made known and his as - - - cent a - - - gain.



But your feet were raised up, as if by a



hand, while your mouth was heard loud - - - ly



giv - - - - - ing a bless - - - - - ing; a cloud re - - - ceived you



and heav - - - en took you with - in. You wrought



this great and mar - vel - - lous work, O Lord, for the



sal - - - va - - - - - tion of our souls.



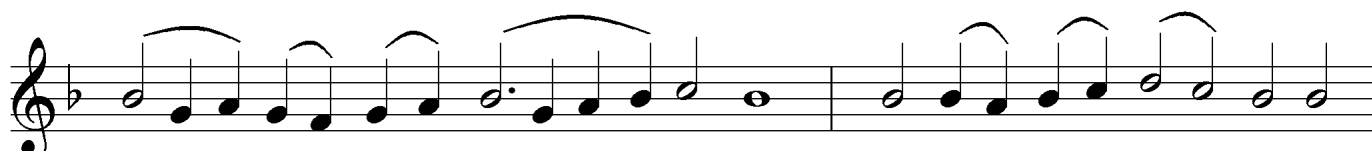
When you had re - newed in your - self Ad - - am's na - - - ture, which



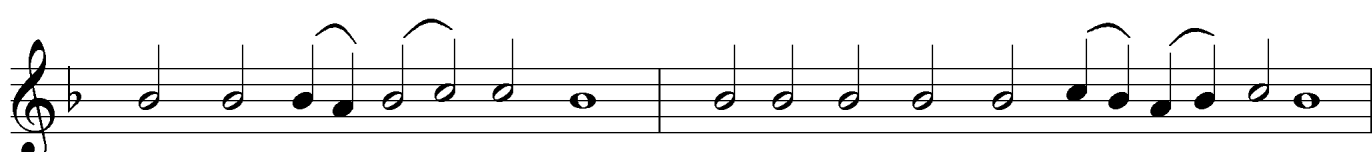
had de - scend - - - ed to the low - - er parts of the earth, O God,



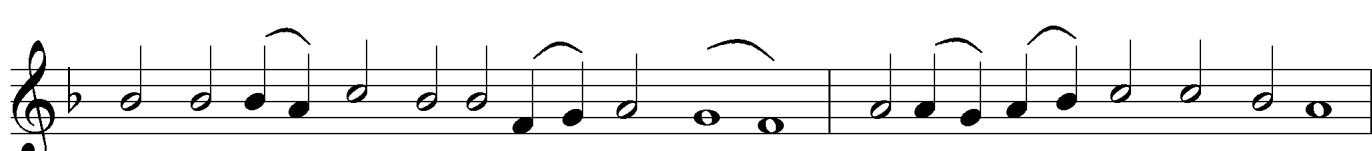
you took it up to - day a - bove eve - - - - ry



rule and au - - - thor - - - - i - - ty; for as you loved it, so



you made it sit with you; and as you had com - pas - sion on it,



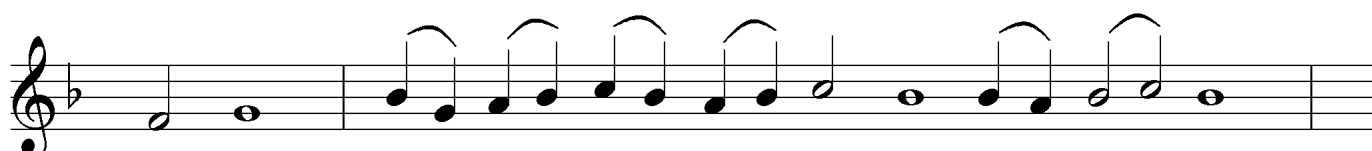
so you u - - - nit - ed it to your - self; as you u - - - nit - ed with it,



so you suf - - fered with it; as not sub - ject to

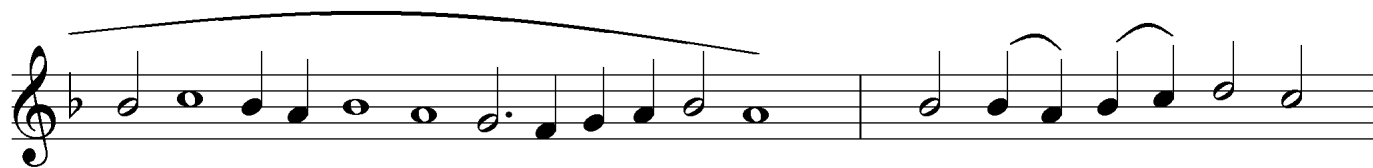


suf - fer - ing, yet you suf - - fered and glo - ri - fied it with

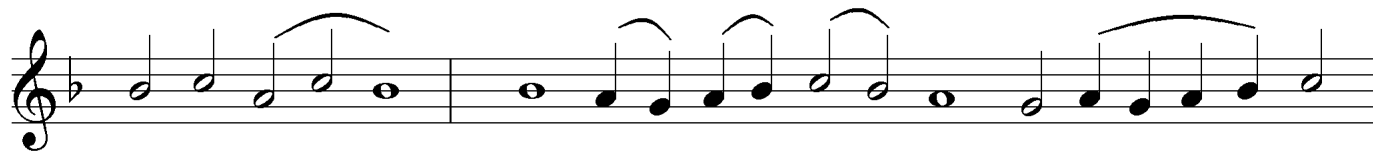


your - self. But the Bod - - i - - - less Ones were say - - ing:

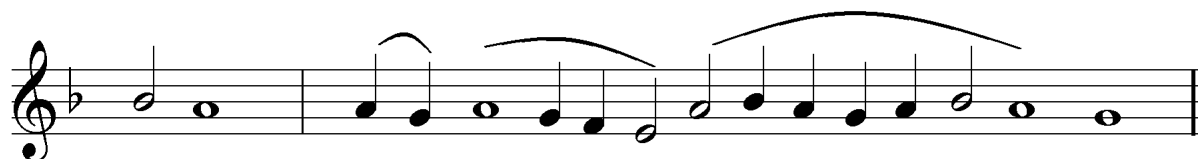
"Who is this
man of beau - - - - ty? Not man
on - - - - - ly, but both God and man, both
to - - - geth - er they ap - pear." And so the
a - ston - ished An - - - - - gels in shin - - ing robes, some
fly - - - - - ing, oth - - ers stand - ing by, cried out to the
Dis - ci - - - ples: "Men of Gal - - - - - i - lee, he who has
gone from you, he is Je - - - - - sus, man and
God: as God - - - - - man he will come a - gain,



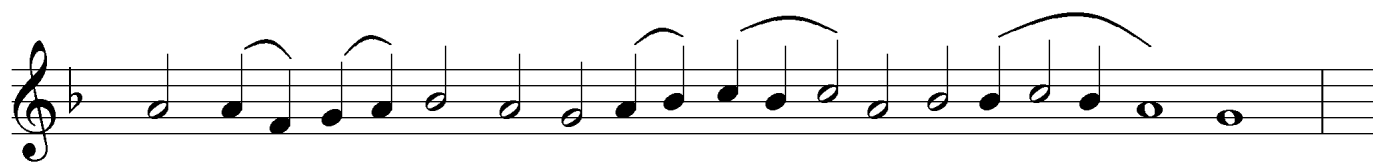
judge of the liv - ing



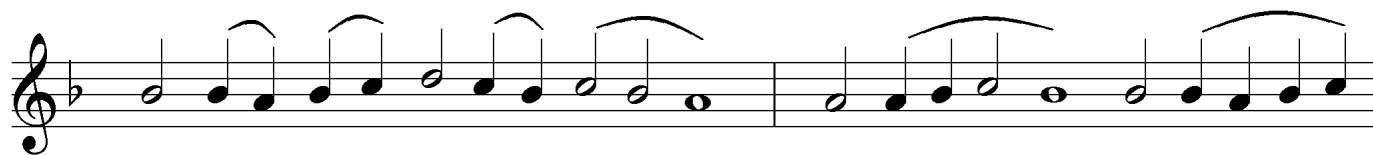
and the dead, grant - ing the faith - - ful re - mis - - - - - sion



of sins and great mer - - - - - cy."



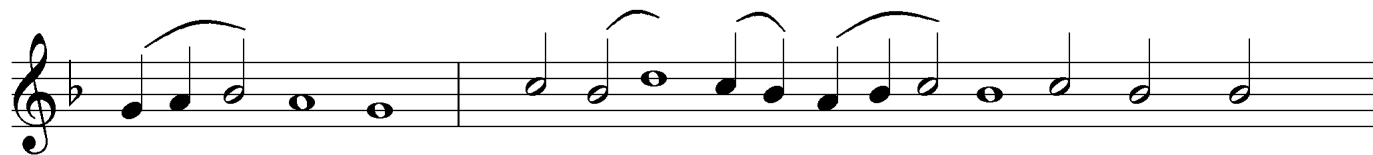
When you were tak - en up in glo - - - - ry, O Christ God,



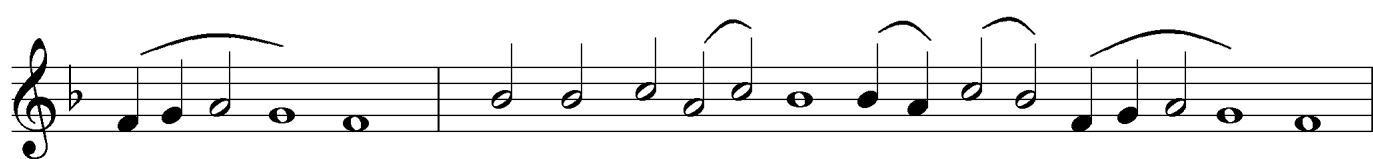
while the Dis - - ci - ples watched, the clouds re - ceived



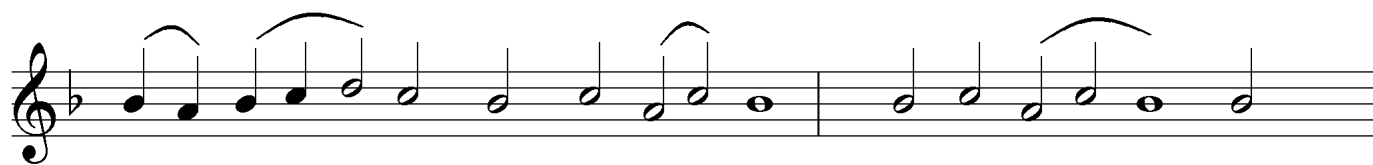
you with your flesh; the gates of heav - - - en were



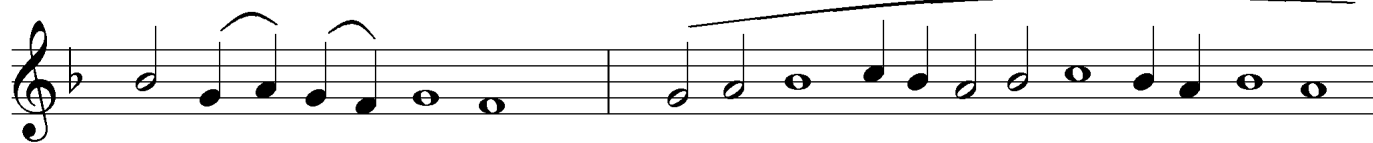
lift - - - - - ed up; the choir of An - - - - gels re - joiced with



glad - - - - - ness; the high - er pow - ers cried out, say - - - - - ing:



"Lift up your gates, you rul - - ers, and the King of



glo - ry will en - ter." While



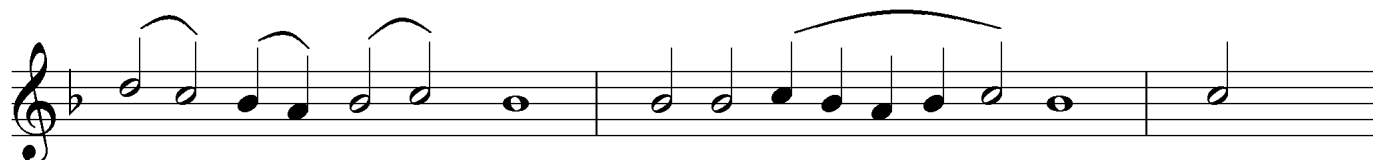
the Dis - ci - ples, a - mazed, were say - ing:



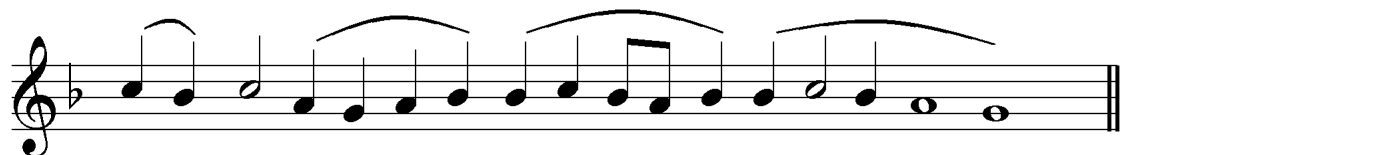
"Do not be part - ed from us, O Good Shep - - - herd,



but send us your all - ho - ly Spir - - - - - it, to

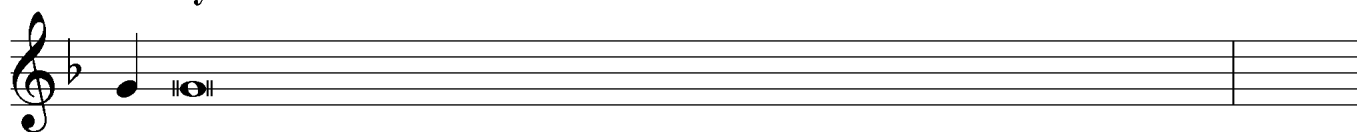


guide, and strength - en, and en - light - - - - - en, and



sanc - - ti - fy our souls."

Glory. Both now. Same Tone.

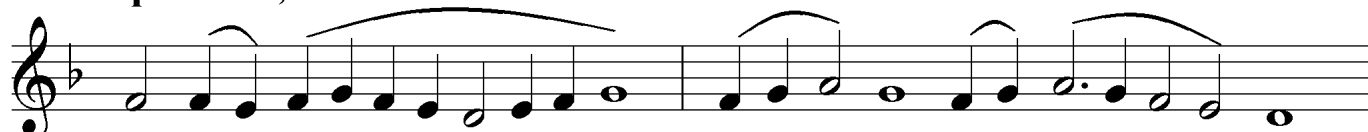


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

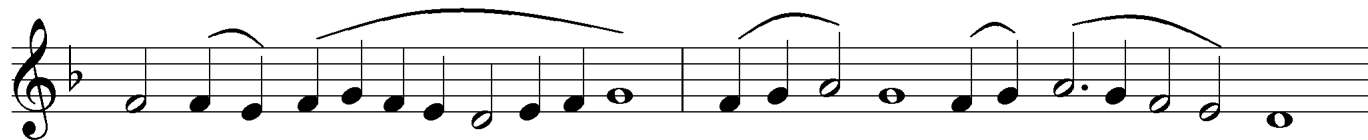


... sion should al - - - - so be
filled with joy be - - - yond meas - - - ure at the glo - ry of your
flesh. We al - - - - so, who share
in the joy of your as - cent to heav - - - en, O Mas - ter,
glo - ri - fy your great mer - cy to - - - - wards us.

Aposticha, Tone 2:



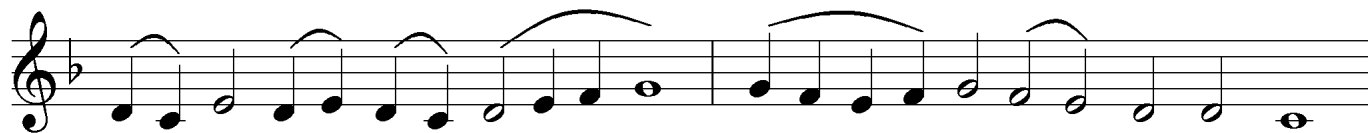
(I) You were born, as you your - self willed;



you ap - - - peared, as you your - self wished;



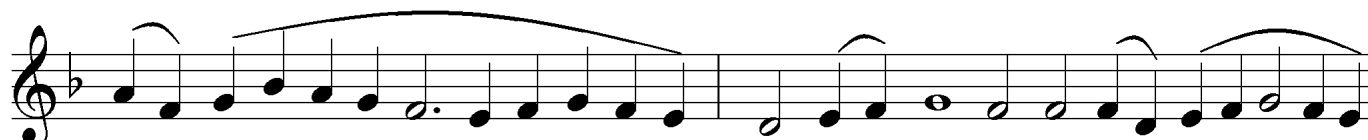
you suf - - - - - fered in the flesh, O our God;



you rose from the dead, hav - - - - - ing tram - pled on death;



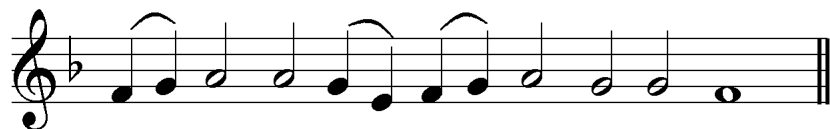
you were tak - en up in glo - - - - - ry, fill - - - - - ing



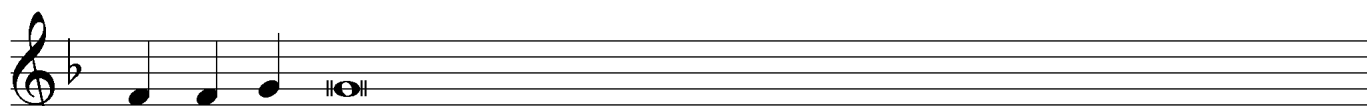
all things, and you sent us the di - - vine



Spir - - - - - it, so that we might praise



and glo - ri - fy your di - vin - i - - ty.



(II) All you na - tions, clap your hands, shout to God with a voice of



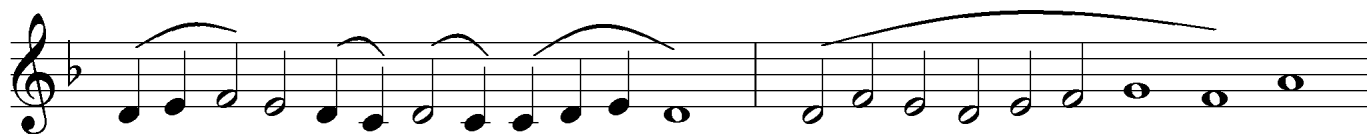
ex - ul - ta - - - tion.



As you were tak - - - - - en up from the Mount of



Ol - - - - - ives, the pow - ers, see - - ing you, cried



one to the oth - - er: "Who is



this?"

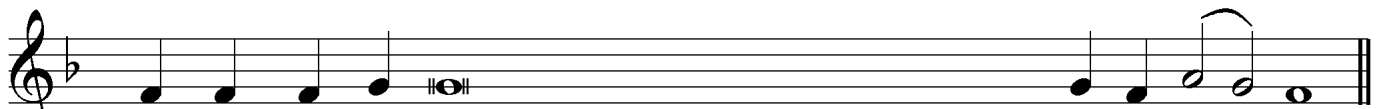


And they were told: "This is



the Might - - - - - y and Pow - - - er - - - - - ful; this is the

Pow - er - - - ful in bat - - tle; this is
tru - - - - - ly the King of glo - ry." "And why are
his
gar - - - - - ments scar - - let?" "He has come from
Bo - - - sor, that is from the flesh."
But as God, seat - ed at the
right hand of Maj - - es - - - - ty, you have sent us
the Ho - - ly Spir - - - - it to guide and
save our souls.



(1) God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trum - pet.



You were tak - en up in glo - - - - - ry from the Mount



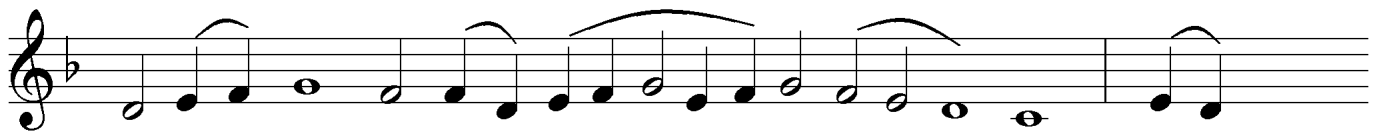
of Ol - - - ives, O Christ God, in the pres - ence of your



Dis - - ci - - - - - ples, and sat at the right hand of



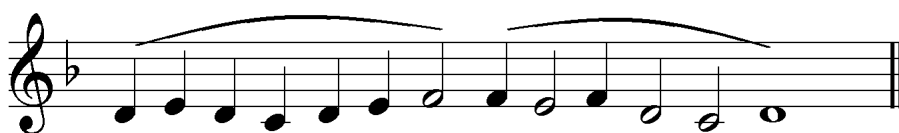
the Fa - - ther, fill - - ing all things with your God - - - head;



and you sent them the Ho - - - - - ly Spir - - - - - it, who

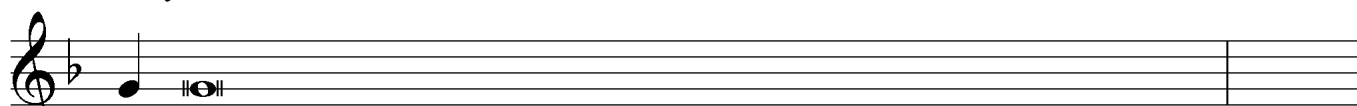


en - - light - ens and strength - - - - - ens and sanc - - - - - ti - fies

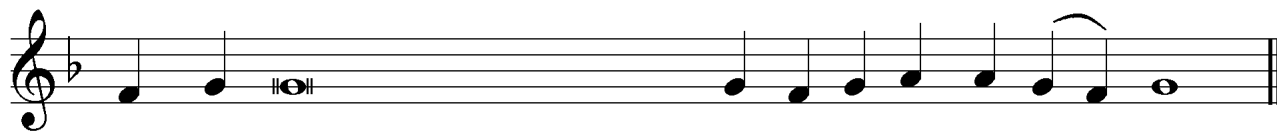


our souls.

Glory. Both now. Tone 6:



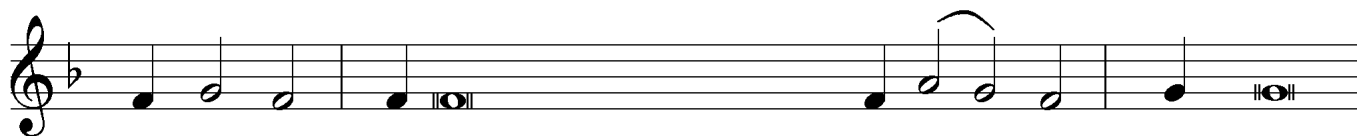
(II) Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.



Troparion, Tone 4



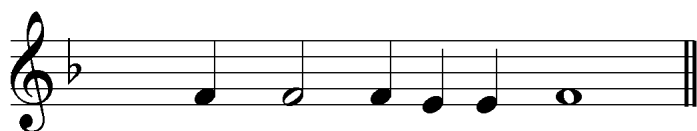
You were tak - en up in glo - ry, Christ our God, giv - ing joy to your



Dis - ci - ples by the prom - ise of the Ho - ly Spir - - - it, when through



the bless - ing they had been as - sured that you are the Son of God,



the Re - deem - er of the world.