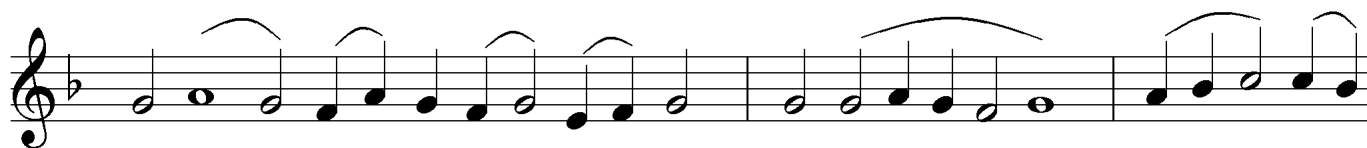


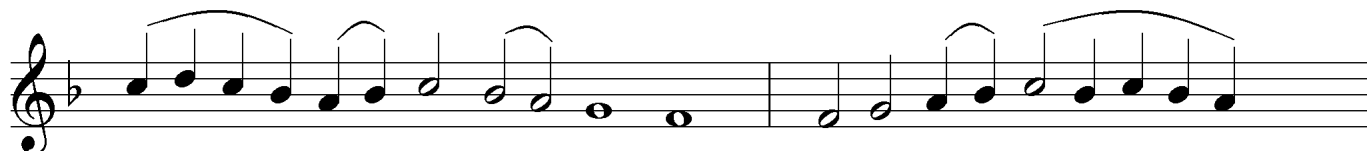
(1) If you, Lord, should mark in - i - qui - ties, O Lord, who will stand? But



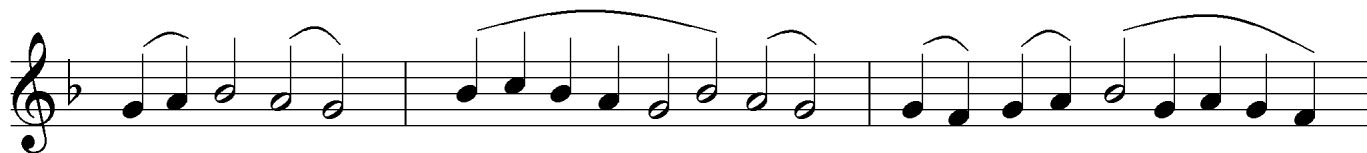
there is for - give - ness with you.



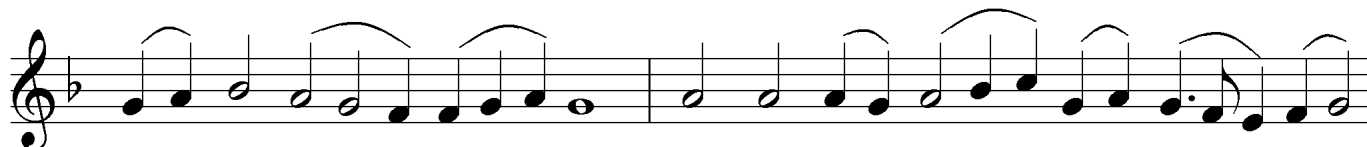
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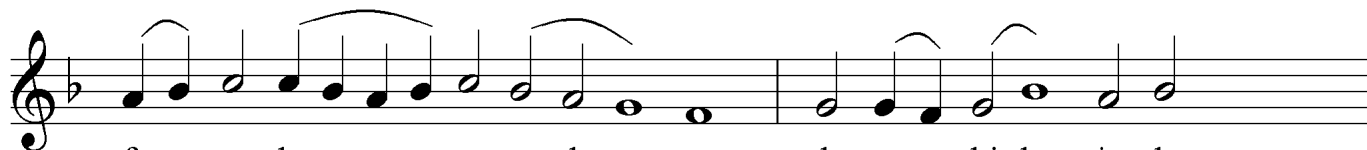
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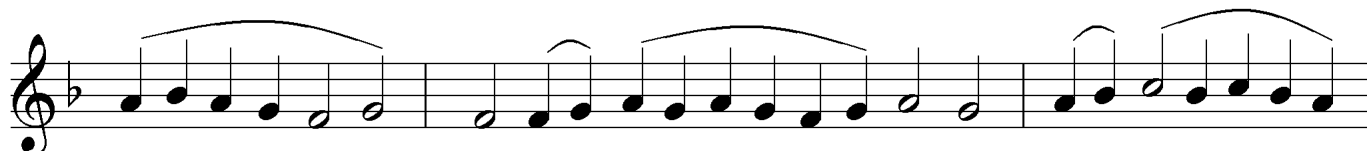
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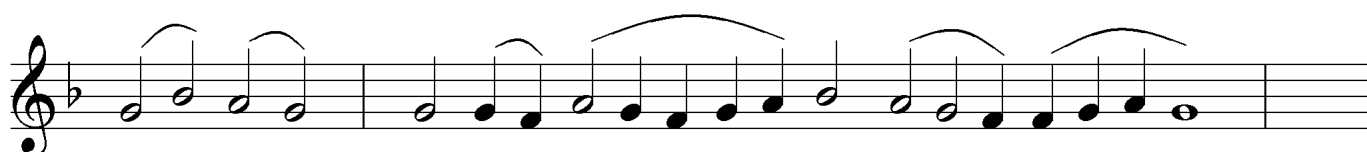
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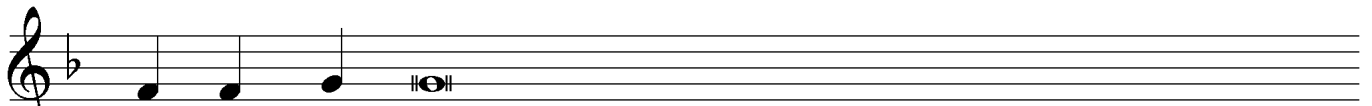


flesh to the God of all, be - - yond



na - - - - - ture from a womb with - out seed.

She is the on-ly gate of the on-ly -
be - got - ten Son of God, who passed through it,
yet kept it closed, and, hav - ing
ar - ranged all things wise - ly in his
knowl - edge, he has wrought sal - va - tion
for all man - kind.



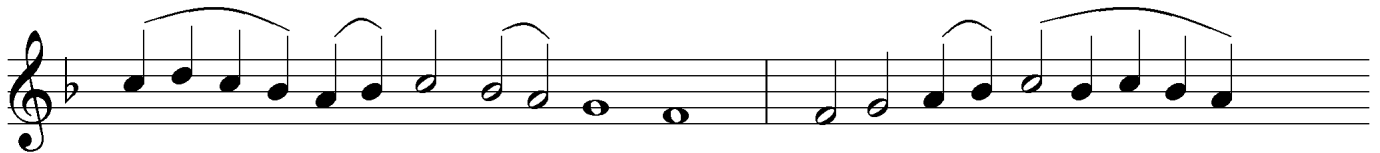
(II) For your name's sake I have wait - ed for you, O Lord; my soul has



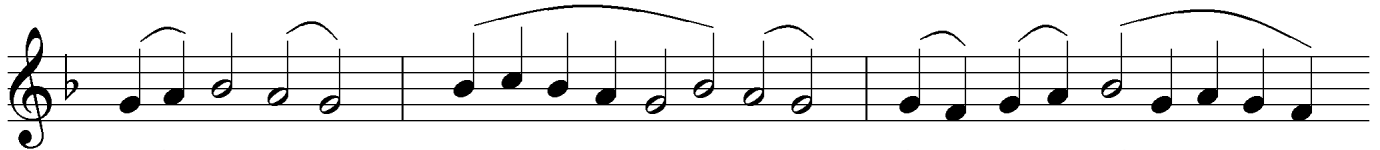
wait - ed on your word, my soul has hoped in the Lord.



Al - though by the will of God re - nowned bar - - - - ren



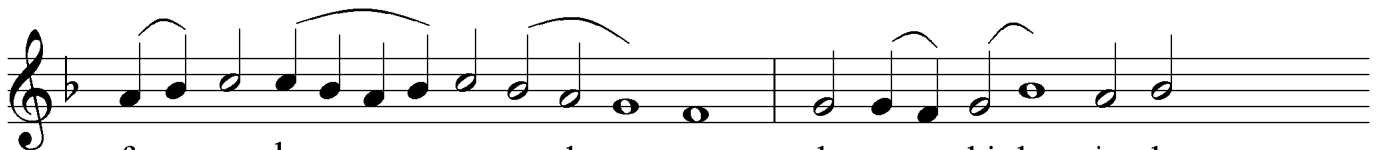
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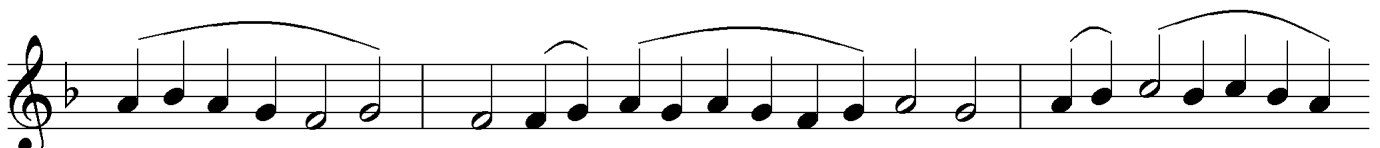
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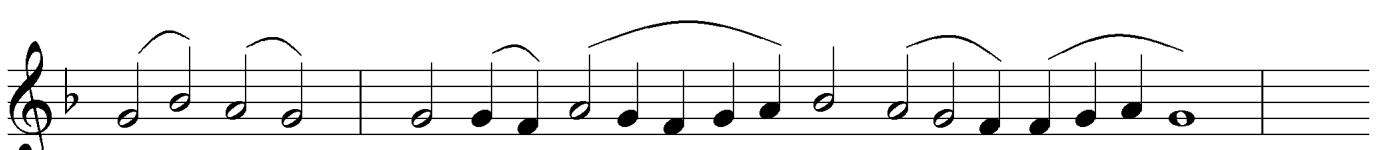
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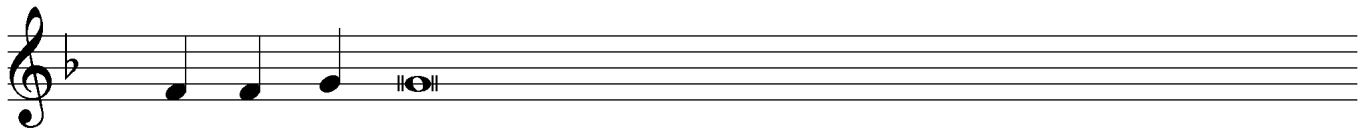


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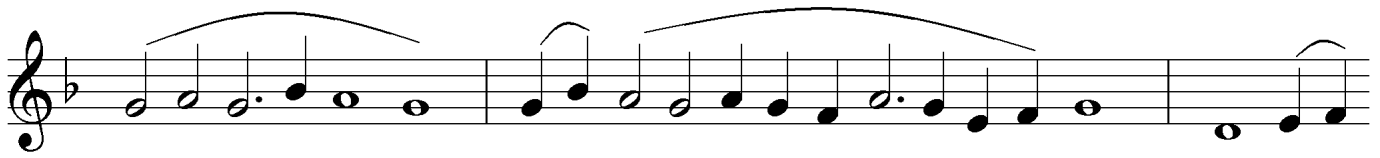
(I) From the morn - ing watch un - til night, from the morn - ing watch let



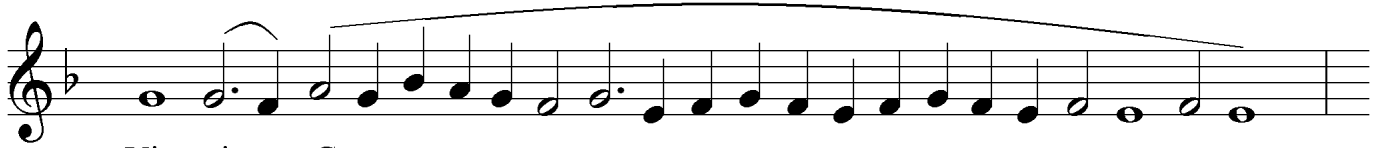
Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.



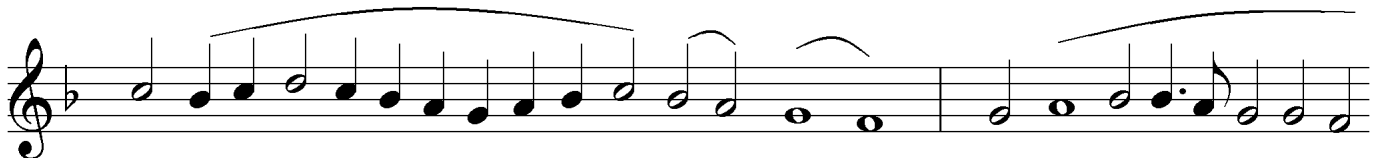
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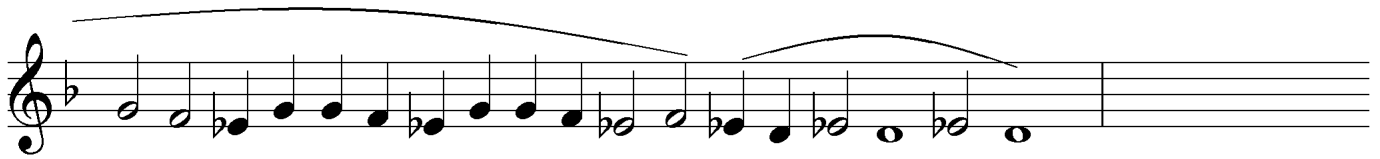
gates are o - - - - - pened and the



Vir - gin Gate



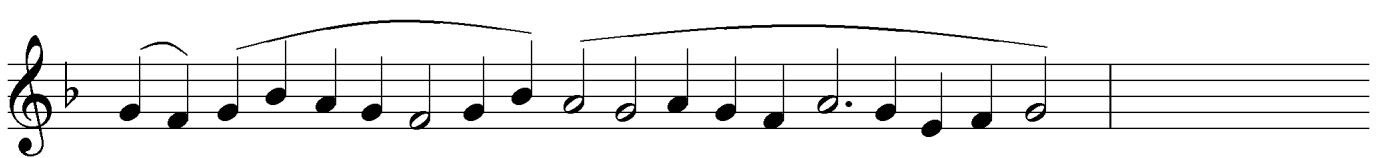
of God comes forth. To - day



grace



be - - - gins



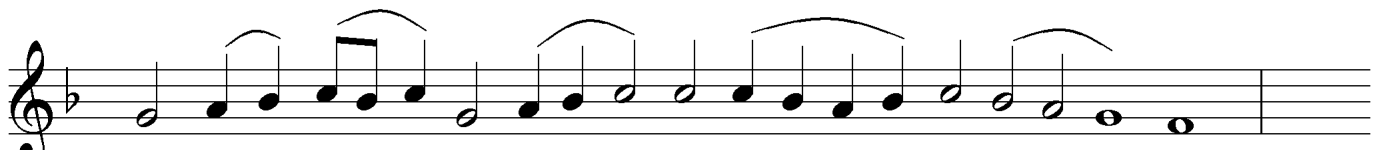
to bear fruit,



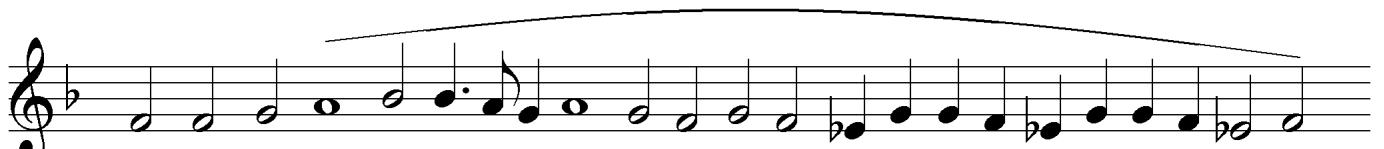
re - veal - - - - - ing to the world



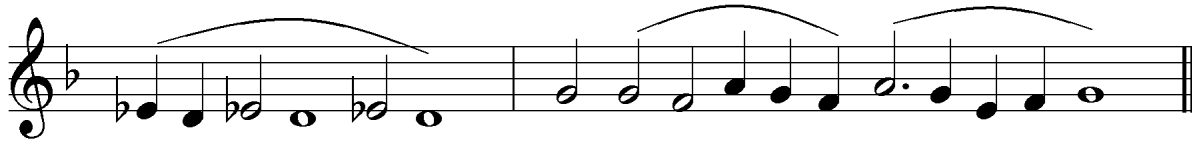
the Moth - - - - - er of God, through whom



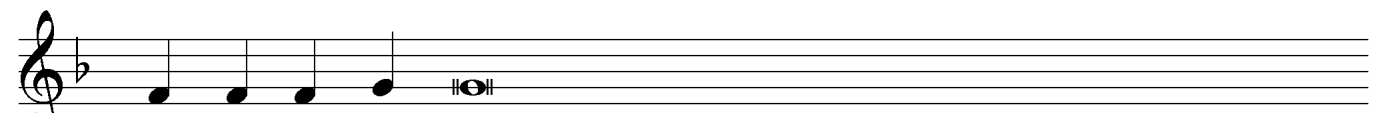
things on earth are joined to things in heav - - - - en,



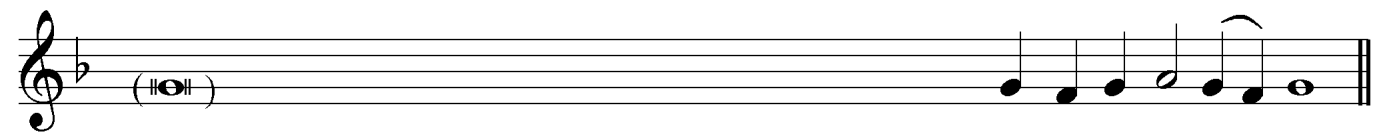
for the sal - va - - - - -



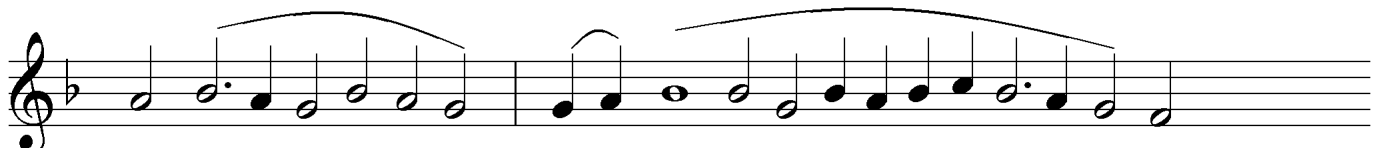
tion of our souls.



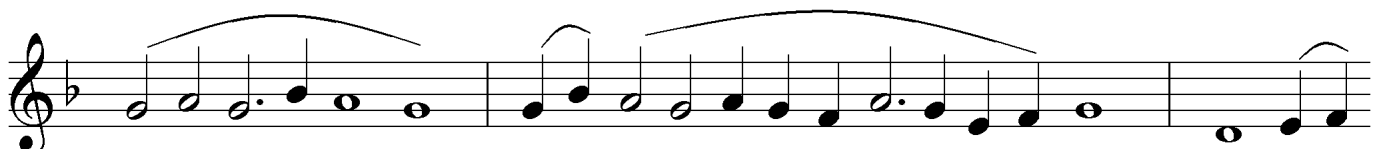
(II) For with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with him plen - ti - ful



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

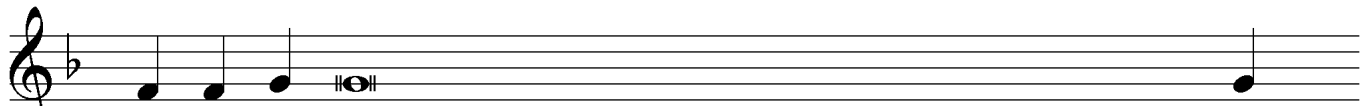


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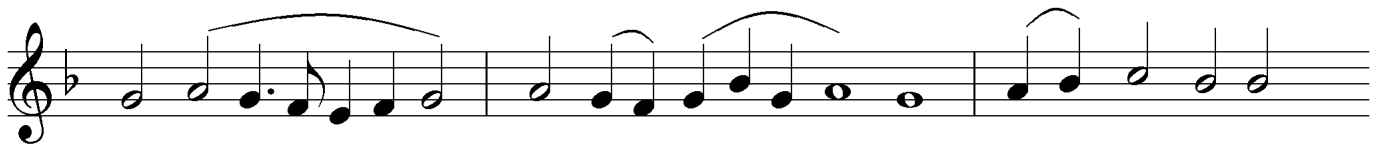
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of God comes forth. To - day
grace
be - - - gins
to bear fruit,
re - veal - - - - - ing to the world
the Moth - - - - - er of God, through whom
things on earth are joined to things in heav - - - - en,
for the sal - va - - - - -
tion of our souls.



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



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



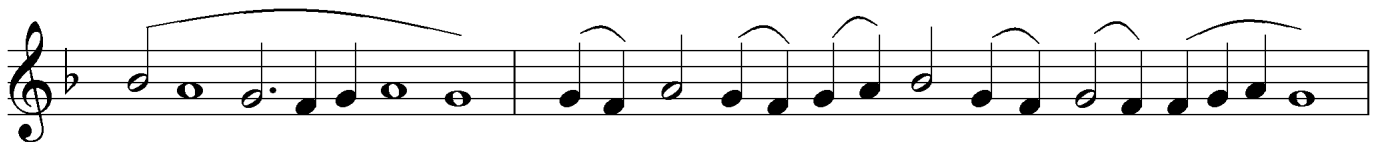
To - day bar - ren An - - - - - na gives birth to the



Child of God, fore - or - - - dained from all



gen - er - - a - - tions to be the dwell - ing - - place of Christ



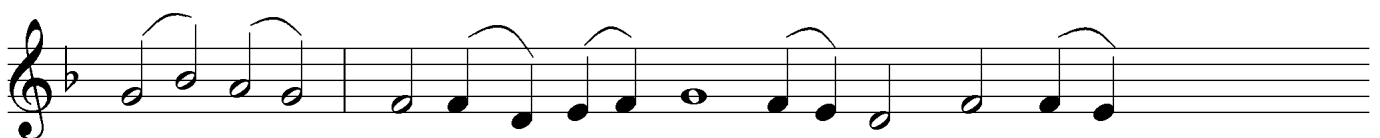
God, the King of all and Cre - - a - - - tor,



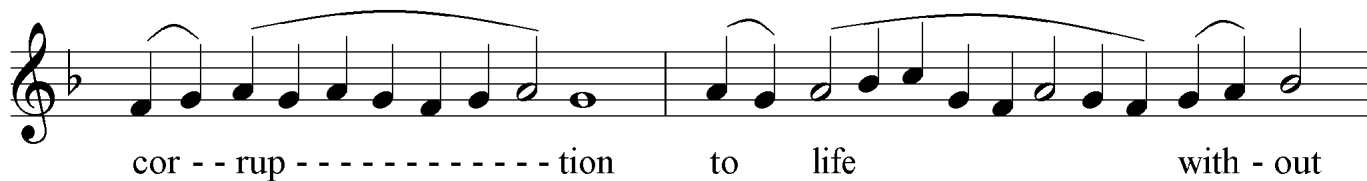
in ful - - fil - - - - - ment of the di - - vine



dis - - - - - pen - sa - - - - - tion. Through her we who are born



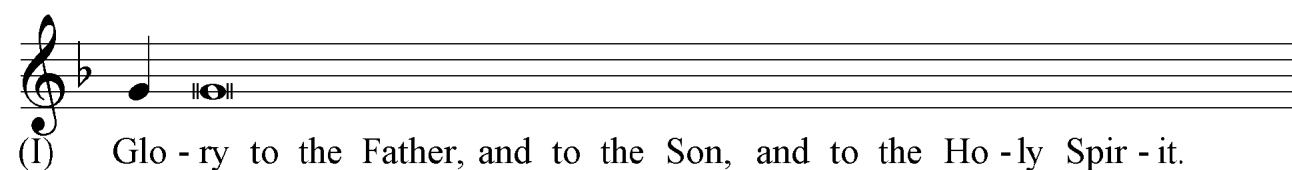
on earth are formed a - - - new and re - stored from



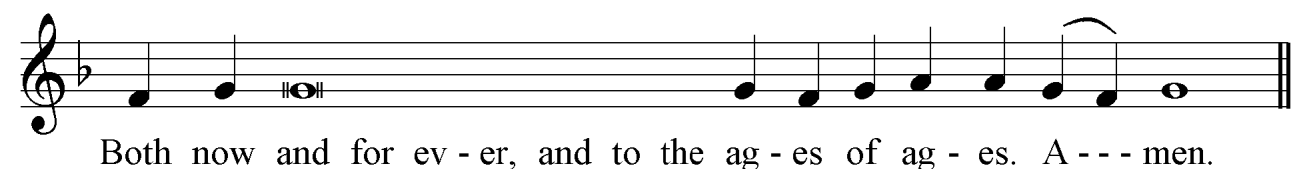
cor -- rup - - - - - tion to life with - out



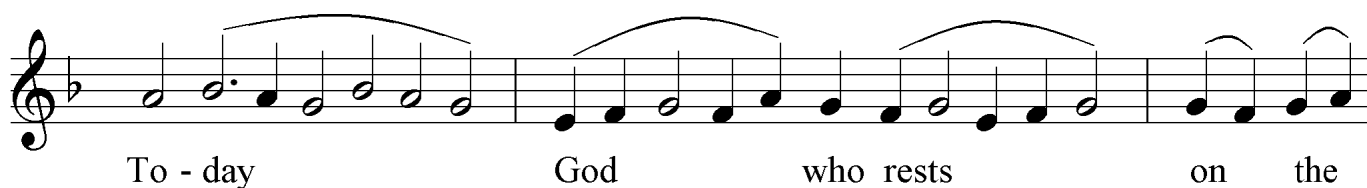
end.



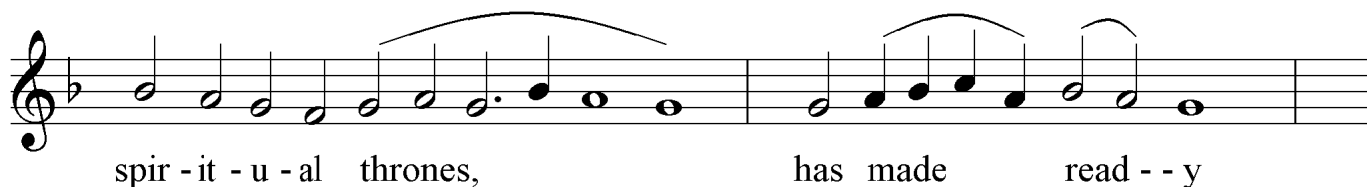
(I) Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



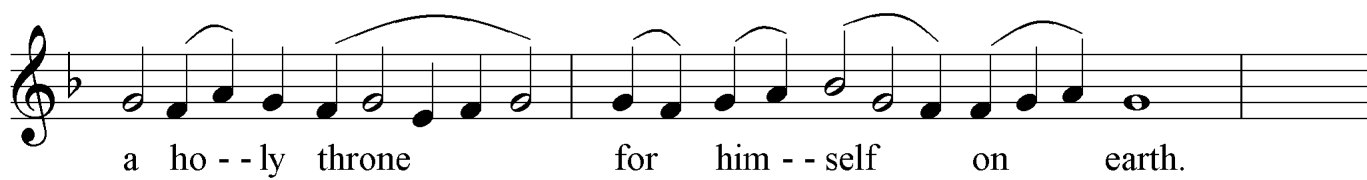
Both now and for ev - er, and to the ag - es of ag - es. A --- men.



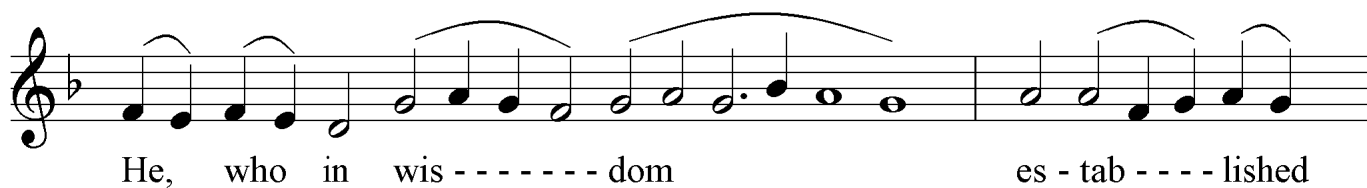
To - day God who rests on the



spir - it - u - al thrones, has made read - - y



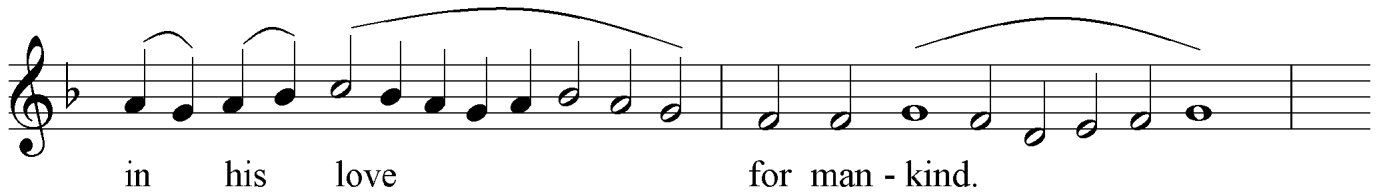
a ho -- ly throne for him -- self on earth.



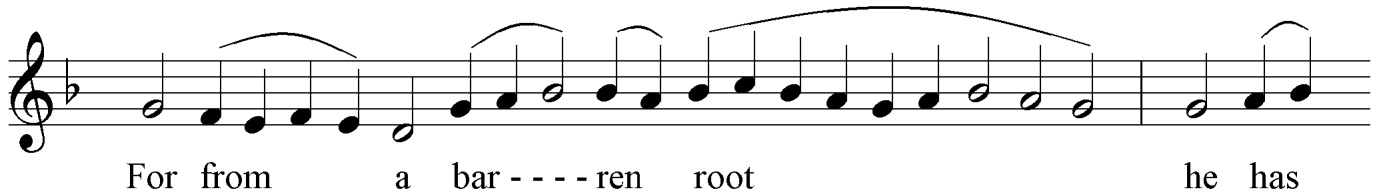
He, who in wis - - - - - dom es - tab - - - - lished



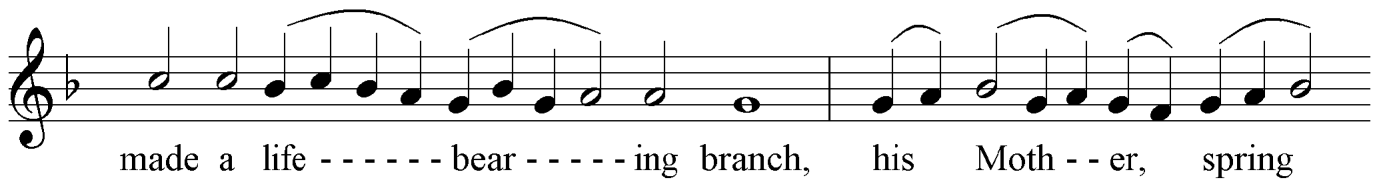
the heav - - - - ens, has pre - pared a liv - - - - ing heav - - - - en



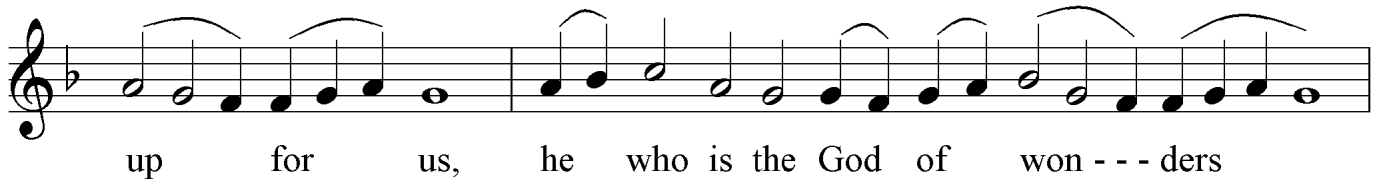
in his love for man-kind.



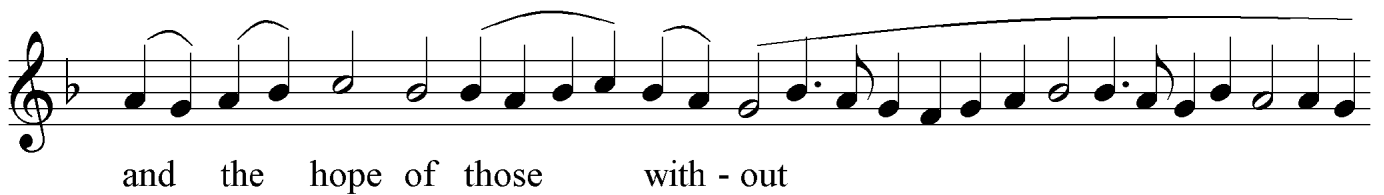
For from a barren root he has



made a life-bearing branch, his Mother, spring



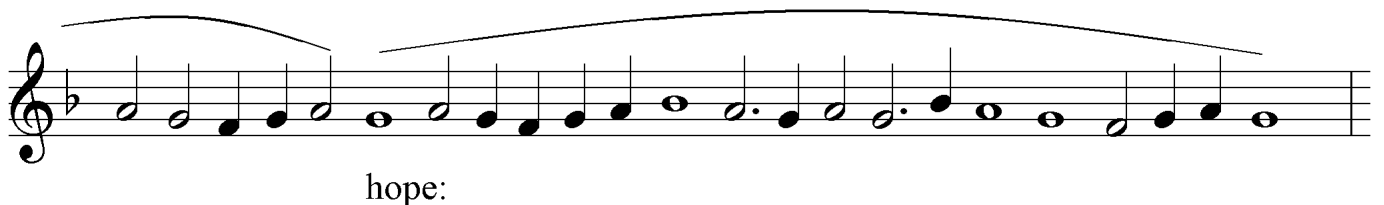
up for us, he who is the God of wonders



and the hope of those without



hope:



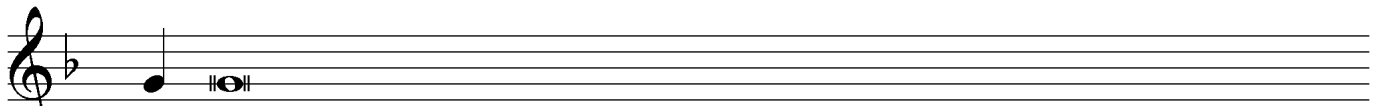
O Lord, glory to you.



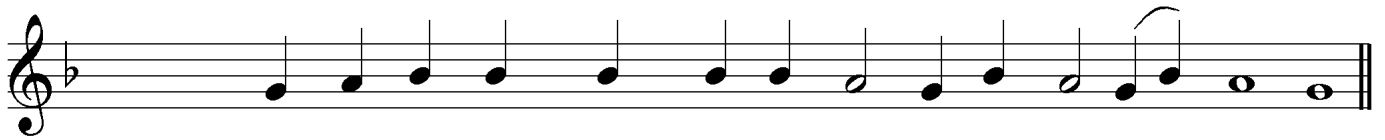
O Lord, glory to you.

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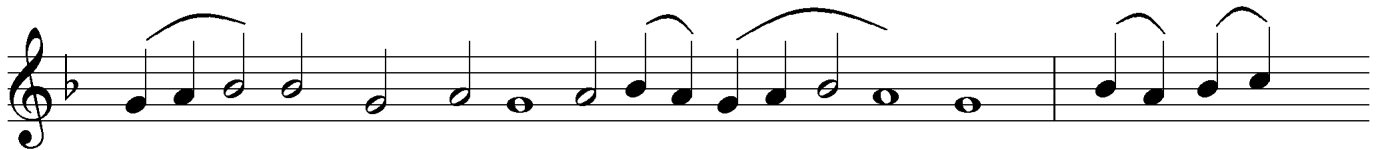
(I) The joy of all the world has dawned for us from the right - - - eous
ones: the Vir - - gin praised by all from Jo - a - chim and
An - - - - - na. Be - cause of her sur - - pass - - - ing
good - - ness she be - - comes the liv - ing tem - - - - - ple
of God, and in truth is made known as
a - - - lone Moth - er of God. At her prayers,
O Christ God, send down peace to the world,
and to our souls great mer - - - - - cy.



(II) Hear, O daugh - ter, and see, and in - cline your ear, and for - get your



peo - ple and your fa - ther's house, and the king will de - sire your beau - ty.



Through the proph - e - cy of the An - - - - - gel, you came



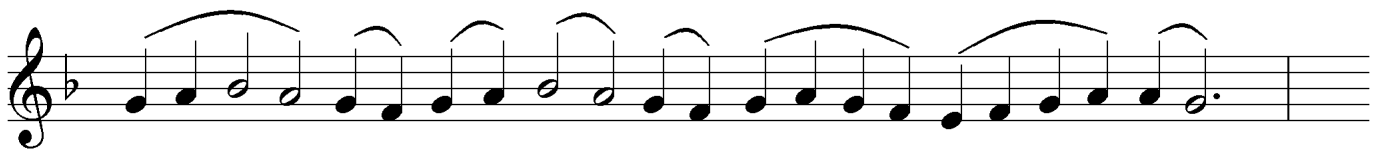
forth to - day from right - eous Jo - - - - - a - chim and An - - - - - na,



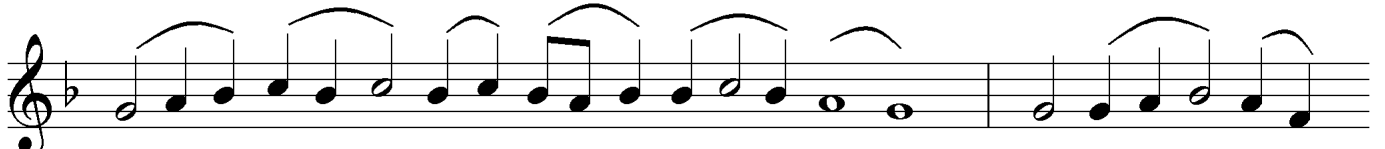
O Vir - - gin, most sa - - - - - cred off - spring, heav - en and



throne of God, and ves - sel of pu - - - - - ri - ty,



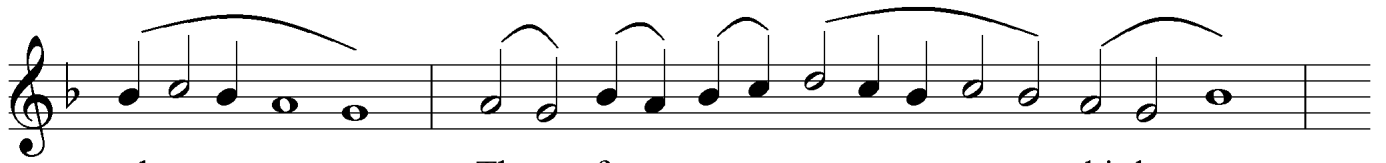
her - - - - - ald - - ing joy for all the world,



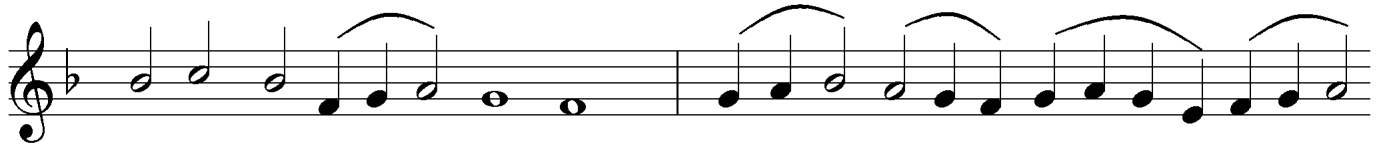
Pro - - - - - tec - - - - - tor of our life, de - struc - - - - - tion



of the curse, giv - - - - - ing bless - ing in its



place. There - fore on your birth,



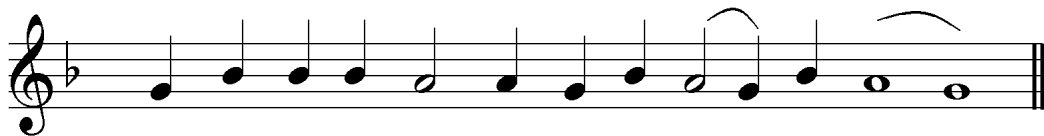
O Vir - gin called by God, ask peace for the



world, and for our souls great



mer - - - - - cy.



(I) The rich of the peo - ple will en - treat your face.



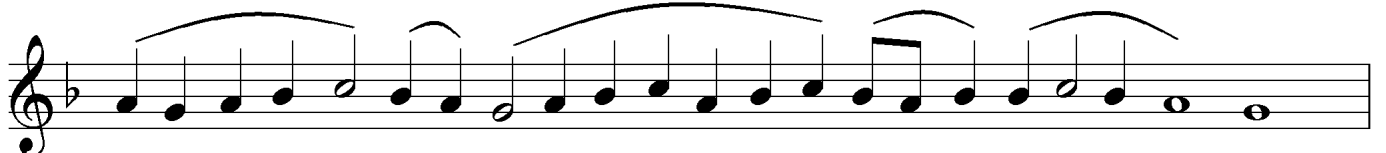
To - - day let bar - - ren and child - less An - - - - - na



joy - - - - - ful - ly clap her hands, let things on



earth be bright - ly ar - rayed, let kings leap, let



priests be glad in bless - - - - - ings,

let the whole world cel - e - brate: for see, the

Queen and blame - less Bride of the Fa - - - - -

- - - - - ther has sprung

up from the root of

Jes - - - - - se. No long - - - - - er will wom - - - - - en

bear chil - - - - - dren in grief; for joy has blos - - - - -

somed, and the life of all man - kind dwells

in the world. No long - - - - - er are the gifts of

Jo - - - - - a - - chim turned a - way: for the la - - ment of



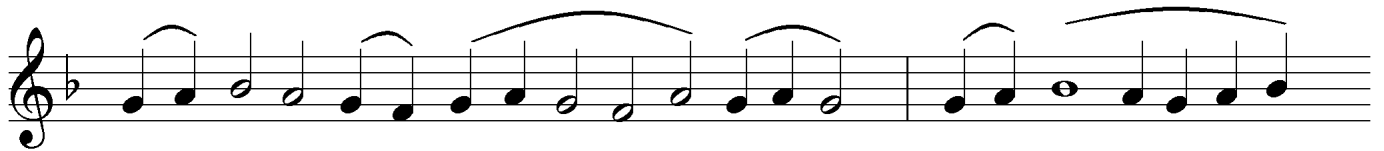
An - - - - na is changed to joy. "Let all



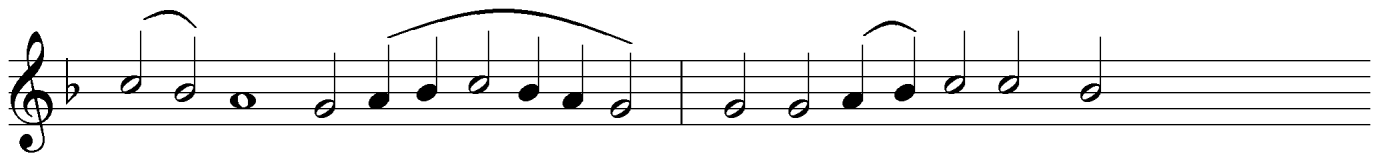
cho - - sen Is - ra - - - el," she says, "re - - - - - joice with me,



"for see, the Lord has giv - en me the liv - - - ing pal - ace



of his di - vine glo - - - - - ry, for shared

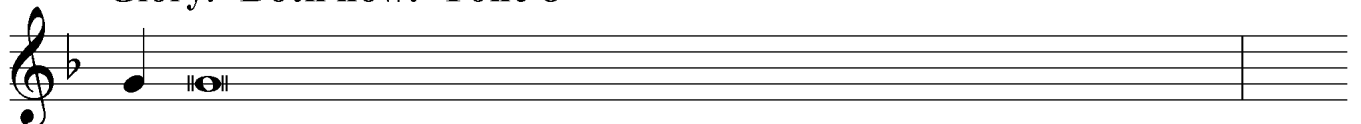


glad - ness and joy, and the sal - - va - tion of



our souls."

Glory. Both now. Tone 8



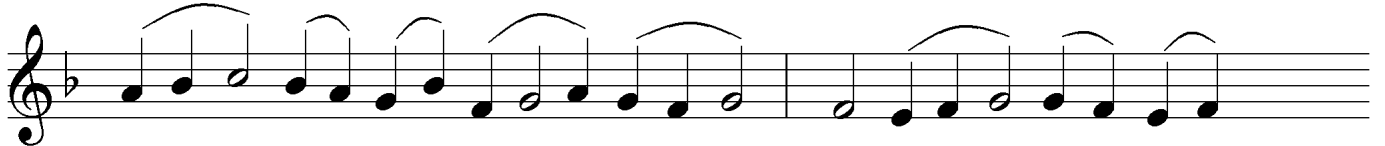
(II) Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



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



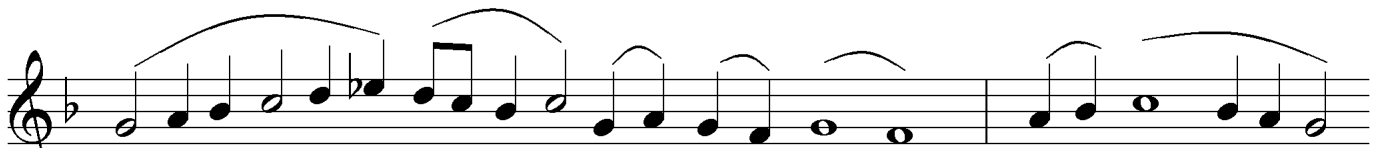
Come, all you faith - - - - - ful, let us



run to the Vir - - - - gin: for, see, she is



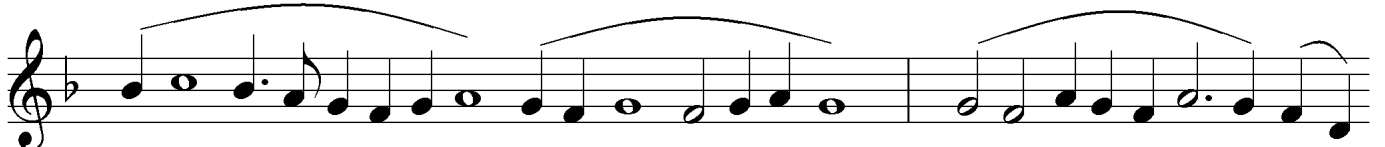
born,



who, be - - - - - fore the womb, was pre - - - - -



de - - - - - ter - - - - - mined to be Moth - - er of



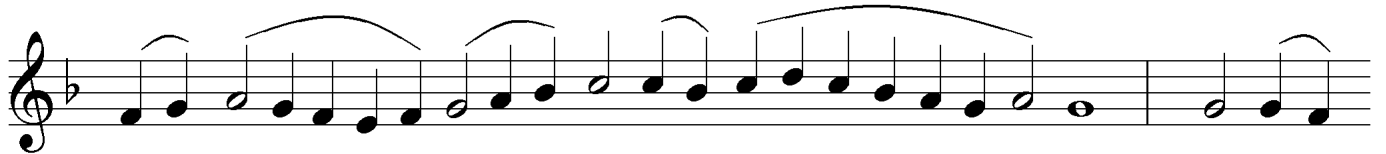
our God, pre - - - - - cious



ves - - sel of vir - - gin - i - ty, rod of Aar - - - - - on,



grown from the root of Jes - - - - - se,



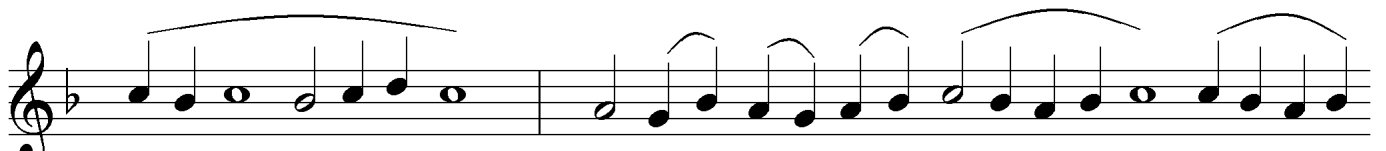
the preach - - - - - ing of the Proph - - - - - ets, and the



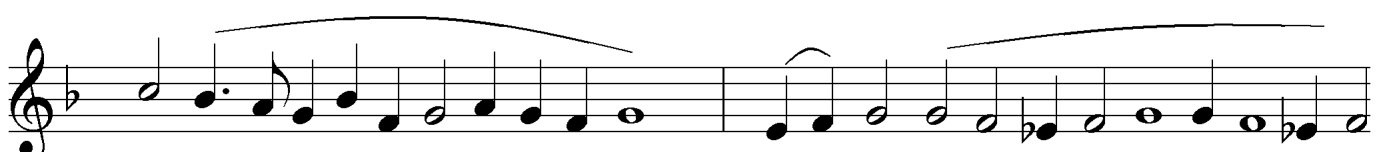
off - - - - - spring of right - - - - - eous Jo - - - a - - - chim and



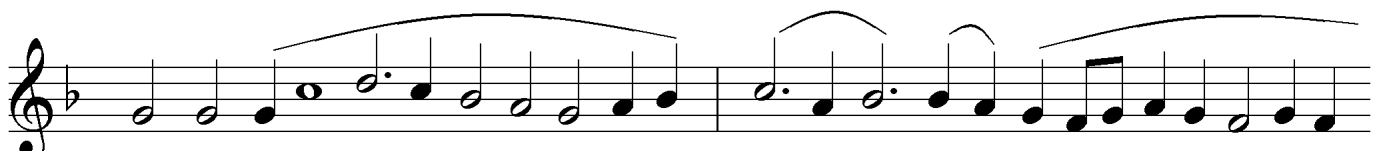
An - - - - - na. And so she is



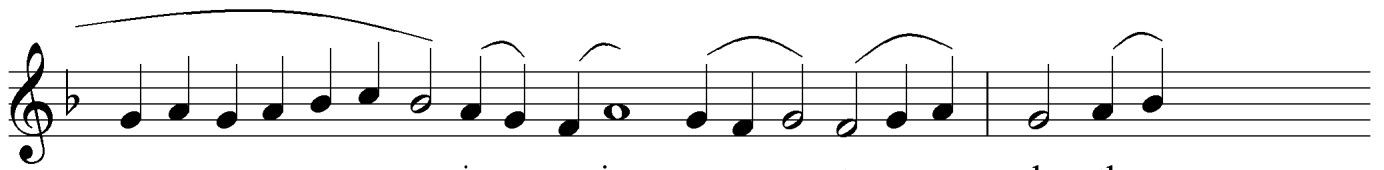
born, and with her the world is



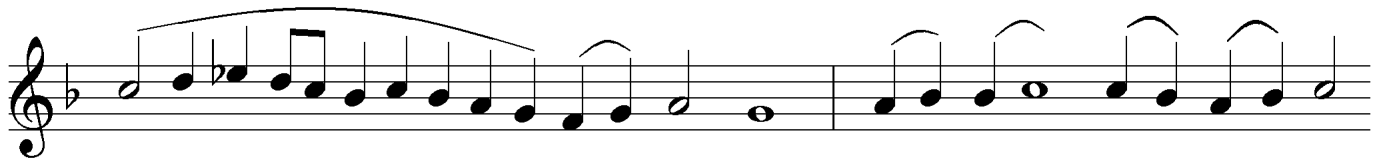
re - newed. She is born,



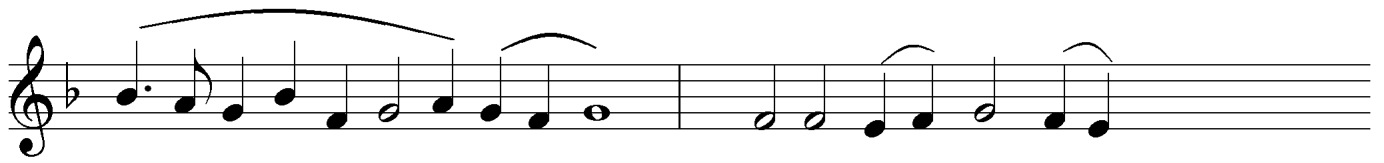
and the Church clothes it - - - self



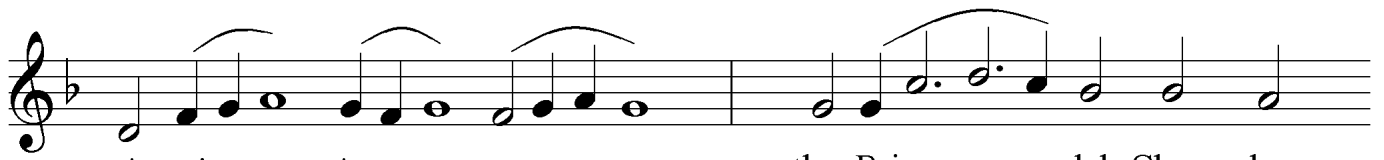
in maj - - - es - - - - - ty, she the



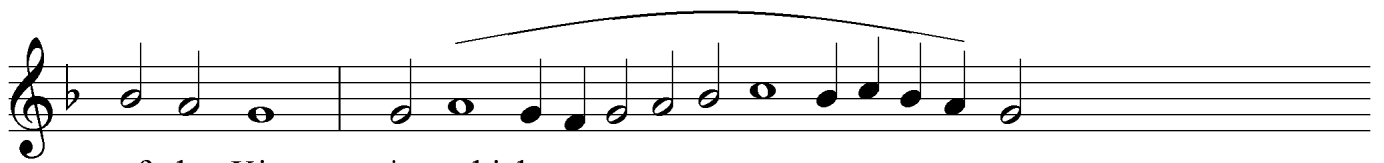
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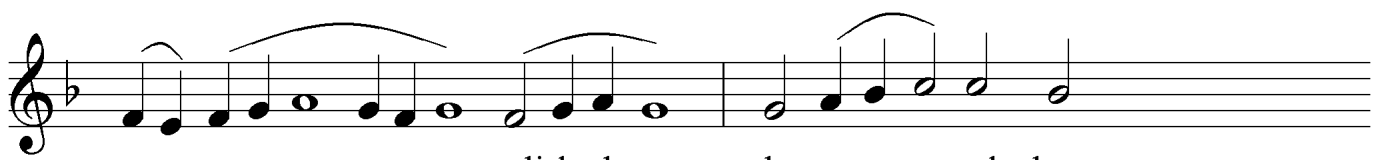
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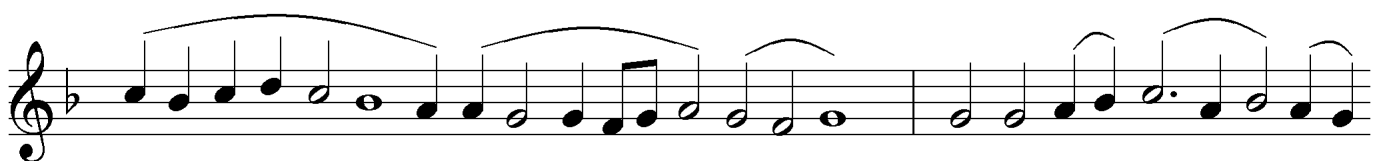
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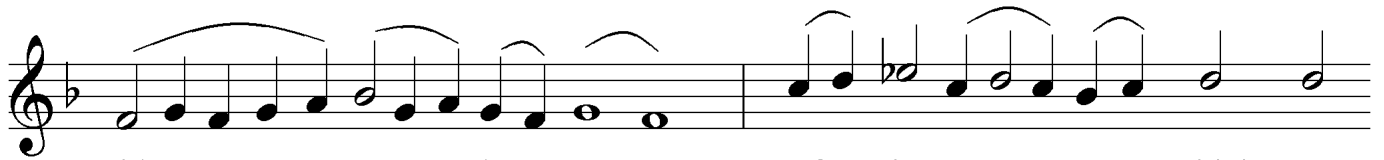
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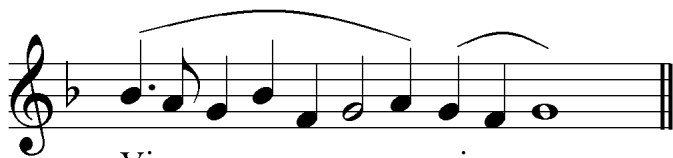
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