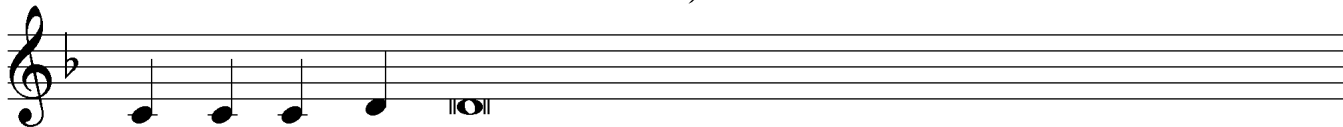


Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast. St John of the Ladder

At Great Vespers, on "Lord, I have cried" sing 10 verses.

First, 7 verses for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.

Then these 3 verses for the Saint, Tone 8:



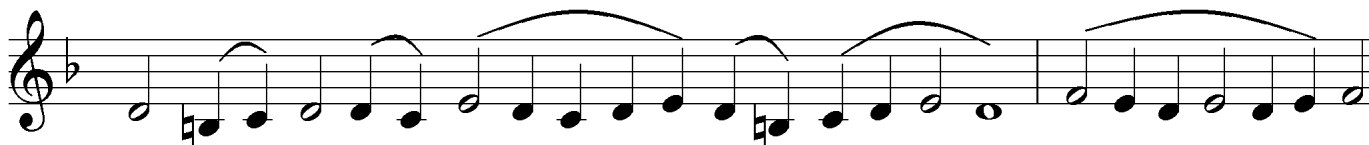
(II) For with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with him plen - ti - ful



re - demp - tion; and he will re - deem Is - ra - el from all his



in - i - - - - - qui - - - ties.



Ven - er - - - a - ble fa - - - - - ther John, tru - - - - - ly



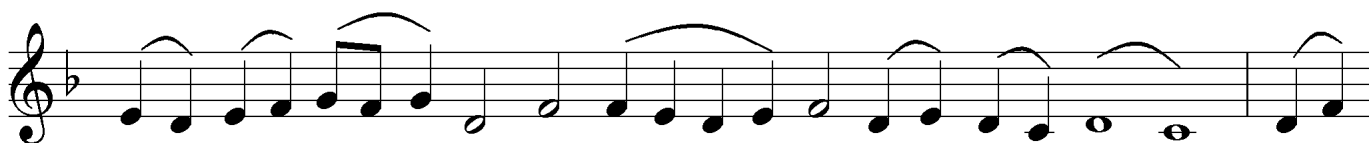
you ev - - er car - ried in your throat the ex - al - - - ta - - - - tions



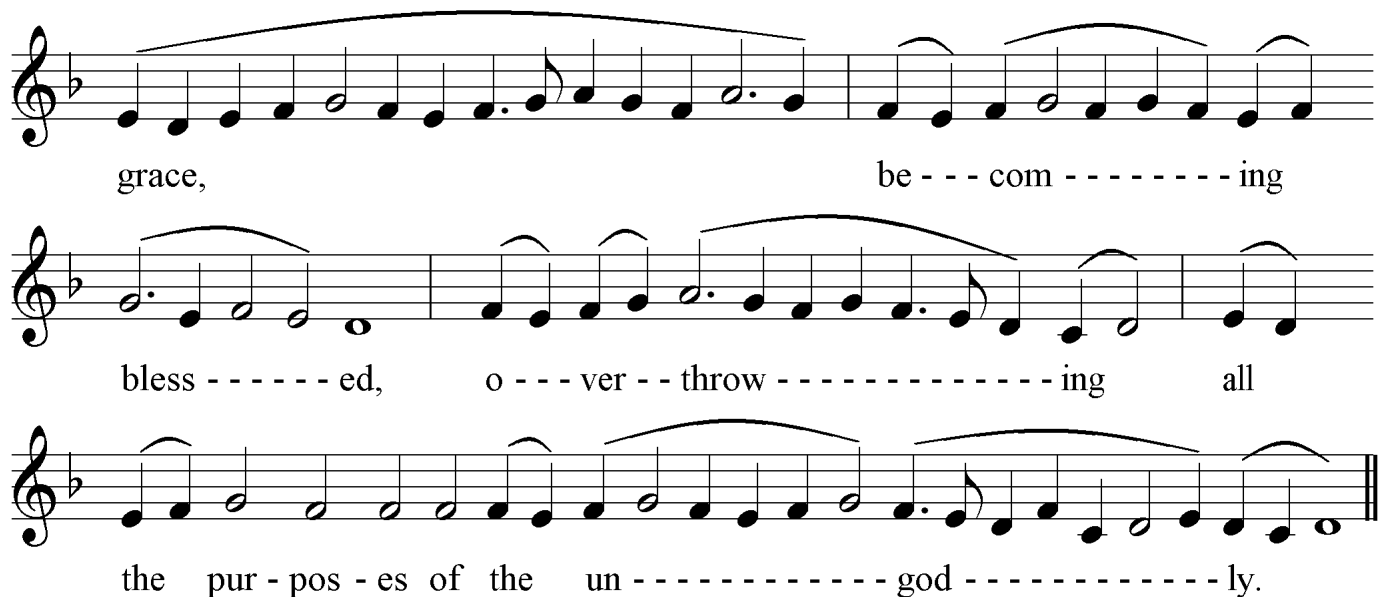
of God, as you stud - ied the God - - - - - in - spired



teach - ings on the as - cet - - - ic life, O all - - - wise one,



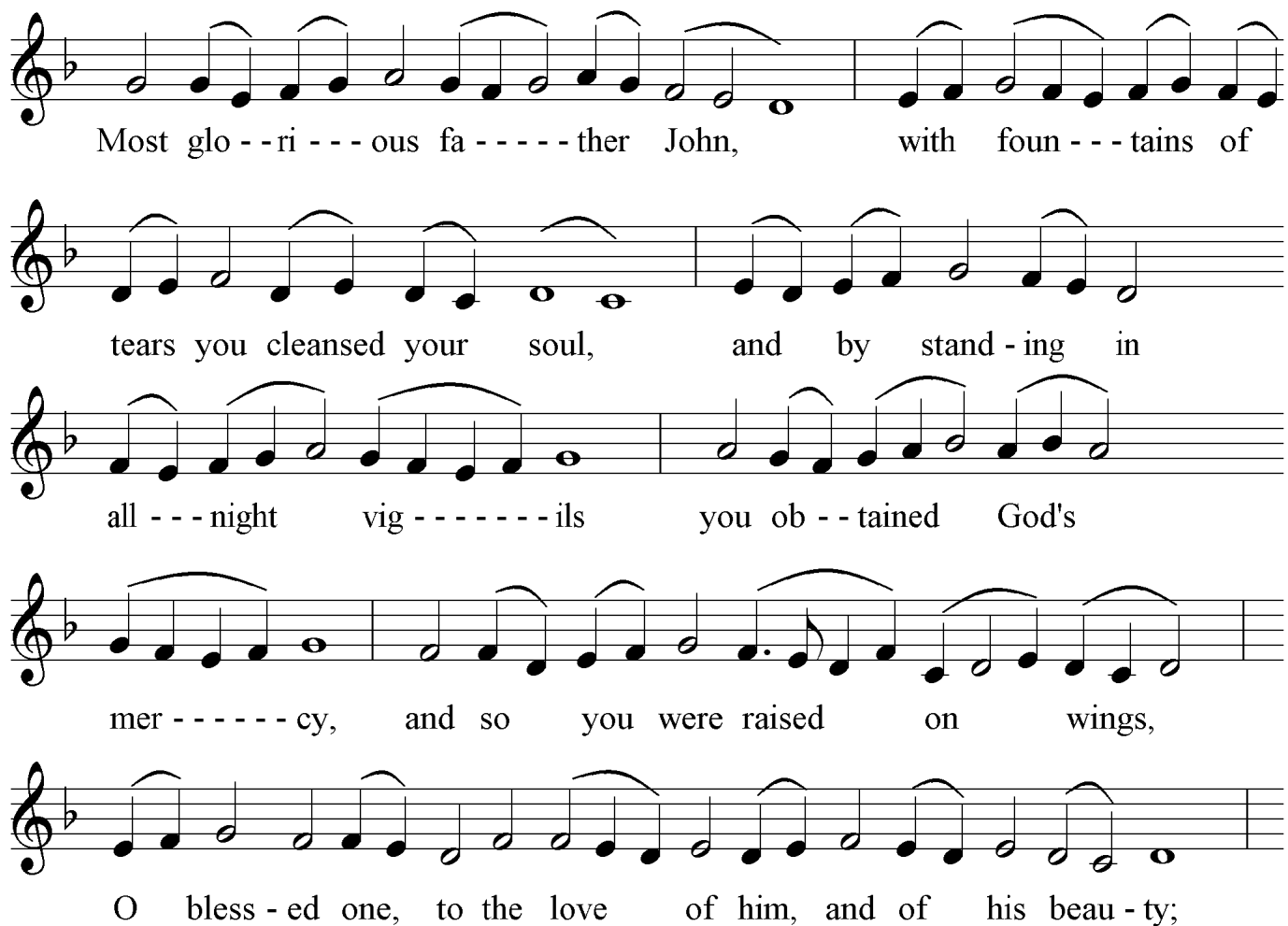
and a - - - ris - - - - ing from that you were en - - - riched by



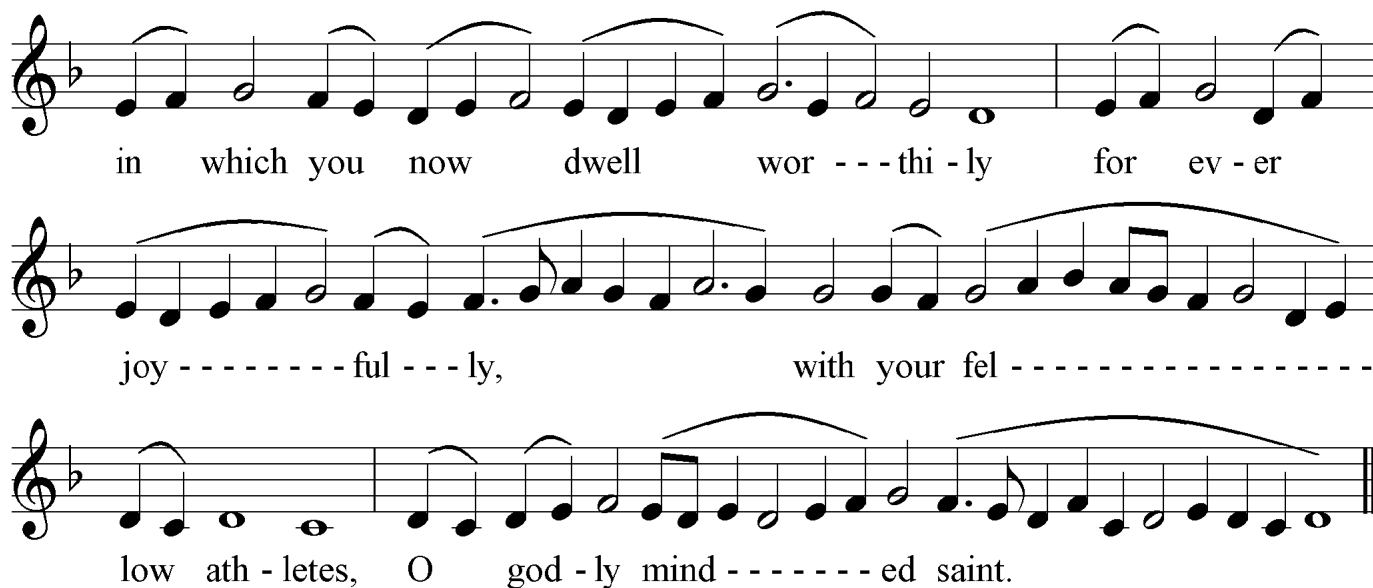
grace, be - - - com - - - - - ing
bless - - - - - ed, o - - - ver - - throw - - - - - ing all
the pur - pos - es of the un - - - - - god - - - - - ly.



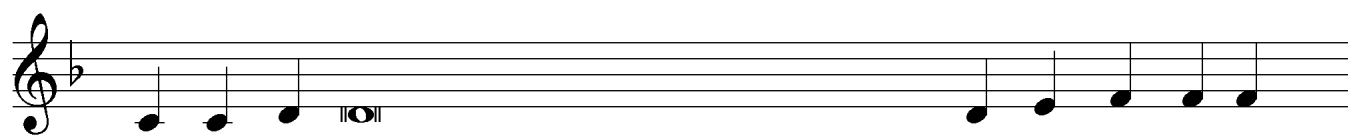
(I) Praise the Lord, all you na - tions; praise him, all you peo - - - - - ples.




Most glo - - ri - - - - - ous fa - - - - - ther John, with foun - - - tains of
tears you cleansed your soul, and by stand - ing in
all - - - night vig - - - - - ils you ob - - tained God's
mer - - - - - cy, and so you were raised on wings,
O bless - ed one, to the love of him, and of his beau - ty;



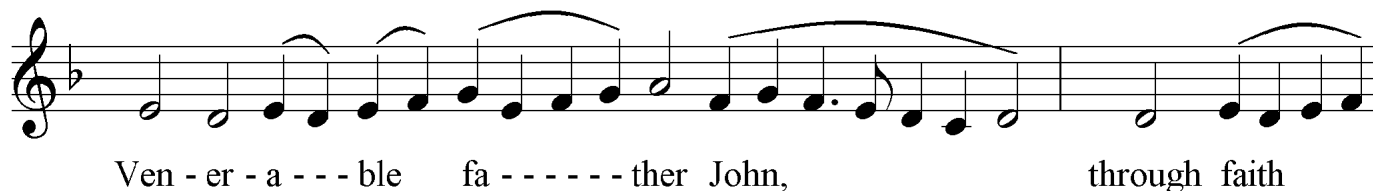
in which you now dwell wor - - - thi - ly for ev - er
joy - - - - - ful - - - ly, with your fel - - - - -
low ath - letes, O god - ly mind - - - - - ed saint.



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



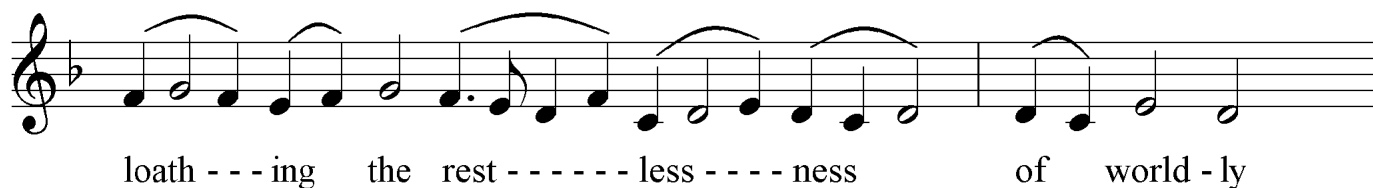
Lord en - dures to the ag - - - - - es.



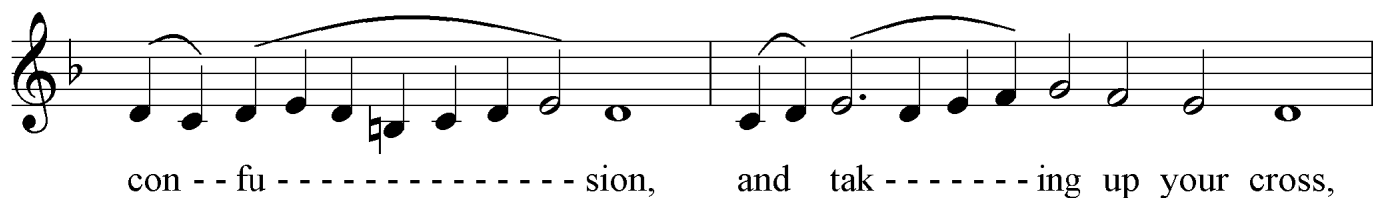
Ven - er - a - - - ble fa - - - - - ther John, through faith



you gave wings to your mind to fly to - - wards God,



loath - - - ing the rest - - - - - less - - - - - ness of world - ly



con - - fu - - - - - sion, and tak - - - - - ing up your cross,

you fol - lowed the One who o - - - ver - - sees all things,
hav - - ing sub - ject - ed your re - bel - - - - lious flesh to
rea - - - - - son through as - - - cet - - ic ex - er - - cis - - - - es,
strength - - - - - ened by the
di - - - vine Spir - - - - - it.

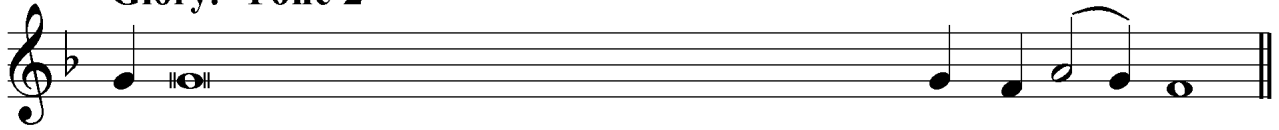
Glory. Tone 5

(I) Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - - - - - it.
Ven - er - - - a - - - - - ble fa - ther, hear - - - ing the
voice of the Gos - pel of the Lord, you

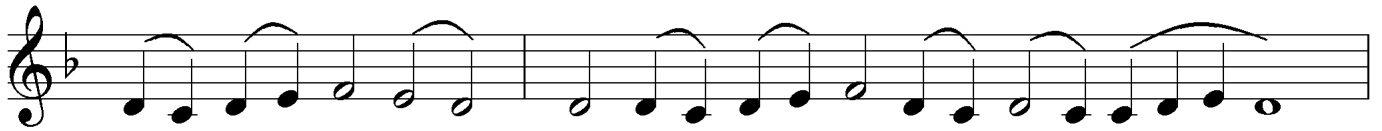
for - - sook the world, count - ing its rich - es and glo - - - - - ry
as noth - - - - - ing; and so you
cried out to all: "Love God, and so
you will find e - - - ter - - nal grace.
Set noth - ing high - er than his love, so that, when
he comes in his glo - - ry, you may find
rest with all the saints." At
their prayers, O Christ, guard
and save our souls.

Aposticha of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.

Glory. Tone 2



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



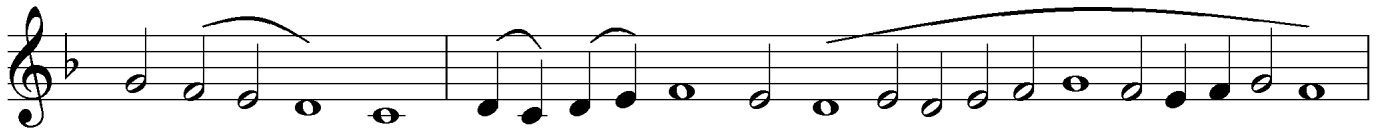
An - - gel on earth, and man of God in heav - en,



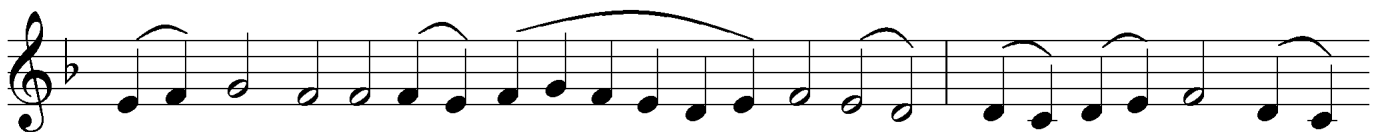
a - - - dorn - ment of the world, de - - - light of



the good and the vir - - - - - tu - - - ous, boast of



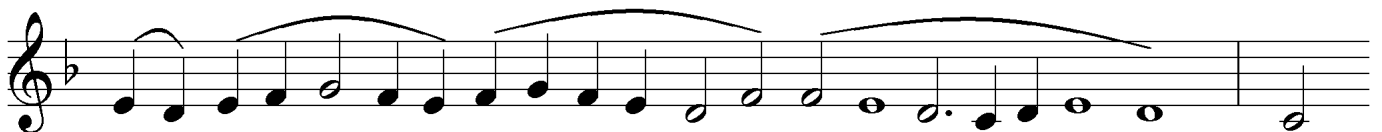
as - cet - - - - - ics: let us hon - our John;



for, plant - ed in the house of God, he has blos - somed



fit - - - ting - - - ly, and like a ce - - dar in the des - - ert



he caused Christ's flock of

spir - - it - - - u - - - al sheep to in - - - crease in
ho - - - - - li - - - - - ness and right - - - eous - ness.

Theotokion:

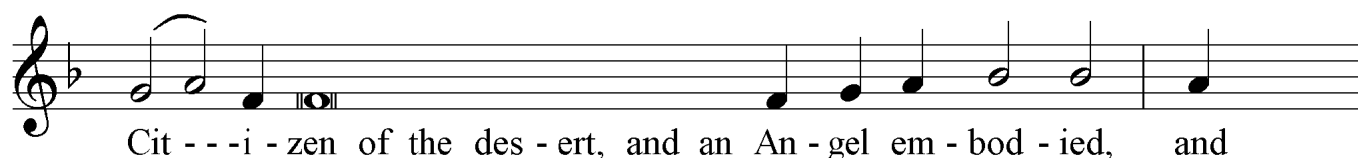
(II) Both now and for ev - er, and to the ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

O
new won - - - - - der, great - er than all the won - ders
of old! For who has ev - - - er known of a Moth - er
who with - out a man has giv - en birth and car - ried in her
arms the One who holds fast all cre - - - - - a - - - - - tion?

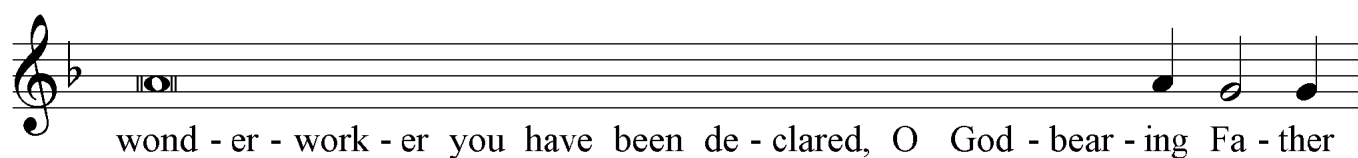
The One born is the Coun - sel of
God, whom you, Most Pure,
car - - - - ried as a Babe in your em - brace,
and to - wards whom you have gained a moth - - - - er's
free - dom to speak. Do not cease to in - ter - cede on be - - half
of those who hon - our you, that he take pit - y on and
save our souls.

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.

Glory. Troparion for St John, Tone 1



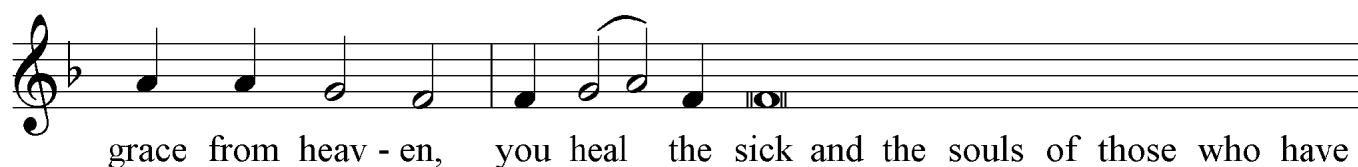
Cit - - - i - zen of the des - ert, and an An - gel em - bod - ied, and



wond - er - work - er you have been de - clared, O God - bear - ing Fa - ther



John; by fast - - ing and by vig - il and by prayers re - ceiv - ing gifts of



grace from heav - en, you heal the sick and the souls of those who have



re - course to you in faith. Glo - ry to him who gave you strength;

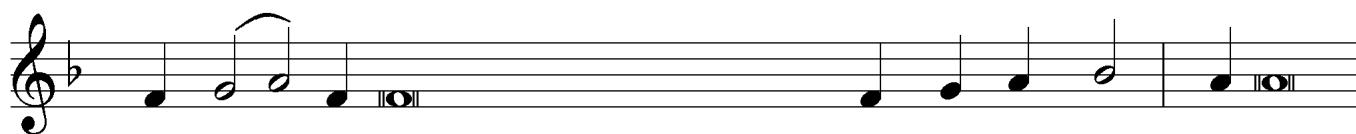


glo - ry to him who crowned you; glo - ry to him who, through you,

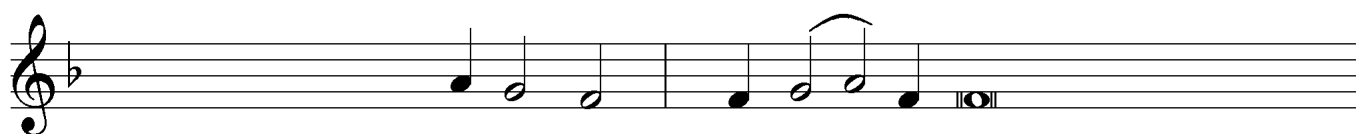


works heal - ing for all.

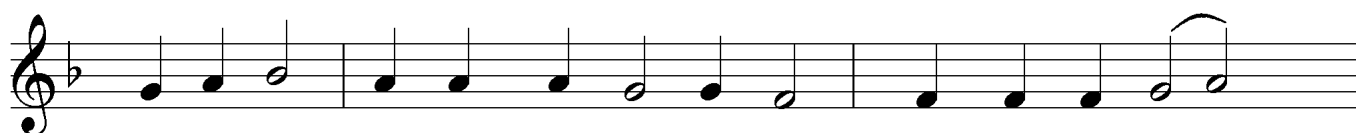
Both now. Theotokion



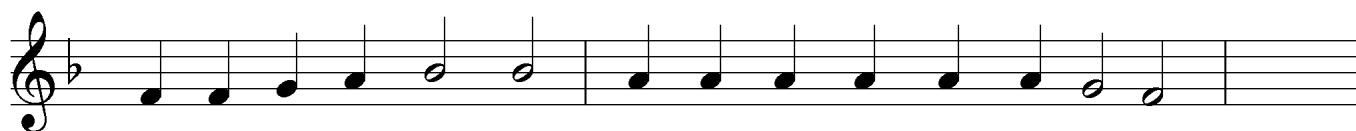
When Ga - - bri - el ad - dressed you, O Vir - gin, with his 'Hail', as he



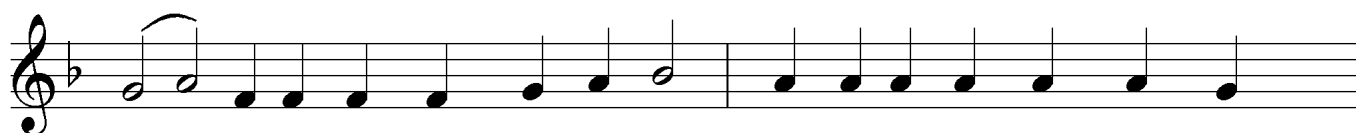
spoke the Mas - ter of all things be - came in - car - nate in you the



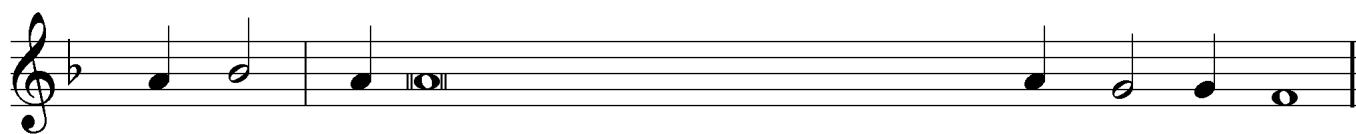
ho - ly Ark, as right - eous Da - vid sang. You were pro - claimed



wid - er than the heav - ens, for you car - ried your Cre - a - tor.



Glo - - ry to him who dwelt in you, glo - ry to him who came forth



from you, glo - ry to him who set us free through your bear - ing child.