

## Nativity, Aposticha, Glory: TONE FOUR

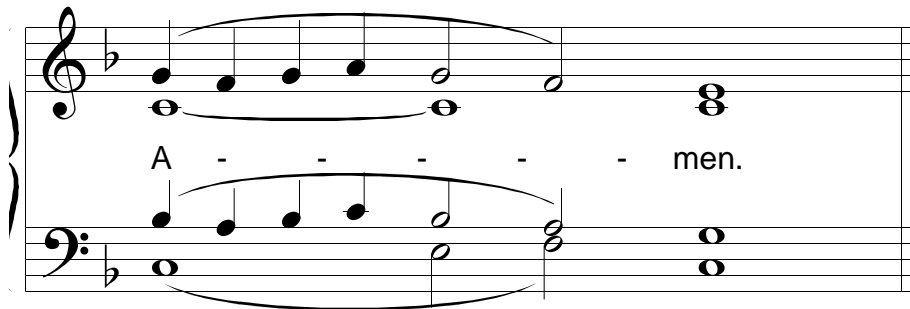
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - - - ly

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Make glad, O Jerusalem,  
and all ye who love Zion, keep feast.  
Today, the ancient bond of the condemnation of Adam is loosed.  
Paradise is opened to us:  
the serpent is laid low,  
Of old he deceived the woman in Pa radise,  
but now he sees a woman become Mother of the Creator.  
O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God.  
The sinful vessel that brought death upon all flesh  
has through the Theotokos become the first fruits of salvation for the whole world.  
For God the All-perfect is born a babe of her,  
and by His birth He sets the seal upon her virginity.  
Through His swaddling clothes He looses the bands of sin,  
and through becoming child He heals Eve's pangs in travail.  
Therefore, let all creation sing and dance for joy, //  
For Christ has come to restore it and to save our souls.



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Thou hast come to dwell in a cave, O Christ our God,  
 And the manger received Thee;  
 Shepherds and Magi worshipped Thee.  
 Then was the preaching of the prophets fulfilled,  
 And the angelic powers marvelled, crying aloud and saying:  
 “Glory to Thy condescension, //  
 O Thou Who lovest mankind.”

*[Then we sing St Symeon’s Prayer]*