

Protection of the Theotokos

Stichera at "Lord, I Have Cried"

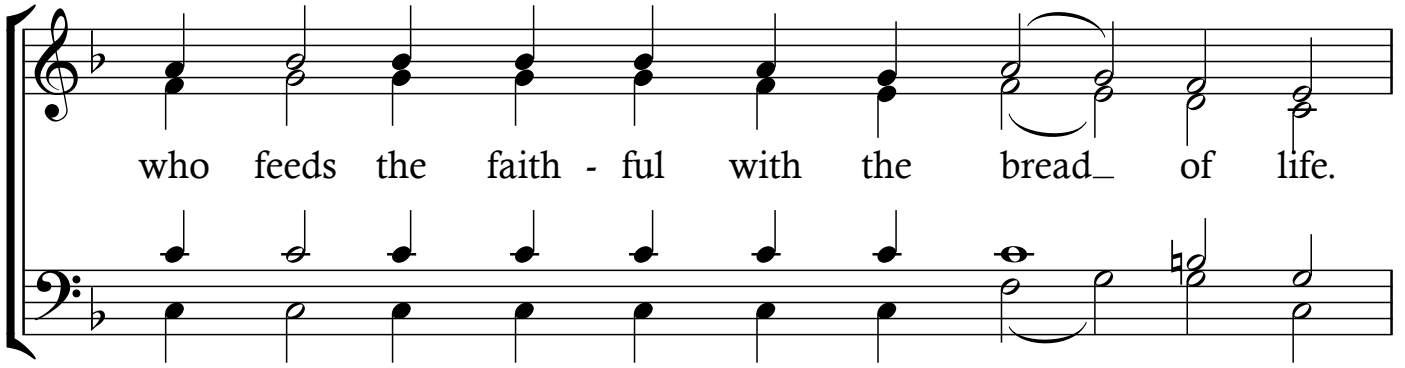
Tone 4 "As One Valiant Among the Martyrs..."

Thou art like pa - ra - dise divinely sown, O The - o - to - kos,

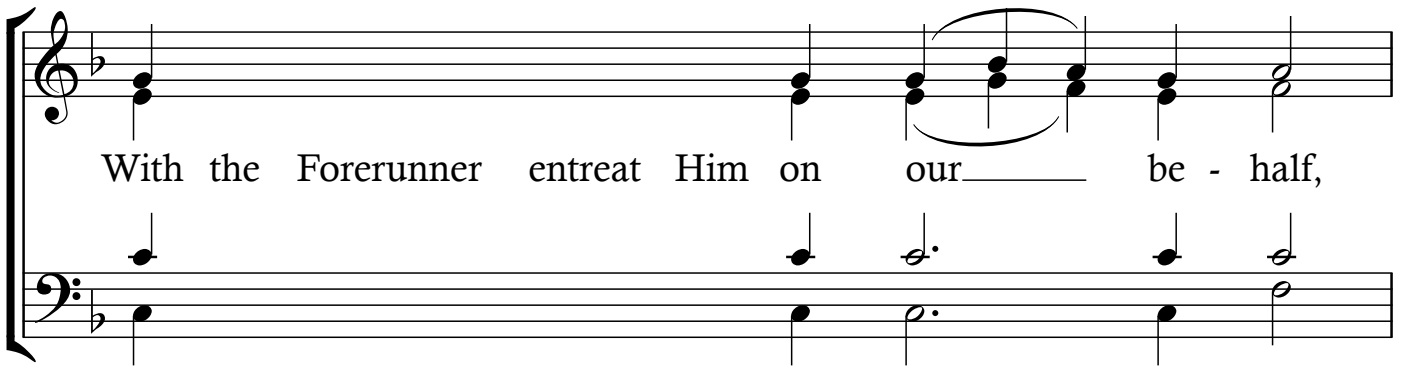
and the place where the tree of life was wa - tered

by the Ho - ly Spi - rit. We ac - know - ledge thee,

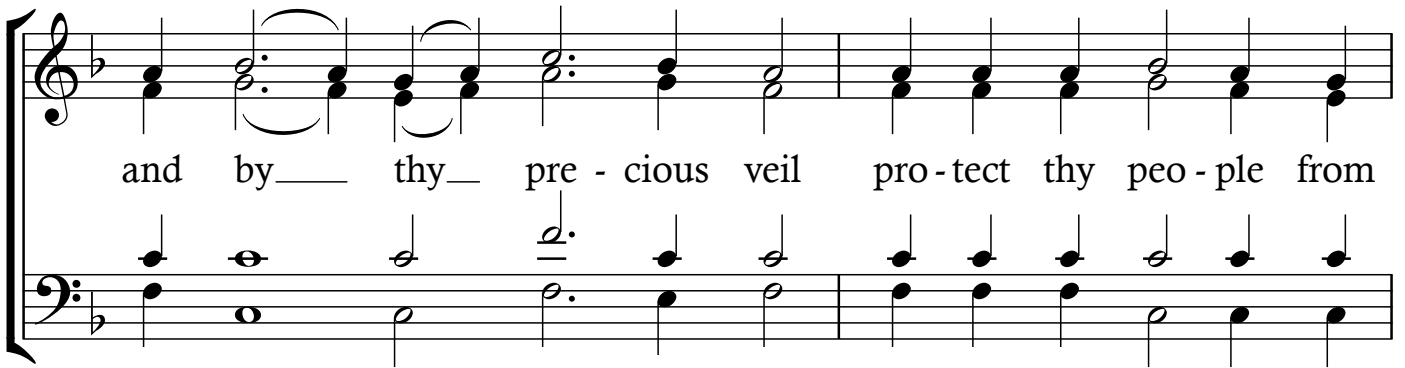
as having brought forth the Cre - a - tor of all



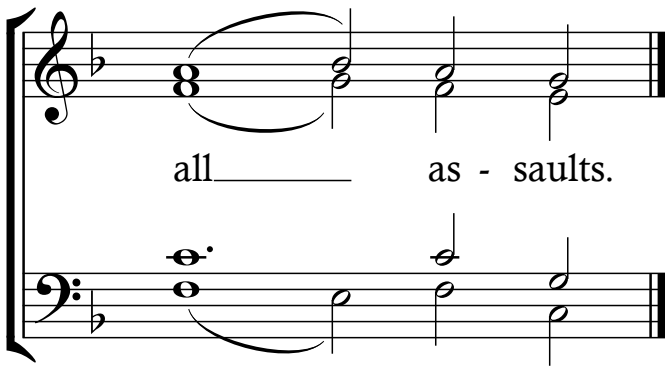
who feeds the faith - ful with the bread_ of life.



With the Forerunner entreat Him on our_____ be - half,



and by___ thy_ pre - cious veil pro - tect thy peo - ple from



all_____ as - saults.

Sticheron 2

Hea-ven and earth are sanc - ti - fied; the Church shines

and all the peo - ple re-joice, for be-hold, the Mother of God

with the hosts of an - gels, with preachers and e -

van - ge - lists, pro - phets and a - pos - tles

has in - vi - si - bly en - tered. She prays to Christ

for Chris - tians and en - treats Him to have mercy

on this ci - ty and peo - ple, who glo - ri - fy

the feast of her pro - tec - ting veil.

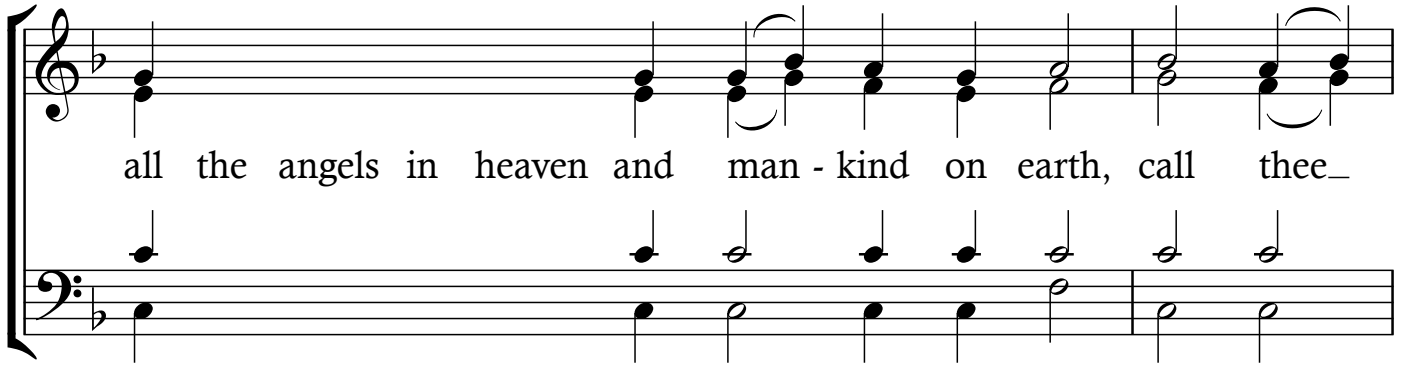
Sticheron 3

Thou art the beauty of Jacob, and the hea - ven - ly

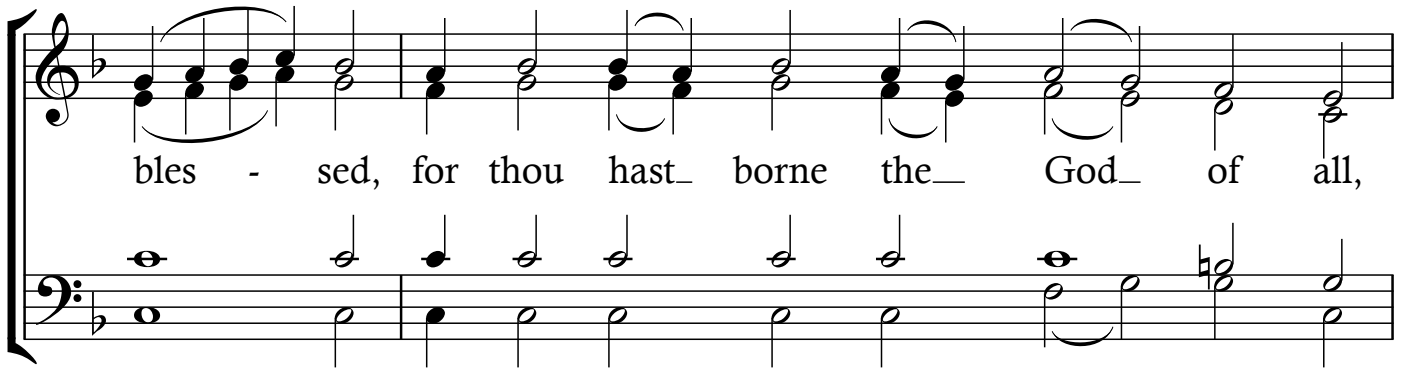
Lad - der up-on which the Lord came down

to earth. These im - ages were manifestations of thine

honour and glo - ry, O The - o - to - - kos,



all the angels in heaven and man-kind on earth, call thee_



bles - sed, for thou hast_ borne the_ God_ of all,



and thou dost pray for all_ the world, pro - tec - ting with thy_



mer - cy those who keep thy ho - ly feast