

March 14th

Venerable Benedict of Nursia

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2

Special Melody: *When he took thee*

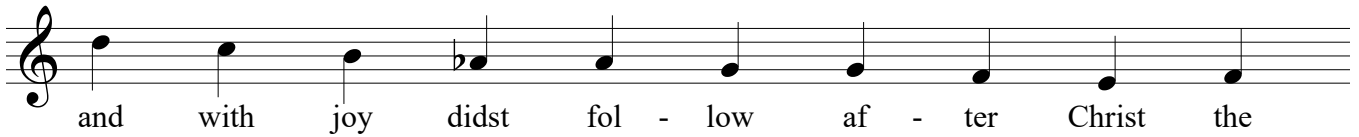
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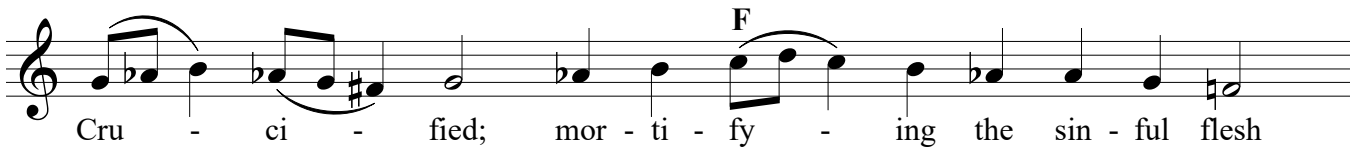
1) Right - eous Fa - ther Ben - e - dict, by faith and true love, from



ear - li - est child - hood thou didst re - nounce this vain world,



and with joy didst fol - low af - ter Christ the



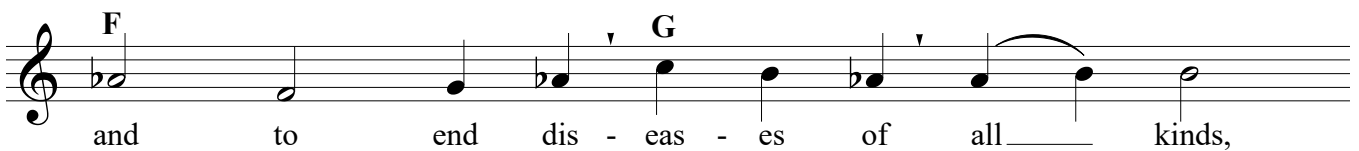
Cru - ci - fied; mor - ti - fy - ing the sin - ful flesh



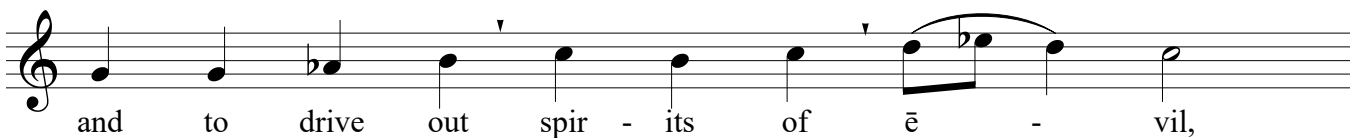
through man - y great strug - gles, thou wast rich - ly



giv - en grace to heal in - fir - mi - ties,



and to end dis - eas - es of all kinds,



and to drive out spir - its of ē - vil,



since thou wast most might - i - ly made mar - vel - ous.

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2) As a comely ornament of monks, thou didst gather
up an incomparable host to sing the Lord's praise,
and didst show the heavenly path to all that
strove to walk in thy virtuous way of life
and honestly followed thy divine in-
structions, O all-blessed Ben- e - dict,
our most righteous Fa - ther; and once more
thou didst bring them all back to - geth - er
at the time of thy trans - la - tion from this life.

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3) E - ven as E - li - as in__ time past, so didst thou bring
rain down from Heav - en by thine en - treat - ies with God;
and at thy be - hest the ves - sel o - ver -
- flowed__ with__ oil; him that died,__ thou didst raise a - gain,
O most right - eous Fa - ther, and thou didst ten
thou - sand oth - er mar - vels to__ the__ praise
of our God, the Sav - ior of all__ men.
For this cause, we keep feast with long - ing
on thy god - ly mem - o - ry, O__ Ben - e - dict.