

Verse 1 - Fast



If thou, O Lord, should'st mark in - iq - ui - ties, O Lord, who



shall stand, for with thee there is for - give - - - ness.

Idiomelon 1



As the birth - day of thē im - pu - dent Her - od was



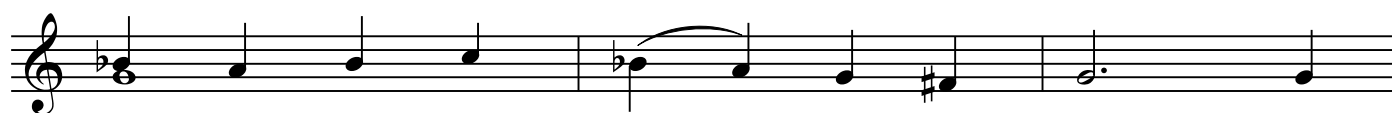
be - ing kept, thē ob - ject of the ter - ma - gant danc - er's oath



was \_\_\_\_\_ a - chieved; \_\_\_\_\_ for the head of the



Fore - run - - - ner was cut \_\_\_\_\_ off and



of - fered on a charg - er, as food for



those \_\_\_\_\_ re - clin - - - ing. What a loath - some ban - quet, re - plete with



wick - ed - ness and hor - ri - ble mur - - - der.



As for us, we bless \_\_\_\_\_ the Bap - tiz - er,

hon - or - ing him as is meet, for he is the great - est  
born of wom - - - an.

Verse 2 - Fast

Be - cause of thy name have I wait - ed for thee O Lord, my

Slow

soul hath wait - ed up - on thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

*After completing Verse 2, repeat Idiomelon 1, "As the birthday . . .," then sing Verse 3 and continue.*

Verse 3 - Fast

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

Slow

Is - ra - el trust in the Lord.

Idiomelon 2

Ver - i - ly, the dis - ci - ple of thē all - ē - vil  
Sa - tan did dance and re - move thy  
head, O Fore - run - ner, as a hire.

What a blood - y ban - quet; and would that thou hadst not  
made that vow, O in - iq - ui - tous Her - od, off-spring of a  
lie. And since thou didst make the vow, would that  
thou hadst not car - ried it out; for it were  
bet - ter to have fore - sworn thy - self and re - ceive life,  
than re - main - ing true to thine oath to have cut off the  
head of the Fore - run - - - ner. As for us, let us  
bless the Bap - tiz - - - er, hon - or - ing  
him as is meet; for he is the great - - - est  
born of wom - - - an.

Verse 4 - Fast

For with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with him  
is a - bun - dant re - demp - tion, and he will de - liv - er  
Is - ra - el from all his in - iq - ui - ties.

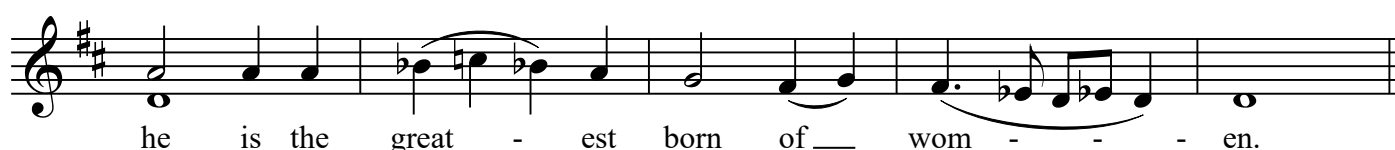
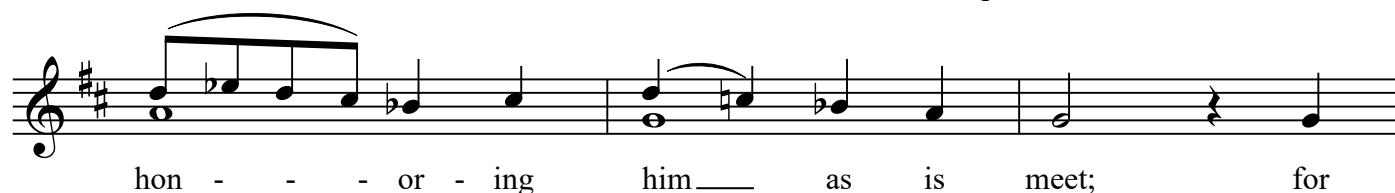
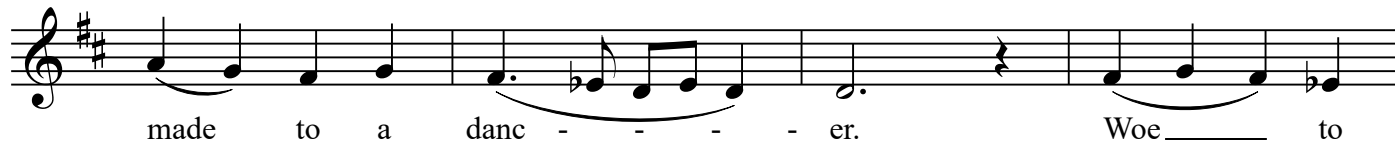
*After completing Verse 4, sing Idiomelon 2, "Verily, the disciples . . .," then sing Verse 5 and continue.*

Verse 5 - Fast

Praise the Lord, all ye na - tions; praise him all ye peo - - ple.

Idiomelon 3

It was not wor - thy of thee, O Her - od, to con-demn to  
death, be - cause of a sa - tan - ic pas - sion,  
him who re - proached thee for thine a - dul - ter - y, and the  
fol - ly of thy fem - i - nine pro - pen - si - ty.  
Nay, it was not wor - thy of thee to



Verse 6 - Fast

Slow

For his mer - cy is great t'ward us and the  
truth\_ of the Lord en - dur - eth for - ev - - - er.

Idiomelon 4

Yea, a - gain He - ro - di - as hath lost\_ her\_ self - con - trol;  
a - gain\_ she is per - turbed! What de - ceiv - ing dance, and  
what in - tox - i - ca - tion with cun - - - - ning!  
For the Fore - run - ner's head was cut off, and  
Her - od is troub - - - - led. Where - fore, O Lord,  
by thē in - ter - ces - sions of thy\_ Fore - run - ner, grant  
peace\_ to our\_ souls.