

December 23rd

The Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) Ful-filled in truth___ is the say-ing of I - sa - iah;



for be - hold, the Vir - gin bear - eth in her ho - ly womb



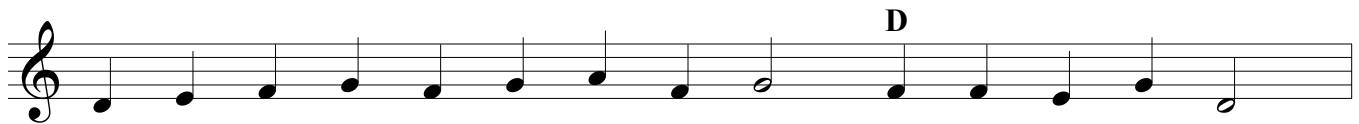
Him that is bound-less, and yet hath been girt with a bod - y;



and she doth make_____ haste to bear Him won - drous - ly.



For which cause, make read - y, O thou God - re - ceiv - ing cave;



pre - pare thy - self, lit - tle Beth - le - hem, for of His own will,

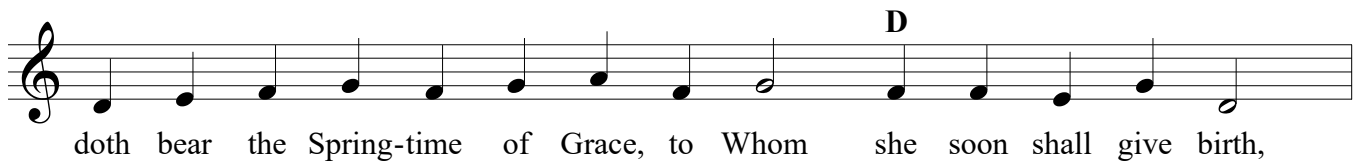
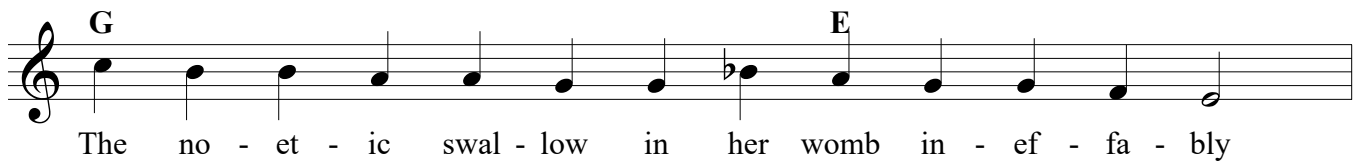
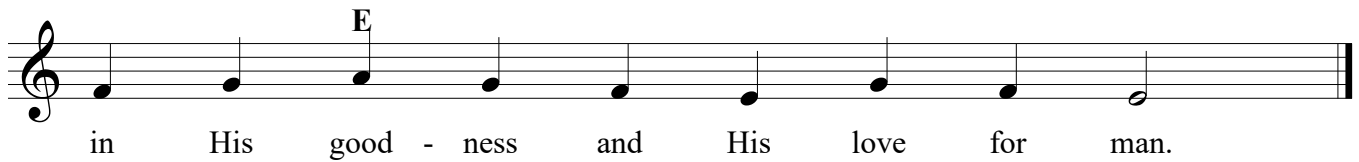
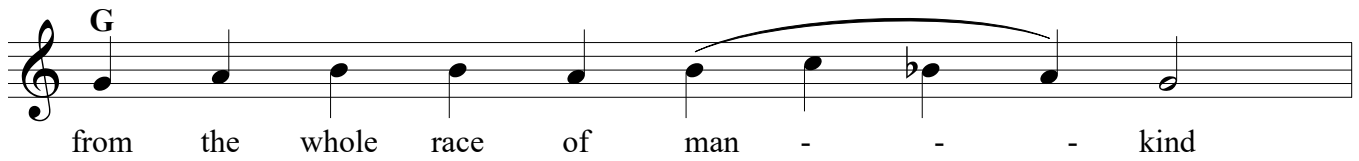
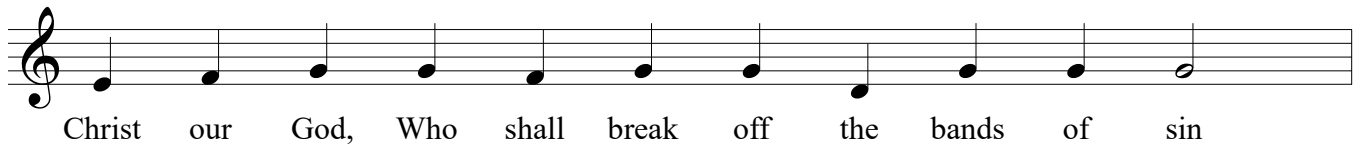


the King hath cho - sen thee for His dwell - ing - place.



Re - ceive, O man - ger, as a swad - dled babe

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thaw - ing the win - ter of god - less un - be - lief.

D

And she, the pal - ace pure and un - de - filed,

be - ing come to the cit - y of Beth - le - hem,

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doth bring in - to the small _____ cave

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the great King, Who hath a bod - y now.

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3) O Mas - ter, Thou _____ art en - rolled with us Thy ser - vants,

G **E**

hav - ing willed to rend a - part the writ of all our sins,

D

and to en - roll in the Book of Life the names of all men,

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who had been slain _____ through the ser - pent's thiev - ish guile.

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