

February 2nd

The Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord in the Temple

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

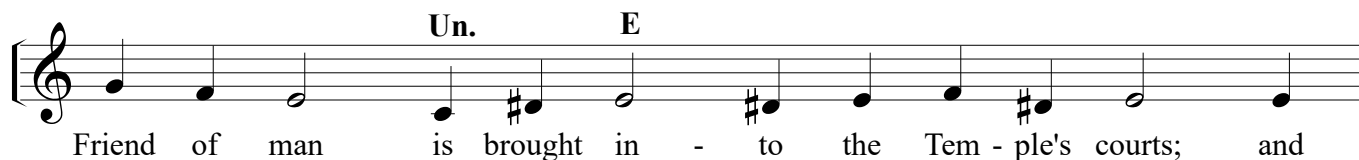
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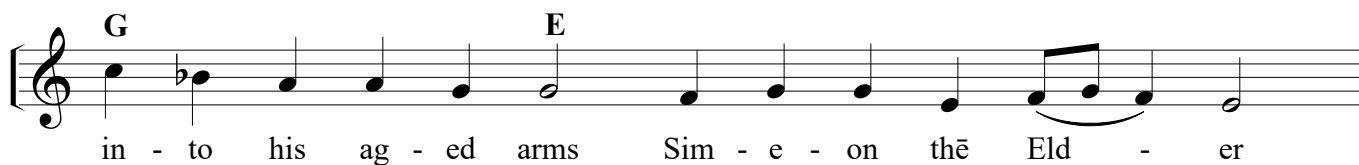
1) Wish - ing to ful - fill the writ - ten Law, the Sav - ior and

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Friend of man is brought in - to the Tem - ple's courts; and

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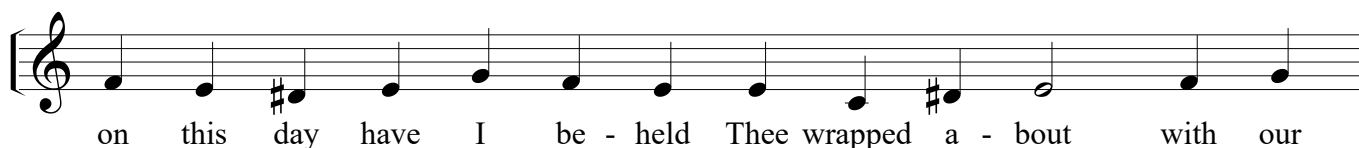
in - to his ag - ed arms Sim - e - on thē Eld - er



tak - eth Him and cri - eth: Now dost thou grant me to de - part

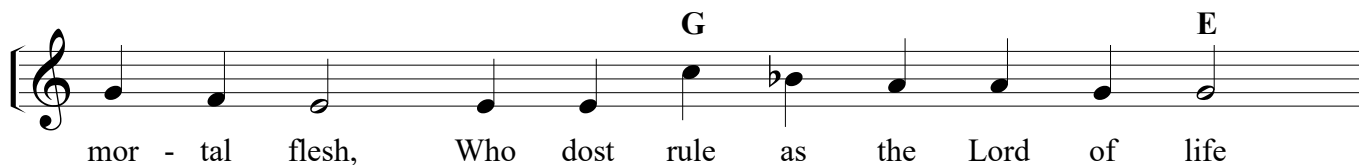


un - to the bless - ed - ness that is found be - yond; for



on this day have I be - held Thee wrapped a - bout with our

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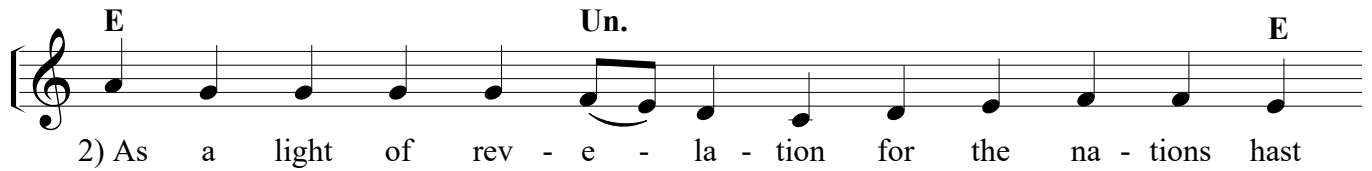
mor - tal flesh, Who dost rule as the Lord of life



and hast sov - 'reign - ty o - ver death.

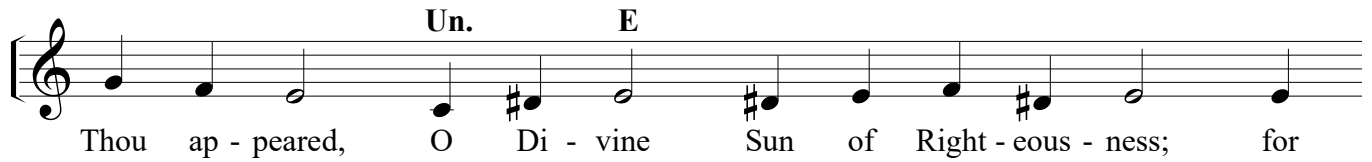
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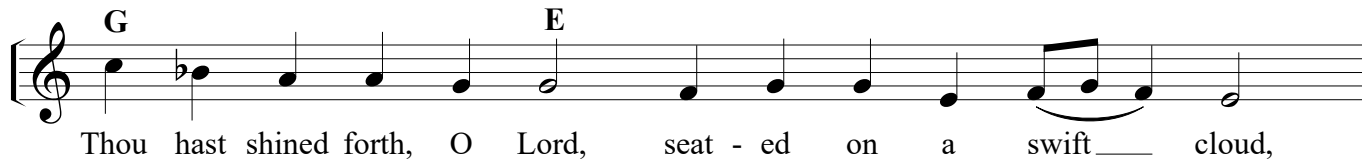
2) As a light of rev - e - la - tion for the na - tions hast

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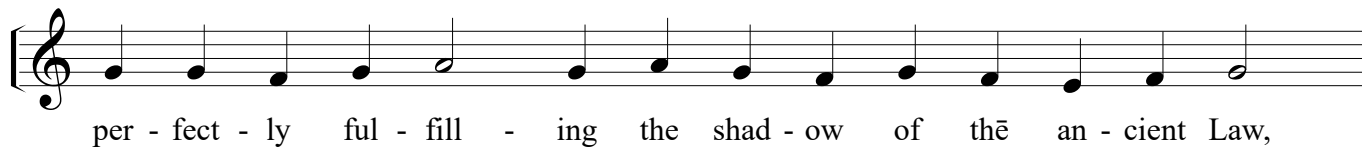


Thou ap - peared, O Di - vine Sun of Right - eous - ness; for

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Thou hast shined forth, O Lord, seat - ed on a swift cloud,



per - fect - ly ful - fill - ing the shad - ow of thē an - cient Law,

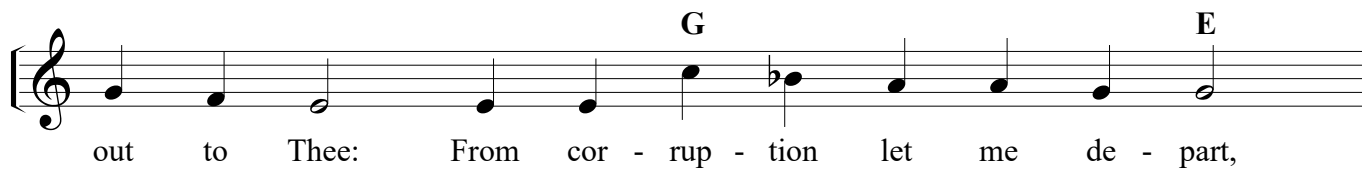


bring - ing to light the be - gin - ning of new Grace; and

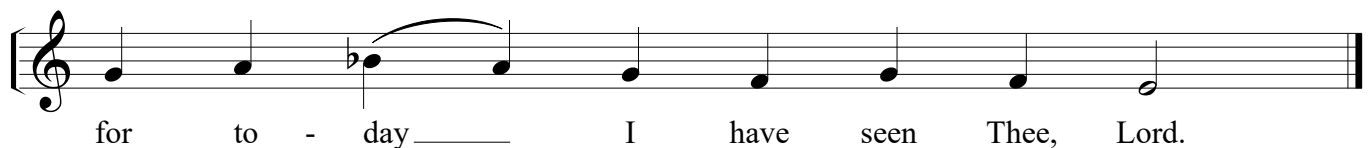


when he had be - held Thee, Sim - e - on thē Eld - er cried

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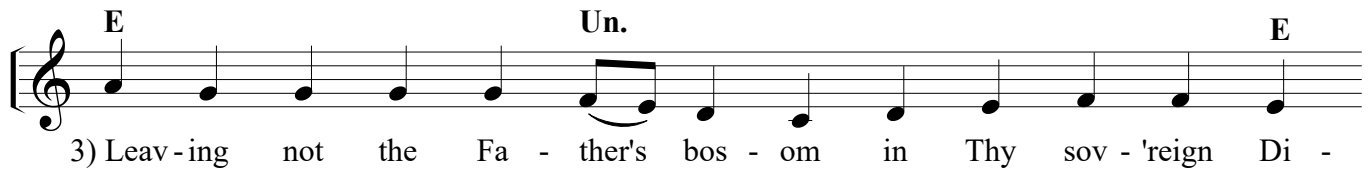
out to Thee: From cor - rup - tion let me de - part,



for to - day I have seen Thee, Lord.

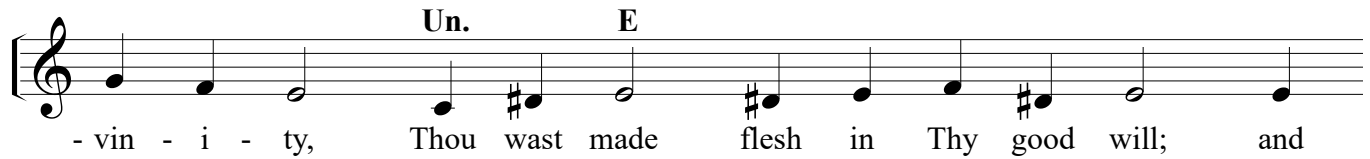
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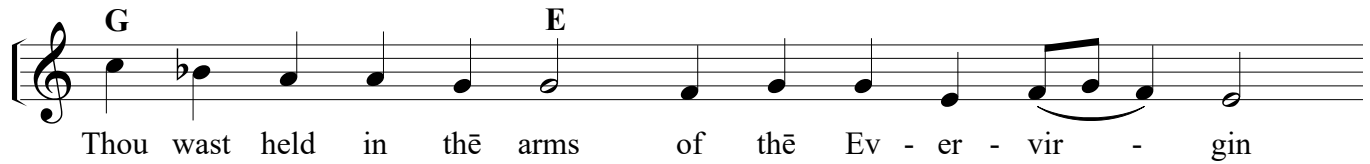
3) Leav - ing not the Fa - ther's bos - om in Thy sov - reign Di -

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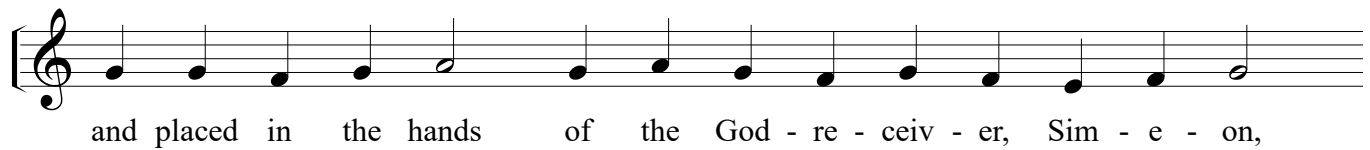


- vin - i - ty, Thou wast made flesh in Thy good will; and

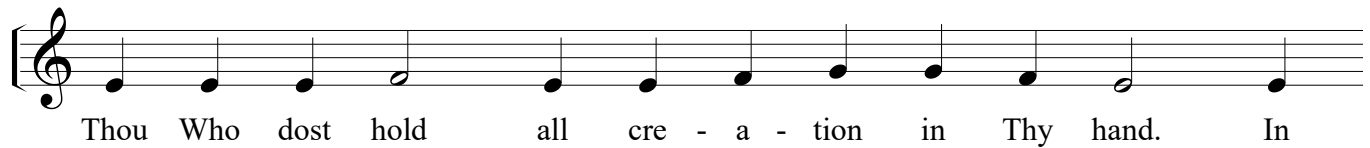
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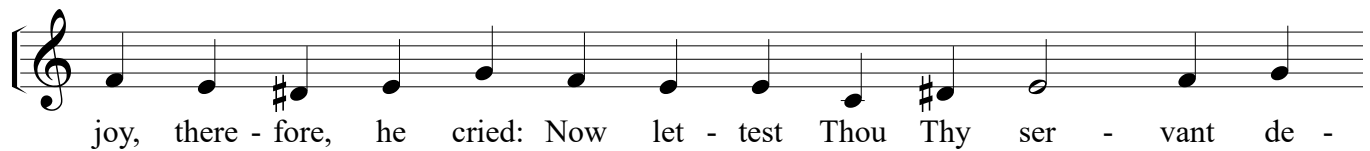
Thou wast held in thē arms of thē Ev - er - vir - gin



and placed in the hands of the God - re - ceiv - er, Sim - e - on,

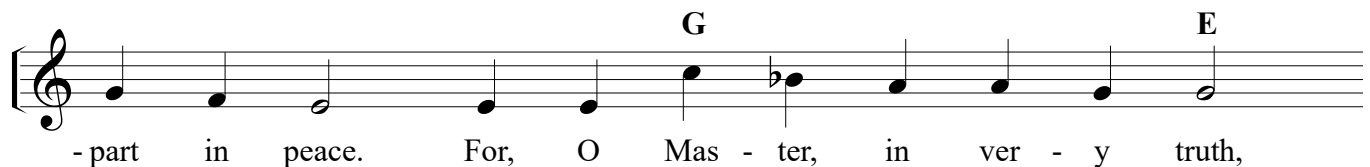


Thou Who dost hold all cre - a - tion in Thy hand. In



joy, there - fore, he cried: Now let - test Thou Thy ser - vant de -

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- part in peace. For, O Mas - ter, in ver - y truth,



I have seen _____ Thee, the Lord of all.