

March 24th
Forefeast of the Annunciation

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

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

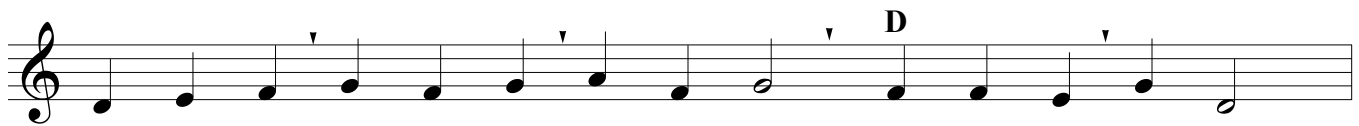
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1) In - clin - ing un - to His own ten - der com - pas - sions,



now the Mak - er tak - eth pit - y on what He hath formed



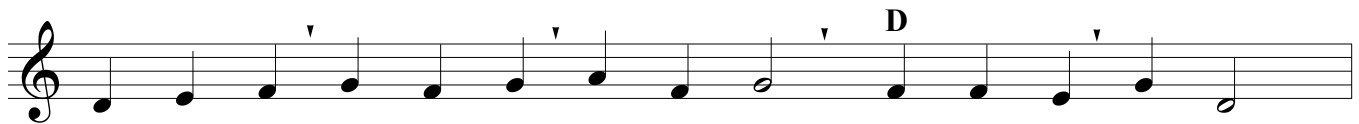
and mak - eth haste to dwell in the womb of the pure Maid - en



and Child of God. Hence, the Arch - an - gel came down



to her and ad - dressed her thus: Re - joice, O graced of God;



our God is with thee now: fear me not, who am the lead - er

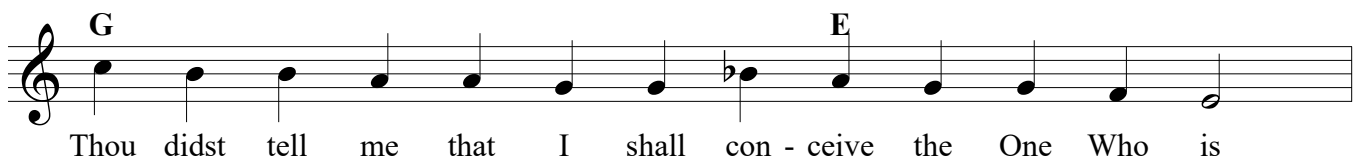
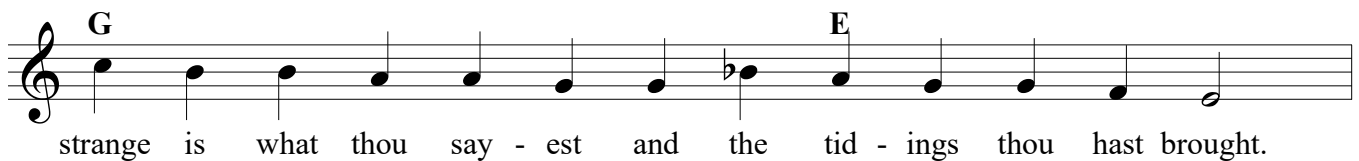
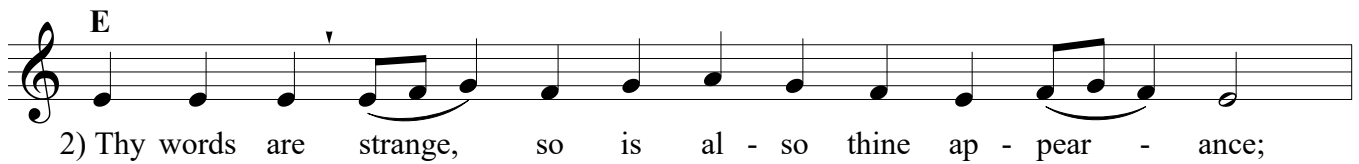
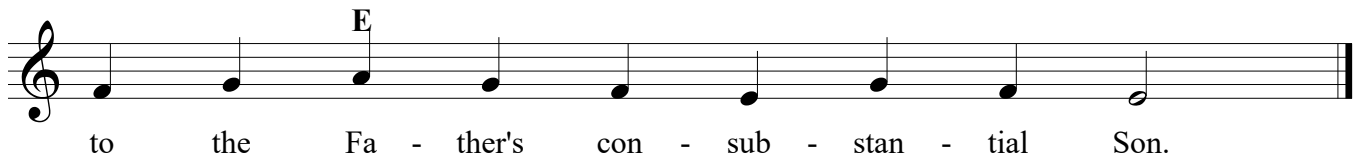
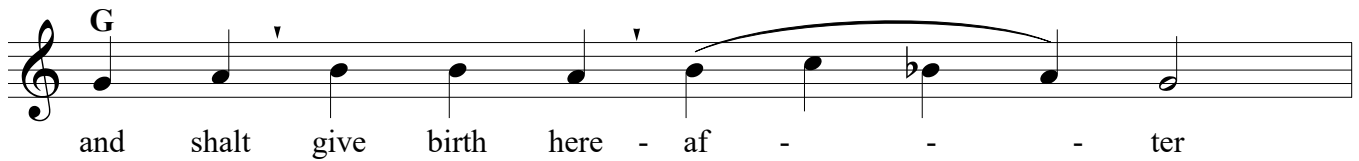
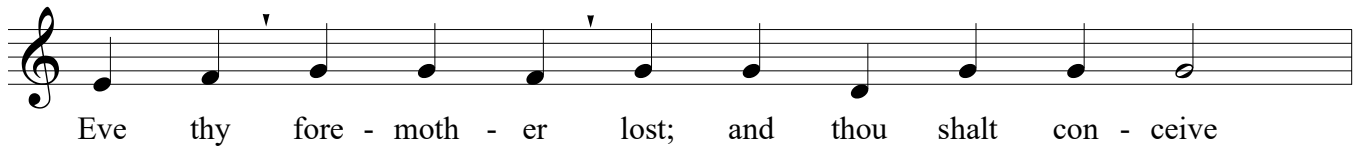


and chief com - mand - er of all the King's ar - rays.



For thou hast found the grace that long a - go

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Whom all the breadth of the Heav - ens can - not hold?

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O Vir - gin, let the tent of A - bra - ham,

which con - tained God with - in it in - struct thee now;

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it pre - fig - ured a - fore - - - time

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thine all - pure and God - re - ceiv - ing womb.

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3) Reach - ing the cit - y of Naz - a - reth with all speed,

G **E**

now Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el sa - lut - eth thee, who art

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the liv - ing Cit - y of Christ the King, and cri - eth to thee:

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Re - joice, O thou who art blest and graced of God;

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