

May 25th

The Third Discovery of the Head of John the Baptist

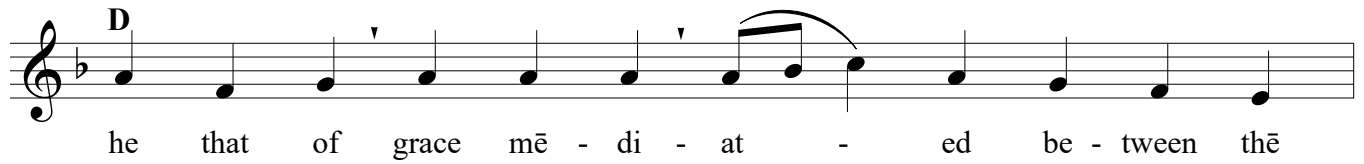
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

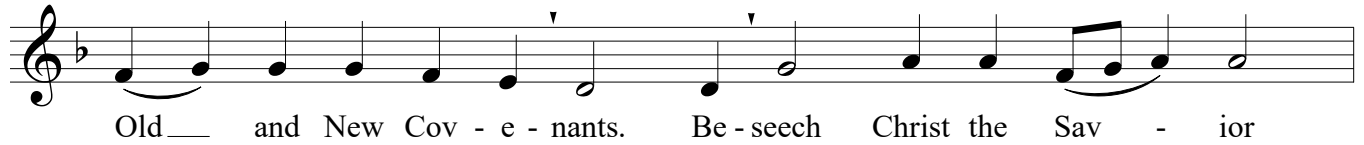
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Re - joice, thou sa - cred head full of light,
re - vered by An - gels, yet cut off by the sword of old;
for thou hadst, with cut - ting cen - sures, thy - self re - buked and hewn down
law - less deeds of shame and vile li - cen - tious - ness.
O foun - tain that wa - ter - est all the faith - ful with mir - a - cles,
the sav - ing ad - vent of the Sav - ior didst thou de - clare,
and thou didst per - ceive when the Spir - it, with wing'd de - scent,
came and a - bode up - on Him in time past; and thou didst be - come

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he that of grace mē - di - at - ed be - tween thē



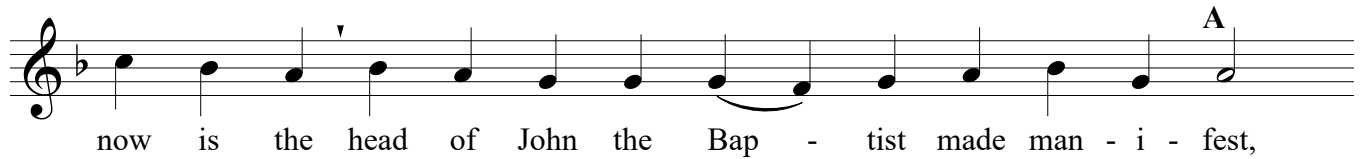
Old and New Cov - e - nants. Be - seech Christ the Sav - ior



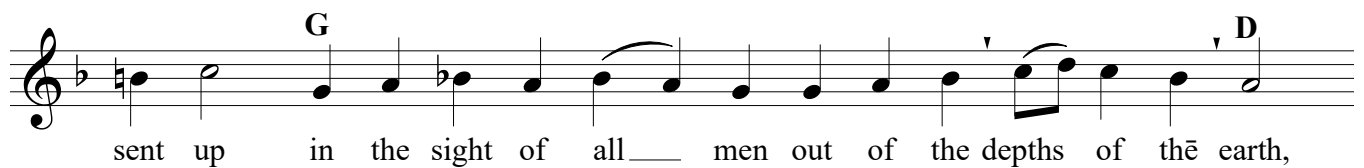
that for - give - ness and Great Mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.



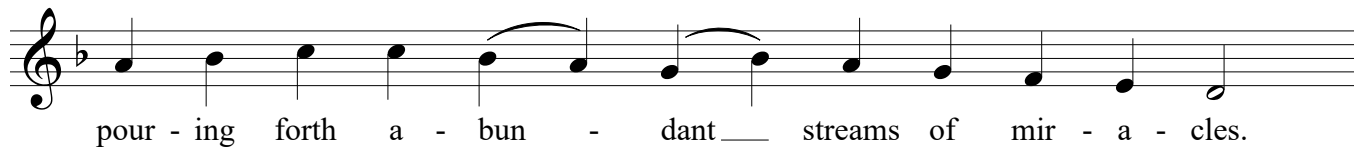
2) Though in a sil - ver ves - sel con - cealed,



now is the head of John the Bap - tist made man - i - fest,



sent up in the sight of all men out of the depths of thē earth,

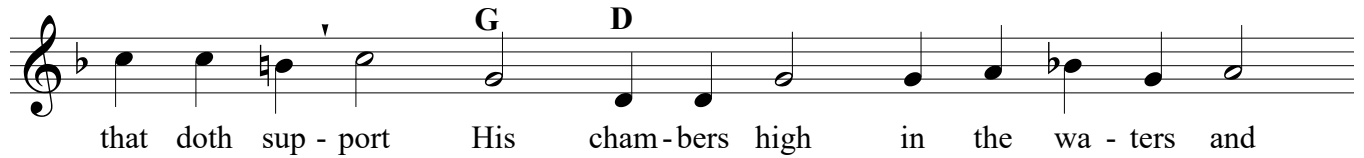


pour - ing forth a - bun - dant streams of mir - a - cles.

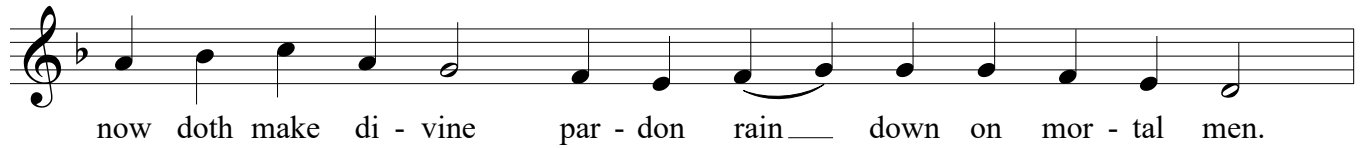


For this is the same that washed in the wa - ters the head of Him

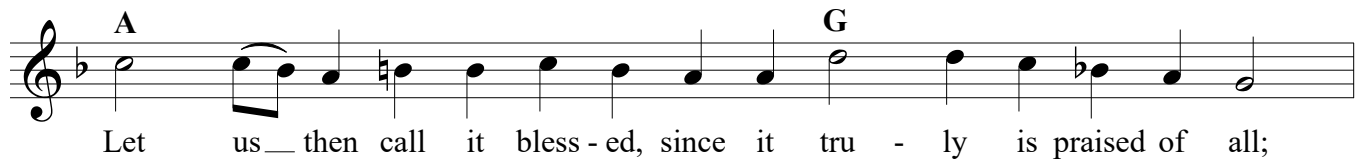
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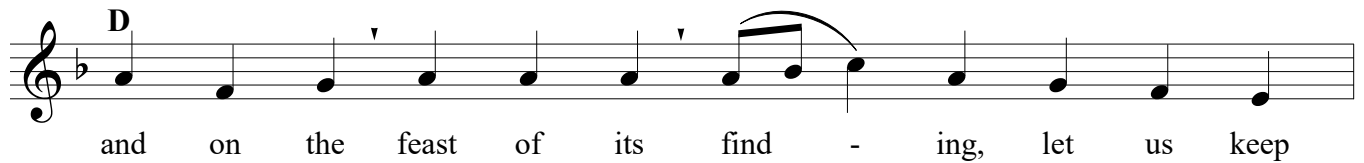
that doth sup - port His cham - bers high in the wa - ters and



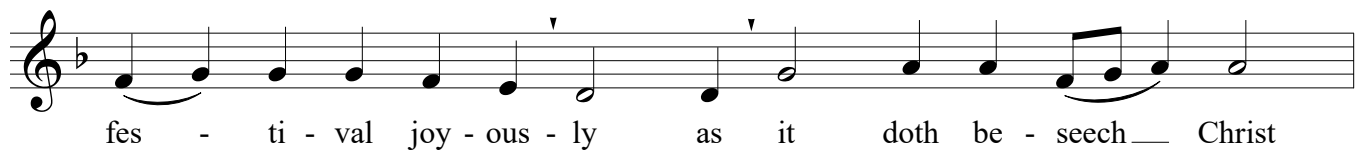
now doth make di - vine par - don rain — down on mor - tal men.



Let us — then call it bless - ed, since it tru - ly is praised of all;



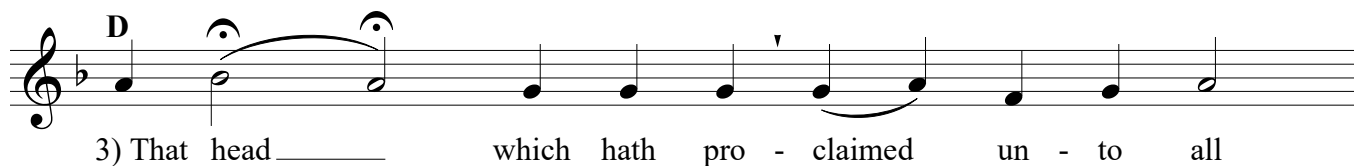
and on the feast of its find - ing, let us keep



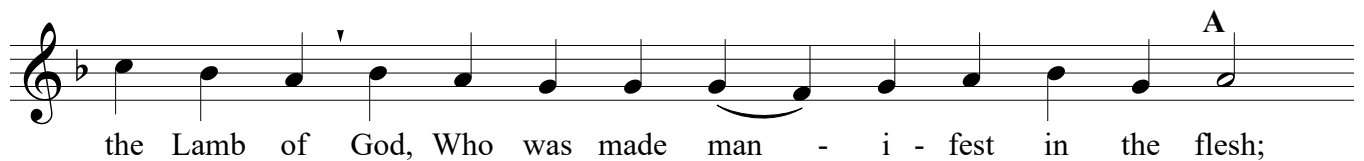
fes - ti - val joy - ous - ly as it doth be - seech — Christ



that for - give - ness and Great Mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.



3) That head — which hath pro - claimed un - to all



the Lamb of God, Who was made man - i - fest in the flesh;

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and which made the sav - ing ways of re - pen - tance plain un - to all

through di - vine in - struc - tions and ad - mon - ish - ments;

which right - ly had once re - proved Her - od's law - less in - iq - ui - ty,

and for this rea - son, from its bod - y was then cut off

and did un - der - go a con - ceal - ment of man - y years,

now ris - eth up up - on us like a splen - did - ly beam - ing sun,

cry - ing: Re - pent ye, and with all sin - cere com -

-punc - tion of heart and soul cleave un - to the Lord God,

Who be - stow - eth His Great Mer - cy and peace up - on the world.