

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

Sunday of the Holy Fathers - Sunday before the Nativity of Christ

Tone 6
Sticheron 1

Sedmiezersk Hermitage Melody
Model Melody: "Having Placed All Their Hope"

Soprano
Alto

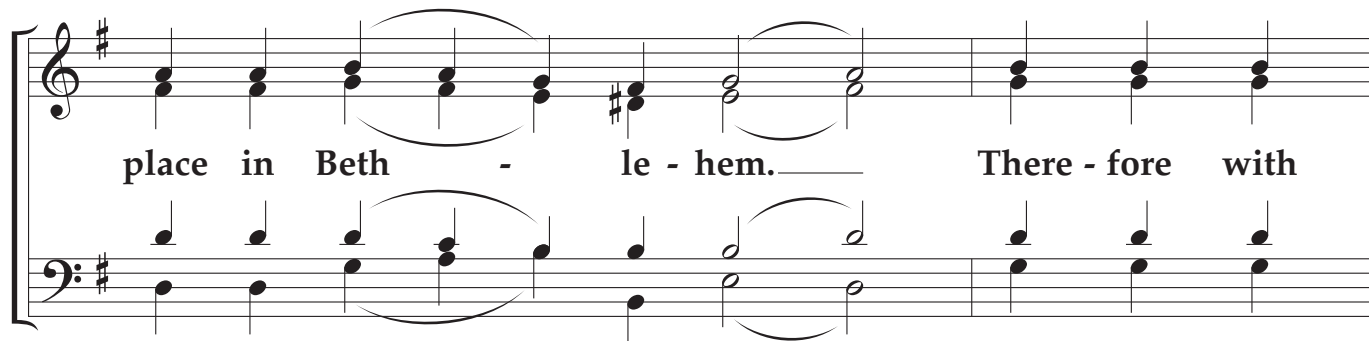
Tenor
Bass

The mem - o - ry of the Ancestors is revealed to the
ends of the world, tru - ly fill - ing it with light and
mak - ing known the dawn - ing of grace. For Christ shone
forth from afar, bright - er than the sun, the
leading rank of stars shin - ing with Him; and the di -

[divine-human birth /]



vine - hu - man birth was revealed to take



place in Beth - le - hem. There - fore with

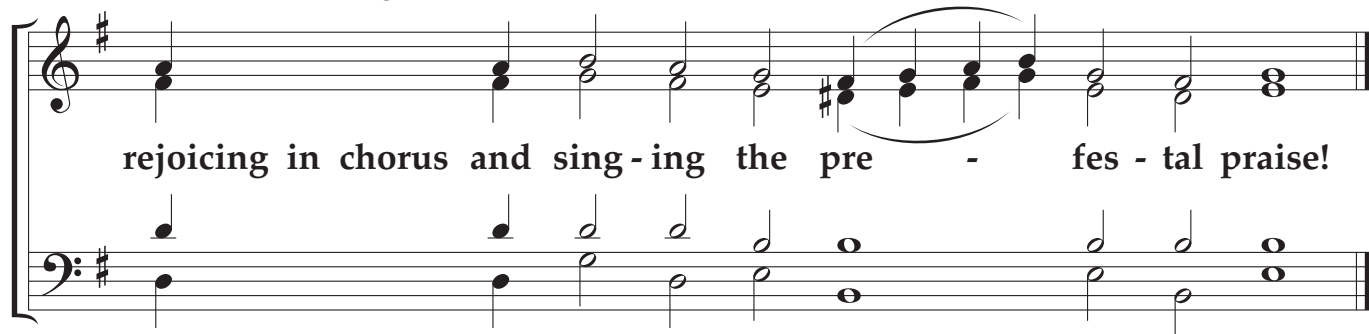


faith let us all gath - er at this birth, // rejoicing in



cho - rus and sing - ing the pre - fes - tal praise!

ALTERNATIVE ENDING:



rejoicing in chorus and sing - ing the pre - fes - tal praise!

Sticheron 2

A-dorned with the glory of divine com-mun - ion,

Ad-am re-joic - es to-day, as he is the foun-da - tion

and support of the wise An - ces - tors. With him Abel leaps with

joy, and E - noch makes glad; Seth dances, and No - ah

with - him; the all-praise-worthy Patriarch A - bra-ham sings;

[Melchizedek beholds ...]

Melchizedek beholds from afar the birth that is with-out a

fa - ther. Therefore, as we celebrate the divine memory

of the Fore - fa - thers of Christ, // we pray for the sal -

va - tion of our souls.

ALTERNATIVE ENDING:

we pray for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Sticheron 3

The three Youths, wise in God, who shone with

joy in the furnace, pro-claimed the birth of

Christ on earth; for just as the Lord sent down a

precious dew, He preserved from the flame

her who gave birth, keep - ing her undefiled and

[enriching her with ...]

enriching her with di - vine gifts. Therefore Daniel,

pleasing to God, re - joiced and was glad, for hav - ing

foreseen the Stone from the Unquarried Moun - tain, //

he now prays with bold - ness on be - half of our souls.

ALTERNATIVE ENDING:

he now prays with bold - ness on be - half of our souls.