

# December 31st. Leave-taking of the Nativity of Christ.

On the Beatitudes: on a weekday, 8 verses for the Feast, Tone 1.

on a Sunday, sing 12 verses:

4 verses for Sunday in the Tone of the Week

4 verses for the Feast, Tone 1

4 verses for the Sunday after Nativity

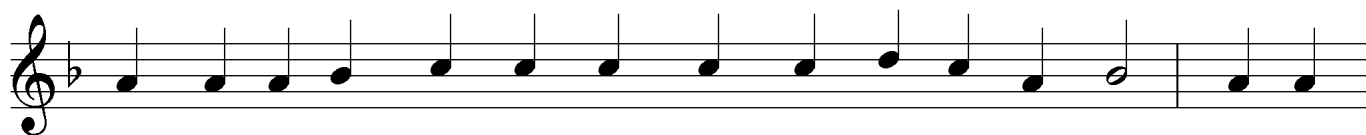
## Verses for the Feast:



(8) I see a strange and won - der - ful mys - te - ry: the Cave is heav - en;



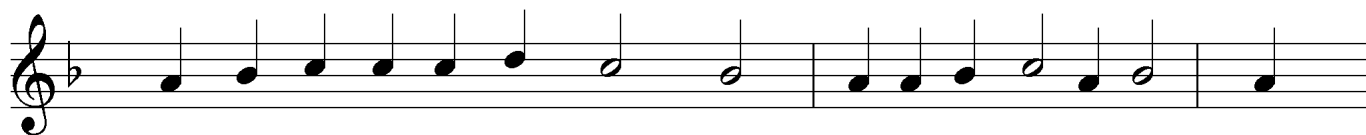
the Vir - gin the Throne of the Cher - ub - im; the Man - ger the Place



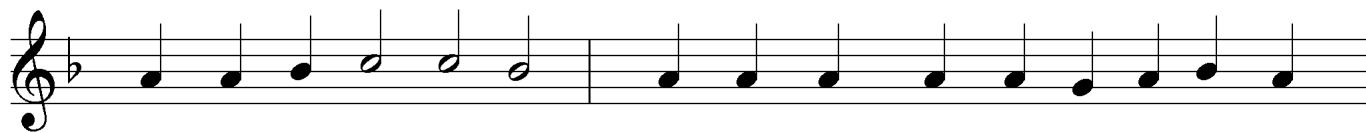
in which is laid Christ, the God whom noth - ing can con - tain: him we



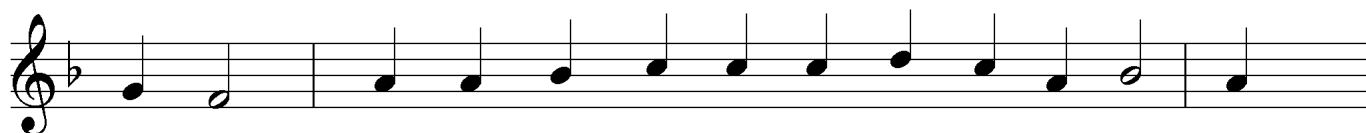
praise and mag - ni - fy.



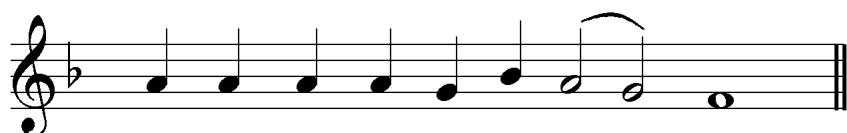
(7) When the Ma - gi saw the strange course of an un - us - u - al, new



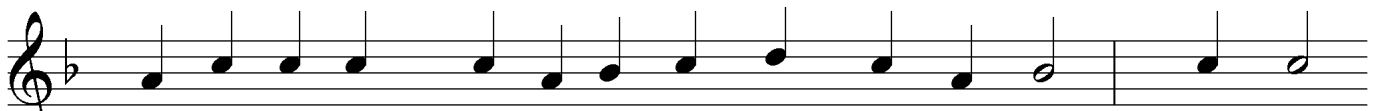
and new - ly shin - ing star, shin - ing more bright - ly than an - y - thing



in heaven, they learnt that Christ the King was born on earth in



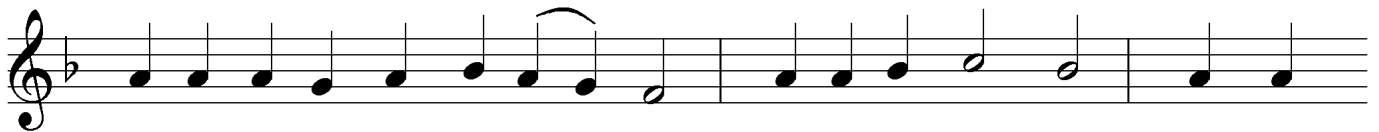
Beth - le - hem for our sal - va - - - - tion.



(6) The Ma - gi said: "Where is the new - born Child and King, whose star



we have seen? For we have come to wor - ship him." Her - od, the



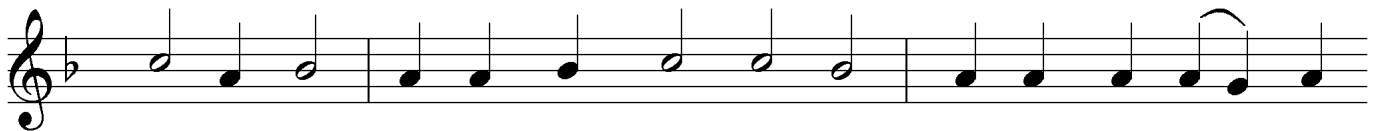
en - e - my of God was troub - led, and in his mad - ness plot - ted



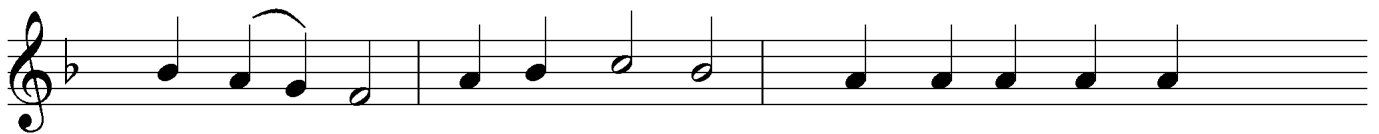
how to kill Christ.



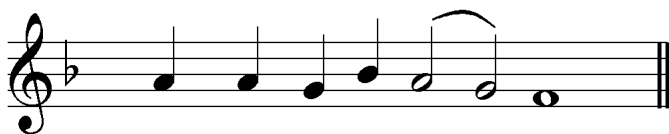
(5) Her - od in - quired the time of the star, which led the Ma - gi to



Beth - le - hem to wor - ship Christ with gifts. By that same star they



were led back to their own land, mock - ing the wick - ed



mur - der - er of child - - ren.



(4) It would be eas - i - er for us, be - cause free from all dan - ger, to  
keep si - lence in fear; while it is hard in - deed, O Vir - gin, in love  
to dev - ise songs har - mon - i - ous - ly put to - geth - er. But, O  
Moth - er, give us strength that so we may ful - fil our in - tent.

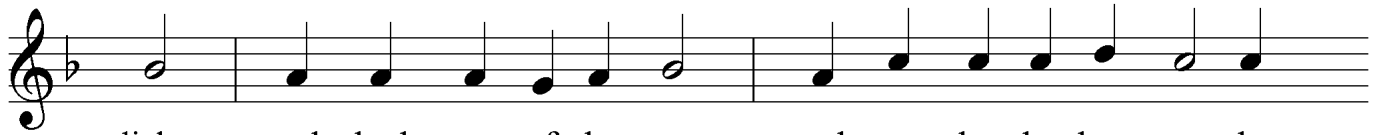


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*(Glory)*



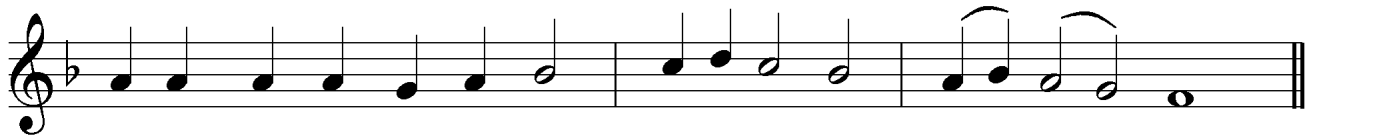
(2) Pure Moth - er, we have seen fig - ures of the Word that have no



light and shad - ows of the past; and now that he has new - ly

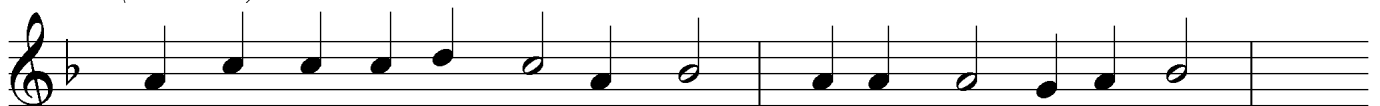


ap - peared from the closed gate, we who are count - ed wor - thy



to be - hold the light of truth, as is fit - ting, bless your womb.

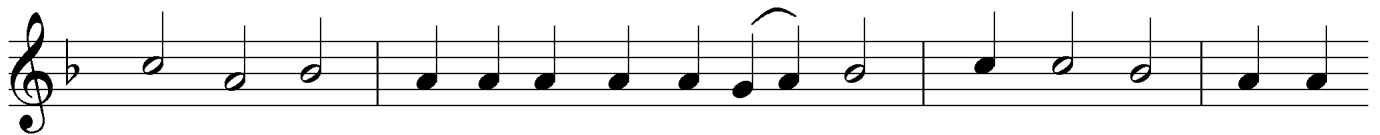
*(Both now)*



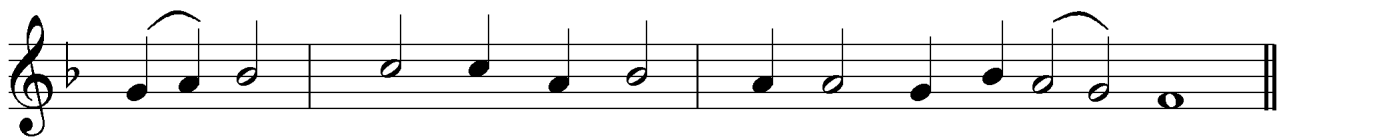
(1) The peo - ple that de - lights in Christ has at - tained its de - sire,



be - ing count - ed wor - thy of the com - ing of God, and now they



hum - bly pray for the re - gen - er - a - - - tion that gives life. O Pure



Vir - - gin, grant them the grace to wor - ship his com - - ing.