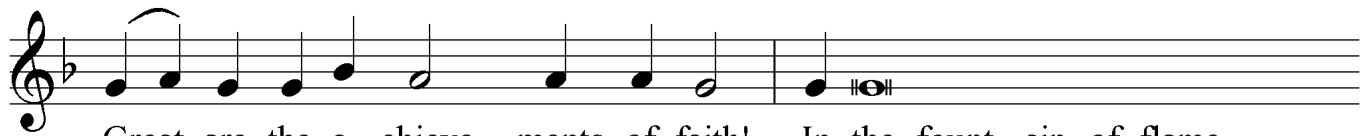
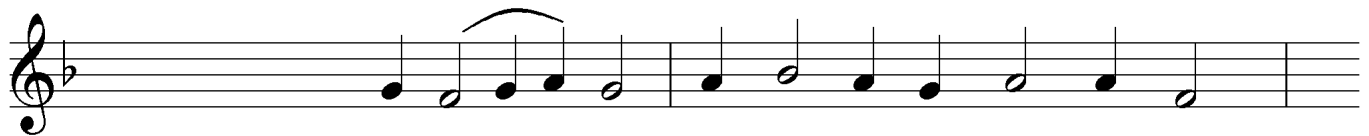


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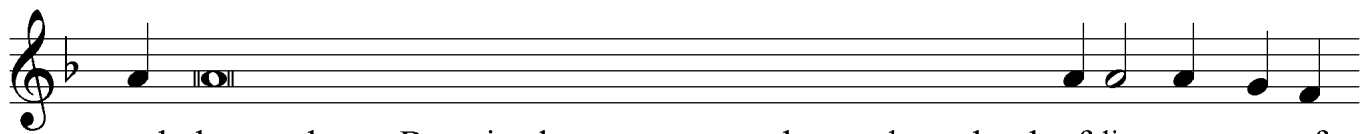
Troparion to the Fathers, Tone 2



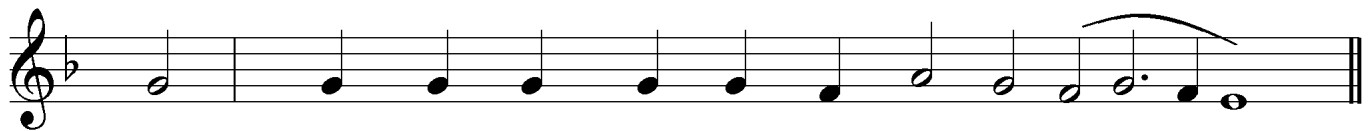
Great are the a - chieve - ments of faith! In the fount - ain of flame,



as in re - fresh - ing wa - - - - ter, the three ho - ly Youths re - joiced;



and the proph - et Dan - i - el was seen to be a shep - herd of li - ons, as of



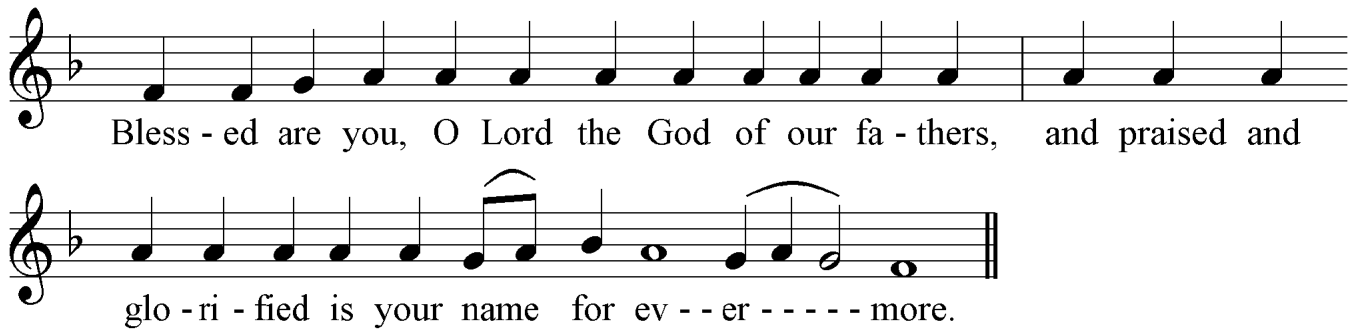
sheep. Through their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Kontakion of the Fathers, Tone 1

Beth - - le - hem re - joice; Eph - ra - ta pre - pare; for see, the Ewe - lamb,
bear - ing in her womb the great Shep - herd, hast - ens to give birth.
See - - ing him the God - bear - ing Fa - thers ex - ult as with the
shep - herds they hymn a Vir - gin who gives suck.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests. The lyrics are hyphenated to match the syllables of the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4



Bless - ed are you, O Lord the God of our fa - thers, and praised and
glo - ri - fied is your name for ev - - er - - - - - more.

Verse: For you are righteous in all things which you have done for us .

Alleluia, Tone 4



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - - le - lu - - - - - - - - - ia.

Verse 1: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us, the work which you did in their days, in days of old.

Verse 2: You have saved us from those who afflicted us, and have put to shame those who hated us.

Communion Chant: Praise the Lord from the heavens, ...

Second Communion Chant: The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance....