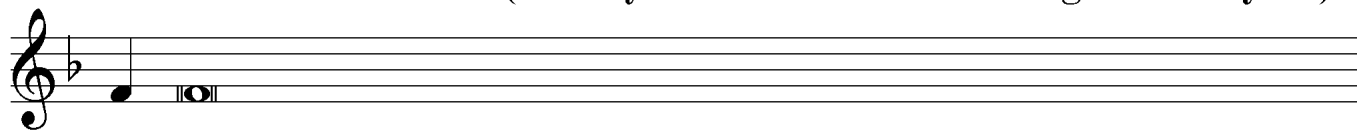


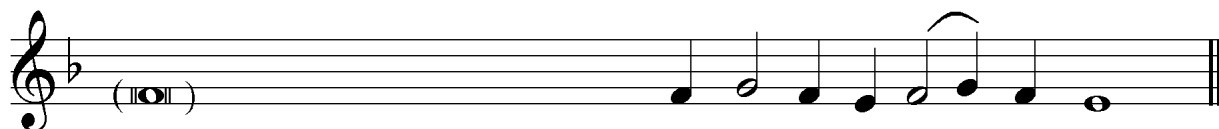
# March 24th. Forefeast of the Annunciation.

At Vespers, on "Lord, I have cried", 3 verses in Tone 4:

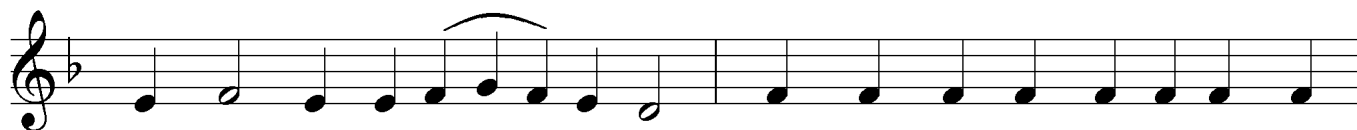
(melody: "As one valiant among the martyrs")



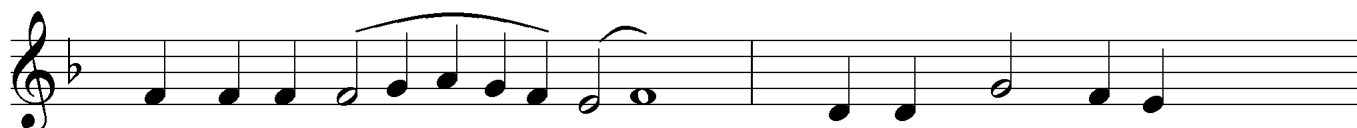
(II) For with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with him plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion;



and he will re - deem Is - ra - el from all his in - i - - - qui - ties.



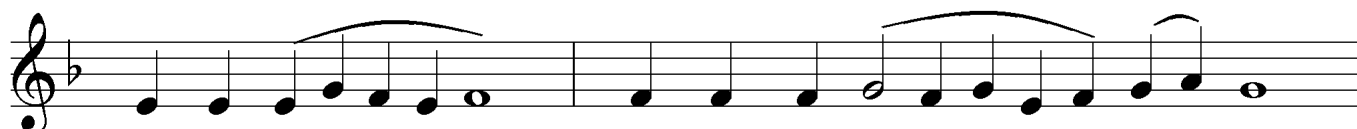
The Arch - an - gel Ga - - - - bri - el con - firms the mys - ter - y hid - den



from all the ag - - - - - es and un - known to the



an - - - - - gels; and he is now com - ing to you who a - lone are



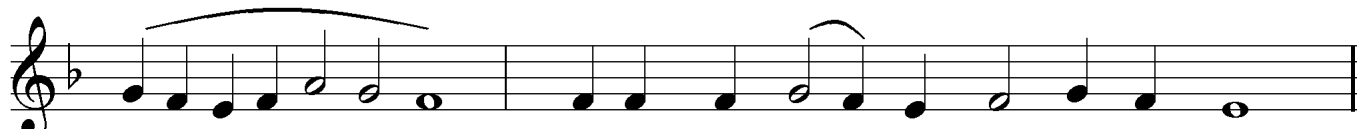
in - cor - rupt, the come - ly tur - - - - - tle - - dove,



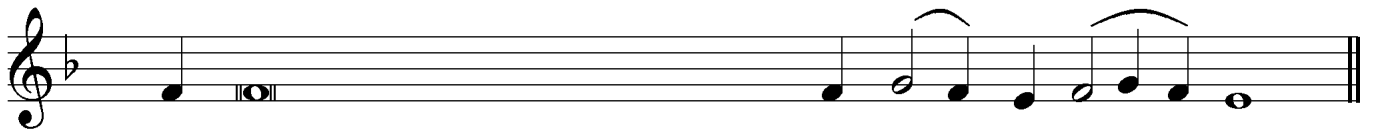
the res - to - ra - tion of our race, and he will greet you,



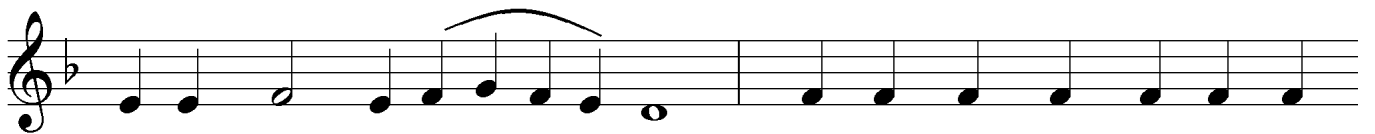
most ho - ly, cry - ing: "Hail! Make read - y by your



word to re - ceive God the Word in your womb."



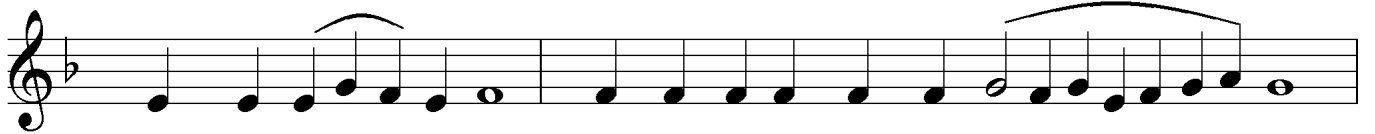
(1) Praise the Lord, all you na - tions; praise him, all you peo - - - ples.



A re - splend - ent pal - - - - - ace has been pre - pared for you, O



Mas - - - - - ter, the pure womb of the Hand - maid of God.



come and en - - - - ter it, have pit - y on your cre - a - - - - - tion



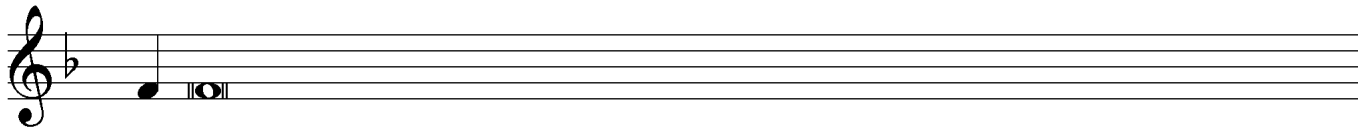
which in en - vy un - der - took to op - pose you, and is



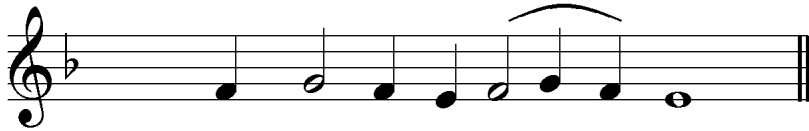
held in slav - er - y to the de - ceiv - - - - - er, and has lost its an - cient



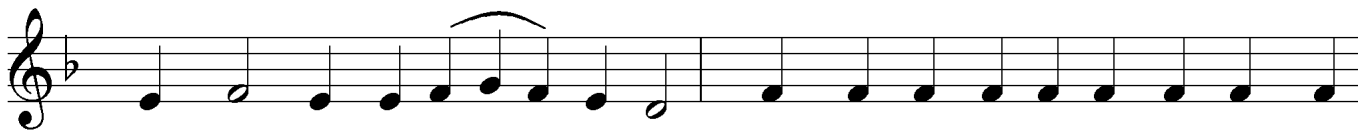
beau - - - - - ty, and a - waits your sav - ing de - scent.



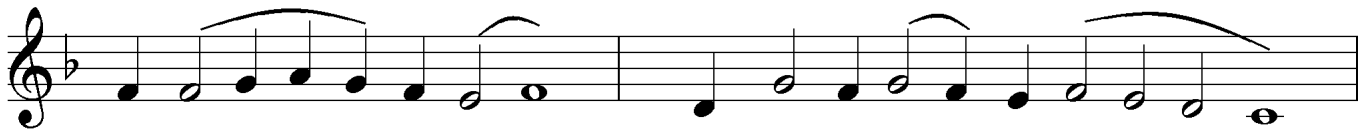
(II) For his mer - cy has been might - y to - wards us; and the truth of the



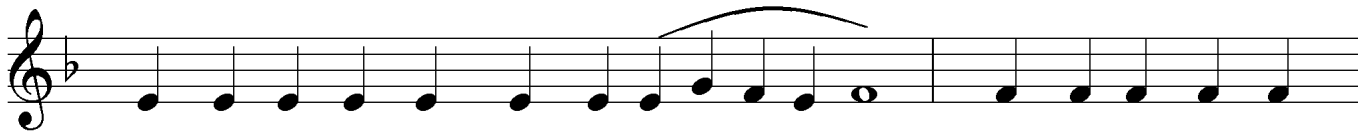
Lord en - dures to the ag - - - - - es.



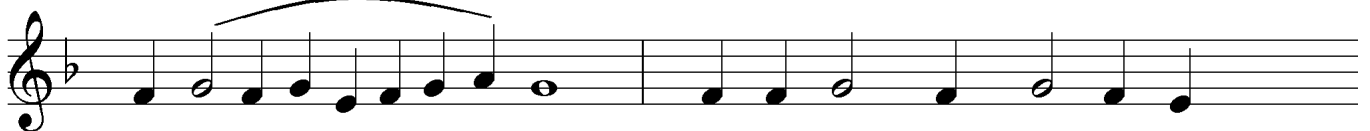
The Arch - an - gel Ga - - - - bri - el comes to you vis - i - bly, O whol - ly



im - mac - - - - - u - late, and cries a - loud to you,



Hail, de - liv - er - ance from the curse; res - to - ra - tion of



the fall - - - - - en; Hail, a - lone called cho - sen by



God; Hail, char - i - ot of the Sun of glo - - - - - ry.

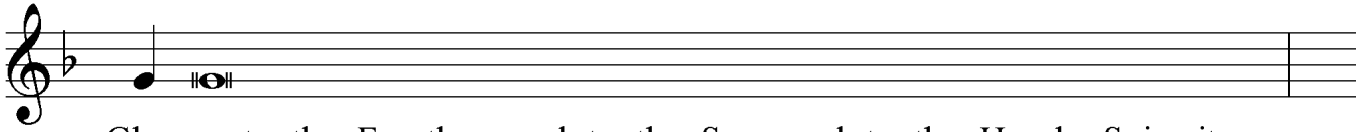


Re - ceive the bod - - - - - i - less Lord who de - sires to dwell

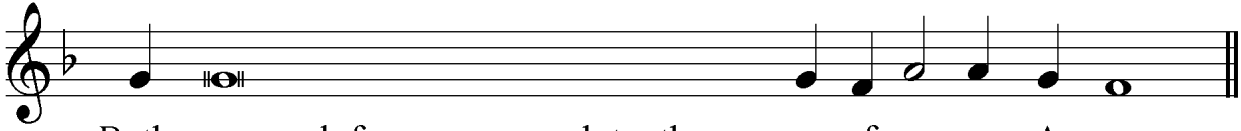


in your womb.

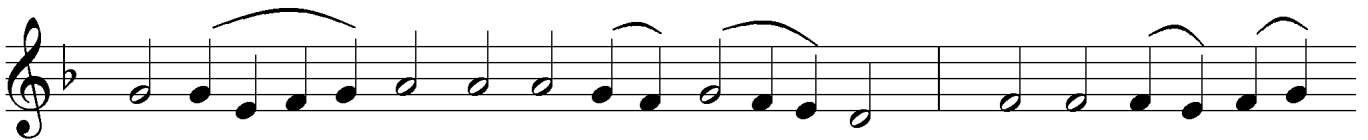
**Tone 2:**



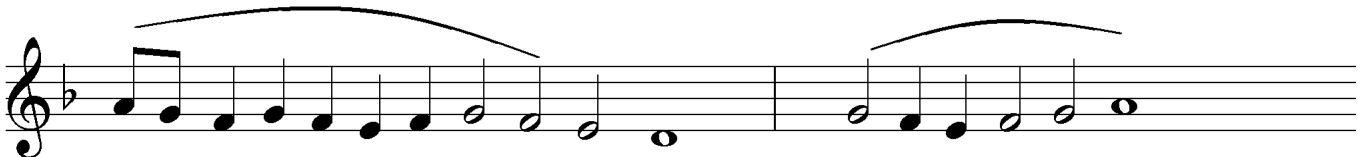
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



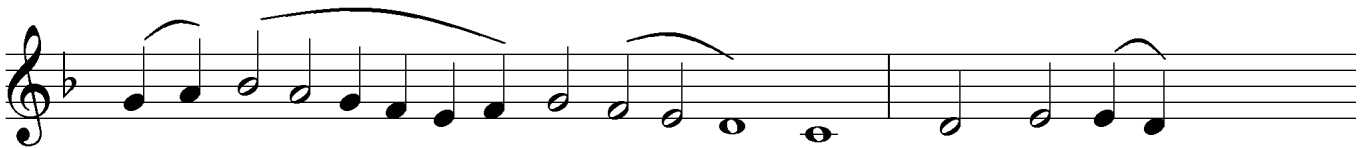
Both now and for ev - er, and to the ag - es of ag - es. A - men.



To - day Ga - bri - el an - - - nounc - - es to her who is



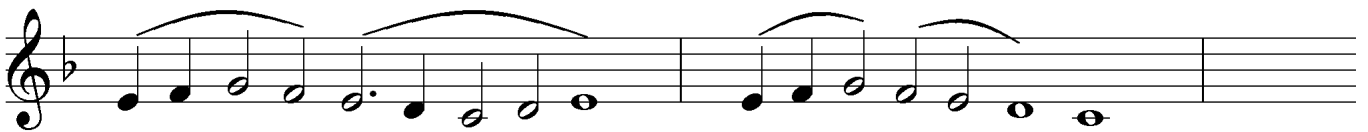
full of grace: Hail,



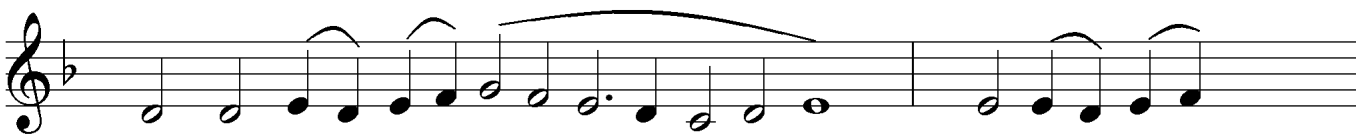
un - - - wed - - - - - ded Moth - - - - - er who knew not



wed - - - - - lock! Do not be a - - - mazed at my



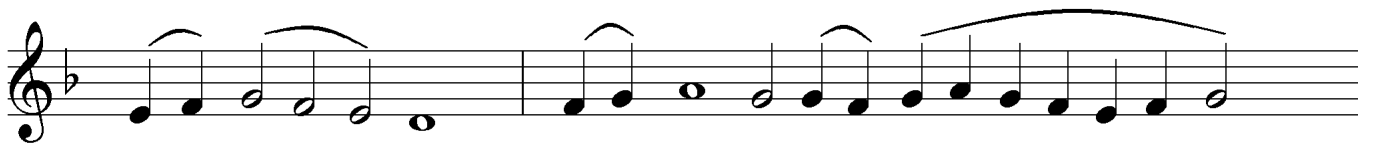
awe - - - - - some ap - - - - - pear - - - - - ance,



neith - er be a - - - fraid, I am an



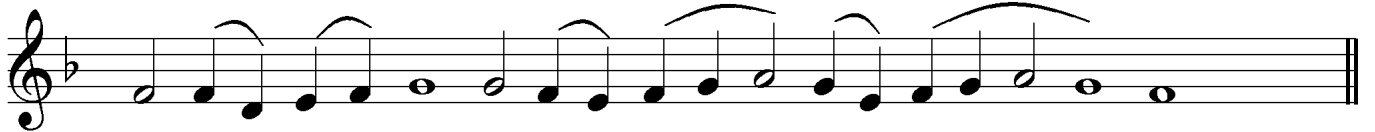
Arch - an - gel. The ser - - - - - pent once



de - - - ceived Eve, but now I an - - - nounce



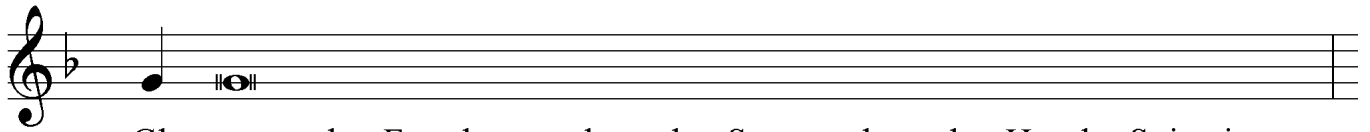
joy to you: you will re - - main in - cor - - rupt,



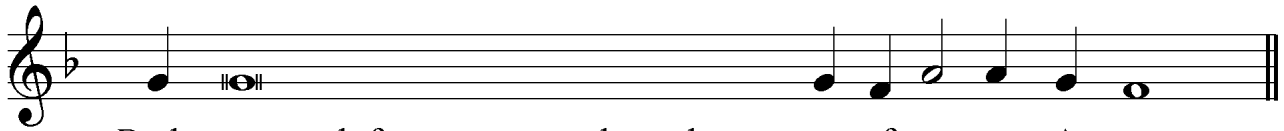
and will give birth to the Lord, O all - - - - - pure.

**Aposticha from the Triodion.**

**Glory. Both now. For the Forefeast, Tone 2:**



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



Both now and for ev - er, and to the ag - es of ag - es. A - men.



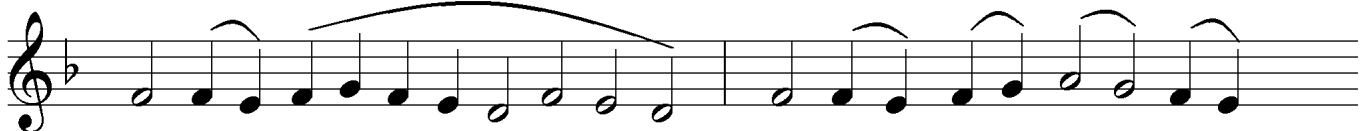
The mys - ter - y hid - - - - - den from be - - fore the



ag - es is re - vealed to - - - day



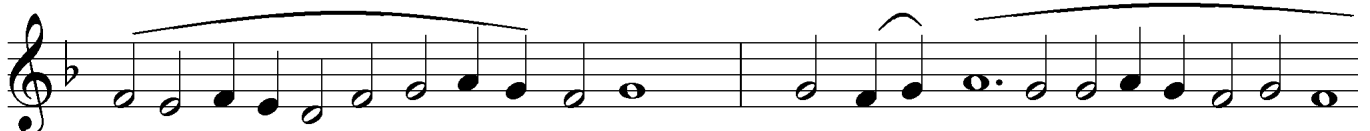
and the



Son of God be - comes the Son of



man, so that shar - - ing in the in -



fe - - - - - ri - or he might give



me a share in what is bet - - - - ter.



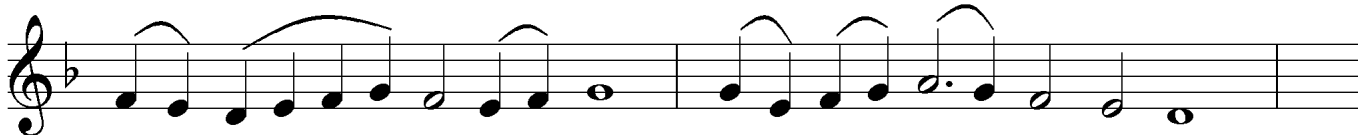
Of old, Ad - am was de - ceived,



and, de - sir - - - - ing to be - - come a god, he failed;



God be - - comes man so that he might



make Ad - - - - - am a god. Let cre - - a - - - - tion ex - ult!



Let na - - - - - ture dance! For the Arch - an - gel



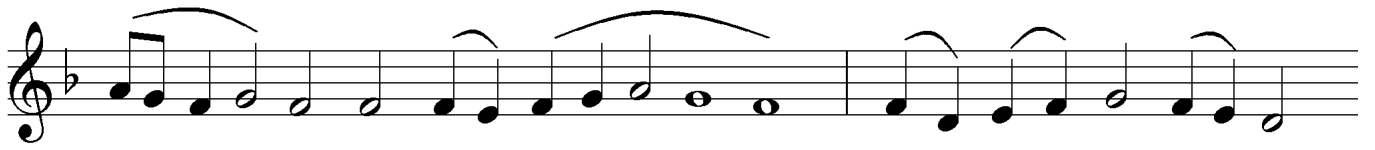
stands



in fear be - - fore the Vir - - - - gin



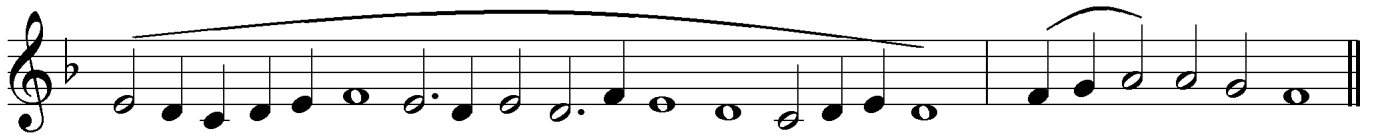
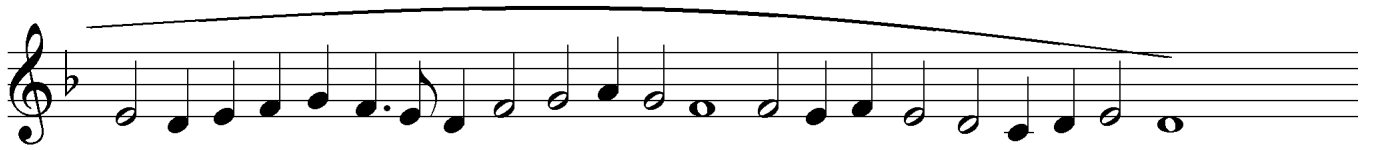
and of - fers the greet - - - - - ing of joy, the



an - - - - - ti - dote to grief. In your mer - ci - - ful



com - pas - - - - - sion you be - - came man, our



God: glo - - - - ry to you.