

Sunday After Nativity; St. Stephen, First Martyr

1st Antiphon



I will con-fess You with all my heart, O Lord, I will tell all your mar-vels.



Through the prayers of the Mo-ther of God, O Sa-vior, Save Us.



verse: In the coun-sels of right-ful men and in the as-semb-lies,



great are the works of the Lord. *Through the prayers...*



verse: They are sought in or-der to ac-com-lish his will. *Through the prayer.*

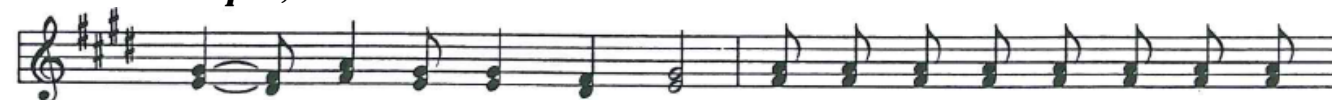
Glory be . . . now and forever . . . : Only Begotten Son . . .

Third Antiphon: Regular 3rd Antiphon but with the following refrain:



Son of God, born of the Vir - gin, save us who sing to You. Al - le - lu - ia.

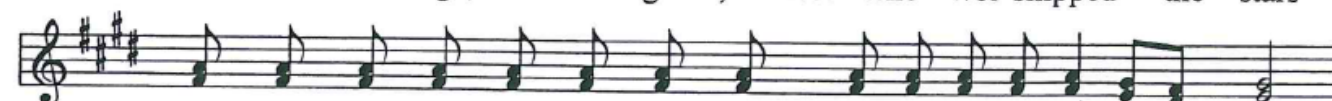
Christmas Tropar, Tone 4:




Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed up - on the world the light




of know - ledge; for through it, those who wor-shipped the stars



have learned from a star to wor-ship You, the Sun of Jus - tice,

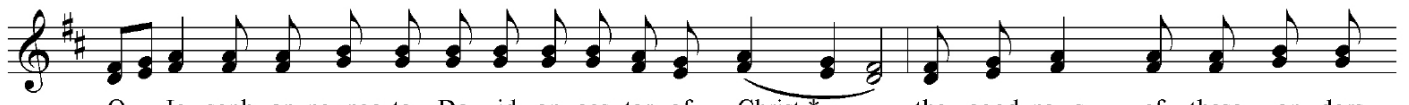


and to re-cog-nize You as the O-rient from on high. Glo-ry be to You, O




Lord!

Tropar of St. Joseph, Tone 2:




O__ Jo-seph, an-nounce to Da-vid, an-ces-tor of Christ,* the good news of these won-ders

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you have seen.* a__ Vir-gin giv-ing birth to a Child,* with the shep-herds you have glo-

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ri-fied Him;* with the wise men you have wor-shipped Him,* and an an-gel ap-peared to you.*

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Ask__ Christ to save our souls.

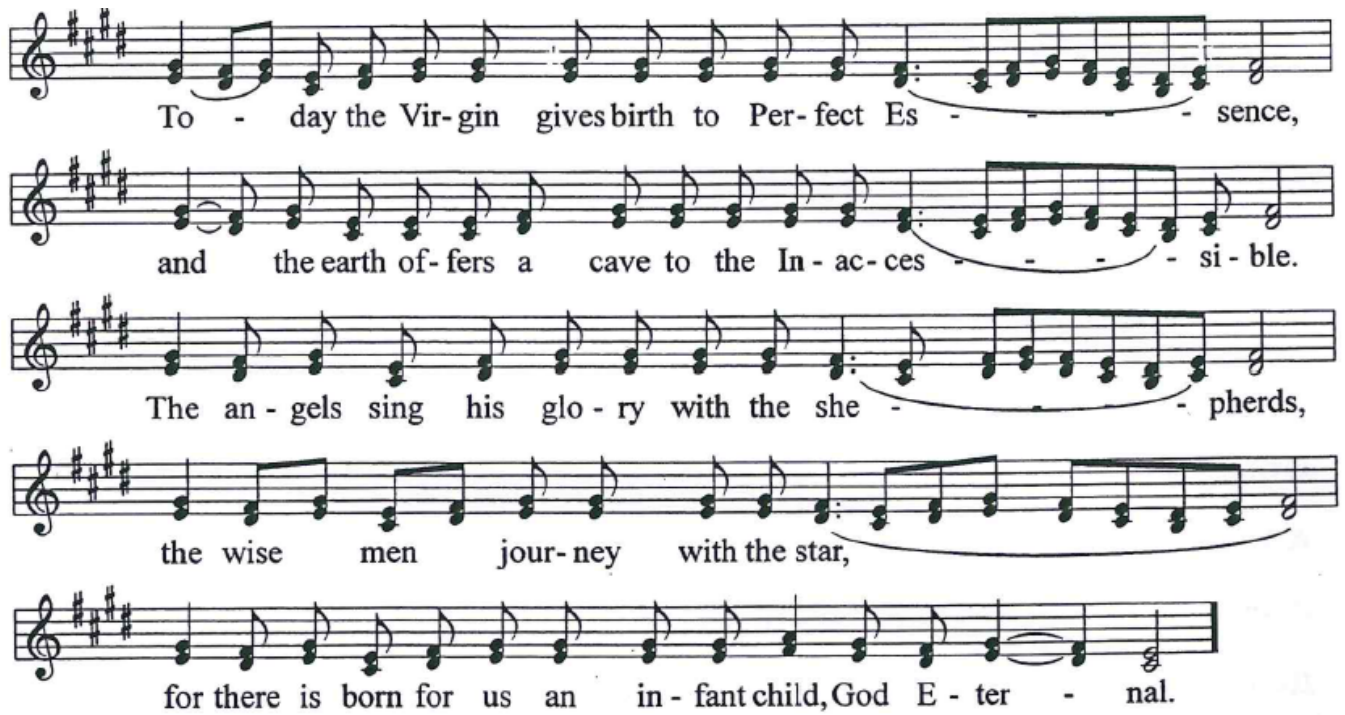
Glory Be . . . , Tone 3:



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the



Ho-ly Spi-rit,

Christmas Kondak, Tone 3:


To - day the Vir - gin gives birth to Per - fect Es - sence,
and the earth of - fers a cave to the In - ac - ces - si - ble.
The an - gels sing his glo - ry with the she - pherds,
the wise men jour - ney with the star,
for there is born for us an in - fant child, God E - ter - nal.

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Now and for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Kondak of St. Stephen. tone 3

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Yes - ter - day the Lord came to us in the flesh,* to - day his ser - vant de - parts

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from this life.* Yes - ter - day the King was born as a man,* and to - day his ser - vant

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is stoned to death.* It is for His sake, that the first mar - tyr*

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and ho - ly Ste - phen gives up his life.

Prokimen, Tone 4:


God is won-der-ful in His saints; the God of Is-ra-el.

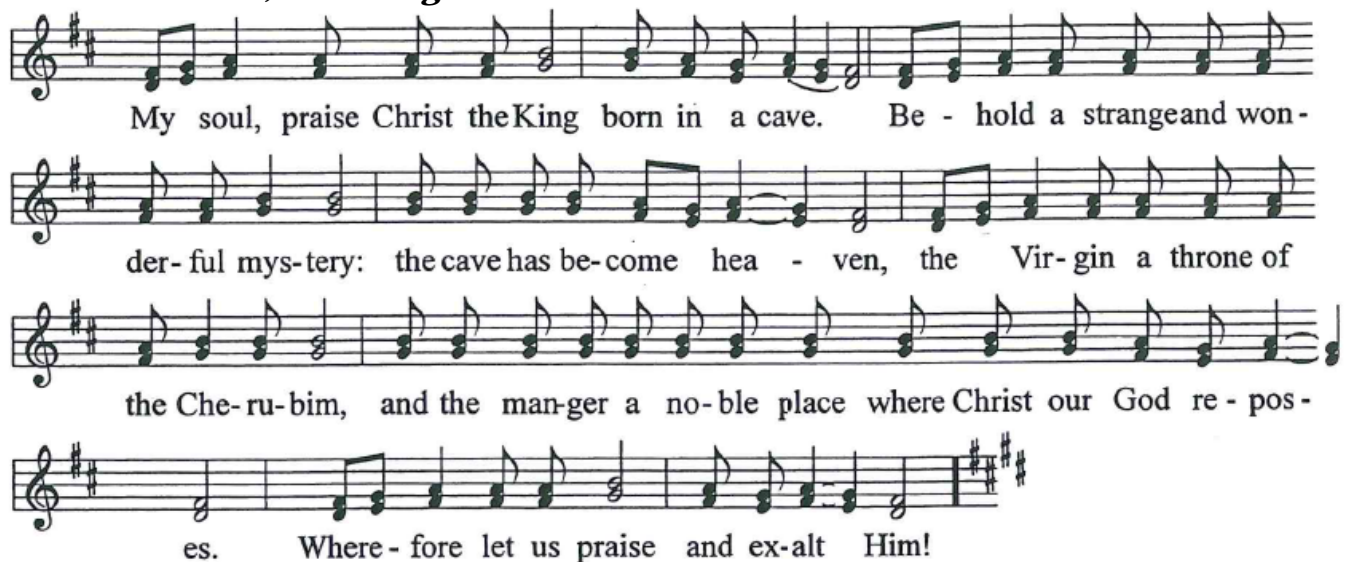
verse: *Bless God in your choirs,* bless the Lord, you who spring from Israel.*

God is wonderful in His saints; the God of Israel.

Alleluia Verses:

Remember, O Lord, for David all his anxious care.*

How he swore to the Lord, vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob.*

Instead of 'Indeed, it is fitting . . .':


My soul, praise Christ the King born in a cave. Be-hold a strange and wonder-ful mys-tery: the cave has be-come hea-ven, the Vir-gin a throne of the Che-ru-bim, and the man-ger a no-ble place where Christ our God re-pos-es. Where-fore let us praise and ex-alt Him!

Communion Verses:


Praise the Lord from the hea-vens; praise Him in the high-est.
Ex-ult, you just, in the Lord;* praise from the up-right is fit-ting.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!