

The Nativity of Our Lord

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Sticheron 1: Tone 1 Traditional Kievan Chant

Soprano
Alto

Make mer - ry, O heaven and earth as the proph - ets fore -

Tenor
Bass

told! Cel - ebrate in the spir - it, O an - gels and men!

God is born from a woman and ap - pears in the flesh

to those who sit in dark - ness and shad - ow. A cave — and a

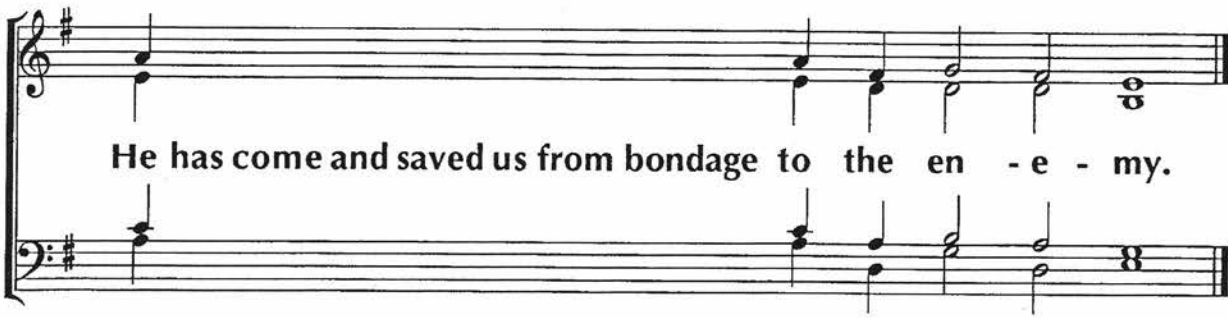
man - ger wel - come Him. Shepherds an - nounce the

won - der. Wise men from the East offer gifts in Beth - le -

hem. Let us from our unworthy lips, of - fer praise like the

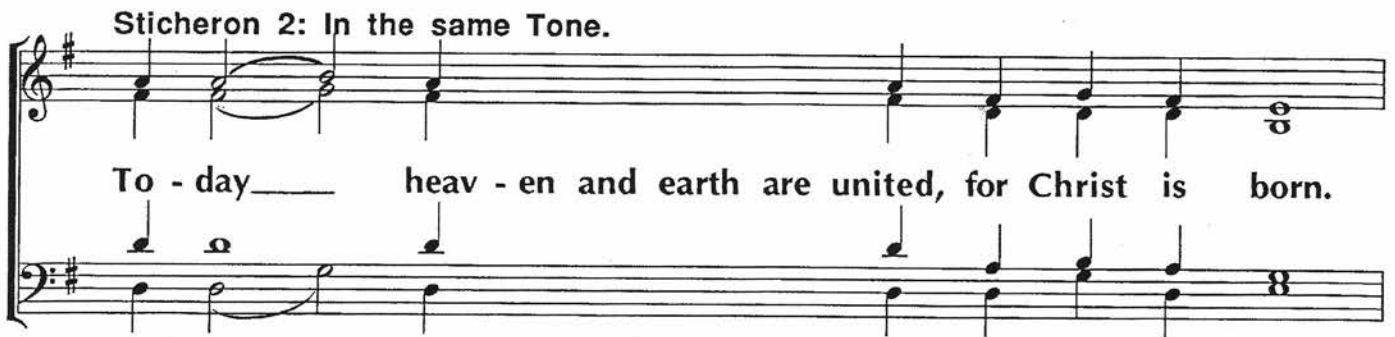
an - gels: "Glo - ry to God in the highest, and on

earth — peace!" The expectation of the na - tions has come!

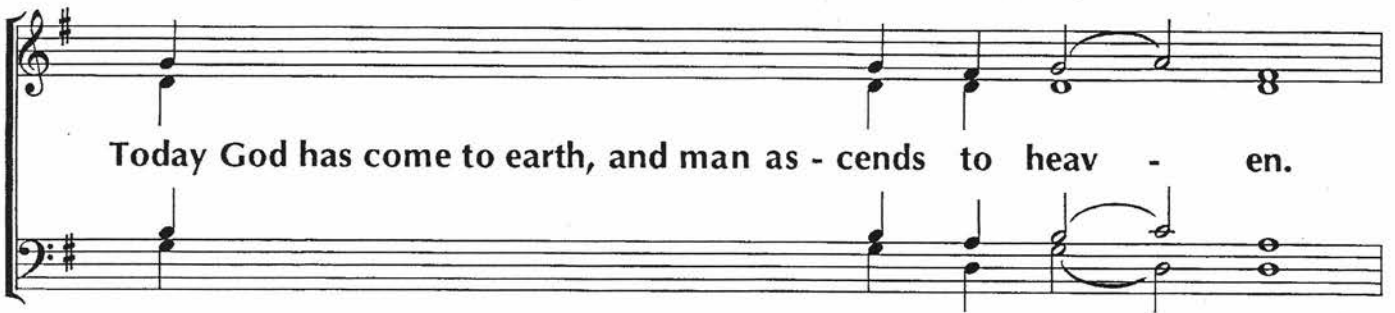


He has come and saved us from bondage to the en - e - my.

Sticheron 2: In the same Tone.



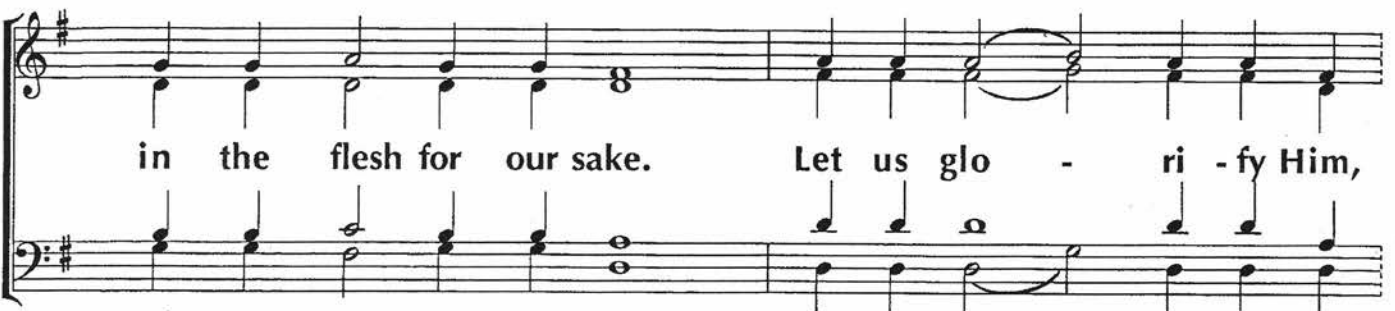
To - day heav - en and earth are united, for Christ is born.



Today God has come to earth, and man as - cends to heav - en.



To - day God, who by nature can - not be seen, is seen



in the flesh for our sake. Let us glo - ri - fy Him,

cry - ing out: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth --

peace! Thy com - ing has brought peace to us.

Glo - ry to Thee, O our Sav - ior!"

Sticheron 3: In the same Tone.

"Glo - ry to God in the high - est," I hear the angels

sing today in Beth - le - hem. Glo - ry to Him whose good

pleas - ure it was that peace should come on earth!

The Vir - gin is now more spacious than the heav - ens.

Light has shone on those in dark - ness; It has

ex - alt - ed the lowly, who sing like the an - gels:

"Glo - ry to God in the high - est!"

Sticheron 4: In the same Tone.

Man was cre - a - ted in God's im - age and like - ness,

but when Jesus saw him fallen through trans - gres - sion,

He bowed the heavens and came down, dwelling in a vir - gin's

womb, with - out for - sak - ing His di - vin - i - ty. Ad -

am, once corrupted, was re - fash - ioned. He cried out: "Glory to

Thine ap - pear - ing, O my Re - deem - er and my God!"

"Glory" in the Fifth Tone.

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

After "Glory...": Tone 5.

The wise men, kings from Per - sia, per - ceived with - out

an - y doubt that Thou wast born on earth, O Heav - en - ly

King. Drawn by the light of a star, they hur - ried to

Beth - le - hem. They of - fered Thee ac - cept - a - ble

gifts: gold, myrrh, and frank - - in - cense. They fell

down be - fore Thee and wor - shipped Thee, see - ing Thee,

the Time - less One, ly - ing in the cave as an in - fant.

"Now and ever..." in the Sixth Tone:

Now and ever, and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

Tone 6 (Major)

All the angels in heaven make merry and dance to - day.

All cre - a - tion leaps for joy! The Lord and Savior is born in

Beth - le - hem. Every deception of idols is swept a - way,

and Christ — reigns un - to all a - ges!