

Stichera on "Lord, I Call"

Nativity of the Theotokos - November 8

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arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Sticheron 1

Tone 6

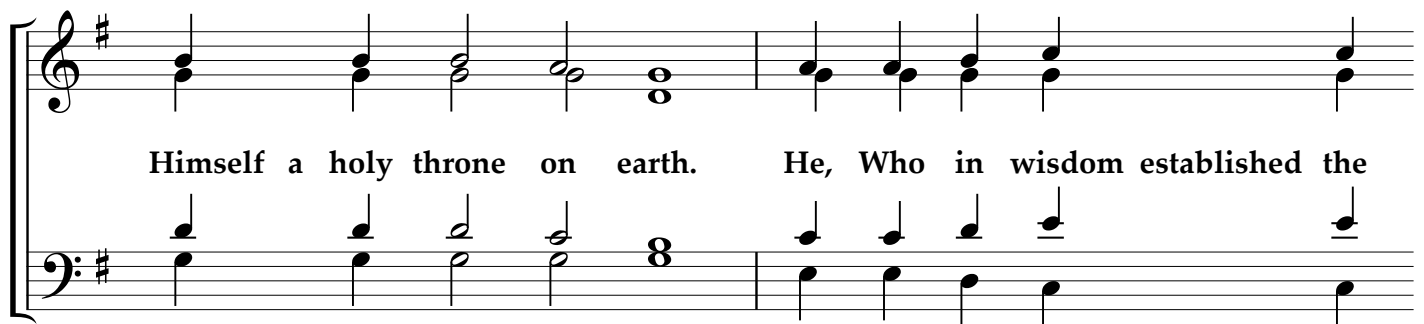
Soprano
Alto



Tenor
Bass

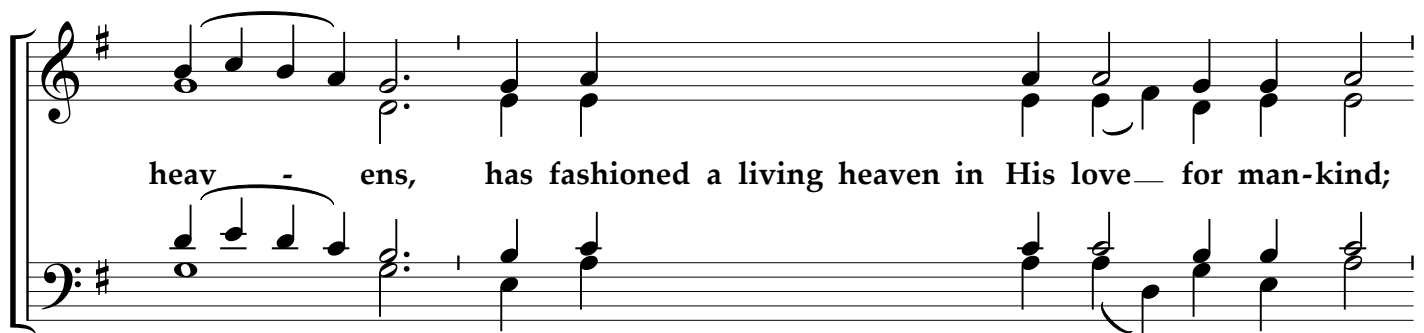
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Detailed description: This system shows the first line of music. It features two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and two piano accompaniment staves (Tenor and Bass). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Today God, Who rests upon the spir - it - ual thrones, has prepared for".



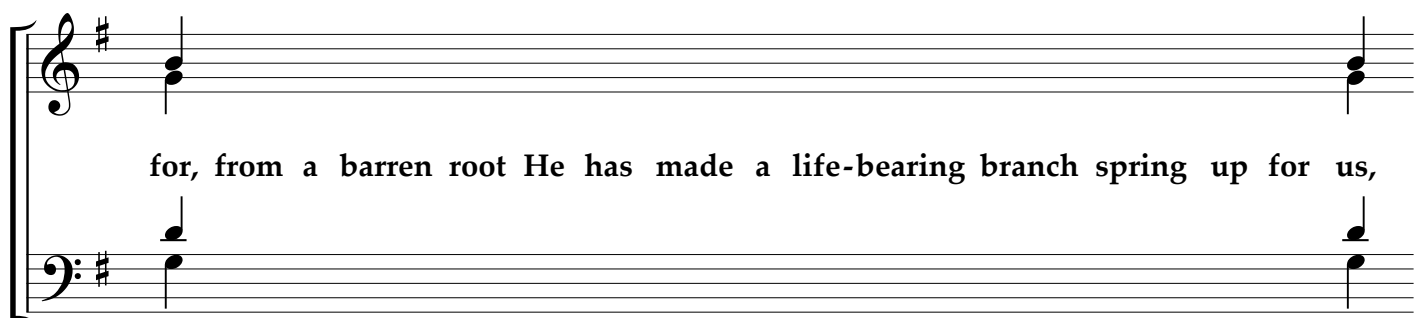
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ev - en His Moth - er. O God of wonders and Hope of the

hope - less, // O Lord, glo - ry to You!

Sticheron 2

Soprano
Alto

This is the day - of the Lord! Re-joyce, O peo - ples,

Tenor
Bass

for, be-hold, the bridal chamber of the Light, the book of the Word - of

Life, has come forth - from the womb! The gate that faces the East

is born and a-waits the entry of the Great Priest. She a-lone

ad-mits Christ in - to the world // for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Sticheron 3

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Although by God's will other bar-ren wom - en have brought forth

fa-mous off - spring, yet, of all those children Mary shines brightest,

as is fit - ting to God. For she herself was born wondrously of a

bar-ren moth - er, and gave birth in the flesh to the God of all,

in a manner surpassing nature, from a womb with-out seed. She

is the only gateway of the only-begot-ten Son of God, Who passed through

this gate yet kept it closed, and, hav - ing ordered all things in His

own wis - dom, // has wrought sal - va - tion for all - man - kind.

Sticheron 4

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Today the gates of barrenness are o - pened, and the virgin gate

of God comes forth. To-day grace begins to bear its first fruit,

re-vealing to the world the Moth - er of God. Through her things on earth

are joined with the heav - ens // for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Sticheron 5

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Today is the prelude of u - ni - ver - sal joy; today breezes blow

that herald sal - va - tion, and the barrenness of our na-ture is dis-pelled;

for the barren woman is revealed as the moth - er of her who

re-mained a vir - gin af - ter giv - ing birth to the Cre - a - tor.

From her the One Who is God by na - ture takes what is foreign to

Him and makes it His own; and works sal - vation through the flesh for

those who have gone a-stray. // He is Christ, the Lover of mankind

and the Re-deem-er of our souls.

Sticheron 6

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Today the barren Anna gives birth to the hand - maid of God,

who was chosen from all gener - a - tions to be-come the abode of

the King and Creator of all, Christ our God in ful - fill-ment of

the di-vine— plan. Through her we earth-born have been fash-ioned a-new //

and re-stored from corruption to life e - ter - - - nal.