

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Vespers

Lord, I Call —Tone 1

LORD, I CALL UPON THEE HEAR ME. HEAR ME, O LORD. LORD, I CALL UP -

ON THEE, HEAR ME. RE - CEIVE THE VOICE OF MY PRAYER, WHEN I CALL UP -

ON THEE. HEAR ME, O LORD. LET MY PRAYER A - RISE, IN THY SIGHT

AS IN - CENSE, AND LET THE LIFT - ING UP OF MY HANDS BE AND EVE - NING

SAC - RI - FICE, HEAR ME, O LORD.

8. Out of the Depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.

7. Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Verses 1,2

TO - DAY LET US, THE FAITH - FUL DANCE FOR JOY, SINGING TO THE LORD WITH

PSALMS AND HYMNS, VEN - ERATING HIS HALLOWED TABERNACLE, THE LIV - ING ARK,

THAT CONTAINED THE WORD WHO CAN - NOT BE CON - TAINED. FOR SHE, A YOUNG

CHILD IN THE FLESH, IS OFFERED IN WONDROUS FASH - ION TO THE LORD, AND

WITH REJOICING ZACHARIAS THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST RECEIVES HER AS THE

DWELL - ING PLACE OF GOD. TWICE

5. For Thy name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word. my soul has hoped on the Lord.
 6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Verses 3,4

TO - DAY THE LIVING TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GLORY OF CHRIST OUR GOD, SHE WHO

ALONE AMONG WOMEN IS PURE AND BLESS - ED, IS OF - FERED IN THE TEM - PLE OF

THE LAW, THAT SHE MAY MAKE HER DWELL - ING IN THE SANC - TU - A - RY. JO - A - CHIM

AND ANNA REJOICE WITH HER IN SPIR - IT, AND CHOIRS OF VIRGINS SING TO

THE LORD, CHANTING PSALMS AND HONORING HIS MOTHER. TWICE

4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.

Verse 5

YOU, O VIRGIN MOTHER OF GOD IS SHE WHO THE PROPHETS PROCLAIMED.

YOU ARE THE GLORY OF THE APOSTLES AND THE PRIDE OF MARTYRS, THE

RESTORATION OF ALL WHO DWELL ON EARTH; FOR THROUGH YOU WE ARE

RECONCILED TO GOD. THEREFORE WE HONOR YOUR COMING INTO THE TEMPLE

OF THE LORD AND SAVED BY YOUR INTERCESSION, WITH THE ANGEL WE ALL

CRY TO YOU: RE - JOICE MOST HO - LY LA - DY.

3. IN THE 4TH TONE: For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all His iniquities.

Verse 6

LED BY THE HOLY SPIR - IT, THE HOLY MAID WITHOUT SPOT IS TAKEN TO DWELL

IN THE HOLY OF HO - LIES. BY AN AN - GEL SHE IS FED, WHO IS IN TRUTH THE MOST

HOLY TEMPLE OF OUR HO - LY GOD. HE HAS SANCTIFIED ALL THINGS BY HER

EN - TRY, AND HAS MADE GODLIKE THE FALLEN NA - TURE OF MOR - TAL MEN.

2. Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise Him all peoples.

Verse 7

THE YOUNG GIRLS RE - JOICE TO - DAY, AND WITH THEIR LAMPS IN HAND THEY GO

IN REVERENCE BEFORE THE SPIR - I - TUAL LAMP, AS SHE EN - TERS IN - TO THE

HO - LY OF HO - LIES. THEY FORSHADOW THE BRIGHTNESS PAST SPEECH THAT

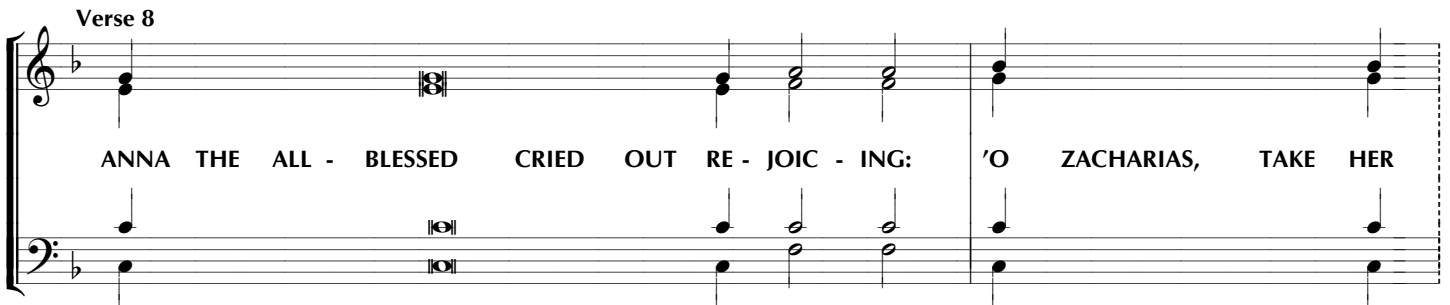
IS TO SHINE FORTH FROM HER AND TO GIVE LIGHT BY THE SPIR - IT TO



THOSE THAT SIT IN THE DARK - NESS OF IG - NO - RANCE.

1. For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

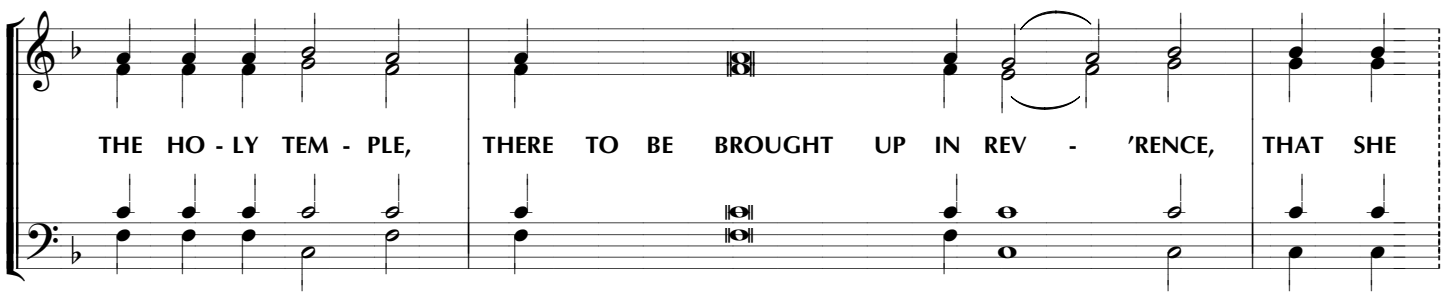
Verse 8



ANNA THE ALL - BLESSED CRIED OUT RE - JOIC - ING: 'O ZACHARIAS, TAKE HER



WHOM THE PROPHETS OF GOD PROCLAIMED INTO THE SPIR - IT, AND LEAD HER IN - TO



THE HO - LY TEM - PLE, THERE TO BE BROUGHT UP IN REV - 'RENCE, THAT SHE



MAY BECOME THE DIVINE THRONE OF THE MAS - TER OF ALL, HIS PALACE, HIS

RESTING - PLACE, AND HIS DWELL - ING FILLED WITH LIGHT'.

Glory, now and ever in the 8th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

AF - TER YOUR BIRTH, O LADY AND BRIDE OF GOD, YOU WENT TO DWELL IN THE

TEM - PLE OF THE LORD, THERE TO BE BROUGHT UP IN THE HO - LY OF HO - LIES.

FOR YOU ARE YOUR - SELF HO - LY; AND GABRIEL THEN WAS SENT TO YOU

O VIRGIN ALL - UNDEFILED, TO BRING YOU FOOD. ALL THE POWERS OF HEA -

VEN STOOD A-MAZED SEEING THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELL IN YOU. THERE - FORE,

O MOTHER OF GOD, WITHOUT STAIN OR BLEM - ISH, GLORIFIED IN

HEAVEN AND ON EARTH SAVE US.

O GLADSOME LIGHT

PROKIMENON OF THE DAY

3 READINGS

Exodus 40:1-5,9-10,16,34-35
 First Book of Kings 7:51;8:1,3-7,9-11
 Ezekiel 43:27-44:4

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

The Reading from Exodus (Ch. 40)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: On the first of the month you shall set up the Tabernacle of the Testimony. And you shall put in it the Ark and cover it with the veil. You shall bring in the table and the lampstand; and you shall set there a golden altar to burn incense before the Ark of the Testimony. And you shall put a covering on the door of the Tabernacle of the Testimony.

“Then you shall take the oil of anointing and anoint the Tabernacle and all that is in it, and consecrate it and all its vessels; and it shall be holy. And you shall consecrate the Altar of Burnt Offerings, [it] shall be most holy.”

And Moses did all that the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel had commanded him. And a cloud covered the Tabernacle of the Testimony and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. Moses was not able to enter the Tabernacle of the Testimony, because the cloud overshadowed it, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.

The Reading from the Third Book of Kings (I Kings 7,8)

And it came to pass when Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord, he assembled all the elders of Israel in Zion, to bring the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord out of the City of David, which is Zion. And the priests took up the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord, the Tabernacle of the Testimony, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tabernacle of the Testimony.

And the King and all Israel went before the Ark. And the priests brought the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord to its place, into the Oracle of the Temple—into the Holy of Holies, under the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the Ark so that the cherubim make a covering above the Ark and its holy things above. There was nothing in the Ark except the two tablets of the Covenant which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord had made a Covenant.

And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house. And the priests were unable to stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord God Almighty filled the house.

The Reading from the Book of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 43:27-44:4)

And when they have completed these days, then from the eighth day onward the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt offerings and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, says the Lord God.

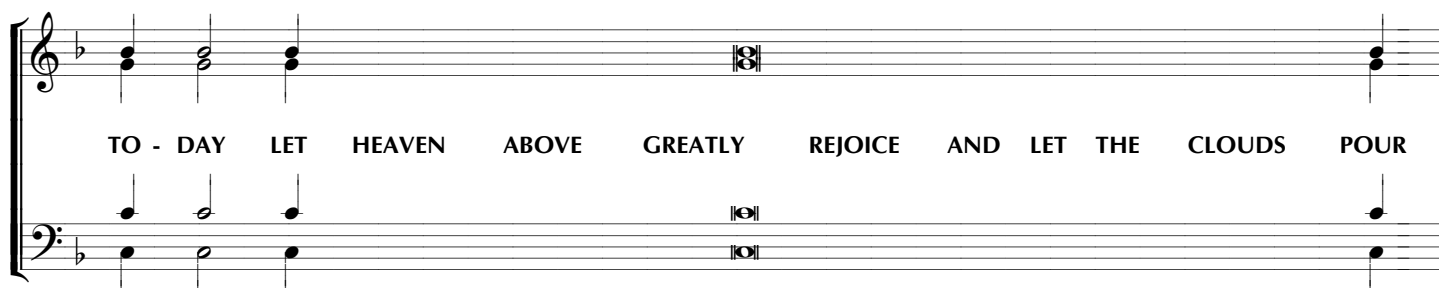
Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. And he said to me, “This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall

remain shut. Only the prince may sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way.”

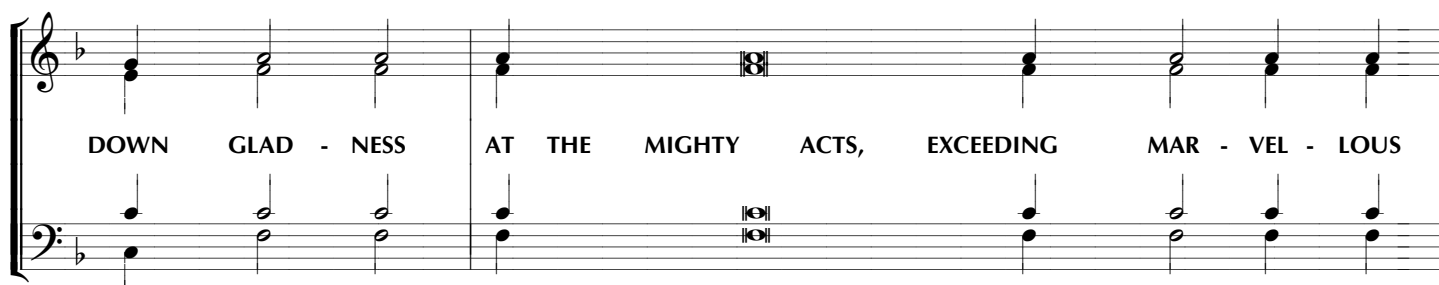
Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

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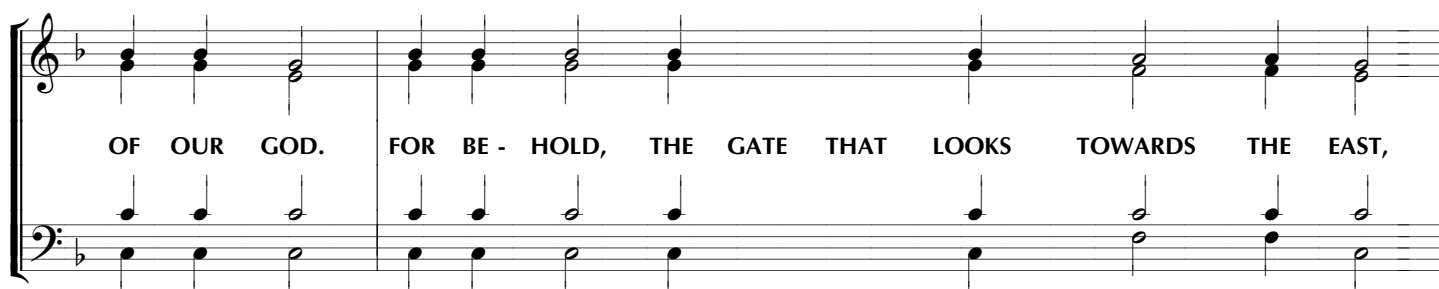
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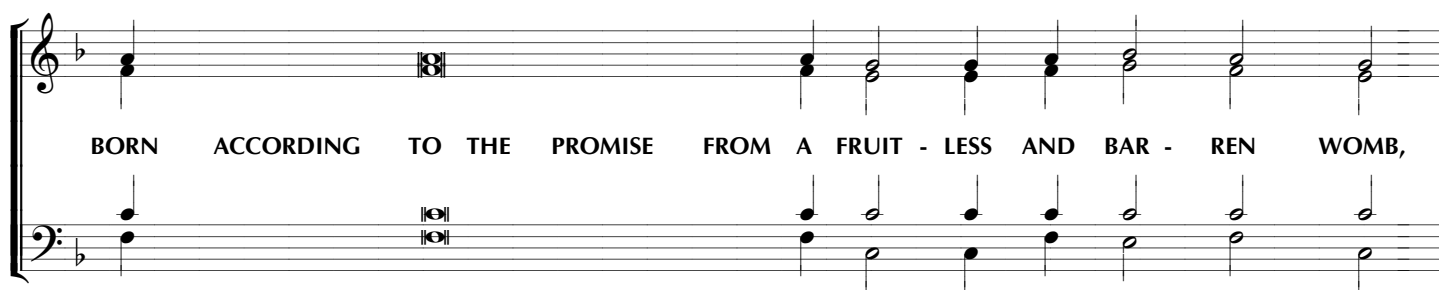
TO - DAY LET HEAVEN ABOVE GREATLY REJOICE AND LET THE CLOUDS POUR



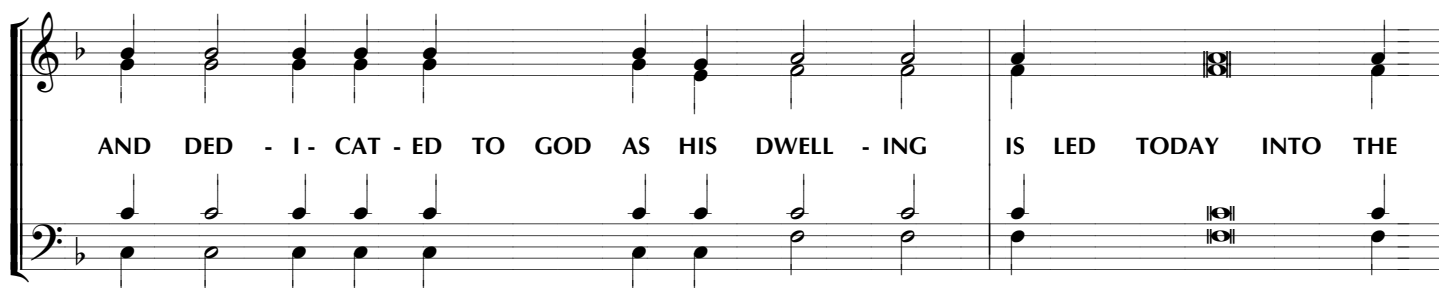
DOWN GLAD - NESS AT THE MIGHTY ACTS, EXCEEDING MAR - VEL - LOUS



OF OUR GOD. FOR BE - HOLD, THE GATE THAT LOOKS TOWARDS THE EAST,



BORN ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE FROM A FRUIT - LESS AND BAR - REN WOMB,



AND DED - I - CAT - ED TO GOD AS HIS DWELL - ING IS LED TODAY INTO THE

TEMPLE AS AN OFFERING WITHOUT BLEM - ISH. LET DA - VID GREAT -

LY RE - JOICE STRIK - ING HIS HARP. "VIRGINS", SAID HE, SHALL BE

BROUGHT TO THE KING AF - TER HER, HER COM - PAN - IONS SHALL BE BROUGHT

UN - TO THEE WITHIN THE TABERNACLE OF GOD, WITHIN HIS PLACE

OF CON - CIL - I - A - TION SHE SHALL BE BROUGHT UP, TO BECOME THE

DWELL - ING PLACE OF HIM WHO WAS BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER WITHOUT

CHANGE BE - FORE ALL A - GES, FOR THE SAL - VA - TION OF OUR SOULS.

Verse 2 - Tone 4

TODAY THE THE - O - TO - KOS, THE TEMPLE THAT IS TO HOLD GOD IS LED

IN - TO THE TEM - PLE OF THE LORD AND ZACHARIAS RE - CEIVES HER.

TODAY THE HOLY OF HOLIES RE - JOI - CES GREAT - LY, AND THE CHOIR

OF ANGELS MYSTIC'LLY KEEPS THE FEAST. WITH THEM LET US ALSO CELEBRATE

THE FEST - I - VAL TO - DAY AND LET US CRY A - LOUD WITH GA - BRI - EL:

RE - JOICE, YOU WHO ARE FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH YOU, HE

WHO HAS GREAT MER - CY.

Verse 3 - Tone 4

COME, ALL YOU PEO - PLE AND LET US PRAISE HER WHO ALONE IS UN -

DE - FILED: SHE WHO WAS FORETOLD BY THE PROPHETS AND OFFERED

IN THE TEM - PLE, THE MOTHER PREORDAINED BEFORE ALL A - GES,

WHO IN THE LAST TIMES HAS BEEN SHOWN FORTH AS THE - O - TO - KOS.

O LORD, AT HER INTERCESSION GRANT US THY PEACE AND GREAT MER - CY.

Glory, now and ever in the 5th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Verse 4 - Tone 5

A DAY OF JOY HAS DAWNED, AND A FEAST WORTHY OF REV - ER - ENCE.

FOR TODAY SHE WHO WAS A VIRGIN BEFORE CHILD - BIRTH, AND RE - MAINED

VIRGIN AF - TER BEAR - ING CHILD, IS OF - FERED IN THE TEM - PLE.

THE VENERABLE ZACHARIAS, FATHER OF THE FORERUNNER, CRIED ALOUD RE -

JOIC - ING: THE EX - PEC - TA - TION OF THOSE IN AF - FLIC - TION, HER -

SELF HO - LY, IS COME TO THE HOLY TEM - PLE, THERE TO BE CONSECRATED

AS DWELLING - PLACE OF THE AL - MIGH - TY. LET JO - A - CHIM THE

FORE - FATHER BE GLAD AND LET ANNA REJOICE EX - CEED - ING - LY,

FOR THEY HAVE OFFERED UNTO GOD, AS A THREE YEAR OLD VICTIM OF

SAC - RI - FICE, THE QUEEN WITHOUT BLEM - ISH. RE - JOICE, WITH

THEM, O YOU MO - THERS; YOU VIR - GINS DANCE FOR JOY AND YOU BARREN,

BE OF GOOD CHEER. FOR THE PRE - OR - DAINED QUEEN OF ALL HAS OP -

ENED THE KINGDOM OF HEA - VEN UN - TO US. REJOICE AND BE EX - CEED -

ING GLAD, YOU PEO - PLES.

APOSTICHA - Tone 5

Verse 1

HEA - VEN AND EARTH REJOICE, BEHOLDING THE SPIRITUAL HEA - VEN, THE ON - LY

VIRGIN WITHOUT BLEMISH, ENTERS THE HOUSE OF GOD TO BE REARED IN REV -

ER - ENCE. TO HER ZACHARIAS IN A - MAZE - MENT CRIED: 'O GATE OF THE LORD!

UNTO THEE I OPEN THE GATES OF THE TEM - PLE: REJOICE AND GO ROUND IT IN

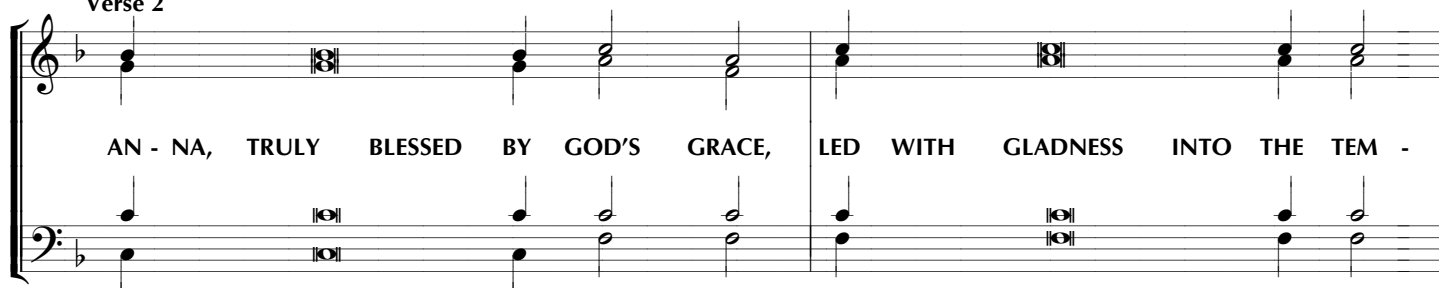
GLAD - NESS. FOR I KNOW AND BELIEVE THAT THE DELIVERENCE OF IS - RA - EL

NOW COME TO DWELL OP - EN - LY IN OUR MIDST, AND THAT FROM YOU SHALL BE

BORN GOD THE WORD, WHO GRANTS THE WORLD GREAT MER - CY'.

READER: Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

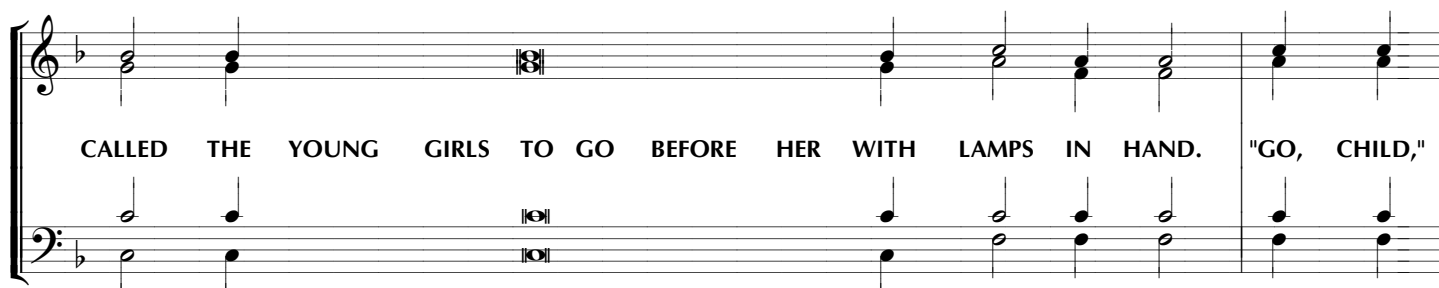
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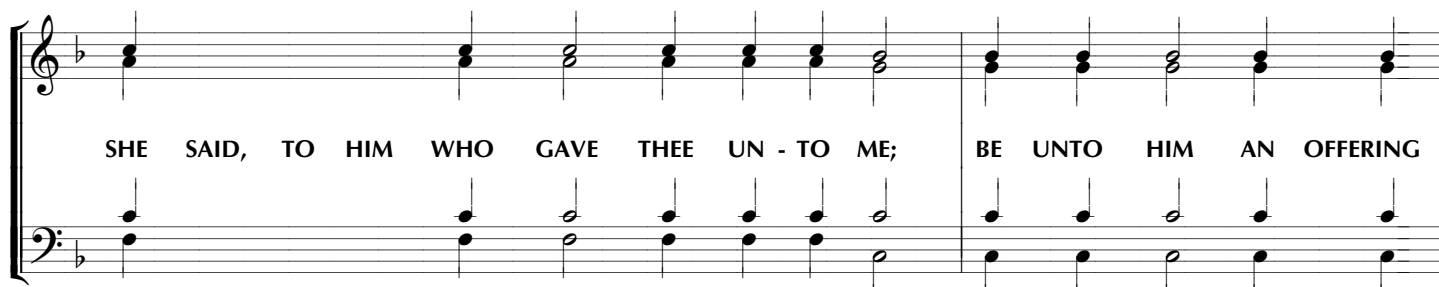
AN - NA, TRULY BLESSED BY GOD'S GRACE, LED WITH GLADNESS INTO THE TEM -



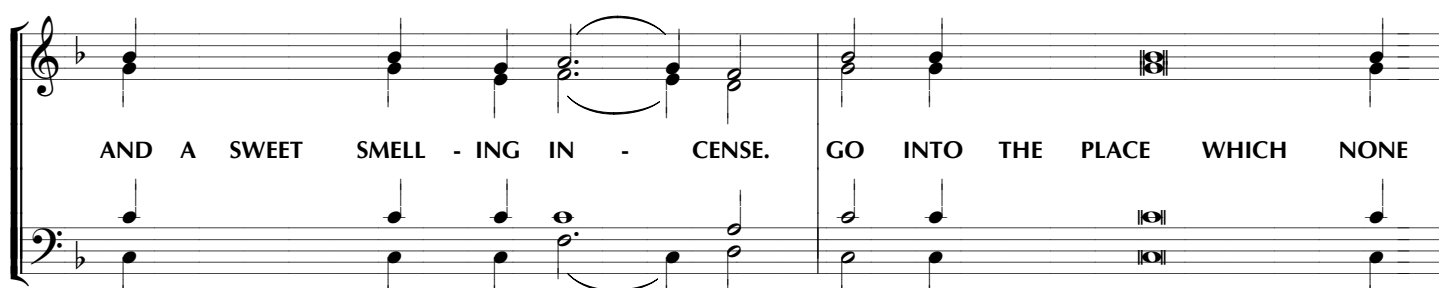
PLE OF THE LORD THE PURE AND EVER - VIRGIN, WHO IS FULL OF GRACE, AND SHE



CALLED THE YOUNG GIRLS TO GO BEFORE HER WITH LAMPS IN HAND. "GO, CHILD,"



SHE SAID, TO HIM WHO GAVE THEE UN - TO ME; BE UNTO HIM AN OFFERING



AND A SWEET SMELL - ING IN - CENSE. GO INTO THE PLACE WHICH NONE

MAY EN - TER: LEARN ITS MYSTERIES AND PRE - PARE THY - SELF TO BE - COME

THE PLEASING AND BEAUTIFUL DWELLING PLACE OF JE - SUS, WHO GRANTS THE WORLD

GREAT MER - CY.

READER: With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

Verse 3

THE MOST HO - LY VIRGIN, TEMPLE THAT IS TO HOLD GOD, IS DEDICATED WITHIN

THE TEM - PLE OF THE LORD AND YOUNG GIRLS, BEARING LAMPS, NOW GO BE -

FORE HER. HER NO - BLE PARENTS, JOACHIM AND ANNA, LEAP FOR JOY AND

DANCE, FOR THEY HAVE BORNE HER THAT IS TO BEAR THE CRE - A - TOR: AND SHE,

THE ALL - PURE, WITH REJOICING GOES ROUND THE DIVINE HA - BIT - A - TIONS

AND IS FED BY THE HANDS OF AN AN - GEL. SHE SHALL BECOME

MO - THER OF CHRIST, WHO GRANTS THE WORLD GREAT MER - CY.

Glory, now and ever in the 6th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: TODAY LET US, THE ARRAYS OF THE ASSEMBLED FAITH - FUL TRIUMPH IN SPIRIT,

Musical notation for the second system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: AND REVERENTLY PRAISE THE CHILD OF GOD VIRGIN AND THE - O -

Musical notation for the third system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: TO - KOS, AS SHE IS OFFERED IN THE TEM - PLE OF THE LORD:

Musical notation for the fourth system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: SHE WHO WAS FORECHOSEN FROM ALL GEN - ER - A - TIONS TO BE THE

Musical notation for the fifth system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: DWELLING - PLACE OF CHRIST, THE MASTER AND GOD OF ALL O VIRGINS BEARING

LAMPS, GO BE - FORE HER, HONORING THE MAJESTIC ADVANCE OF THE EVER -

VIR - GIN. YOU MOTHERS, SETTING ASIDE EVERY SORROW, FOLLOW

THEM IN GLAD - NESS, SINGING THE PRAISES OF HER WHO BECAME THE MO -

THER OF GOD AND MEDIATOR OF JOY FOR THE WORLD WITH THE ANGEL

JOYFULLY LET US ALL CRY: REJOICE! TO HER THAT IS FULL OF GRACE

Musical score for the phrase "AND EVER INTERCEDES FOR OUR SOULS." The score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major. The melody is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are: AND EVER INTERCEDES FOR OUR SOULS. The word "INTER" is hyphenated. The score ends with a double bar line.

Three Times

ST. SIMEON'S PRAYER

TRISAGION

Troparion of the Feast

Tone 4

TO - DAY IS THE PREVIEW OF THE GOOD WILL OF GOD OF THE

PREACHING OF THE SALVATION OF MAN - KIND THE VIRGIN APPEARS IN THE

TEM - PLE OF GOD, IN ANTICIPATION PROCLAIMING CHRIST TO ALL.

LET US REJOICE AND SING TO HER: RE - JOICE, O DIVINE FUL - FILL - MENT

OF THE CREATOR'S DIS - PEN - SA - TION.