

# Stichera at "Lord, I Call..." (Prefeast)

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ December 18-24

Tone 6  
Sticheron 1

Sedmiezersk Hermitage Chant  
Model Melody: "Having placed all their hope"

*♩ = 90*

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

The nev - er - setting Sun presses for - ward to rise,  
en-lightening all things under heav - en. Let us has-ten  
with clean hands and pure deeds to meet Him; let us  
prepare to be borne on high with Him in spir - it!  
Let us beseech Him in His com-pas - sion, that, as He

[ comes to His good... ]

comes in His good pleasure to His own— strange birth, He may

lead us, who have become strangers to the path of life in

E - den, in - to Beth - le-hem // where He comes

\*)ALTERNATIVE ENDING:

to be born! where— He comes to be born!

Sticheron 2

The Word of God, up-borne on the shoulders of the

cher - u - bim, goes to dwell in a womb without blem -

ish. Though without passions, He is bound fast — to the

flesh; — He comes on earth as a man, born of the tribe of

Ju - dah. A cave becomes the palace of the King — of

all; the fiery throne is replaced by a manger, where the

[ Virgin Mary lays... ]

Virgin Mary lays Him as a babe, — for He comes to restore the

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first-cre - at - ed man, // as He is well - pleased so to do.

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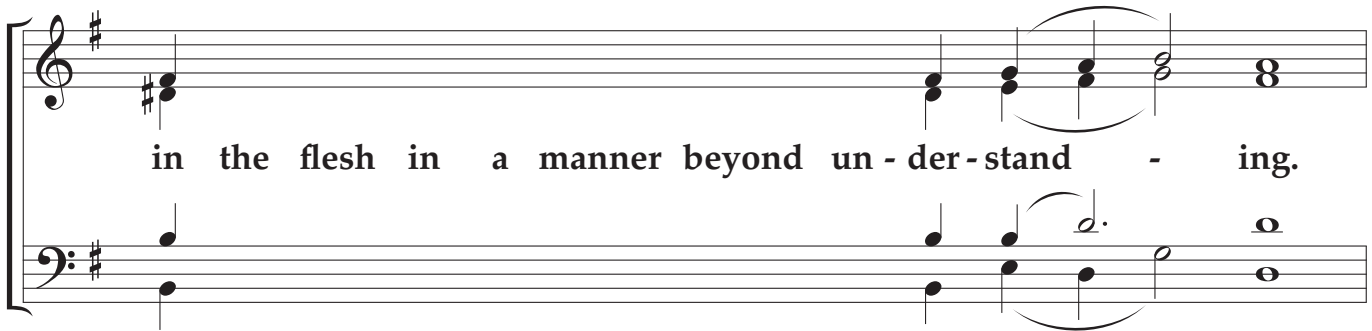
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Sticheron 3

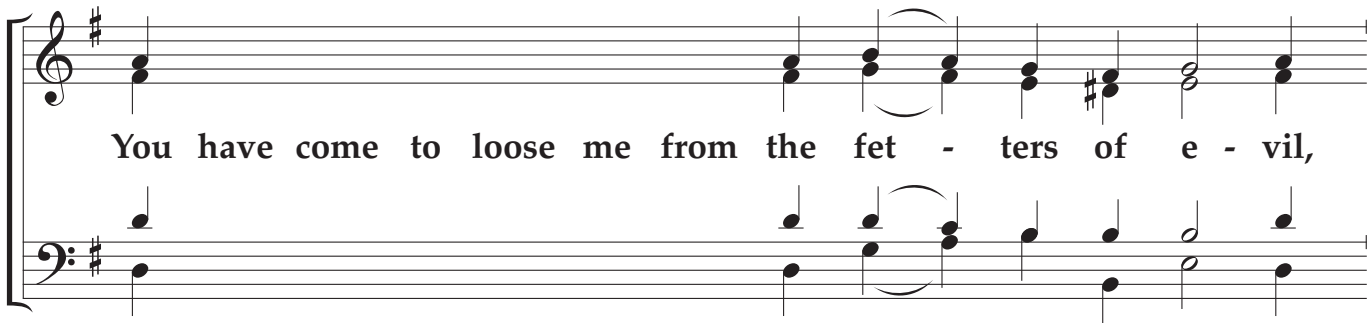
O Word of God with - out — be - gin - ning, the Vir - gin lays

You in a man - ger of dumb beasts. You choose to begin Your life

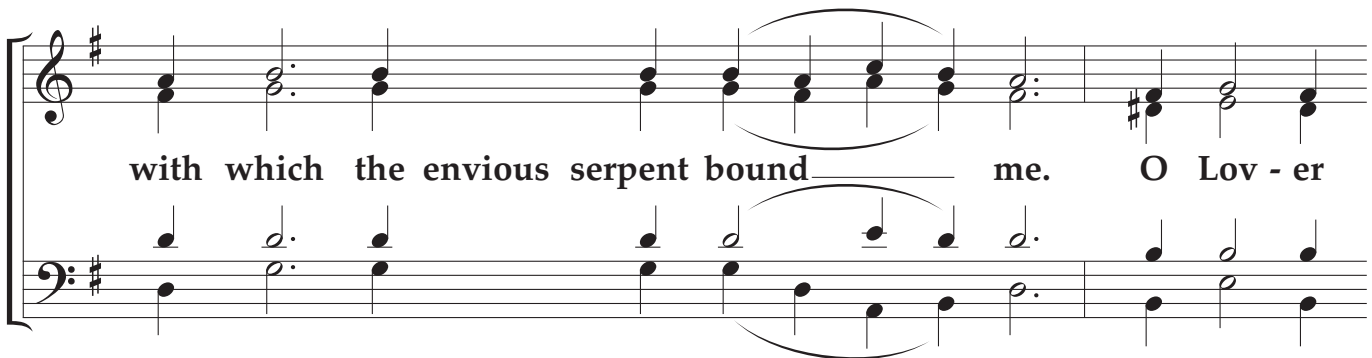
[ in the flesh... ]



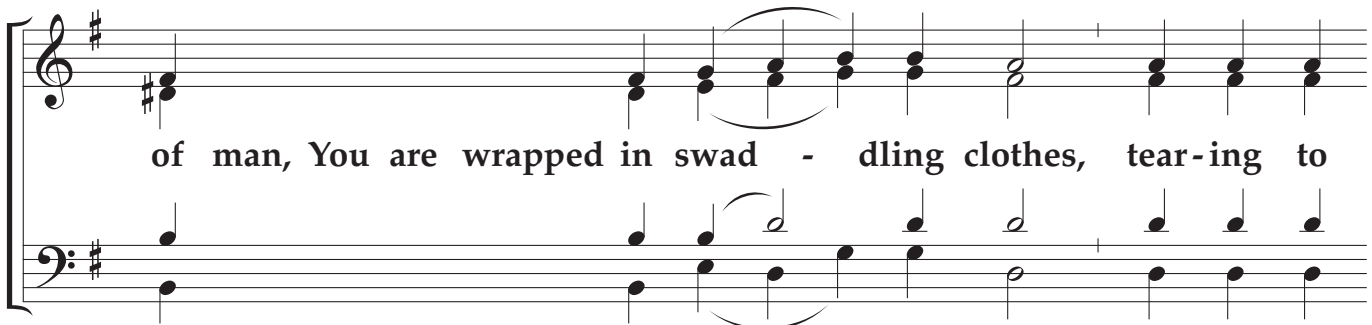
in the flesh in a manner beyond un - der - stand - ing.



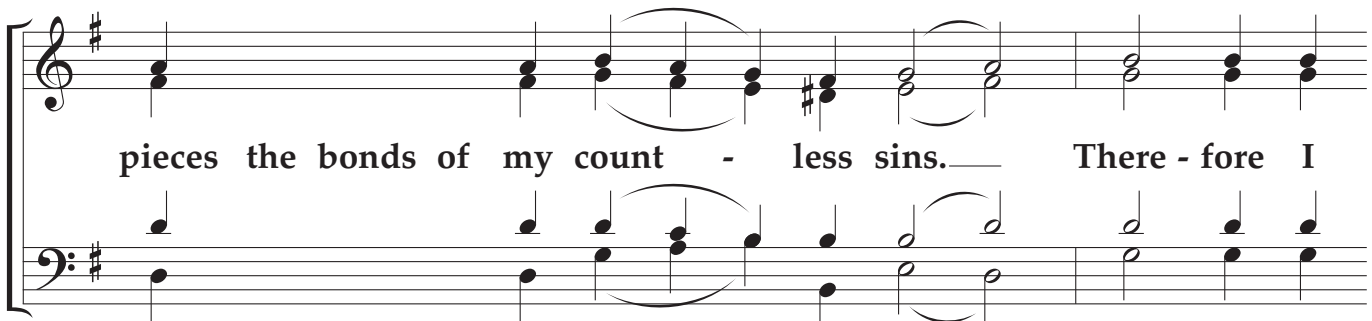
You have come to loose me from the fet - ters of e - vil,



with which the envious serpent bound me. O Lov - er



of man, You are wrapped in swad - dling clothes, tear - ing to

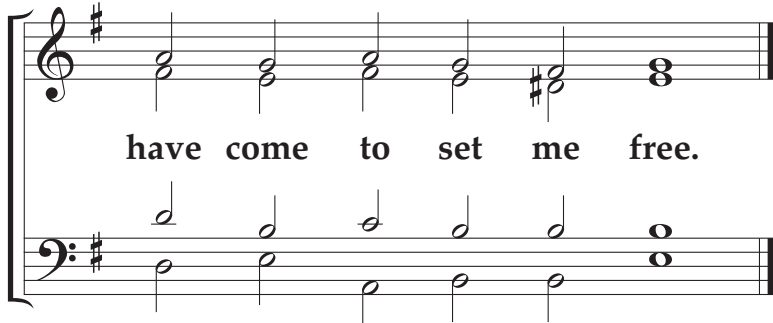


pieces the bonds of my count - less sins. — There - fore I

[ joyfully praise and worship... ]

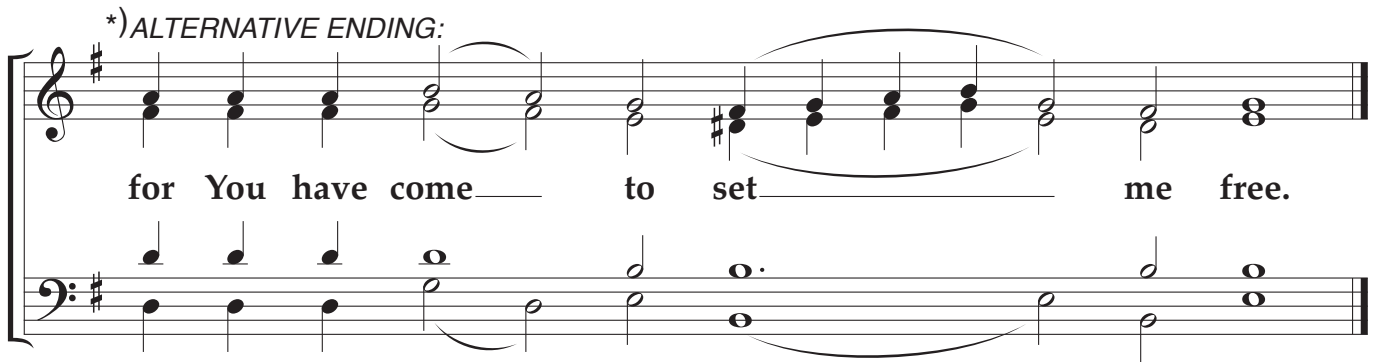


joyfully praise and worship Your ho - ly birth, // for You



have come to set me free.

*\*) ALTERNATIVE ENDING:*



for You have come to set me free.