

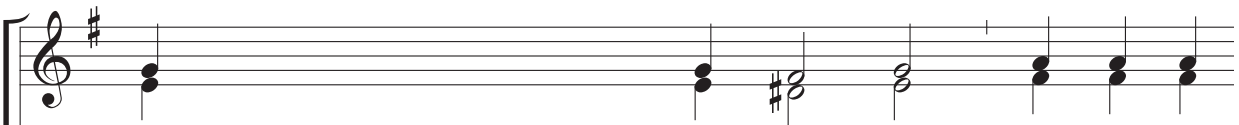
Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

The Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25

Tone 6
Sticheron 1


Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto



Tenor
Bass

Revealing to thee the pre-eternal coun - sel, Gab - ri - el



came and stood before thee, O Maid - en, and greet - ing



thee, he said: "Rejoice, Earth that has not been sown!



Rejoice, burning Bush that re - mains un - con - sumed!



[Rejoice, unsearchable . . .]

Re-joyce, un-search - a - ble Depth! Rejoyce, Bridge that leads to

Heav - en! Rejoyce, Ladder raised on high that Ja - cob saw!

Rejoyce, divine Jar of man - na! Re-joyce, De - liv - erance

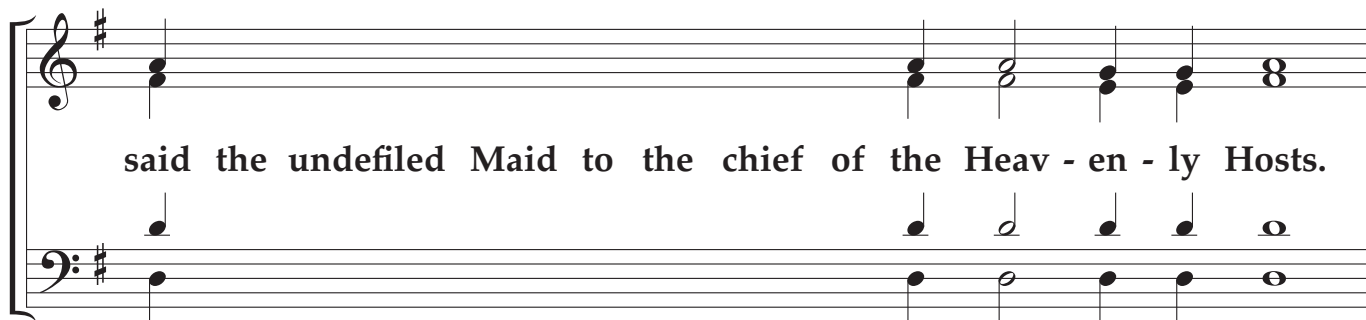
from the curse! Rejoyce, Restoration of Ad - am; //

the Lord is with thee!"

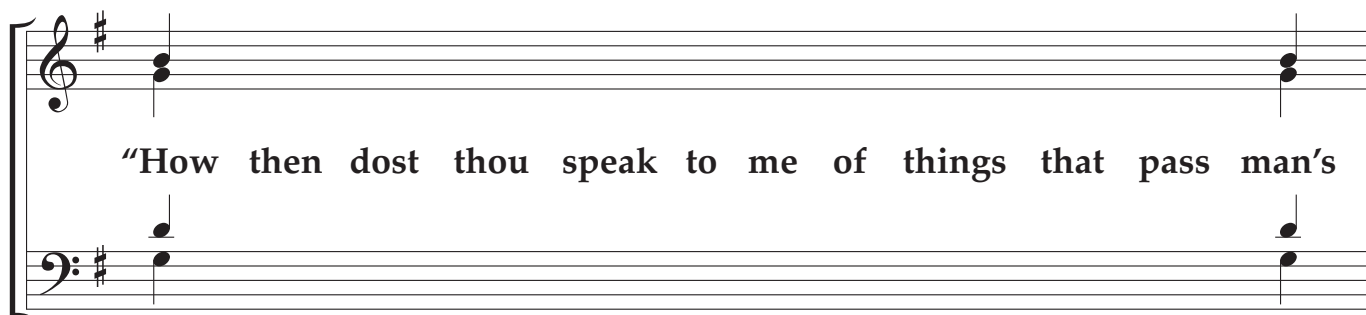
Sticheron 2



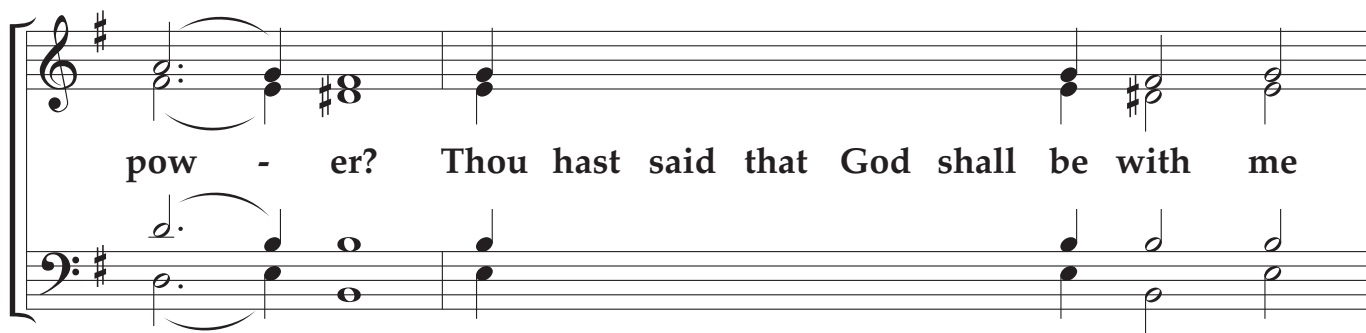
"Thou dost appear to me in the form of a man,"



said the undefiled Maid to the chief of the Heav - en - ly Hosts.



"How then dost thou speak to me of things that pass man's



pow - er? Thou hast said that God shall be with me



and shall take up His dwell - ing in my womb. How shall

[I become the spacious . . .]

I become the spacious habi - ta - tion and the

holy place of Him Who rides upon the Cher - u - bim?

Do not deceive me with trick - er - y; for I have

not known pleas - ure, I have not entered into wed -

lock. // How then shall I bear a Child?"

Sticheron 3

Then the bodiless An - gel re - plied: "When God so

wills, the order of nature is o - ver - come, and

what is beyond man comes to pass. Believe that my

say - ings are true, O all - holy and immaculate La -

dy!" And she cried a - loud: "Let it be to me ac -

[- cording to thy . . .]

cord - ing to thy word, and I shall bear Him Who is with -

out — flesh! He shall borrow flesh from me, that

through this union of na - tures He may lead man

up to his ancient glo - ry, // for He alone has power

so to do."