

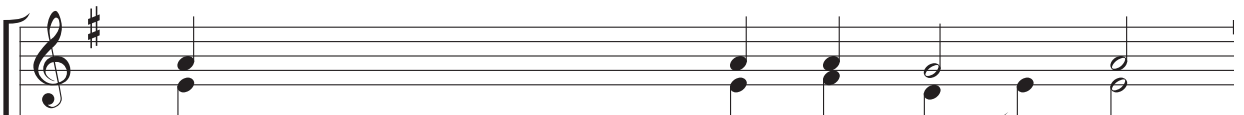
# Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

*The Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25*

Tone 6  
Sticheron 1

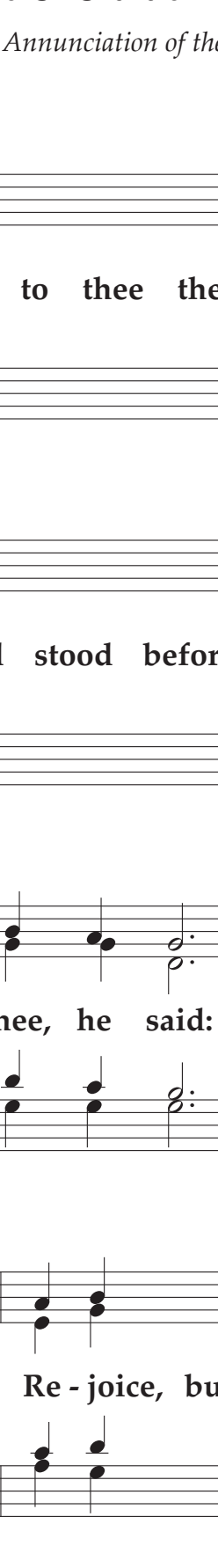
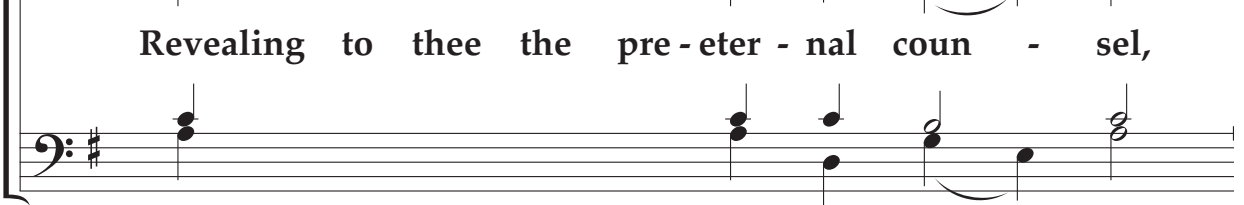
Kievan Chant  
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano  
Alto

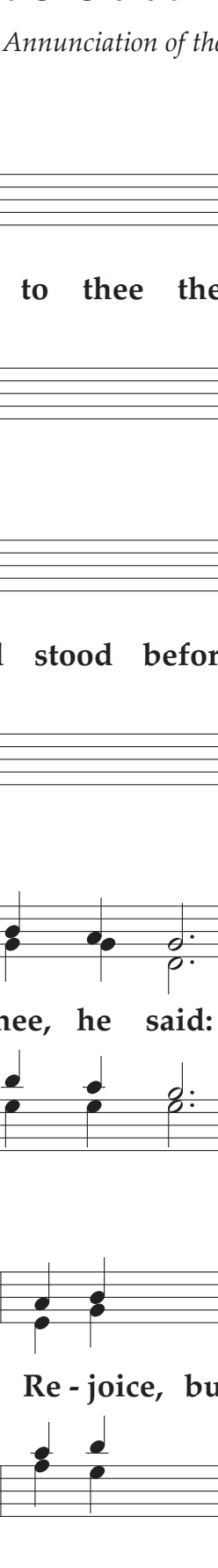


Revealing to thee the pre - eter - nal coun - sel,


Tenor  
Bass




Gabriel came and stood before thee, O Maid - en,



and greet - ing thee, he said: "Re - joice, Earth that has



not been sown! Re - joice, burning Bush that re - mains un - con -



[ - sumed! / Re-joyce ... ]

sumed! Re - joyce, un - search - a - ble Depth! Re - joyce,

Bridge that leads to Heav - en! Re - joyce, Ladder raised on

high that Ja - cob saw! Re - joyce, divine Jar of man - na!

Re - joyce, De - liv - erance from the curse! Re - joyce, 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 . . . ]

How shall 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 en - tered in - to 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

be - yond man — comes to pass. Be - lieve that my say - ings are

true, O all - holy and immaculate La - dy!" And she

cried — a - loud: "Let it be to me accord - ing to thy

[word / and I shall . . . ]

word, and I shall bear Him Who is with - out flesh!

He shall borrow flesh from me, that through this

un - ion of na - tures He may lead man up to his

an - cient glo - ry, // for He a - lone has pow - er

so to do."