

Stichera at the Litya

The Nativity of Christ - December 25

Tone 1

Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant

arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Make mer - ry, O heaven and earth, as the Proph-ets fore -

told! Celebrate in the spirit, O An - gels and men! God is

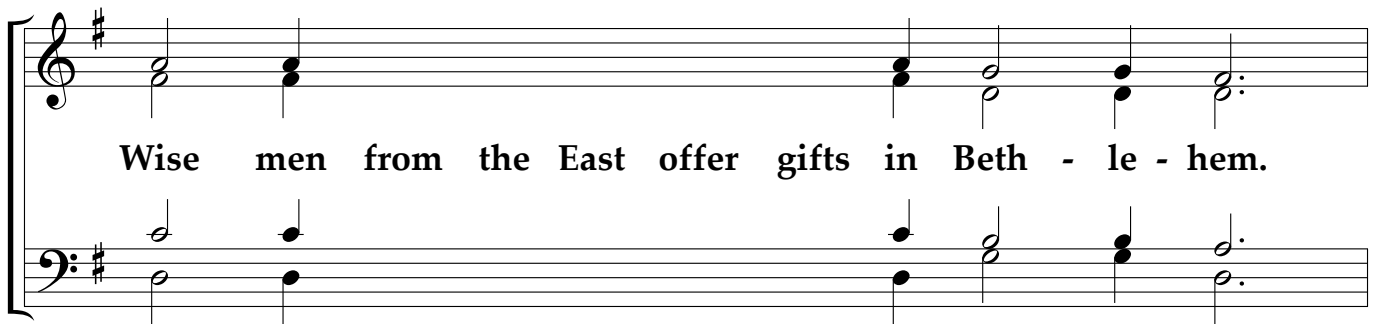
born of a woman and ap - pears in the flesh to those that

sit in dark - ness and shad - ow. A cave — and a

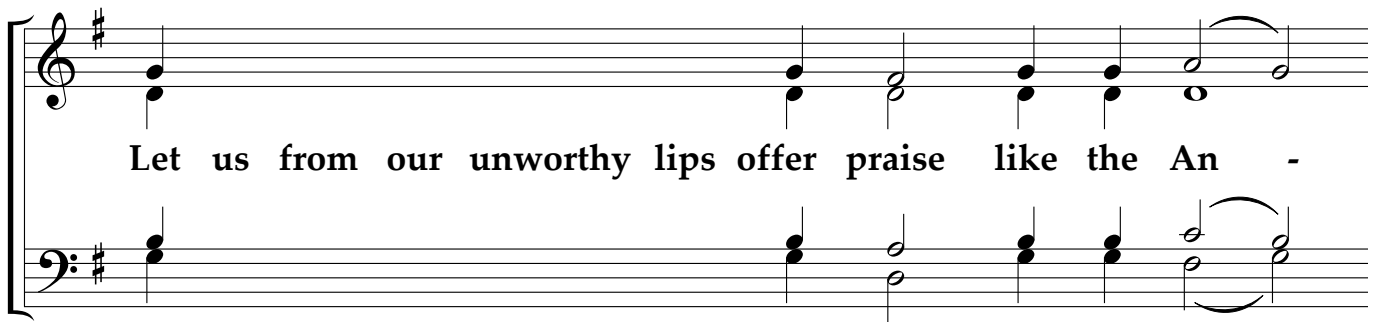
[manger welcome Him.]



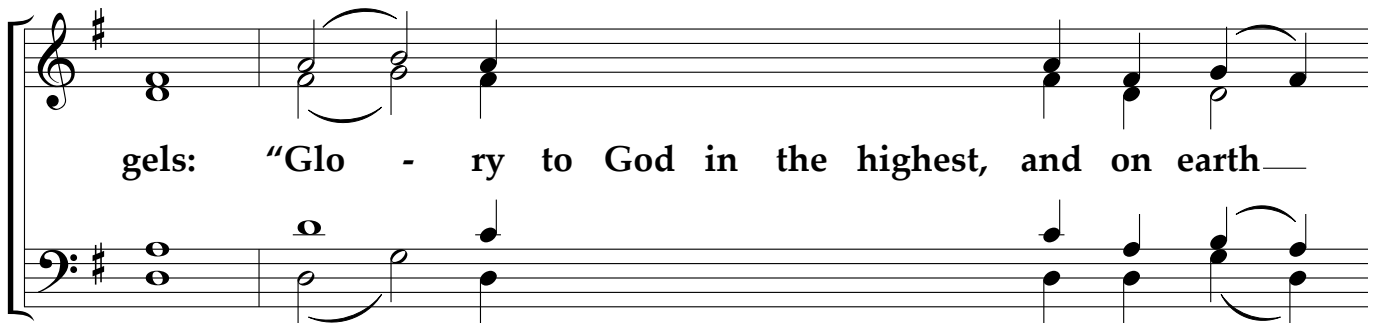
man-ger wel-come Him. Shepherds announce the won - der.



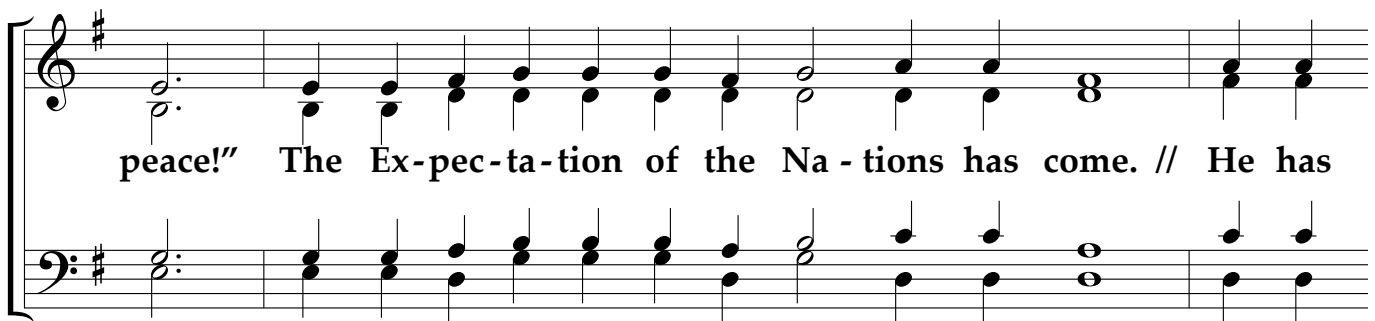
Wise men from the East offer gifts in Beth - le - hem.



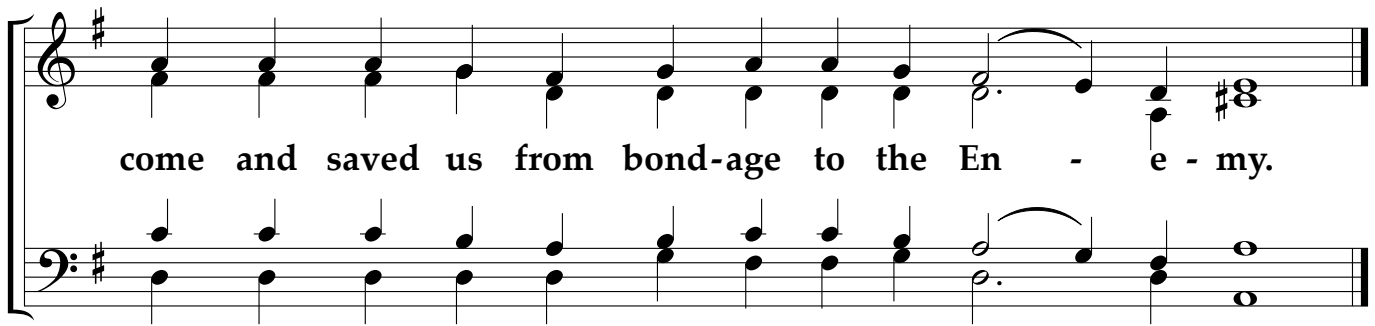
Let us from our unworthy lips offer praise like the An -



gels: "Glo - ry to God in the highest, and on earth—

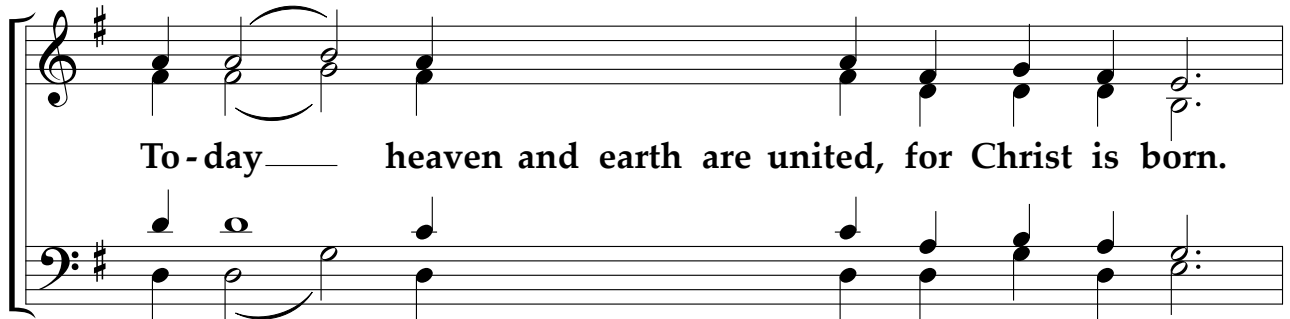


peace!" The Ex-pec-ta-tion of the Na - tions has come. // He has

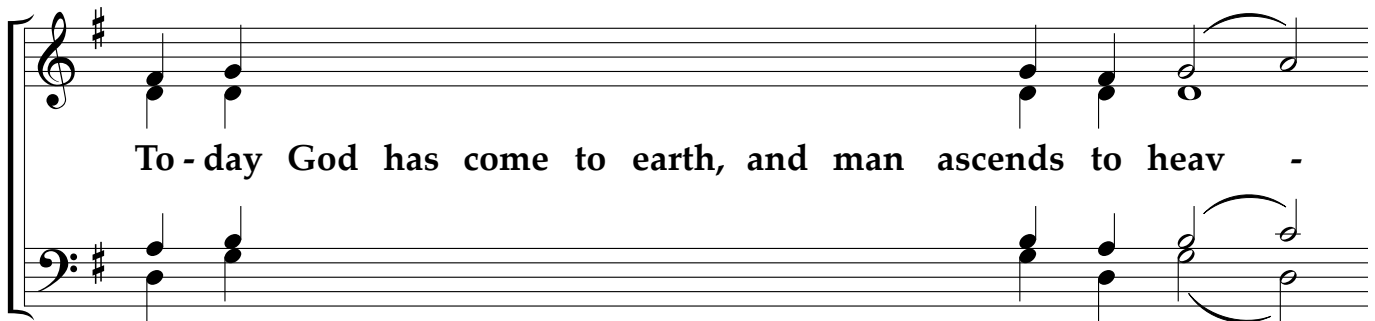


come and saved us from bond-age to the En - e - my.

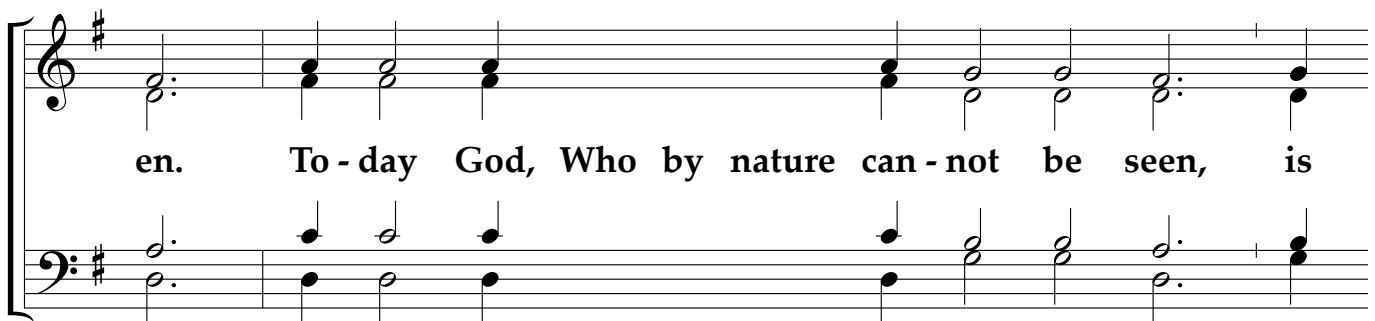
Sticheron 2



To-day — heaven and earth are united, for Christ is born.



To-day God has come to earth, and man ascends to heav -



en. To-day God, Who by nature can - not be seen, is



seen in the flesh for our sake. Let us glo - ri - fy Him,

[crying out:]

cry - ing out: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth—

peace! Thy com - ing has brought peace to us. // Glo - ry to



Thee, — O our Sav - ior!"

Sticheron 3

"Glo - ry to God in the high - est," I hear the

Angels sing today in Beth - le - hem. Glo - ry to

Him Whose good pleas - ure it was that peace should come

up - on earth. The Vir - gin is now more spacious

than the heav - ens. Light has shone on those in dark -

ness; it has ex - alt - ed the lowly, who sing like the

An - gels: // "Glo - ry to God in the high - est!"

Sticheron 4

Man — was created in God's image and like - ness,

but when Jesus saw him fallen through trans - gres - sion,

He bowed the heavens and came down, dwelling in a Vir - gin's

womb, with - out for - sak - ing His di - vin - i - ty. Ad - am,

once corrupted, was re - fash - ioned. He cried out:

The musical score is written for a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are in English and are aligned with the notes. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Man — was created in God's image and like - ness, but when Jesus saw him fallen through trans - gres - sion, He bowed the heavens and came down, dwelling in a Vir - gin's womb, with - out for - sak - ing His di - vin - i - ty. Ad - am, once corrupted, was re - fash - ioned. He cried out:"

"Glory to Thine ap - pear - ing, // O my Re-deem - er

and my God!"