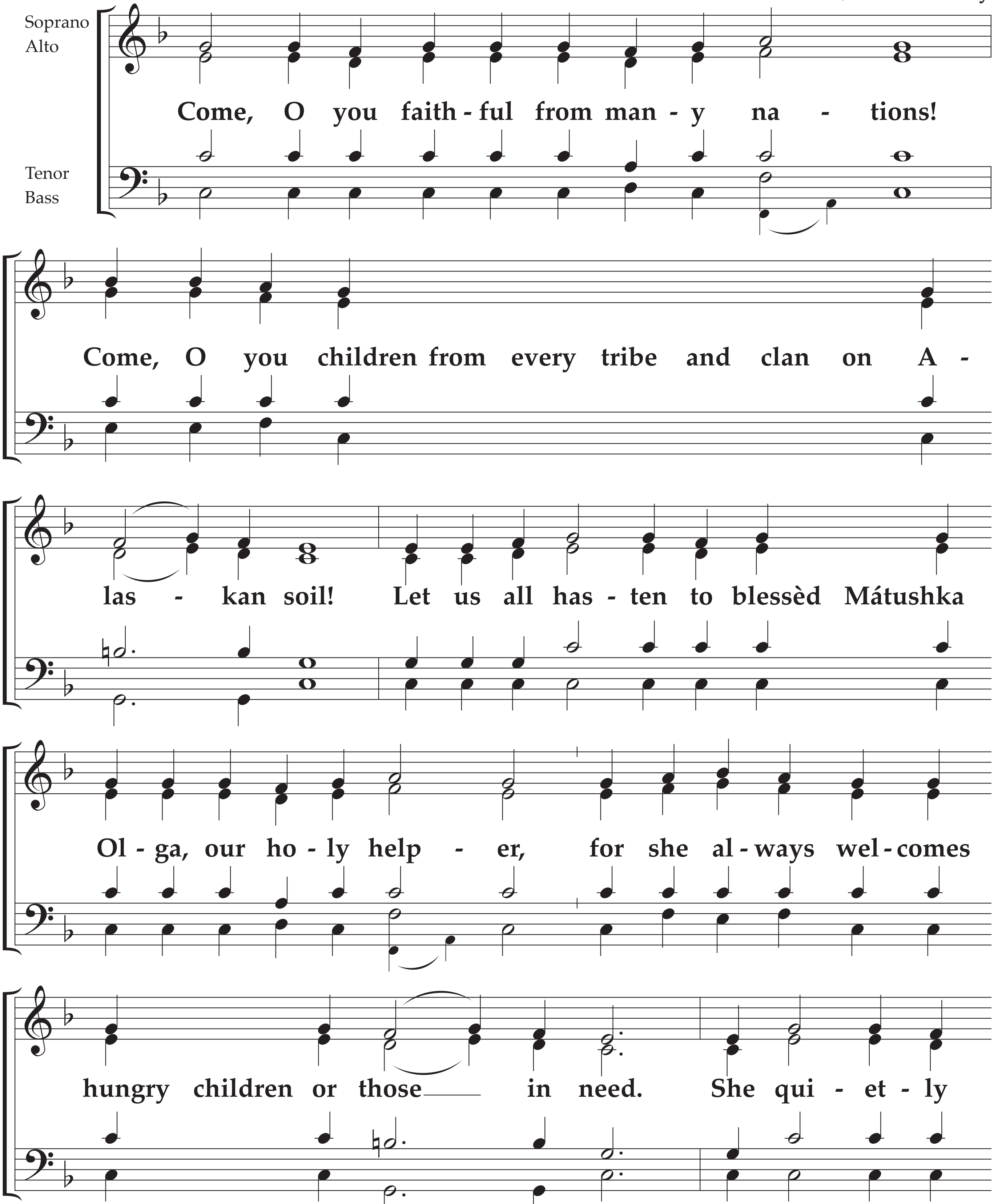
Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

Righteous Olga of Kwethluk, Wonderworker, Matushka of All Alaska - October 27

Tone 7
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant (Alaskan variant)
Traditional Kuskokwim/Yukon Melody


Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Come, O you faith - ful from man - y na - tions!
Come, O you children from every tribe and clan on A -
las - kan soil! Let us all has - ten to blessèd Mátushka
Ol - ga, our ho - ly help - er, for she al - ways wel - comes
hungry children or those in need. She qui - et - ly

[takes our pain . . .]

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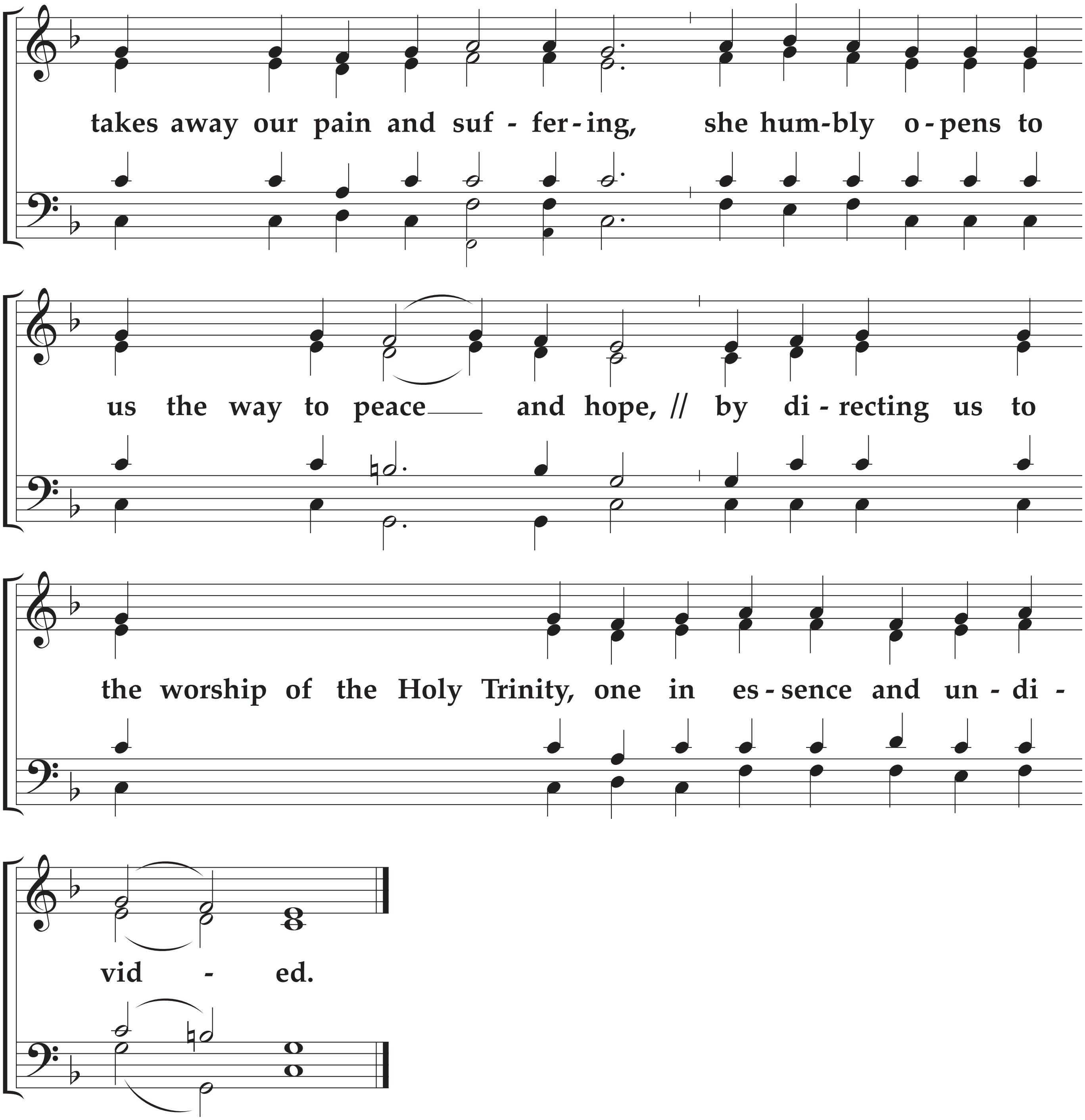
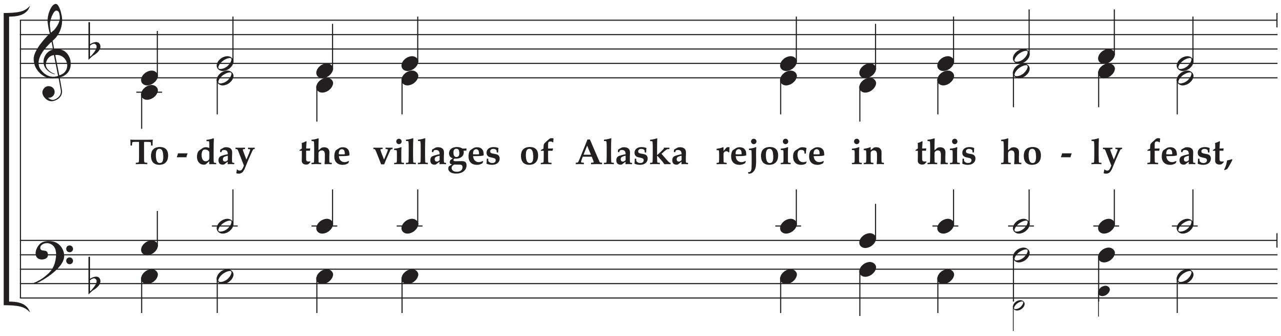
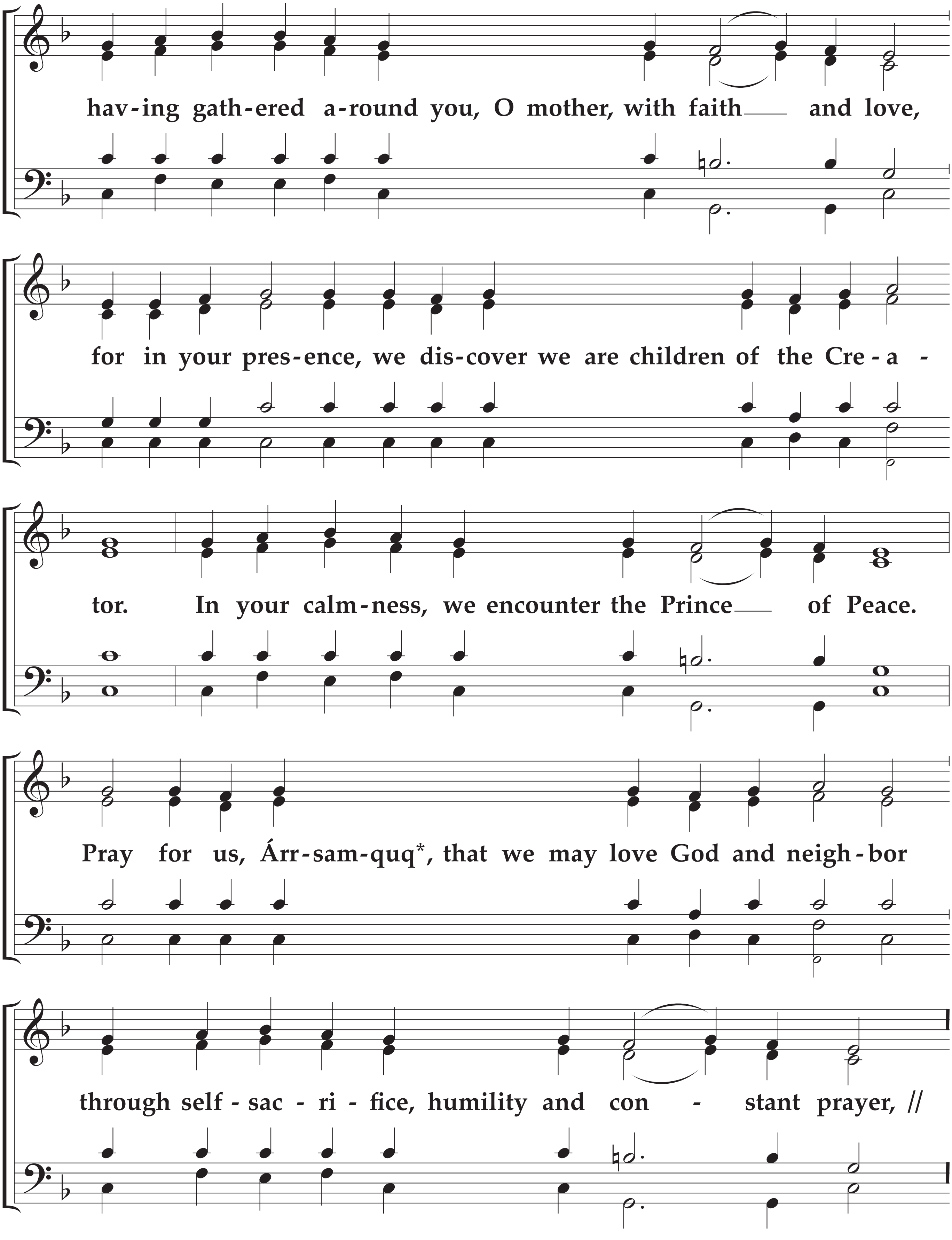

takes away our pain and suf - fer - ing, she hum-bly o - pens to
us the way to peace and hope, // by di - recting us to
the worship of the Holy Trinity, one in es - sence and un - di -
vid - ed.

Sticheron 2

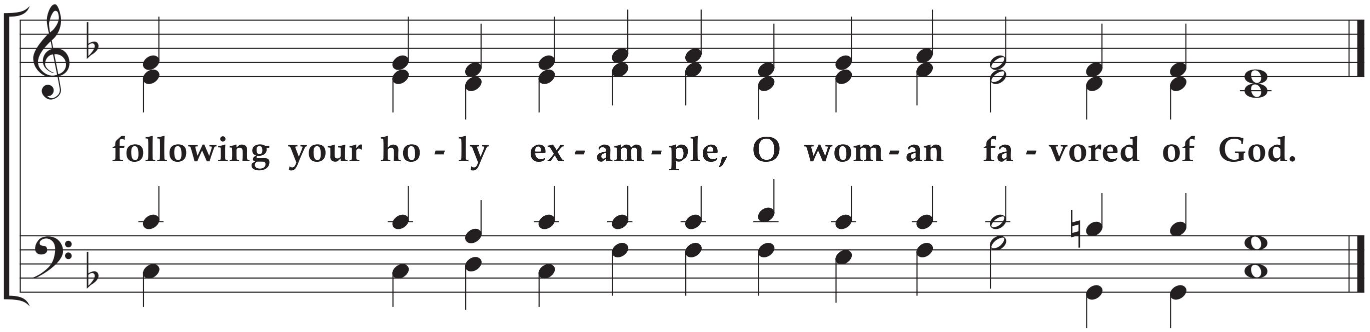

To - day the villages of Alaska rejoice in this ho - ly feast,

[having gathered around . . .]

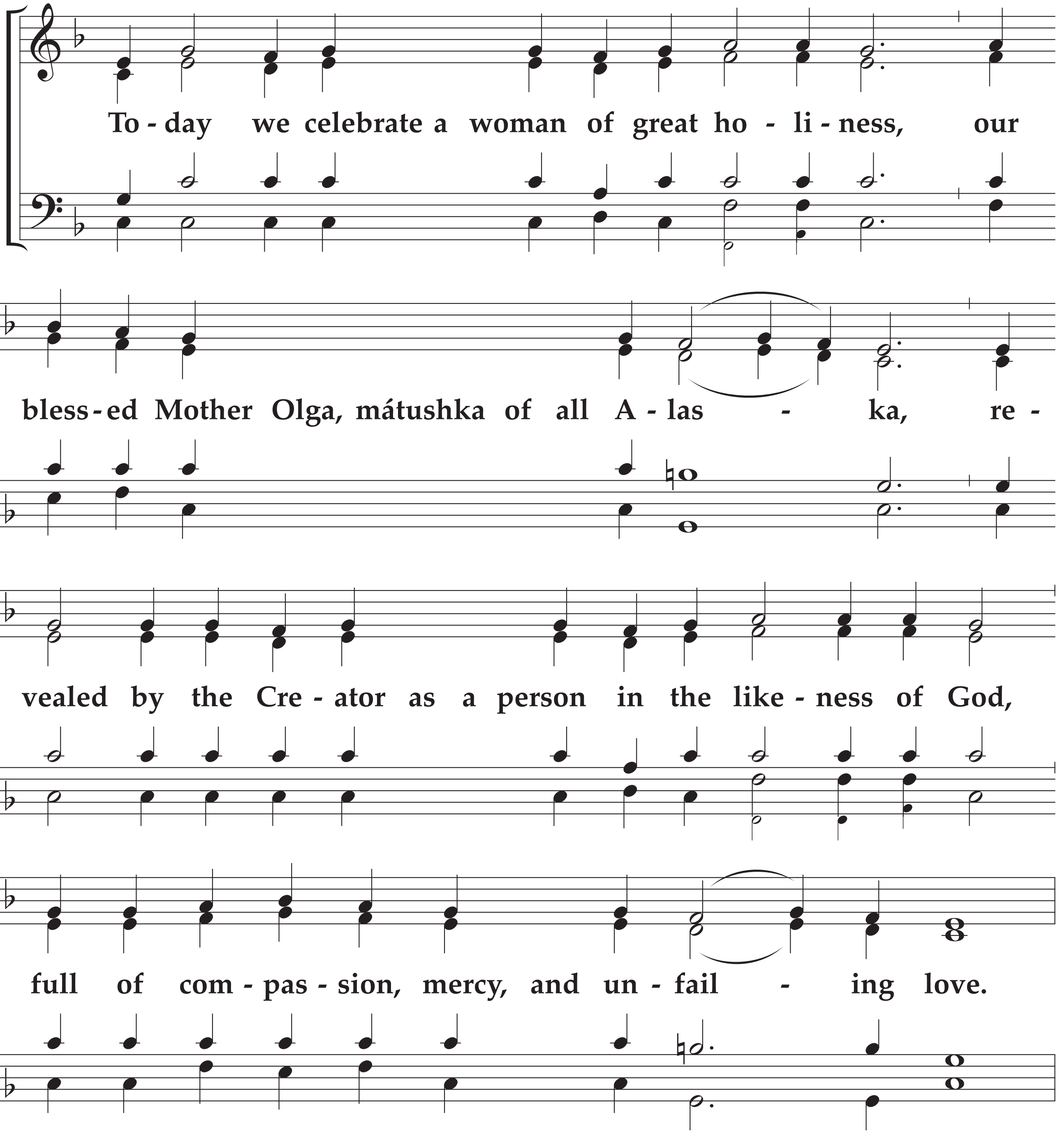

hav-ing gath-ered a-round you, O mother, with faith and love,
for in your pres-ence, we dis-cover we are children of the Cre-a-
tor. In your calm-ness, we encounter the Prince of Peace.
Pray for us, Árr-sam-quq*, that we may love God and neigh-bor
through self-sac-ri-fice, humility and con-stant prayer, //

*St. Olga’s given Yup’ik name, pronounced “AKH-some-gook.”

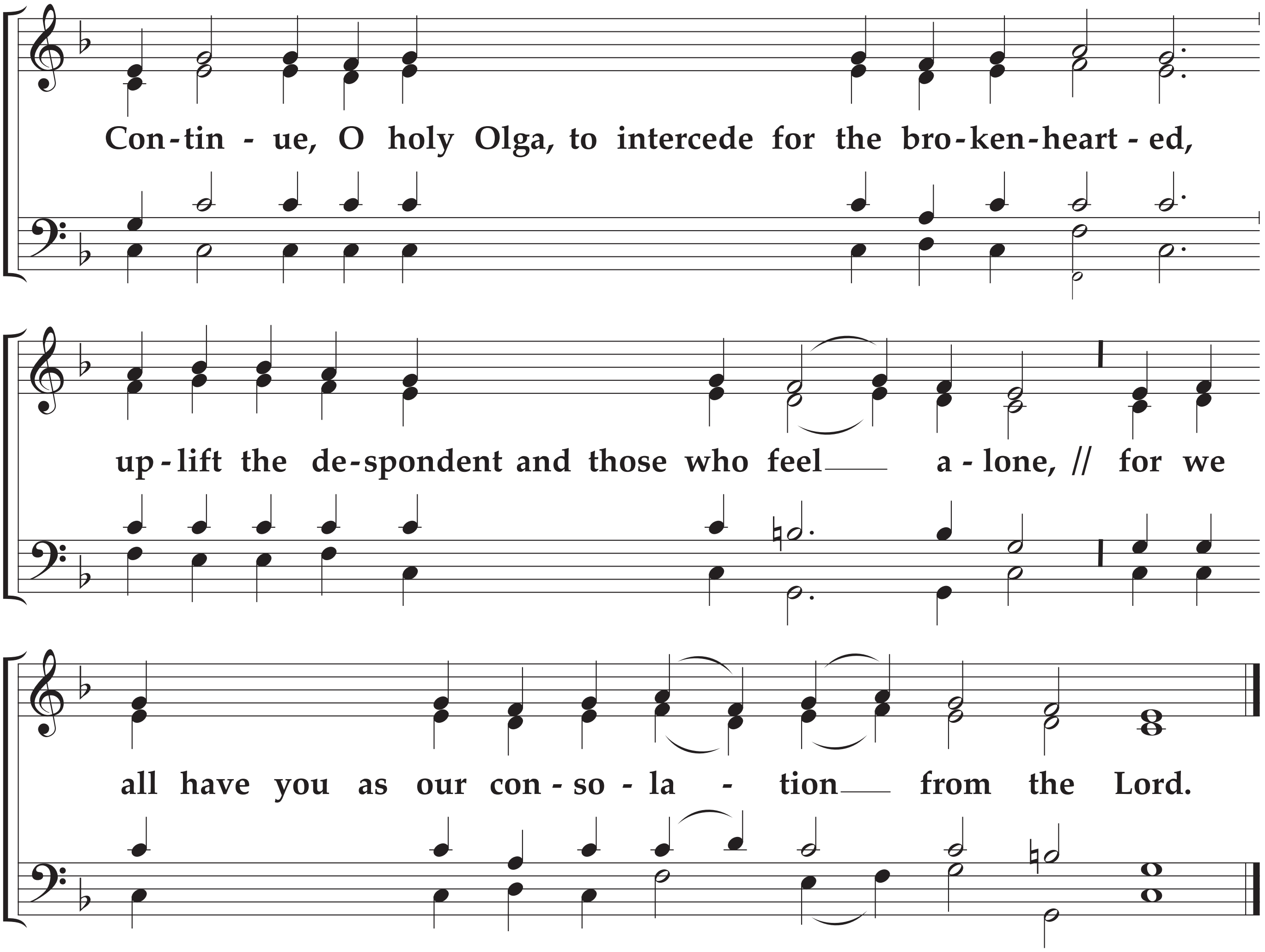
[following your ho-ly . . .]


following your ho - ly ex - am - ple, O wom - an fa - vored of God.

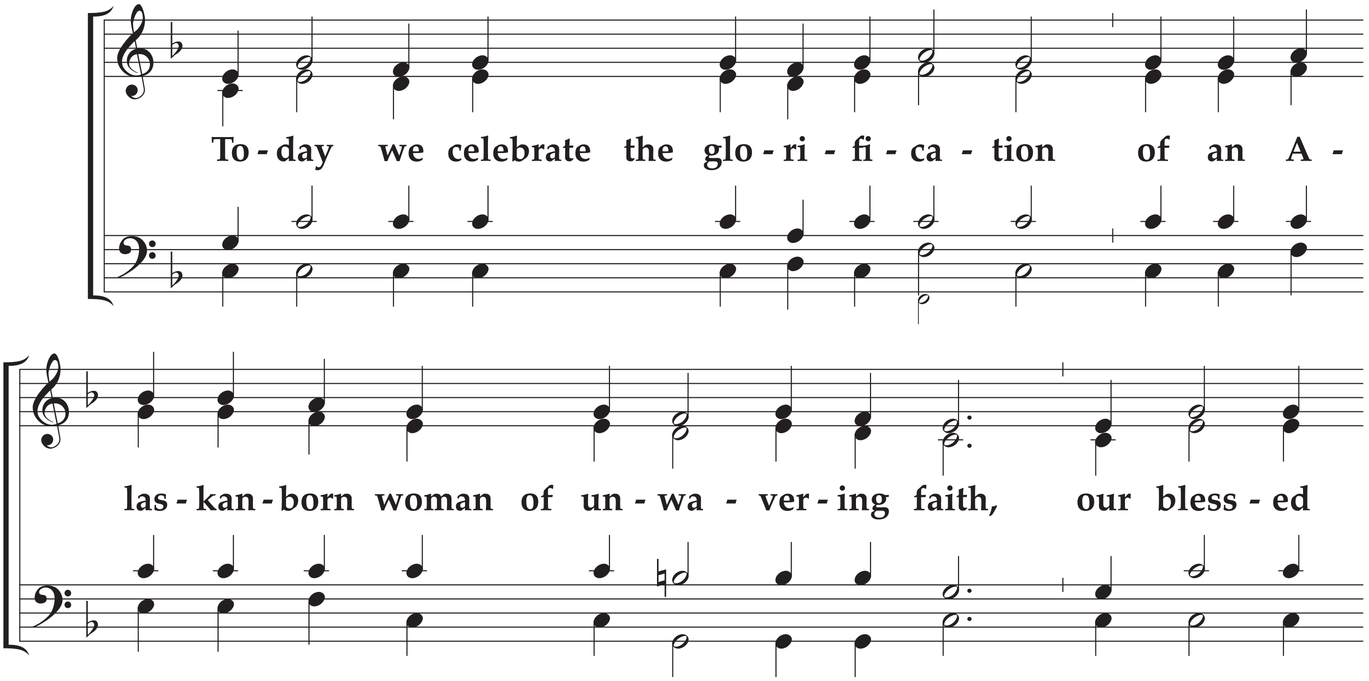
Sticheron 3


To - day we celebrate a woman of great ho - li - ness, our
bless - ed Mother Olga, mátushka of all A - las - ka, re -
vealed by the Cre - ator as a person in the like - ness of God,
full of com - pas - sion, mercy, and un - fail - ing love.

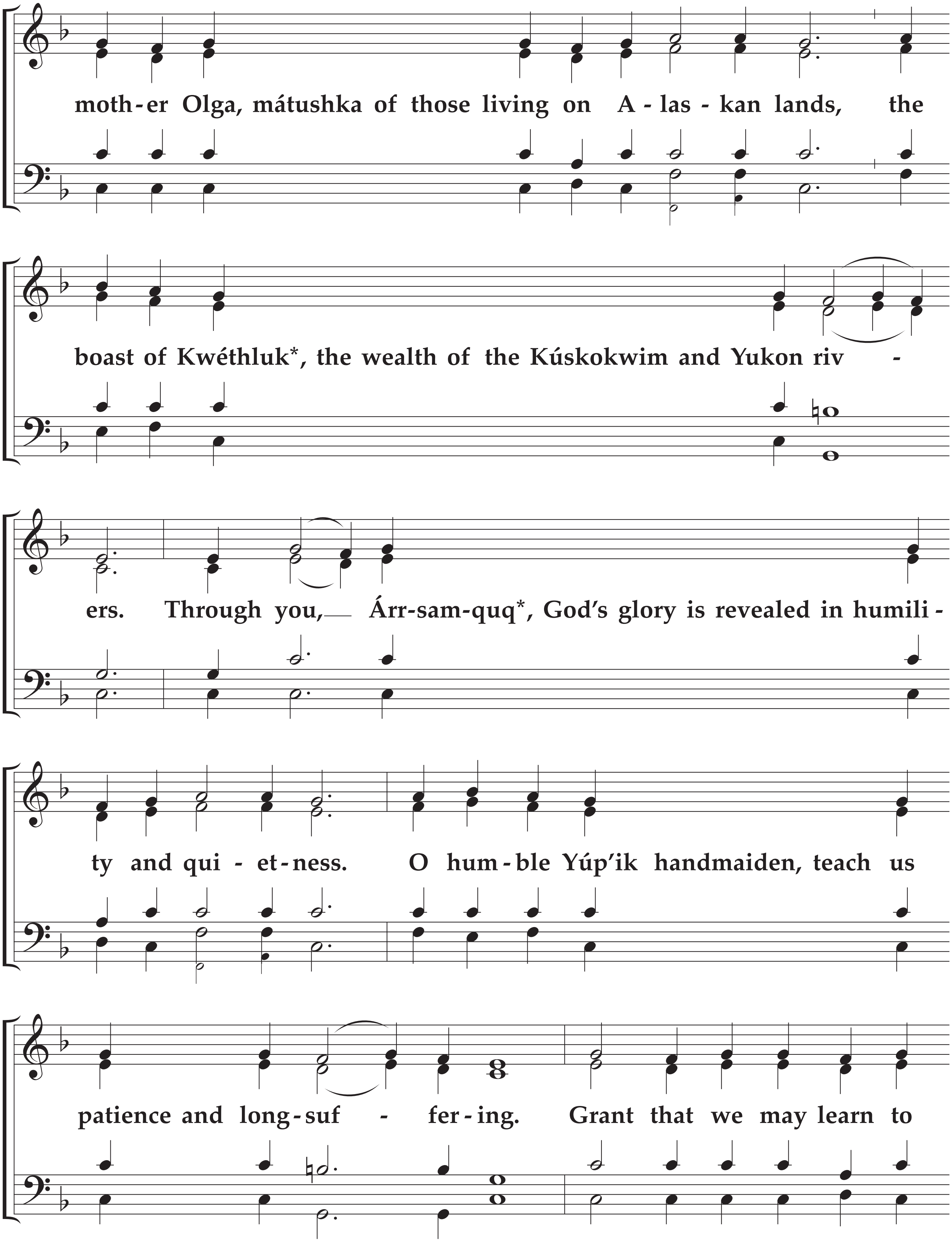
[Con-tin-ue, O holy . . .]


Con-tin - ue, O holy Olga, to intercede for the bro-ken-heart - ed,
up - lift the de-spondent and those who feel___ a - lone, // for we
all have you as our con - so - la - tion___ from the Lord.

Sticheron 4

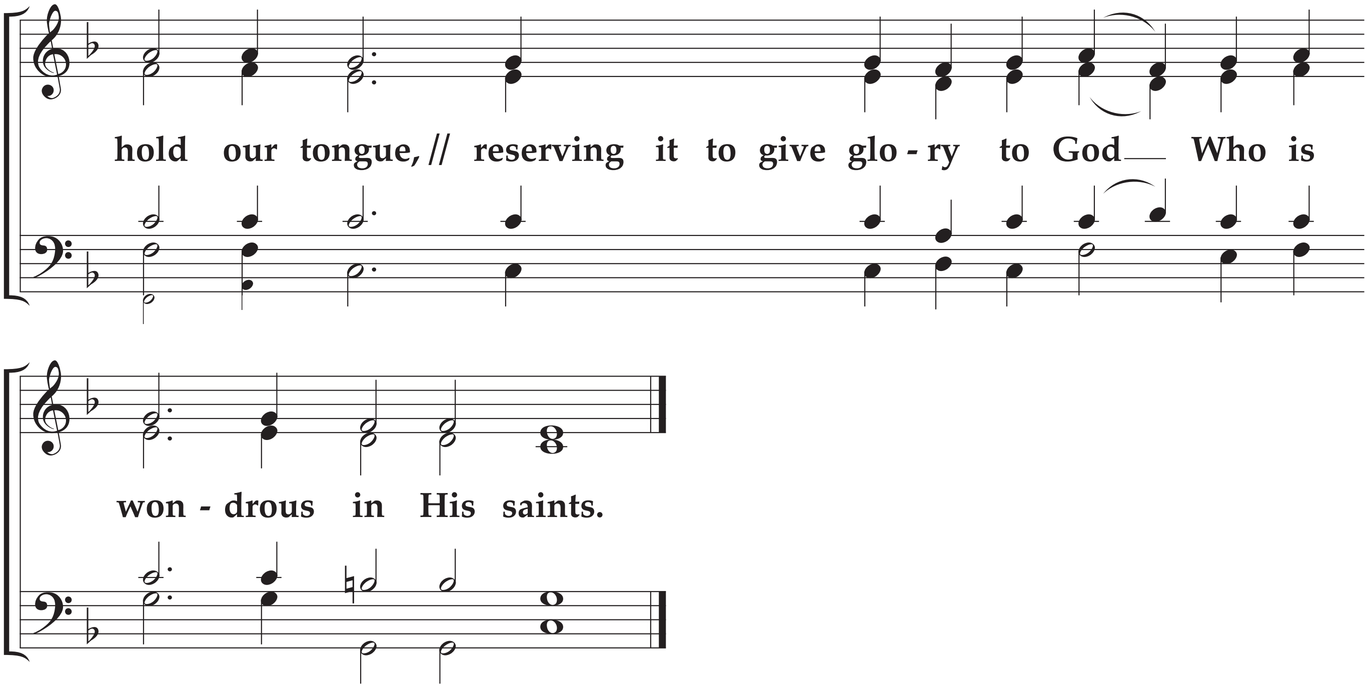

To - day we celebrate the glo - ri - fi - ca - tion of an A -
las - kan - born woman of un - wa - ver - ing faith, our bless - ed

[moth-er Olga, . . .]

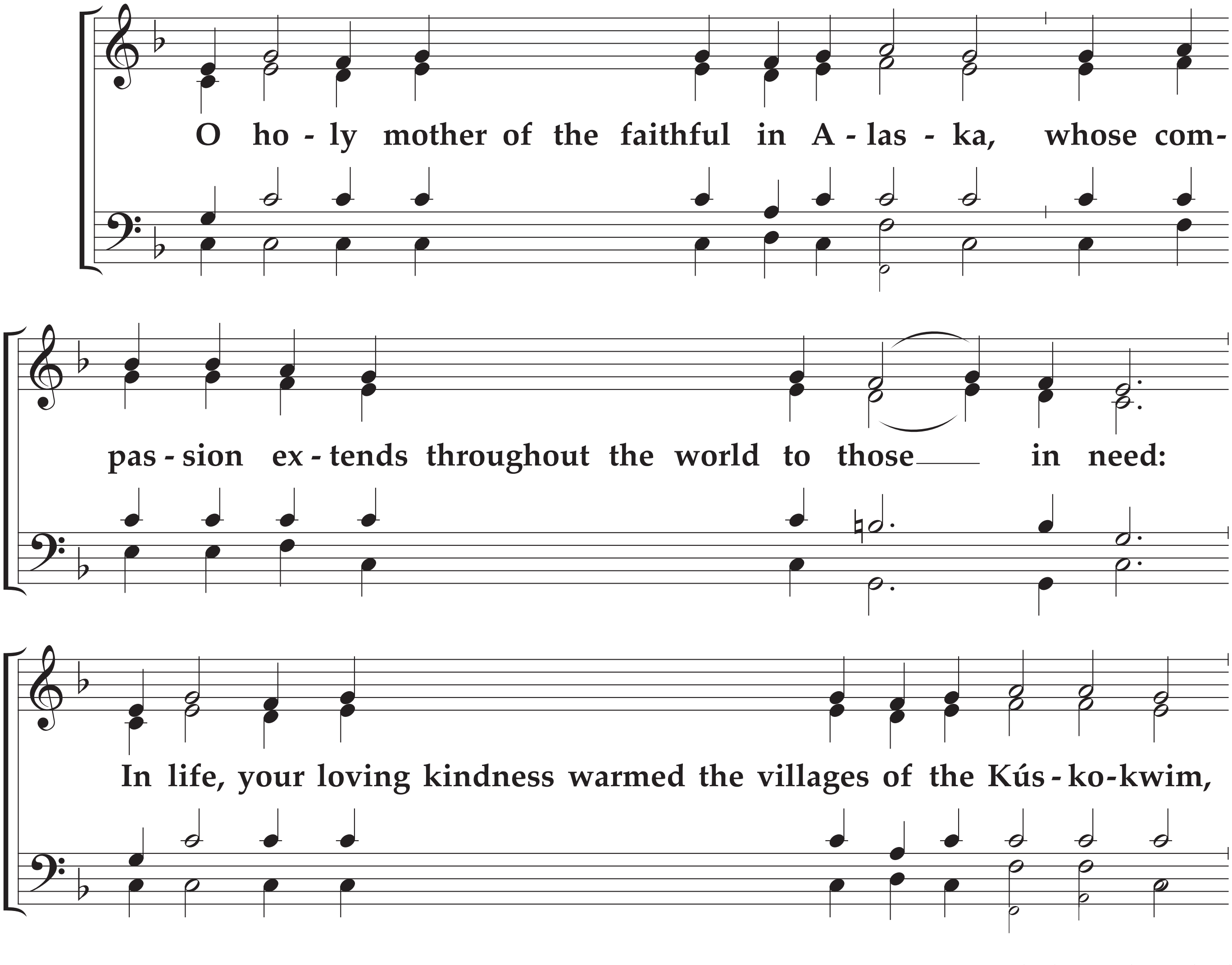

moth-er Olga, mátushka of those living on A-las-kan lands, the
boast of Kwéthluk*, the wealth of the Kúskokwim and Yukon riv -
ers. Through you, Árr-sam-quq*, God’s glory is revealed in humili-
ty and qui-et-ness. O hum-ble Yúp’ik handmaiden, teach us
patience and long-suf - fer-ing. Grant that we may learn to

*Pronounced “KWEETH-look”

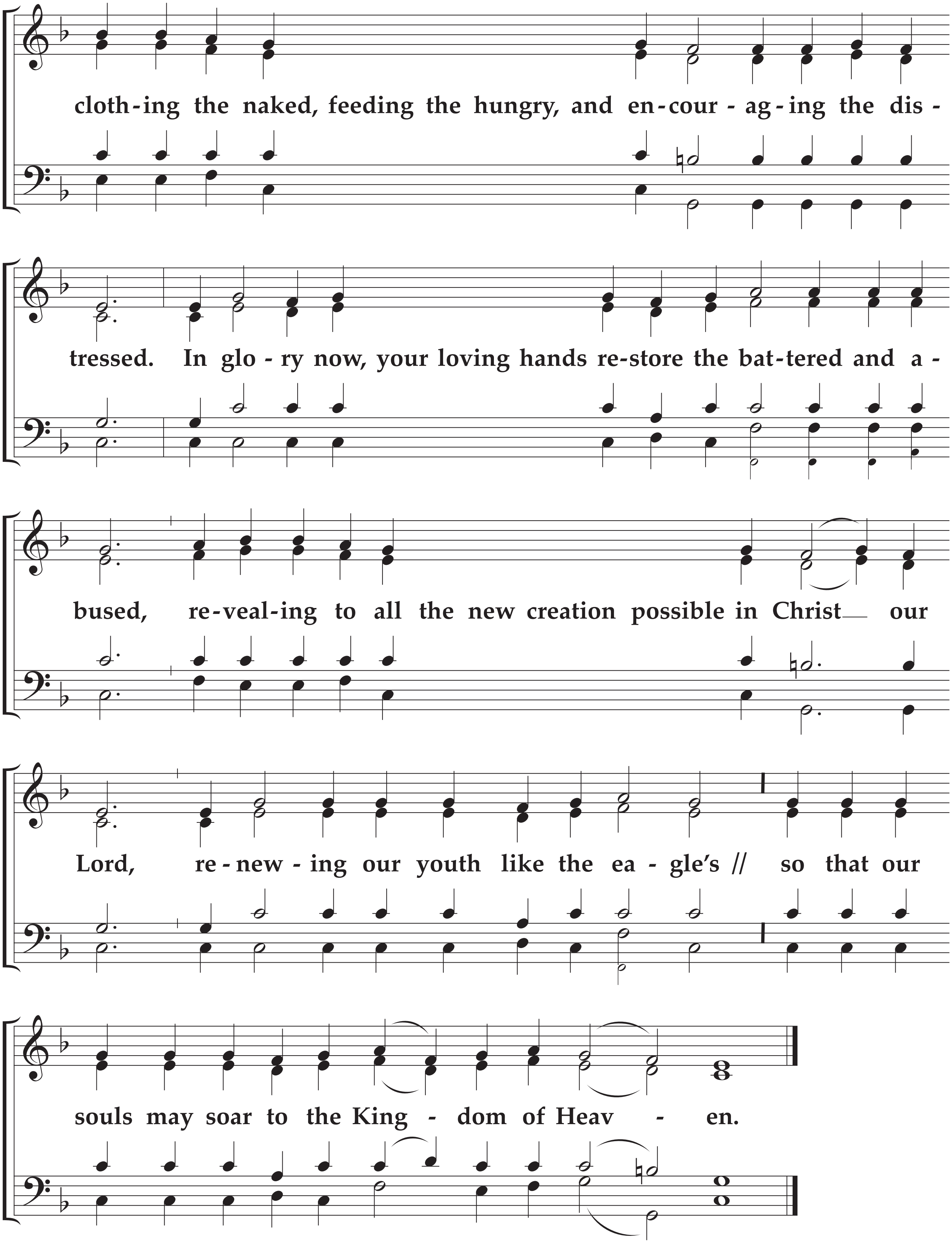
[hold our tongue, // . . .]


hold our tongue, // reserving it to give glo - ry to God Who is
won - drous in His saints.

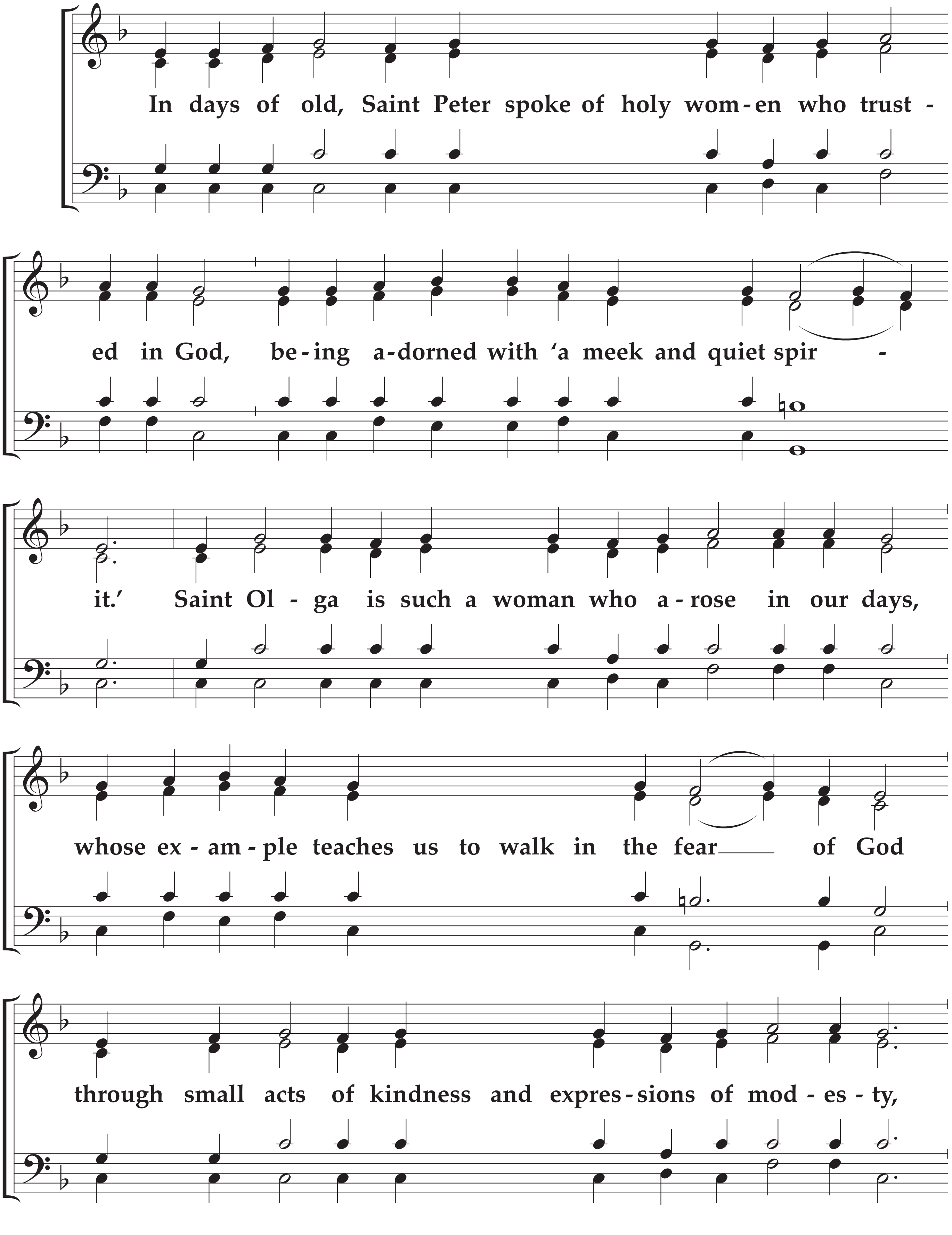
Sticheron 5


O ho - ly mother of the faithful in A - las - ka, whose com-
pas - sion ex - tends throughout the world to those in need:
In life, your loving kindness warmed the villages of the Kús - ko - kwim,

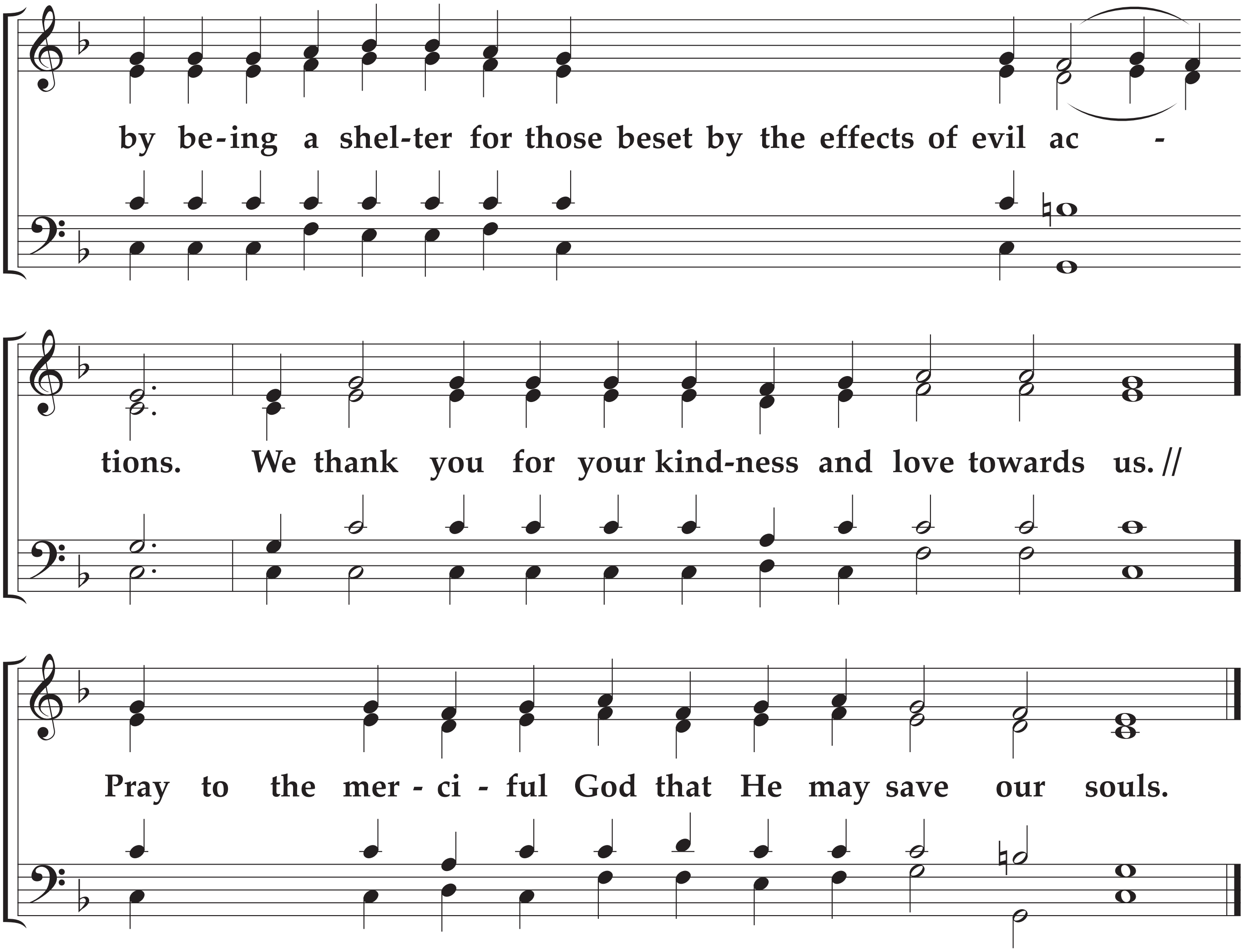
[cloth-ing the naked, . . .]


cloth-ing the naked, feeding the hungry, and en-cour - ag - ing the dis -
tressed. In glo - ry now, your loving hands re-store the bat-tered and a -
bused, re-veal-ing to all the new creation possible in Christ our
Lord, re - new - ing our youth like the ea - gle’s // so that our
souls may soar to the King - dom of Heav - en.

Sticheron 6


In days of old, Saint Peter spoke of holy wom-en who trust -
ed in God, be-ing a-dorned with ‘a meek and quiet spir -
it.’ Saint Ol - ga is such a woman who a-rose in our days,
whose ex - am - ple teaches us to walk in the fear of God
through small acts of kindness and expres - sions of mod - es - ty,

[by being a shel-ter . . .]


by be-ing a shel-ter for those beset by the effects of evil ac -
tions. We thank you for your kind-ness and love towards us. //
Pray to the mer - ci - ful God that He may save our souls.