

Stichera at the Litya

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew - November 16

Tone 4
Sticheron 1

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

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

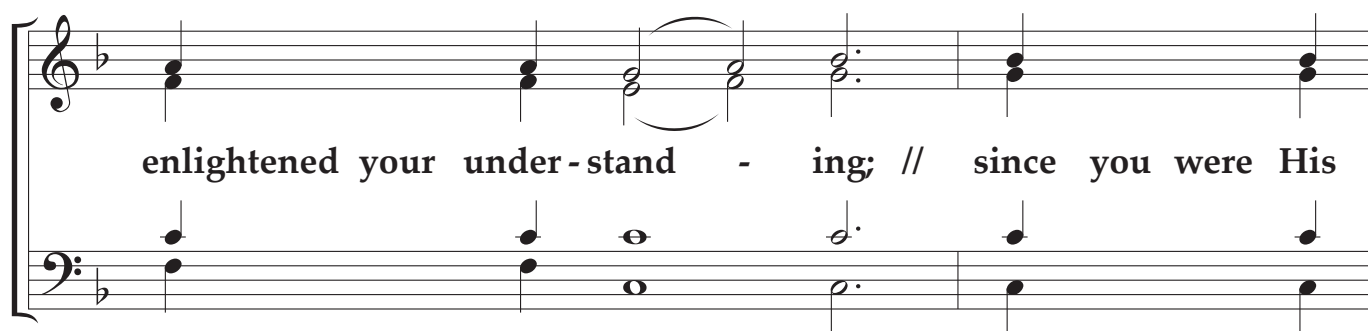
With the rod of grace, O admirable Mat - thew,

you drew the human race from the depths of

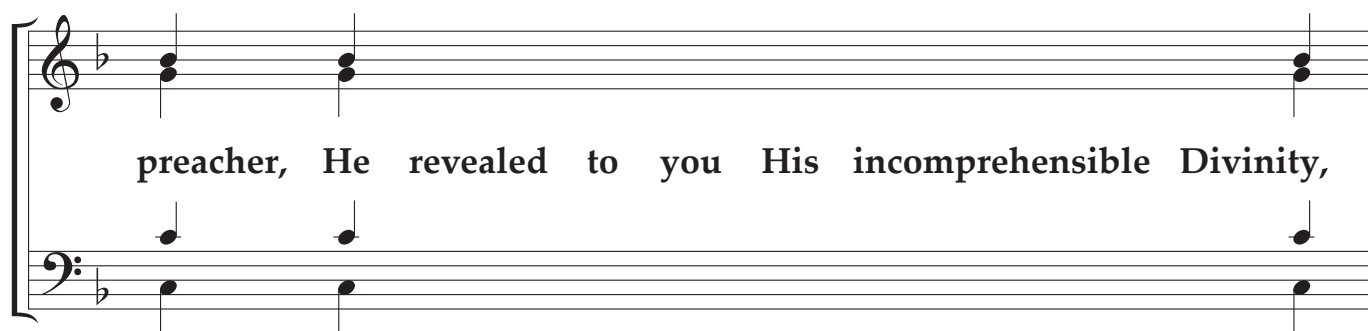
van - i - ty, and yield - ed them to the practice of the

Mas - ter's com - mands. Since you were His apostle, He

[enlightened your . . .]



enlightened your under-stand - ing; // since you were His



preacher, He revealed to you His incomprehensible Divinity,

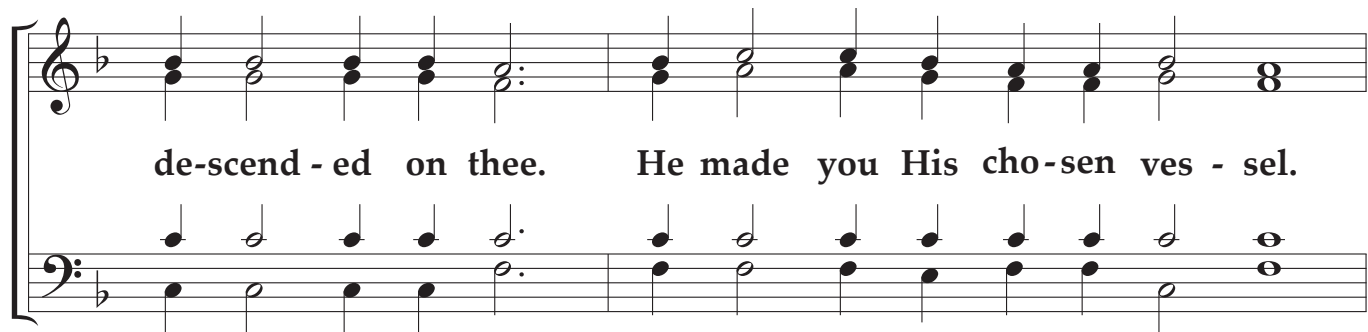


O most bless - ed one.

Sticheron 2

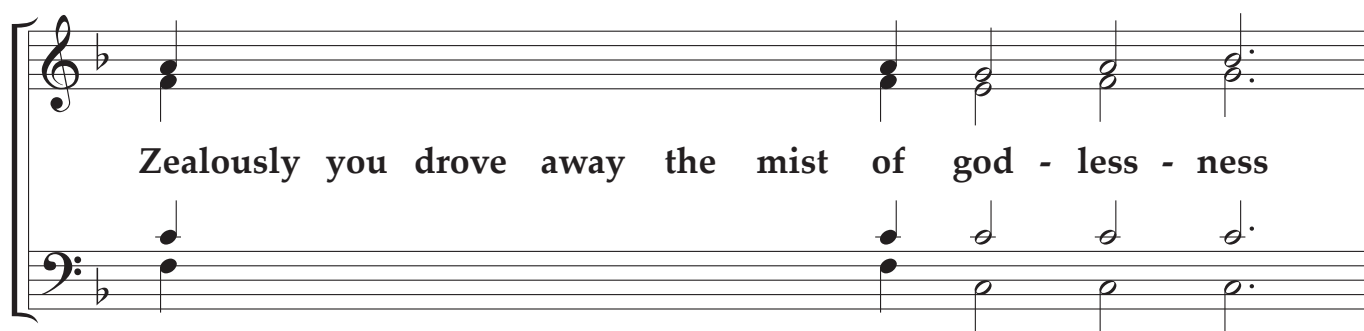


In the form of fire, the radiance of the Spirit

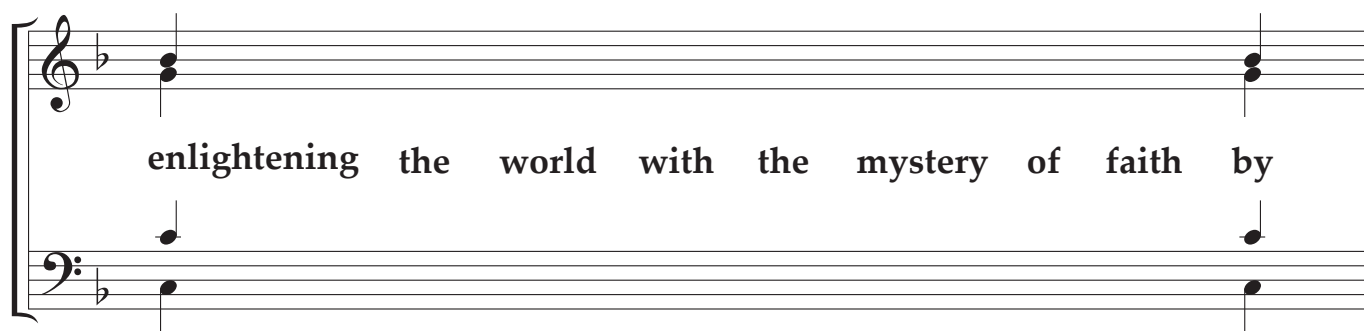


de-scend - ed on thee. He made you His cho-sen ves - sel.

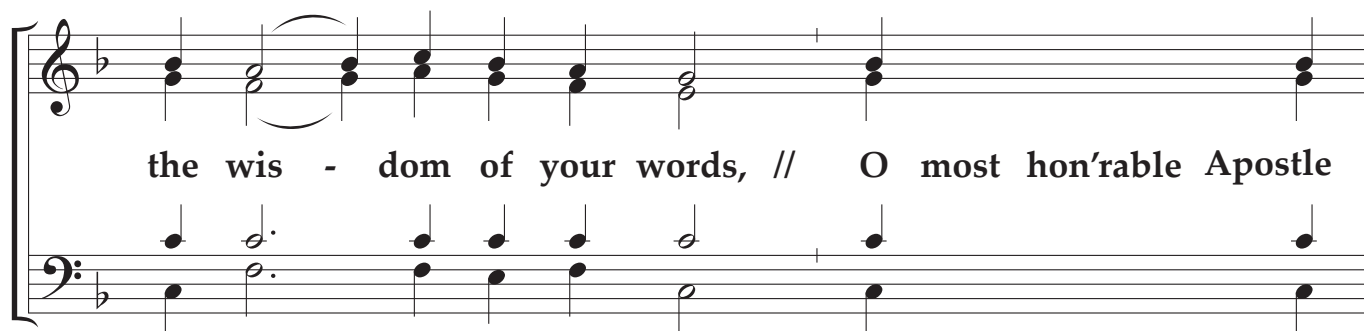
[Zealously you ...]



Zealously you drove away the mist of god - less - ness



enlightening the world with the mystery of faith by

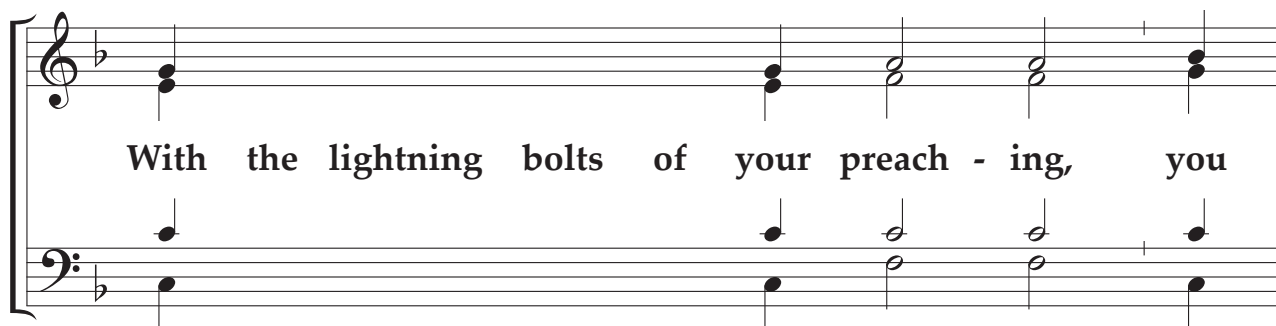


the wis - dom of your words, // O most hon'able Apostle



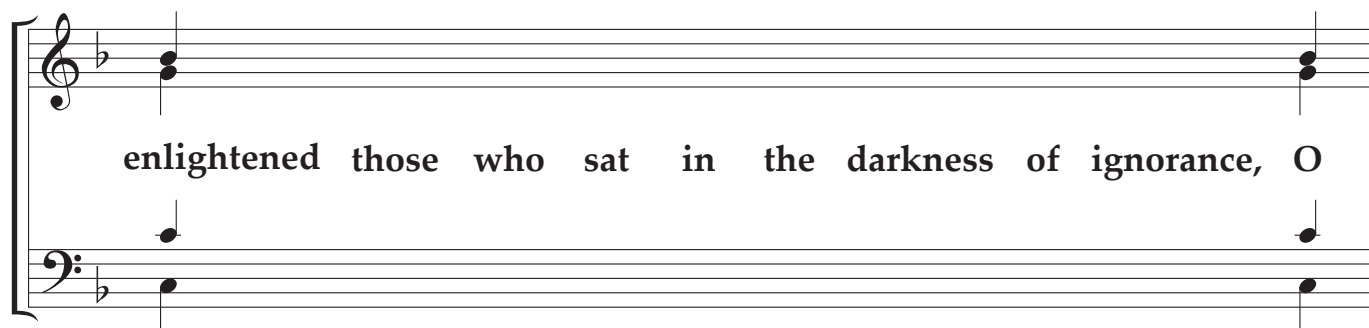
Mat-thew, eye - wit - ness of Christ.

Sticheron 3



With the lightning bolts of your preach - ing, you

[enlightened those who...]



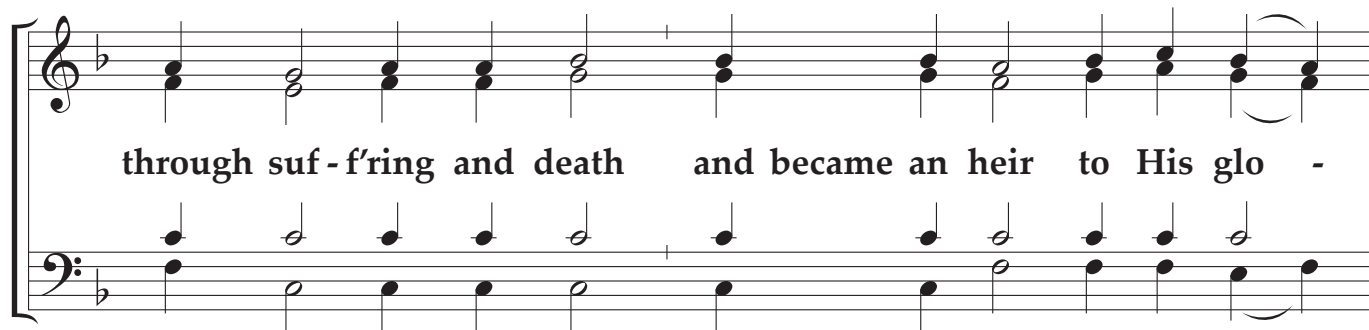
enlightened those who sat in the darkness of ignorance, O



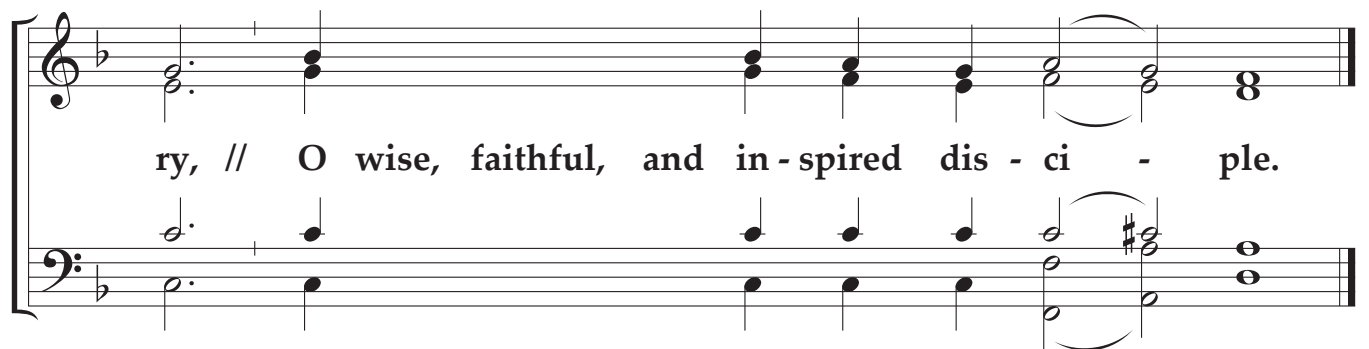
glo - rious Mat - thew. Through faith, you re - vealed them



to be the children of God the Mas - ter. You loved Him



through suf - f'ring and death and became an heir to His glo -



ry, // O wise, faithful, and in - spired dis - ci - ple.