

**August 15: The Dormition of the All-Holy Theotokos**  
**The Stichera of the Praises**  
**Tone 4, Special Melody "As one valiant..."**  
**Optina Hermitage Melody**

(4) *Reader:* Praise Him for His mighty acts,

Praise Him according to the mul - ti - tude of — His — great - ness.

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The hea - vens re - joice — in thy glorious

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dor - mi - - - - tion, — the ar - mies of the an - gels are

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ju - bi - lant, and all the earth — is glad, giv - ing ut - ter - ance

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unto a parting hymn for thee, the Mo-ther of Him

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Who is Mas-ter o-ver all, O all-holy virgin who knewest not

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wed-lock, and who hast de-liv-ered the hu-man race

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from its an-ces-tral con-dem-na-tion.

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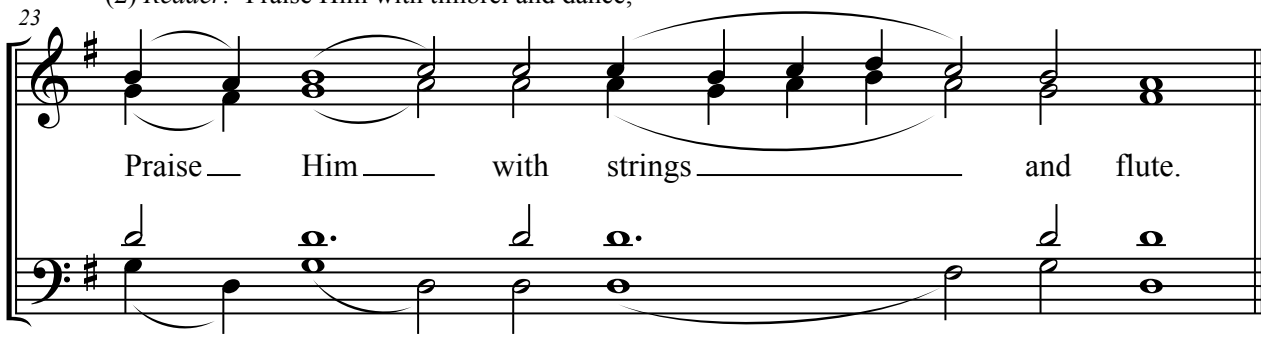
(3) *Reader:* Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,

Praise Him with psal-ter-y and harp.

**Repeat 1st Sticheron "The heavens rejoice..."**

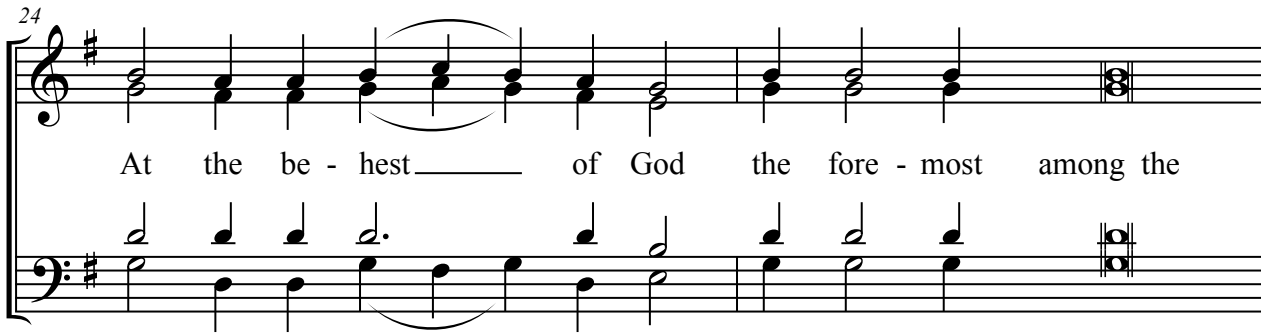
(2) *Reader*: Praise Him with timbrel and dance,

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Praise — Him — with strings — and flute.

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At the be - hest — of God the fore - most among the

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a - pos - - - - tles — has - tened from the ends of the

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earth — to bur - y thee; and be - hold - ing thee

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tak - en up on high from the earth,

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with joy they cried to thee the words of Ga - bri - el:

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Rejoice, O chariot of Him Who is God o - ver all!

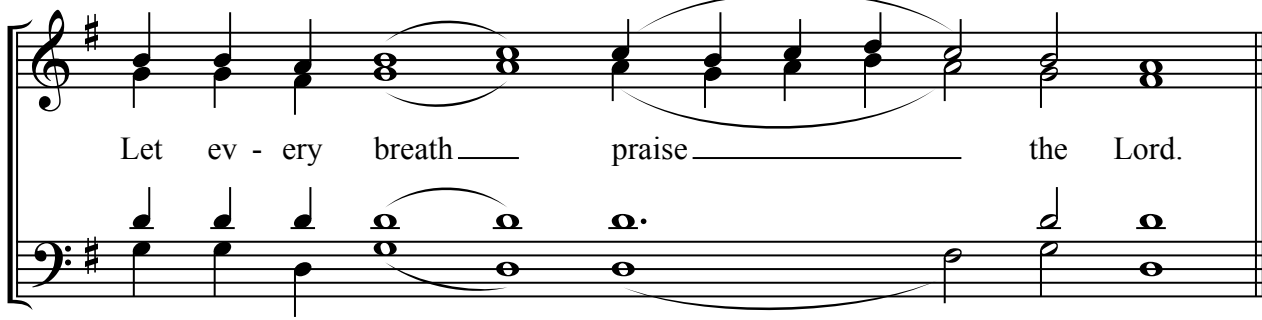
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Re - joice, O thou who hast joined to - geth - er

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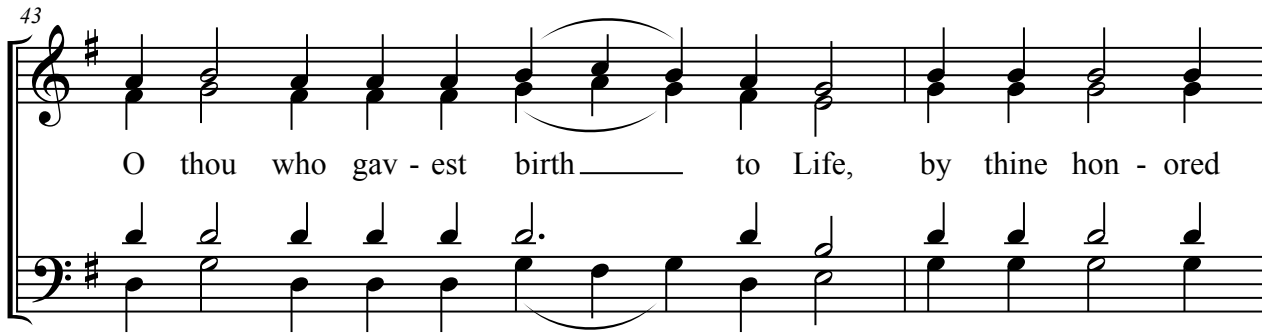
those on earth with those in hea - - - - ven.

(1) *Reader*: Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.



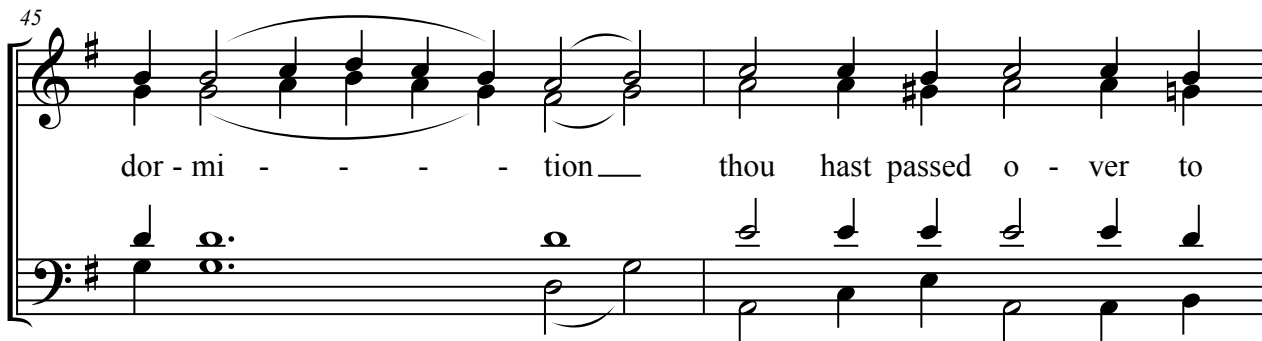
Let ev - ery breath \_\_\_\_\_ praise \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

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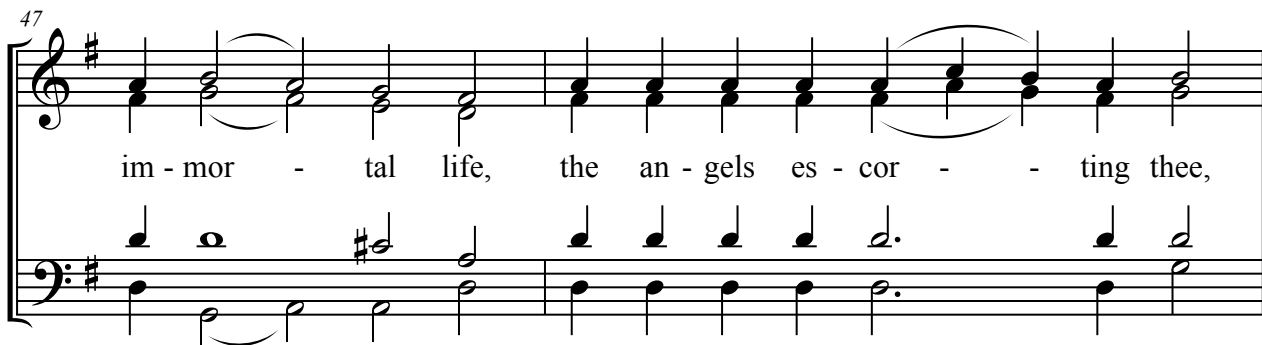
O thou who gav - est birth \_\_\_\_\_ to Life, by thine hon - ored

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dor - mi - - - - tion \_\_\_\_\_ thou hast passed o - ver to

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im - mor - tal life, the an - gels es - cor - - - ting thee,

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the prin - ci - pal - i - ties and pow - ers,

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the a - pos - tles and pro - phets, and all cre - a - - - - tion,

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as thine im - ma - culate soul was taken into the incorrupt hands

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of thy Son, O Vir - gin Mo - ther, Bride of God.