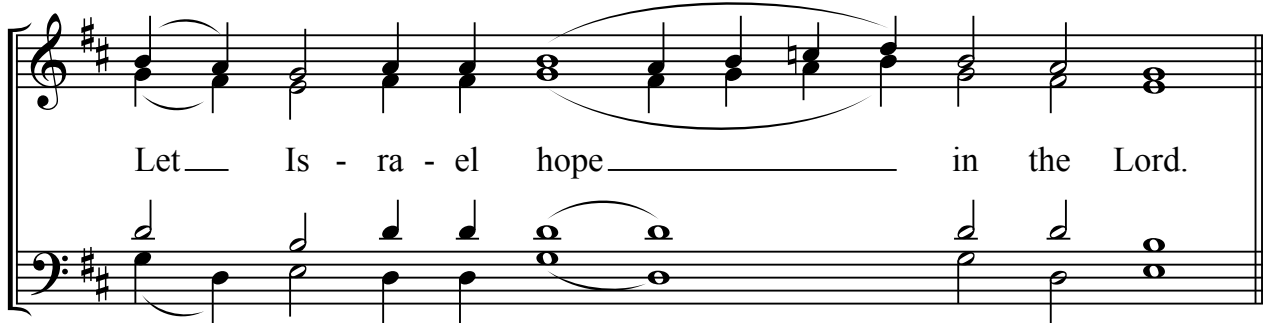


Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Dec. 11-17)

Stichera on "Lord I have cried", Tone 8 - Kievan

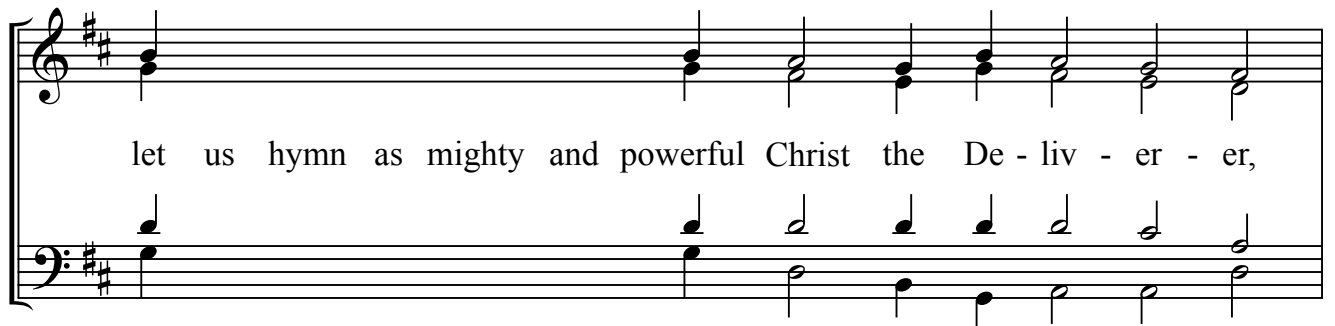
(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch



Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.



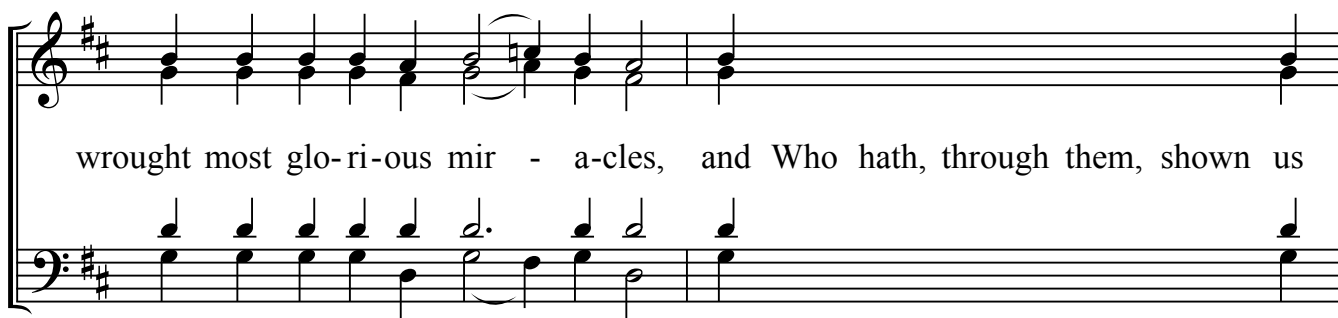
Cel-ebrating the memory of the fore - fa - thers to - day, O ye faith - ful,



let us hymn as mighty and powerful Christ the De - liv - er - er,



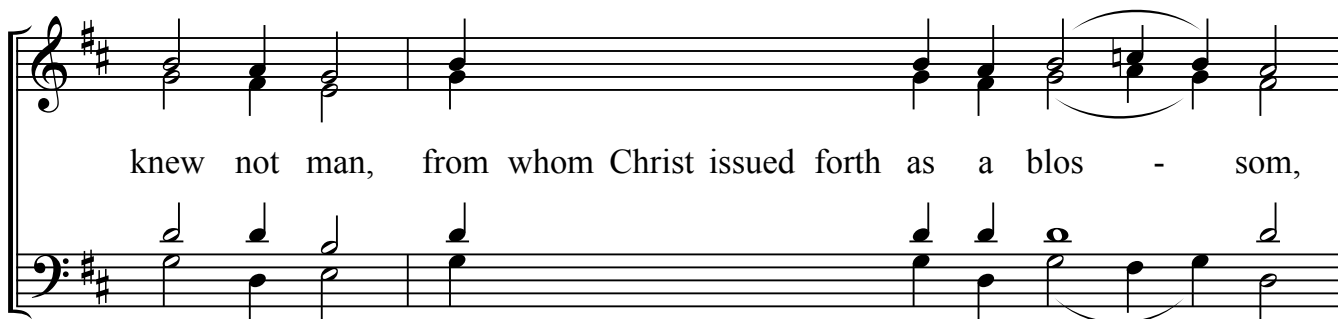
Who exalted them among all na - tions, the Lord Who hath faithfully




wrought most glo-ri-ous mir - a-cles, and Who hath, through them, shown us



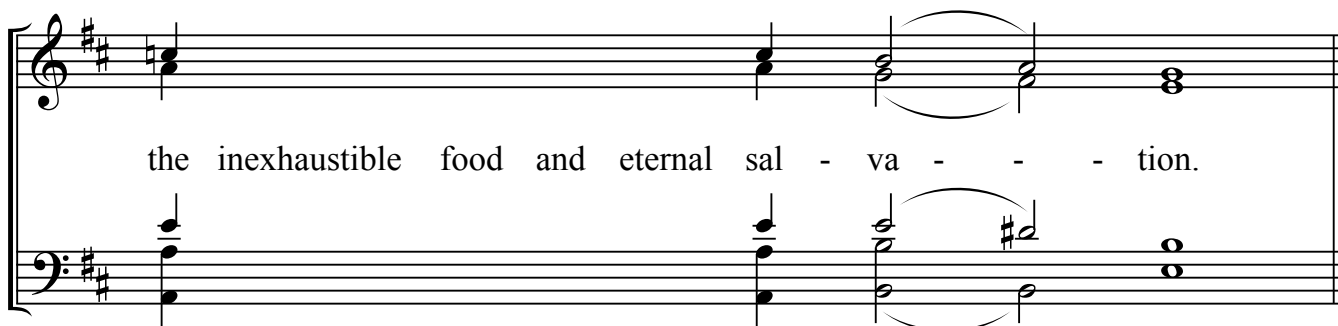
a staff of power, the pure Ma - ry, the divine Maiden, who alone



knew not man, from whom Christ issued forth as a blos - som,

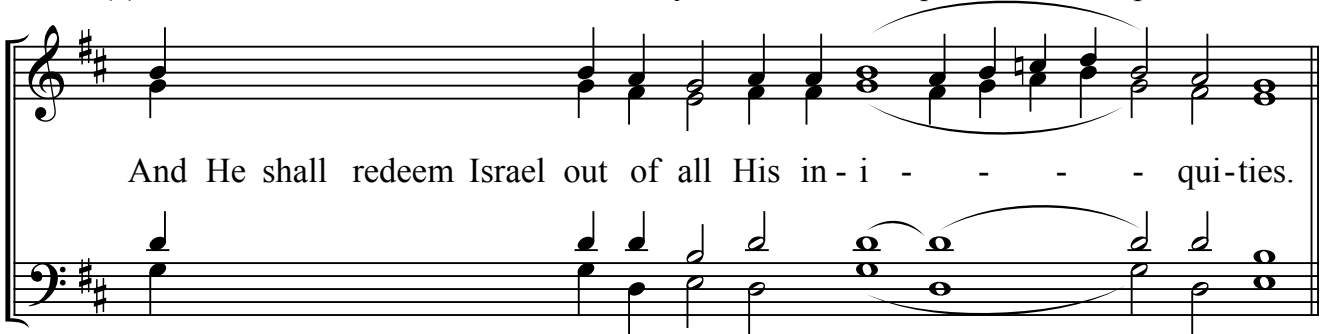


He that for all hath put forth life,

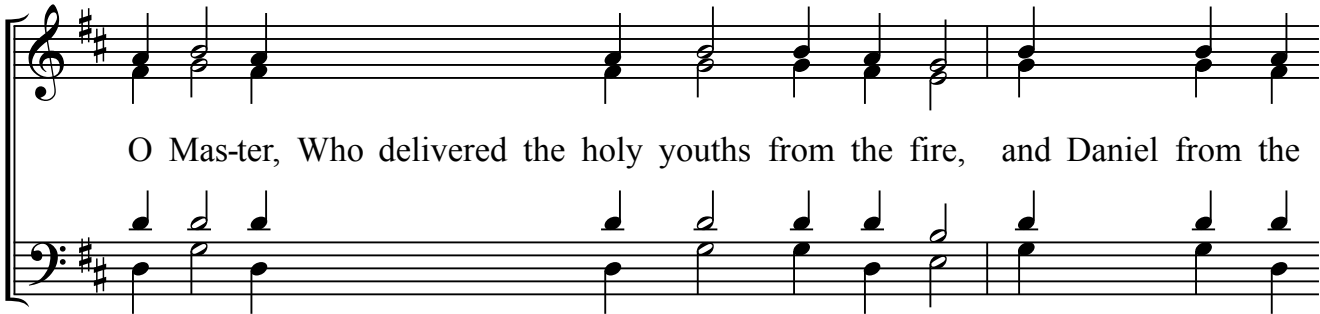


the inexhaustible food and eternal sal - va - - - tion.

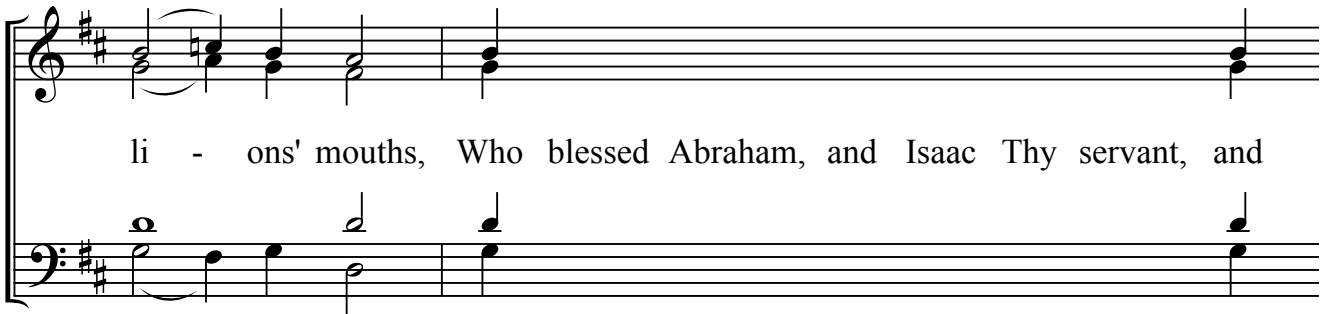
(3) *Reader:* For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;



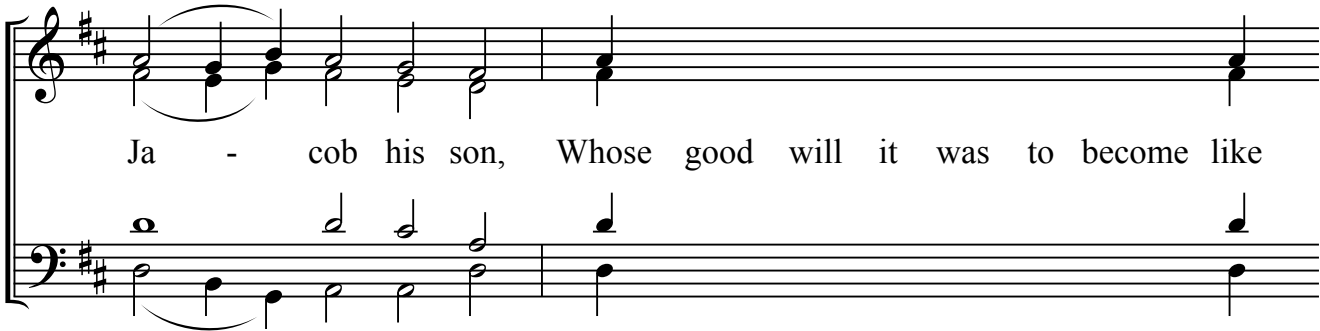
And He shall redeem Israel out of all His in - i - - - - qui-ties.



O Mas-ter, Who delivered the holy youths from the fire, and Daniel from the



li - ons' mouths, Who blessed Abraham, and Isaac Thy servant, and



Ja - cob his son, Whose good will it was to become like

un - to us through their seed; our forefathers that had fall - en in the past,

hast Thou saved by Thy Cross and Res-ur-rec - tion; and having broken the

bonds of death, with Thyself Thou hast raised all among them, dead of

a - ges past, that worshipped Thee, O Christ, King of the a - ges.

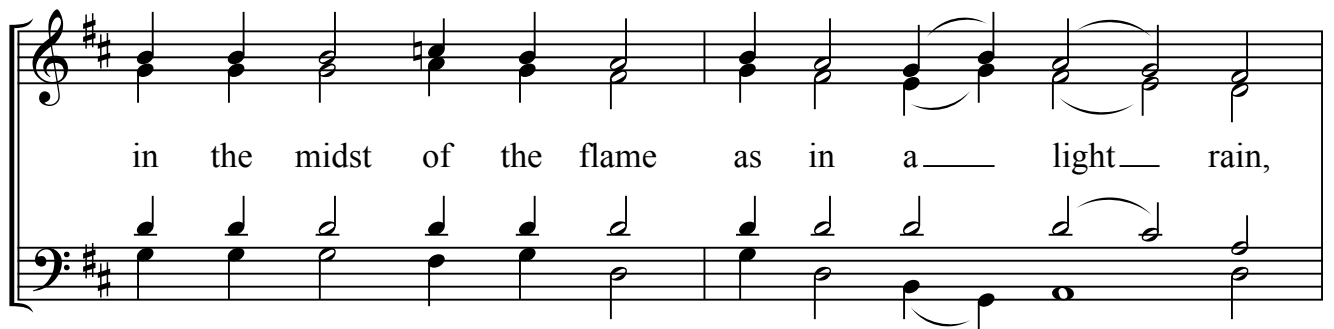
(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;



Praise Him all ye peo - - - - - ples.



Re-joic - ing in the dew of the Spi - rit, the godly youths walked



in the midst of the flame as in a light rain,



mystically imaging forth therein the Tri - ni - ty, and the in-car-na-tion of Christ,

and, as they were wise, they quenched the pow - er of the fire with faith;

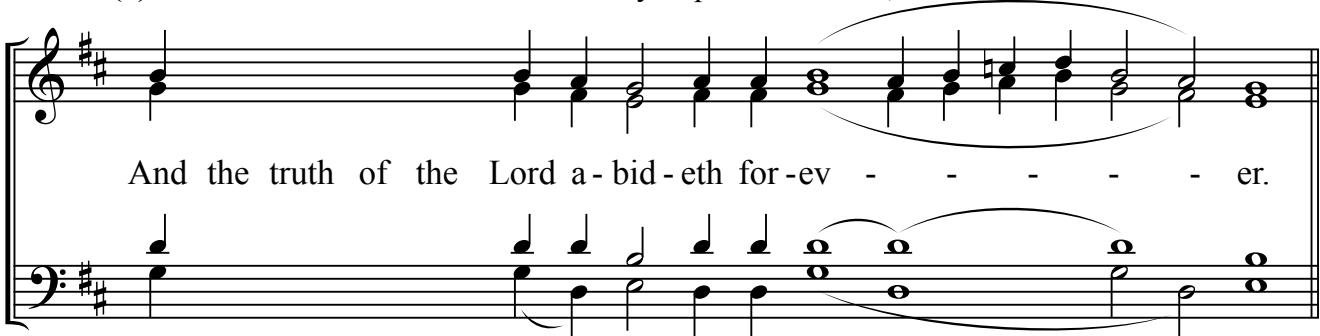
and the right-eous Dan - iel was shown to be a restrainer of li - ons.

By their prayers be thou entreated, O Sa - viour, Who lov - est man-kind;

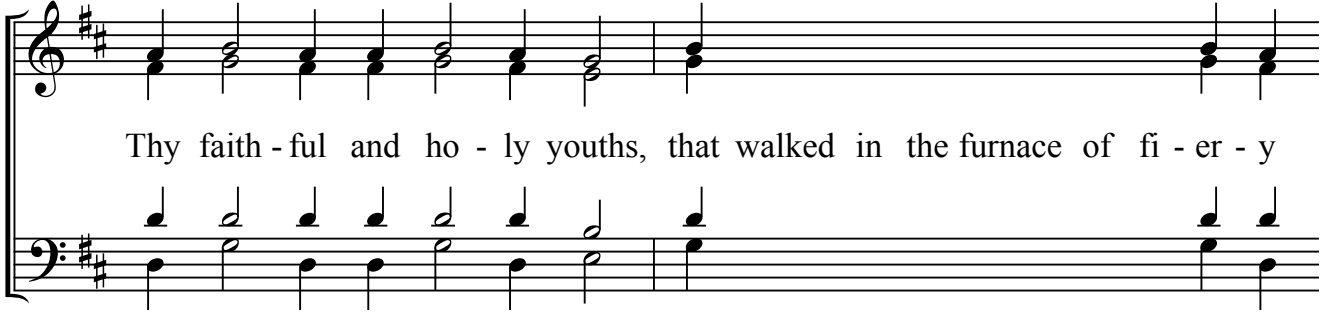
deliver us from the unquenchable fire of e - ter - ni - ty,

and vouchsafe us Thy king - dom, O Lord.

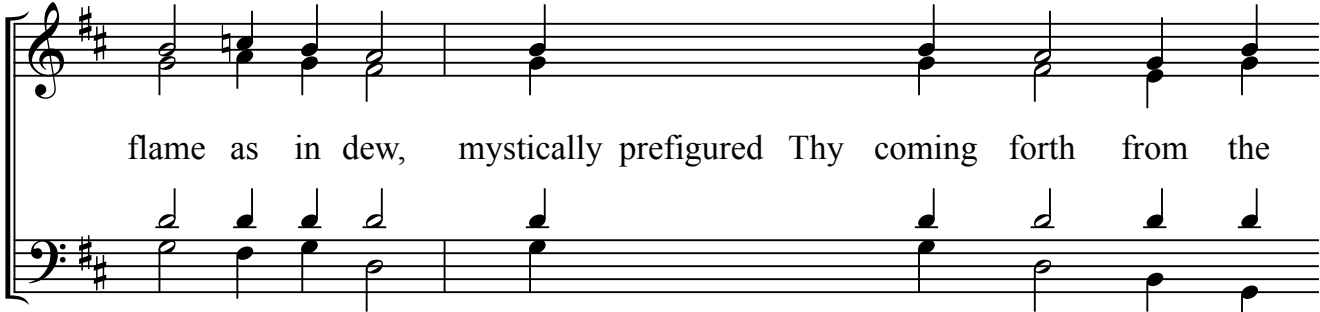
(1) *Reader:* For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,



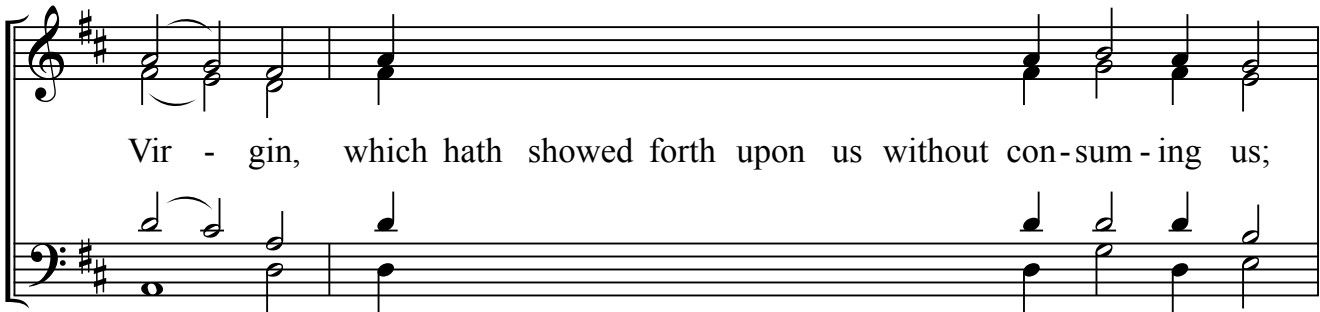
And the truth of the Lord a-bid-eth for-ev - - - er.



Thy faith-ful and ho-ly youths, that walked in the furnace of fi-er-y



flame as in dew, mystically prefigured Thy coming forth from the



Vir-gin, which hath showed forth upon us without con-sum-ing us;

and the righteous Daniel wondrous among the prophets,

manifestly revealing beforehand thy divine second coming,

saith: "I have beheld the thrones set up, and the Judge seated,

and the river of fire flowing."

By their prayers may we be delivered therefrom, O Master Christ.