


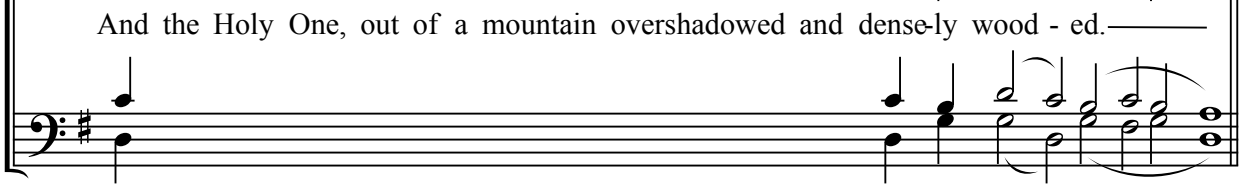
**December 24: Sunday before Nativity**  
**2nd & 3rd Stichera of the Vespers Aposticha**  
**Tone 2, Kievan Chant**

*Reader: God shall come out of Thae-man,*

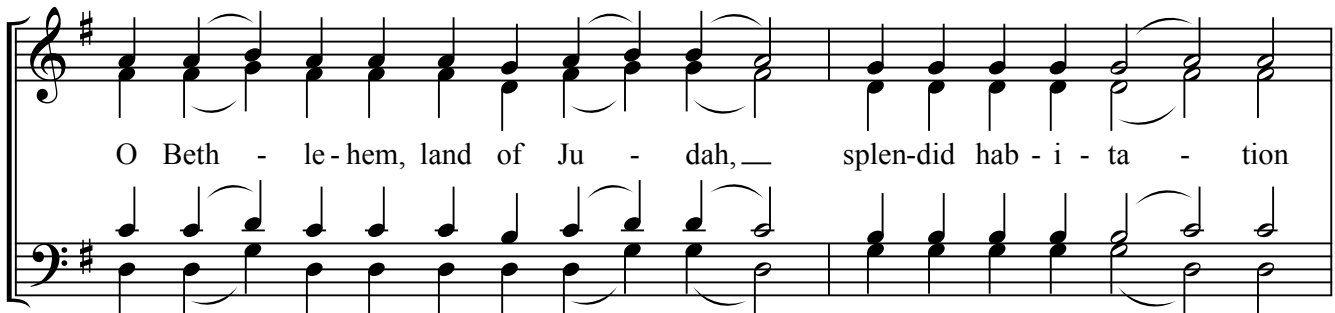
II-chant melody



I-descant



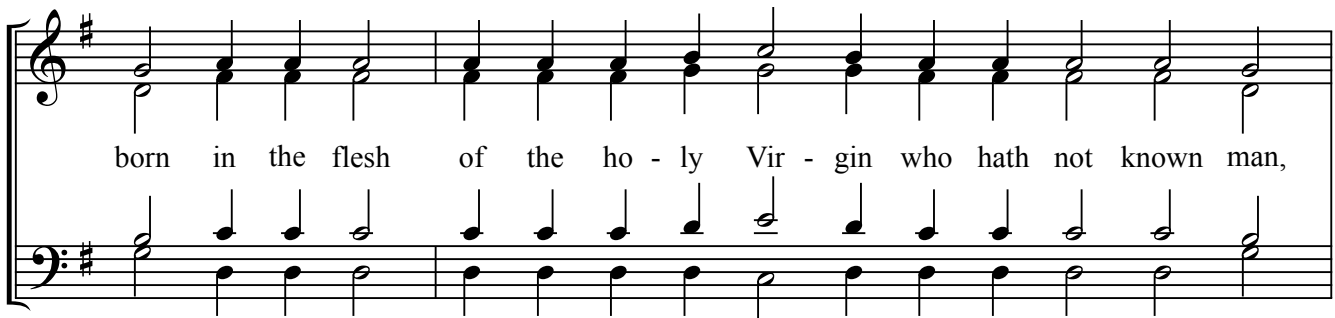
And the Holy One, out of a mountain overshadowed and dense-ly wood - ed.



O Beth - le - hem, land of Ju - dah, — splen-did hab - i - ta - tion



of Him Who is in - car - nate: prepare thou the divine cave wherein God is



born in the flesh of the ho - ly Vir - gin who hath not known man,

that He might save \_\_\_\_\_ the world. \_\_\_\_\_

**Reader: O Lord, I have heard Thy report, and I was afraid;**

O Lord, I have considered Thy works, and I was a - mazed. \_\_\_\_\_

Come ye all, and with faith let us celebrate /

the forefeast of the nativity of Christ, /

and noetically let us put forth like a star /

the hymn of glorification of the magi, /

and with the shepherds let us cry out: //

The salvation of men hath come from the Virgin's womb, summoning the faithful.