

# The Nativity of our Lord Matins Prokeimenon - Tone 4

Znamenny Chant

S  
A

T  
B

From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee.

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of the Znamenny Chant. It features two staves: the top staff is for Soprano (S) and Alto (A), and the bottom staff is for Tenor (T) and Bass (B). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee." The music consists of simple, rhythmic chords and single notes.

The Lord hath sworn and will not re - pent.

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of the Znamenny Chant. It features two staves: the top staff is for Soprano and Alto, and the bottom staff is for Tenor and Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "The Lord hath sworn and will not re - pent." The music includes some melodic lines with slurs and rests.

*Stichos:* Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies the footstool of Thy feet.

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