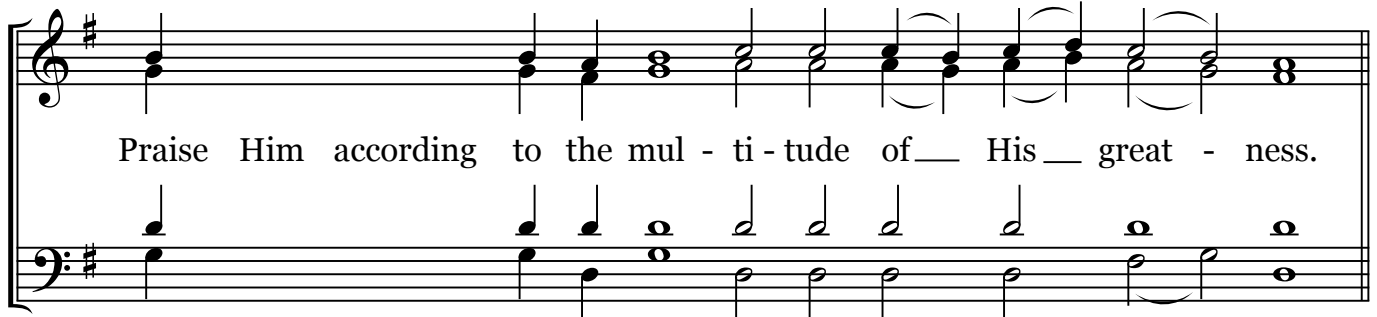
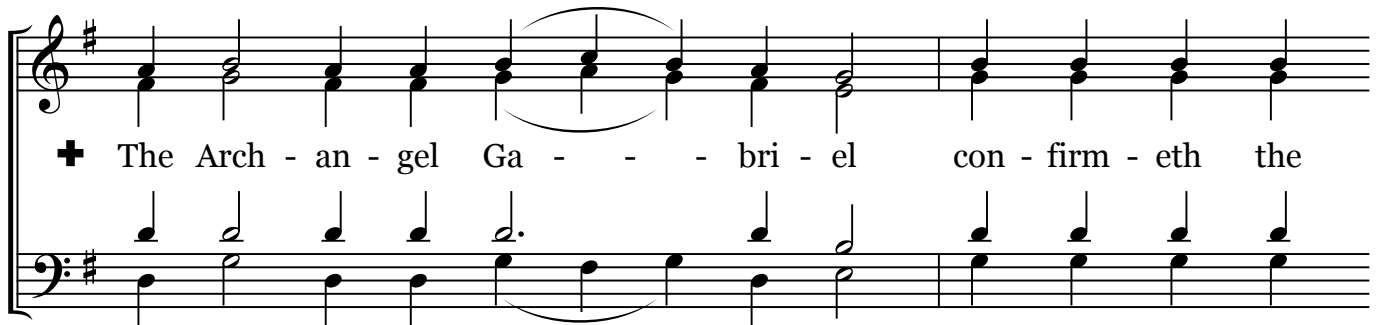


Matins on the Saturday of the Akathist
Stichera on the Praises
Tone 4, Special Melody "As one valiant among martyrs..."


(4) *Reader:* In the 4th Tone, Special Melody "As one valiant among the martyrs..."
Praise Him for His mighty acts,



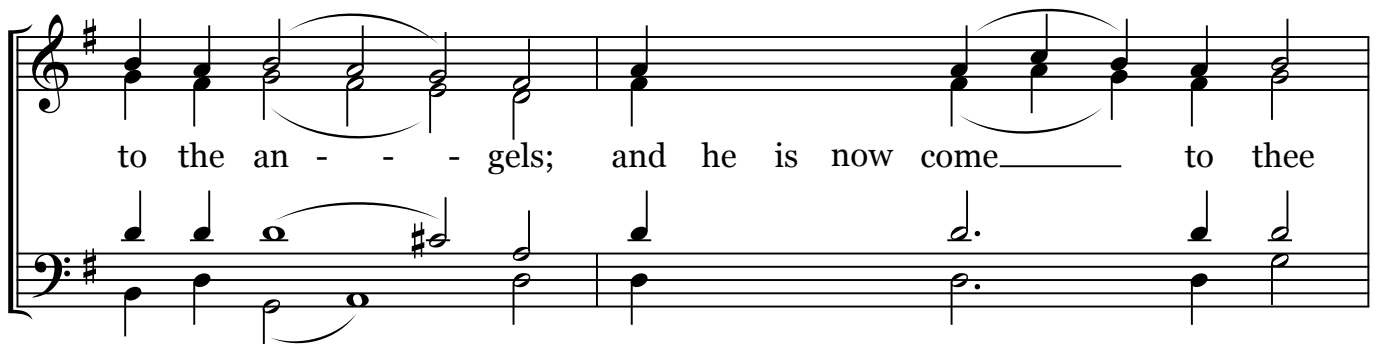
Praise Him according to the mul - ti - tude of His great - ness.



✚ The Arch - an - gel Ga - - - bri - el con - firm - eth the



mys - - - ter - y hid - den and un - known e - ven



to the an - - - gels; and he is now come to thee

who a-lone _____ art _____ in-cor-rupt, the come-ly tur-tle dove, the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff features a series of chords, with some notes beamed together and others held over. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and half notes.

res-tor-a-tion of _____ our race, and crieth out to thee, O all-holy one:

The second system continues the musical setting. It features similar chordal textures in the treble staff and a steady bass line in the bass staff.

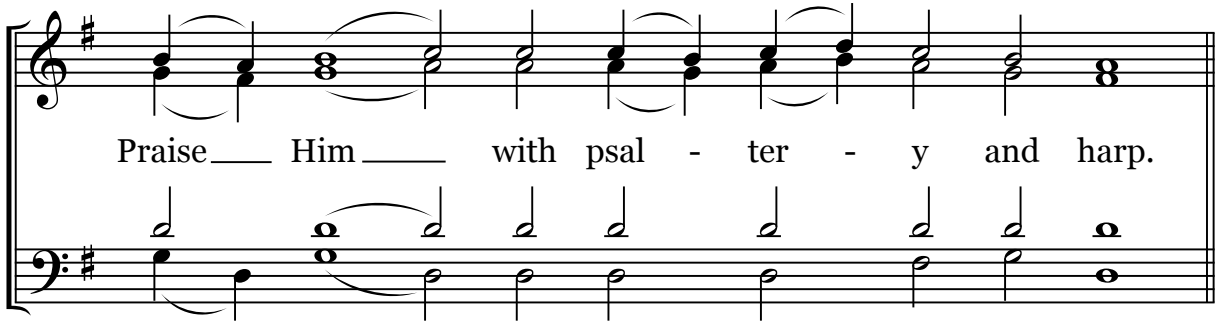
"Re-joice! _____ Be thou made read - y _____ by my words

The third system begins with a melodic flourish in the treble staff, indicated by a slur over several notes. The lyrics continue with a similar melodic pattern.

to re-ceive in thy womb _____ God _____ the Word!"

The final system concludes the piece with sustained chords in the treble staff and a final cadence in the bass staff.

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



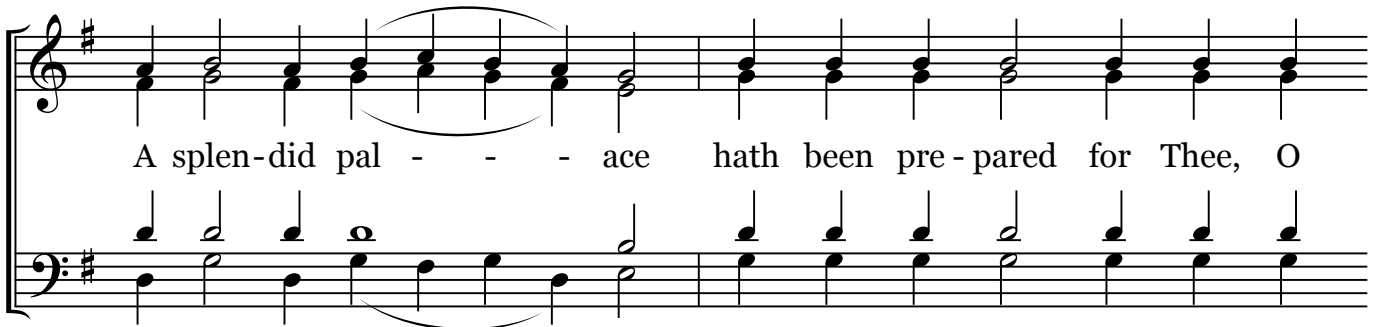
Praise Him with psalter and harp.

✦ *Repeat first sticheron: "The archangel Gabriel.."*

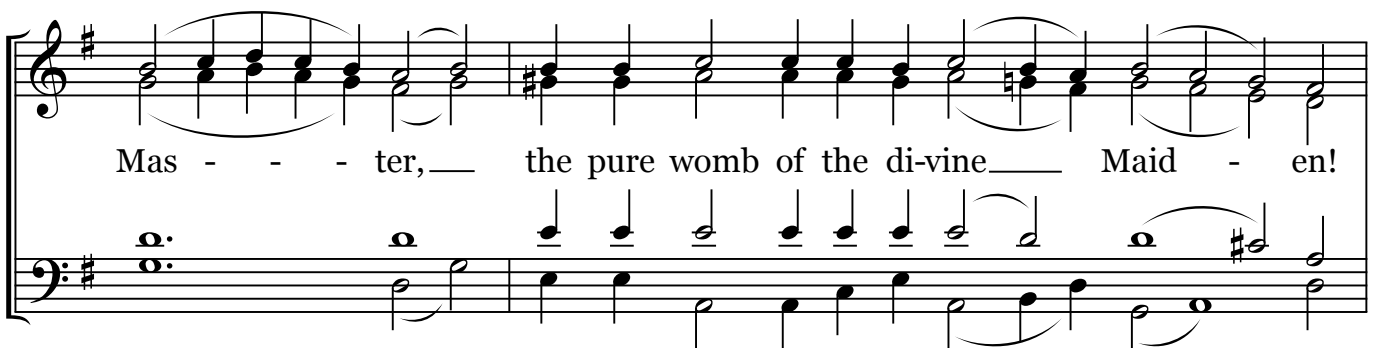
(2) *Reader:* Praise Him with timbrel and dance,



Praise Him with strings and flute.



A splendid palace hath been prepared for Thee, O



Master, the pure womb of the divine Maiden!

Come Thou and en - ter there-in, have pit - y on Thy _____ cre - a - tion

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff features a series of chords, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and half notes.

which in en - vy un - der - took to op - pose _____ Thee, is held in

The second system continues the musical notation. The treble staff has a long note on the word 'Thee' that spans across the bar line. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

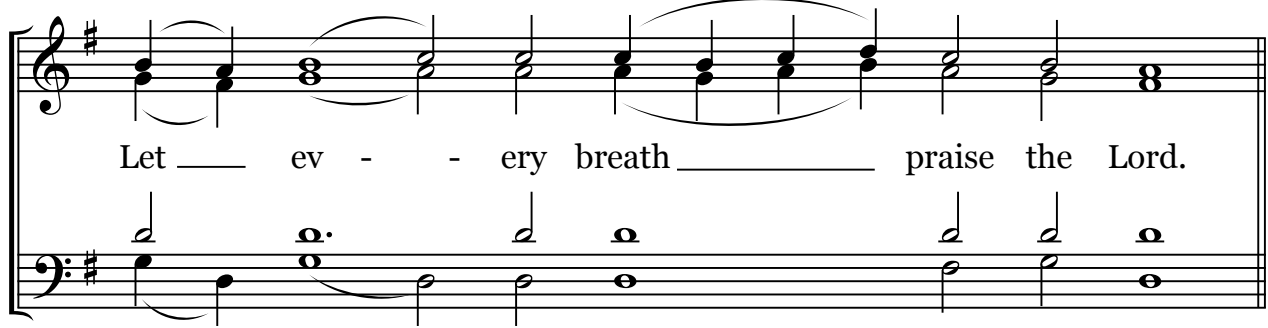
thrall to the de - ceiv - - er, hath lost it's pri - mal _____ beau - ty

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff has a long note on the word 'er' that spans across the bar line. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

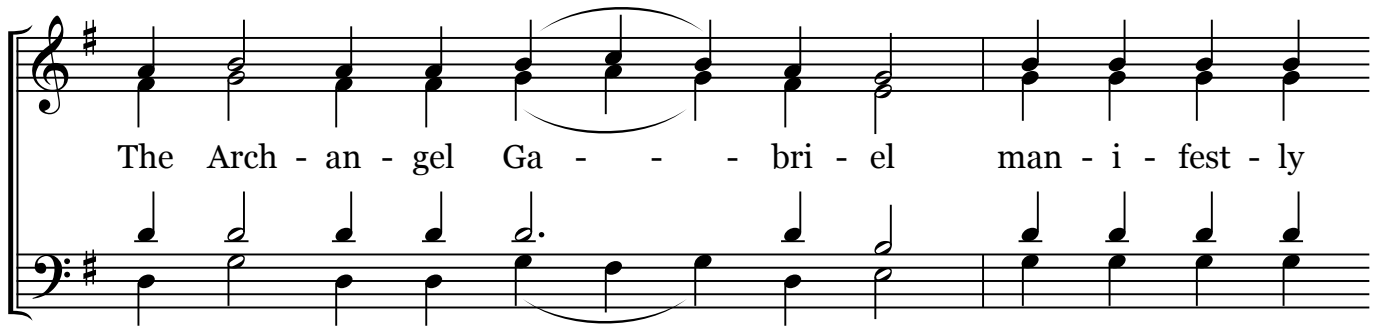
and a - wait - eth Thy sav - - - - ing de - scent.

The fourth and final system of musical notation. The treble staff has a long note on the word 'ing' that spans across the bar line. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

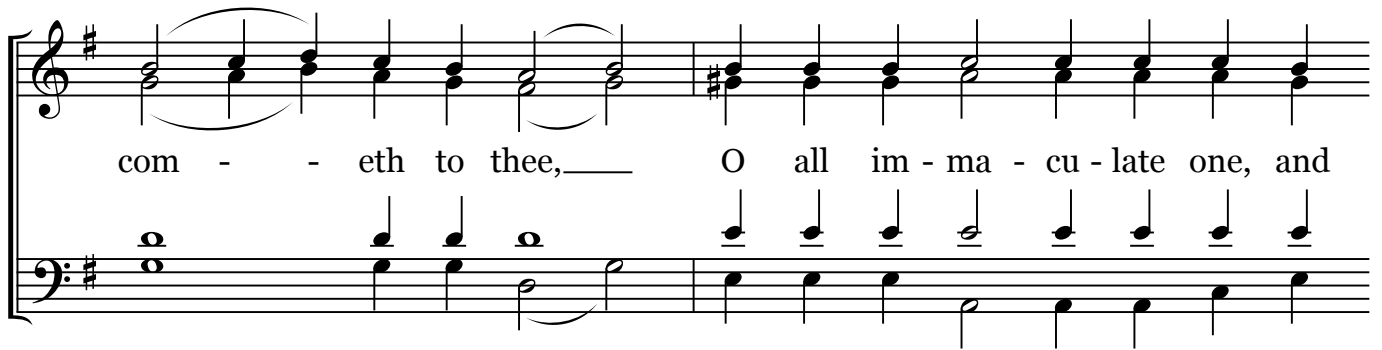
(1) Reader: Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with the cymbals of jubilation.



Let — ev - - ery breath — — — — — praise the Lord.



The Arch - an - gel Ga - - - bri - el man - i - fest - ly



com - - eth to thee, — O all im - ma - cu - late one, and



cri - eth out — to thee: "Re-joice thou an-null-ment of the curse,

res - to - ra - tion of the fal - - - len! Re - joice, thou

who a - lone hast been cho - sen by God! Rejoice, chariot of the Sun of

glo - - - ry! Re - ceive thou the In - cor - por - e - al One

Who desireth to make His a - bode with - in thy womb!"

Reader: Glory, both now, in the same tone.

The musical score is written on two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily composed of chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "Glory... both now and ever and unto the a - ges of a - ges. A-men." The text is aligned with the notes on the staves.

The Theotokos heard a tongue which she did not know; /
for the archangel spake unto her words of annunciation. /
And accepting his salutation with faith, /
she conceived Thee, the pre-eternal God. /
Wherefore, rejoicing, we cry out to Thee: /
O God Who wast immutably incarnate of her, //
grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls!

These texts for the Praises on the Saturday of the Akathist are identical to
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