Note: This feast is a rank that calls for GREAT VESPERS to be served.



Reader: (Reads text from service book)

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Tone 4

(Called from on high)

When He Who is called the Morning Star,

the Splendor of the glory of the eternal <u>Fa</u>ther,

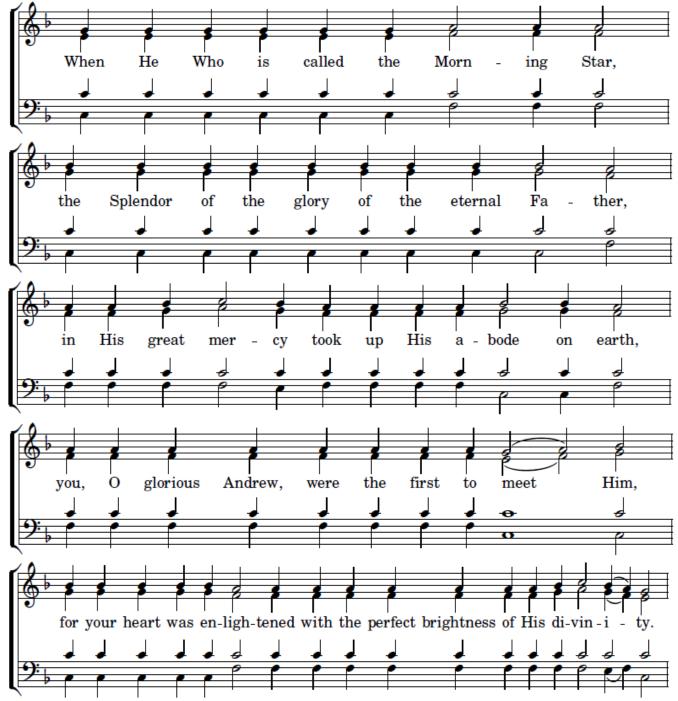
in His great mercy took up His abode on earth,

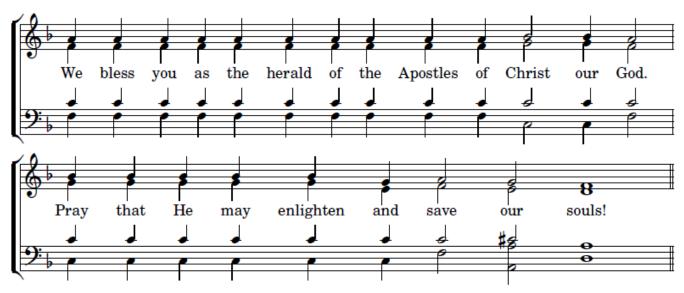
you, O glorious Andrew, were the first to meet Him,

for your heart was enlightened with the perfect brightness of <u>His</u> divinity.

We bless you as the herald of the Apostles of Christ our God.//

Pray that He may enlighten and save our souls!





v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

When He Who is called the Morning Star,

the Splendor of the glory of the eternal \underline{Fa} ther,

in His great mercy took up His abode on earth,

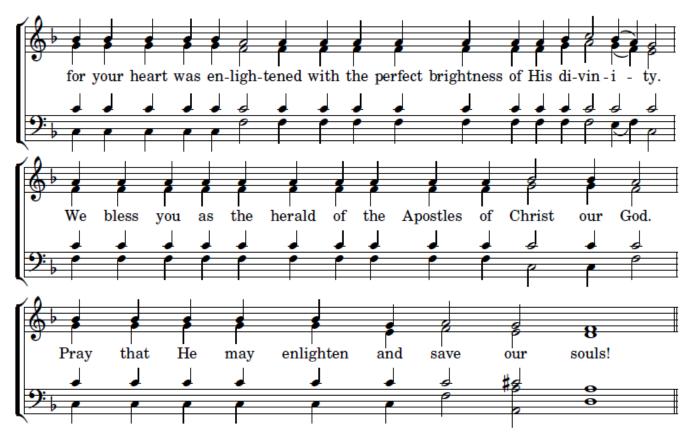
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v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

When He Who is called the Morning Star,

the Splendor of the glory of the eternal Father,

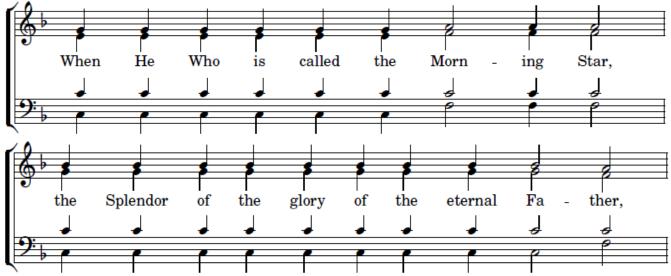
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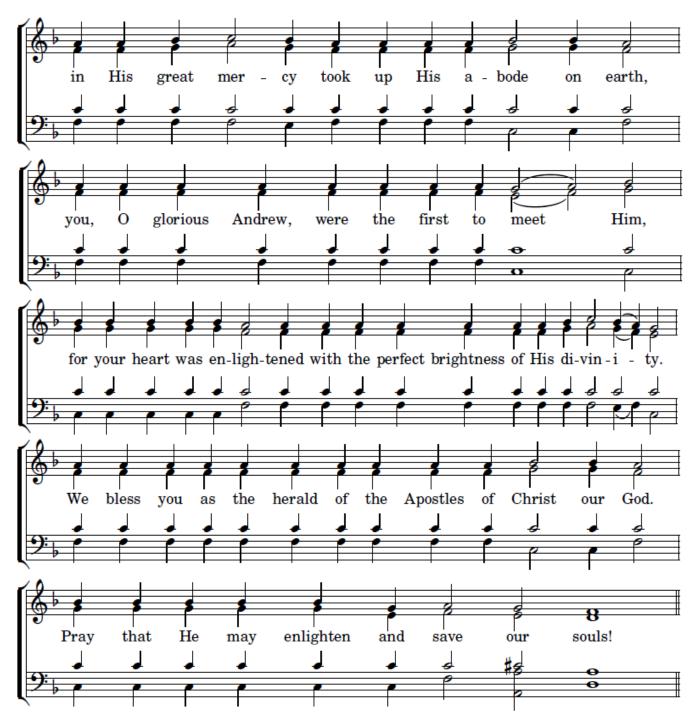
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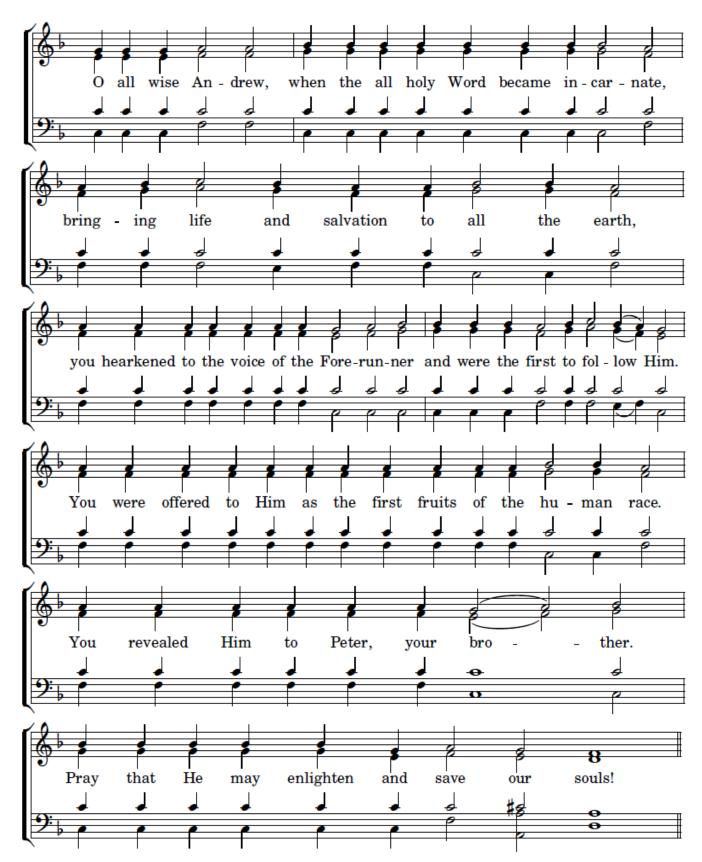
Pray that He may enlighten and save our souls!





v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

O all-wise <u>An</u>drew, when the all-holy Word became in<u>car</u>nate, bringing <u>life</u> and salvation to <u>all</u> the earth, you hearkened to the voice of the <u>Fore</u>runner and were the <u>first</u> to <u>fol</u>low Him. You were offered to Him as the first fruits of the <u>hu</u>man race. You revealed Him to Peter, your <u>broth</u>er.// Pray that He may enlighten and <u>save</u> our souls!

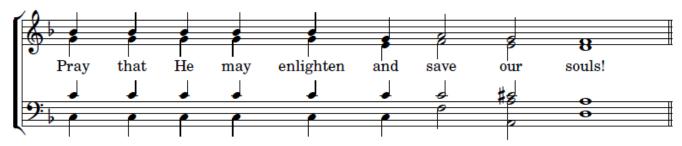


v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!



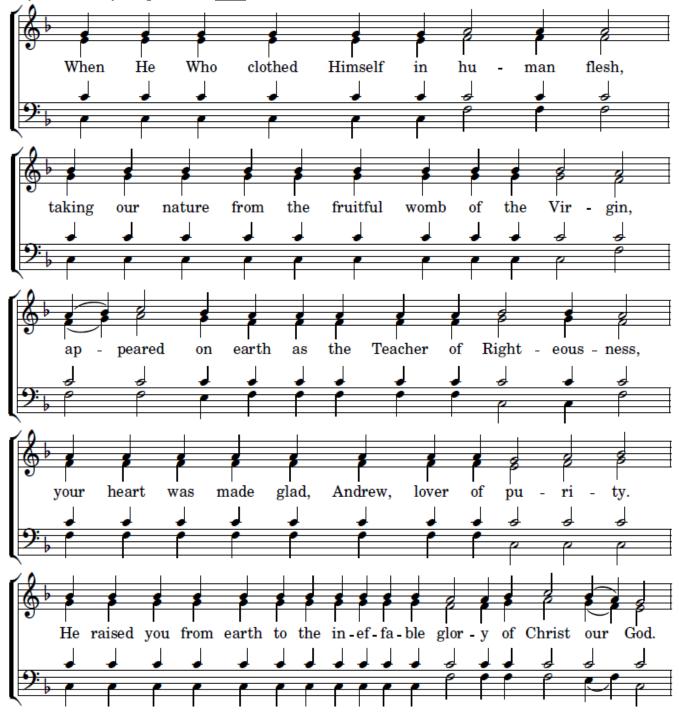
v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

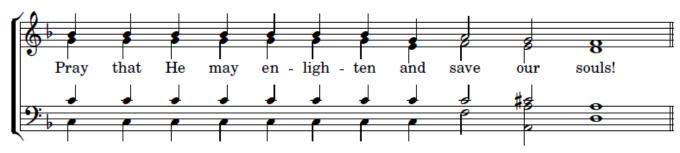
O all-wise Andrew, when the all-holy Word became incarnate, bringing life and salvation to all the earth, you hearkened to the voice of the Forerunner and were the first to follow Him. You were offered to Him as the first fruits of the human race. You revealed Him to Peter, your brother.// Pray that He may enlighten and save our souls! 0 all wise An - drew, when the holy Word became in - car all - nate, . . ð 0 life salvation ing and all the earth, bring to 6 0 you hearkened to the voice of the Fore-run-ner and were the first to fol low Him. ð J 0 d d You offered Him the first fruits of the hu - man were to asrace. 0 6 You revealed Him Peter, ther. to your bro0 Ð 0



v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

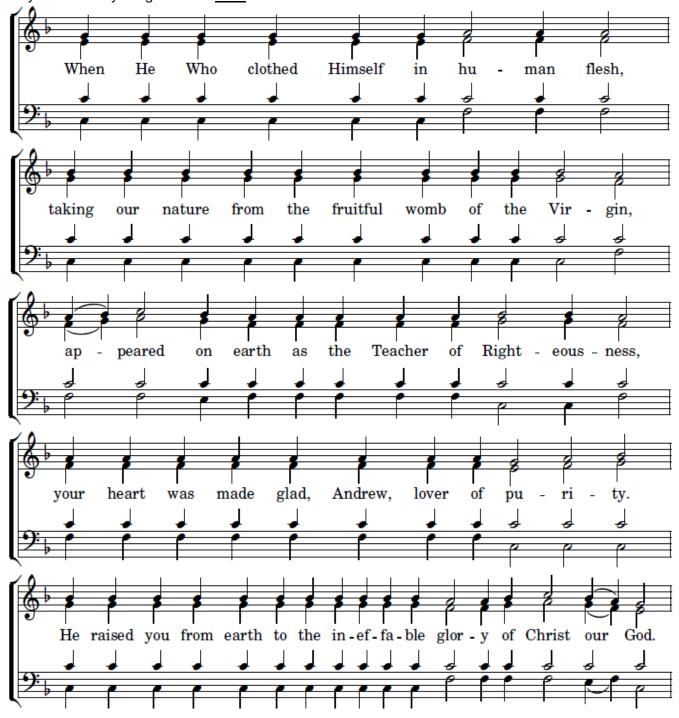
When He Who clothed Himself in <u>hu</u>man flesh, taking our nature from the fruitful womb of the <u>Virgin</u>, ap<u>peared</u> on earth as the Teacher of <u>right</u>eousness, your heart was made glad, O Andrew, lover of <u>purity</u>. He raised you from earth to the ineffable <u>glory</u> of <u>Christ</u> our God.// Pray that He may enlighten and <u>save</u> our souls!

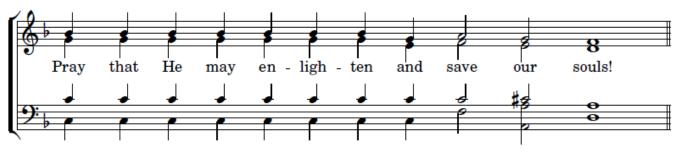




v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

When He Who clothed Himself in <u>hu</u>man flesh, taking our nature from the fruitful womb of the <u>Virgin</u>, ap<u>eared</u> on earth as the Teacher of <u>right</u>eousness, your heart was made glad, O Andrew, lover of <u>pur</u>ity. He raised you from earth to the ineffable <u>glory</u> of <u>Christ</u> our God.// Pray that He may enlighten and <u>save</u> our souls!





Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 4

(by Anatolius)

Leaving behind your fishnets, O Apostle <u>An</u>drew,

you caught men with the net of your <u>preaching</u>.

<u>Throwing</u> to us the bait of <u>right</u>eousness,

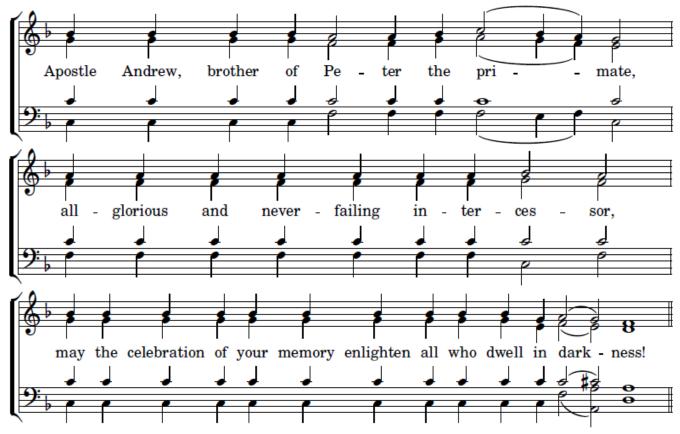
you delivered all nations from the depths of error.

O Apostle Andrew, brother of the foremost disciple,

all-glorious and never-failing intercessor,//

may the celebration of your memory enlighten all who dwell in <u>darkness</u>!



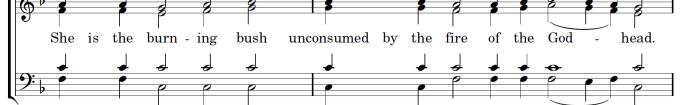


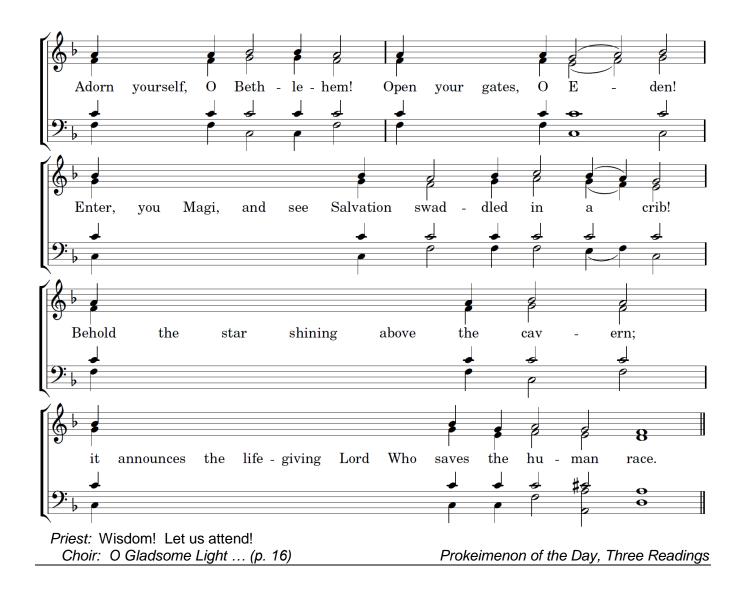
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4

(for the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ)

Rejoice, O I<u>sai</u>ah, and receive the <u>Word</u> of God! <u>Prophesy to Mary the Maid</u>en! She is the <u>burn</u>ing bush unconsumed by the <u>fire</u> of the <u>God</u>head. Adorn yourself, O <u>Beth</u>lehem! Open your gates, O <u>E</u>den! Enter, you Magi, and see Salvation <u>swad</u>dled <u>in</u> a crib! Behold the star shining above the <u>cav</u>ern;// it announces the life-giving Lord Who saves the <u>hu</u>man race. Rejoice, O I-sai-ah, and receive the Word of God! Proph-es-y to Mary the Maid-en!





Prokeimenon of the Day, three readings **Priest: Wisdom!**

Reader: The reading from the First Catholic Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter. (1 Peter 1:1-2:6) *Priest:* Let us attend!

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect who are living as exiles, scattered in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. This is according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, so that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with his blood. Grace be to you and may peace be multiplied!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that does not fade away. It is reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are protected through faith for a salvation which is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, although for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials. This way, may the demonstration of your faith (which is more precious than gold that perishes even though it is tested by fire) be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ! Even though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with unspeakable joy and glory. And so you are receiving the result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. About this salvation, the prophets (who prophesied of the grace that would come to you) did much research and investigation. They were investigating the time and circumstances that the Spirit of Christ (which was in them) pointed to by predicting the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow them. They received revelation that they were servants of these things not for themselves but for you. These things have now been announced to you by those who preached the Good News by the Holy Spirit sent out from heaven, and even the angels desire to gaze upon these things. Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be sober and set your hope fully on the grace that is brought to you by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Be children of obedience and do not conform yourselves to your former lusts as in the days of your ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, you yourselves should also be holy in every aspect of your life, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." If you call on him who judges without discrimination according to everyone's work as Father, spend your lives as exiles here on earth, in reverent fear. Know that it was not with corruptible things (such as silver or gold) that you were redeemed from the useless way of life handed down to you by your forefathers. Instead, it was with the precious blood of a blameless and pure lamb, the blood of Christ! He was foreknown even before the foundation of the world but he was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him, you believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope might be in God.

Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth through the Spirit, love one another with a pure heart, in sincere brotherly affection, and fervently! You have been born again, not of corruptible but of incorruptible seed, through the word of God which lives and remains forever. Truly:

All flesh is like grass, and all of man's glory like the flower in the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls; but the word of the Lord endures forever.

This is the word of the Good News which was preached to you.

Therefore, putting away all wickedness, deceit, hypocrisies, envies, and all evil speaking, as newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, so that you may grow by it in you] salvation. If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious, come to him who is a living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious. You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, in order to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

As the Scripture has it:

Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, chosen and precious: Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First Catholic Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter. (1 Peter 2:21-3:9) *Priest:* Let us attend!

Brothers and Sisters, you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example so that you should follow in his steps. Yet he did not sin, "neither was deceit found in his mouth" and when he was cursed, he did not curse back. When he suffered, he did not threaten, but committed himself to the one who judges righteously. In his body, he bore in

himself our sins on the tree, so that having died to sins, we might live to righteousness; and "by his wounds you were healed." Indeed, you were going astray like sheep, but now, you have returned to the shepherd and overseer of your souls.

In the same way, wives, be in subjection to your own husbands. This way, even if they do not obey the word, they will be won by the behavior of their wives without a word, seeing your pure and reverent attitude. Your beauty should not only consist in external ornaments and hairstyles, golden jewelry, or fine clothing. Instead, let it be in the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. This is how the holy women of the past hoped in God and also adorned themselves. They were submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord." You are now her children if you do what is good and do not give in to fear.

In the same way, you husbands should live with your wives according to knowledge, giving them honor as to the weaker vessel and also as joint- heirs of the grace of life. This way, your prayers will not be hindered.

Finally, all of you be like-minded, compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, polite, not giving back evil for evil or insult for insult. Instead, give back blessing, knowing that you are called to do this, so that you yourselves may inherit a blessing.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First Catholic Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter. (1 Peter 4:1-11)

Priest: Let us attend!

Brothers and Sisters, as Christ suffered for us in the flesh, equip yourselves with the same mind; for anyone who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin. Thus you should no longer live the rest of your time in the flesh for human lusts but to do God's will. Truly, you have spent enough of your past lifetime fulfilling the will of [non-believing] Gentiles. We used to live in indecency, lusts, excess drinking, orgies, riotous behavior, and abominable idolatries. They think it is strange that you no longer run with them into the same abusive lifestyle, and they speak evil of you. However, they will give an account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead! For this reason, the Good News was preached even to the dead, so that they might in the flesh undergo the judgment that faces all human beings, but then live in the spirit as to God.

The end of all things is near! Therefore, be clear-minded, self-controlled, and sober in prayer. And above all things, be committed to your mutual love because love will cover a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another, without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve each other, as good stewards of the grace of God in its various forms. If anyone speaks, let it be as the very words of God. If anyone serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

Then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)

Rejoice, O heaven!

Proclaim everywhere the <u>glory</u> of God!

Today the first-called Apostle stands in our midst.

He was the first to obey the Lord with fervor.

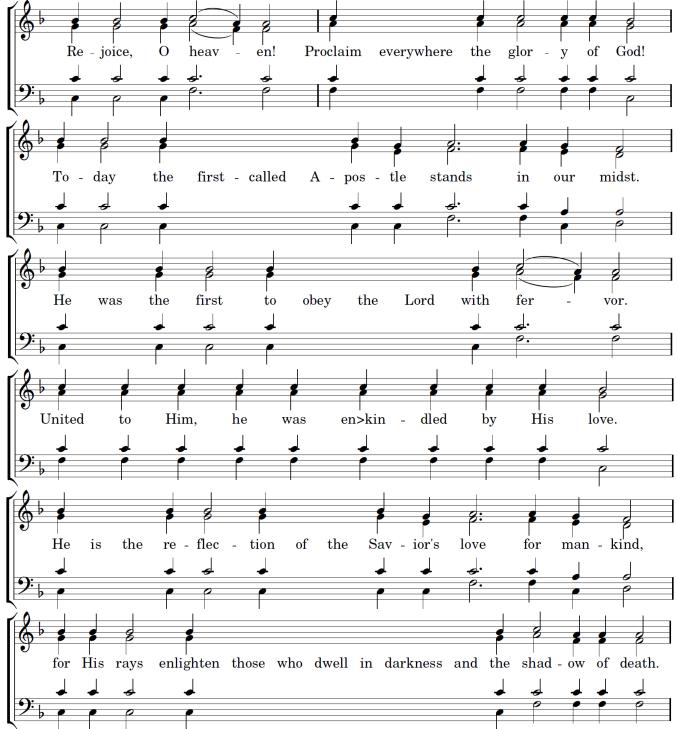
United to Him, he was enkindled by His love.

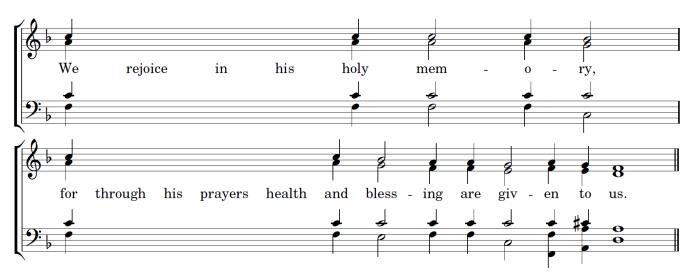
He is the reflection of the Savior's love for mankind,

for His rays enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

We rejoice in his holy memory,//

for through his prayers health and <u>blessing are given to us.</u>





v. Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps. 18:4)

Having found the First of things desired,

Who in compassion was clothed with our nature,

O Andrew, wise in God,

you were united in ardent desire with your brother,

crying out, "Come, let us find Him

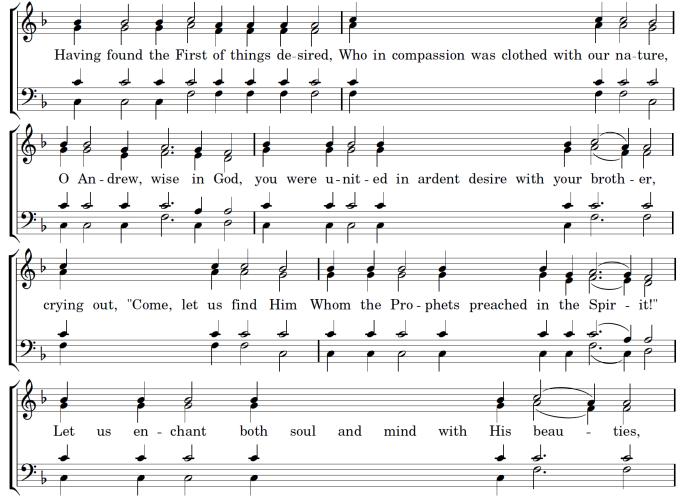
Whom the Prophets preached in the Spirit!"

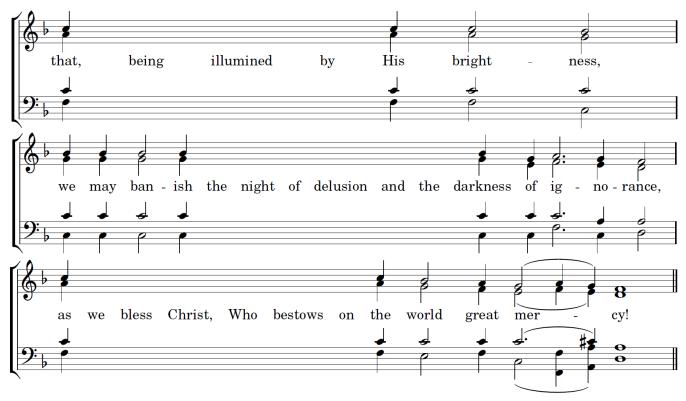
Let us enchant both soul and mind with His beauties,

that, being illumined by His brightness,

we may banish the night of delusion and the darkness of ignorance,//

as we bless Christ, Who bestows on the world great mercy!





v. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18:1)

Your preaching gives light to godless nations,

O glorious vessel of the Ruler of the sea.

Your wisdom calms the stormy waves.

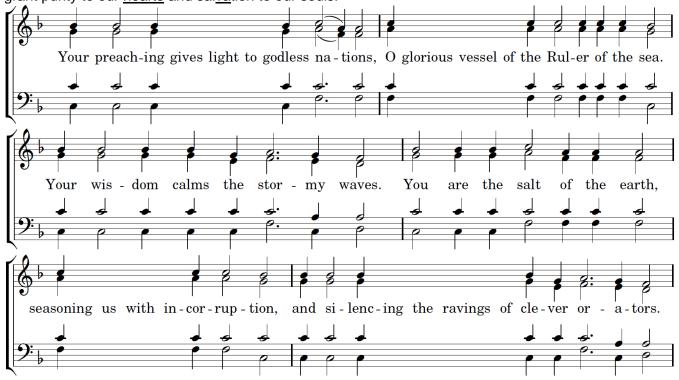
You are the <u>salt</u> of the earth,

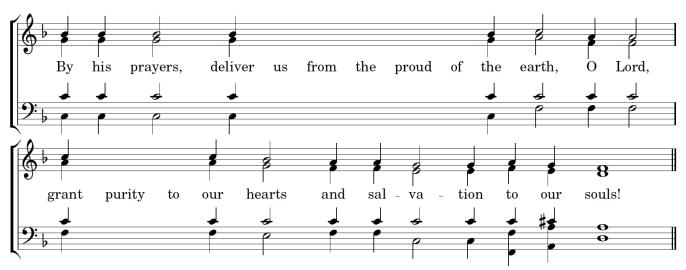
seasoning us with incor<u>rup</u>tion,

and silencing the ravings of clever orators.

By his prayers, deliver us from the proud of the earth, O Lord,//

grant purity to our hearts and salvation to our souls!





Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 3

(by Germanos)

We honor you in songs, O Apostle Andrew,

brother of Peter and disciple of Christ,

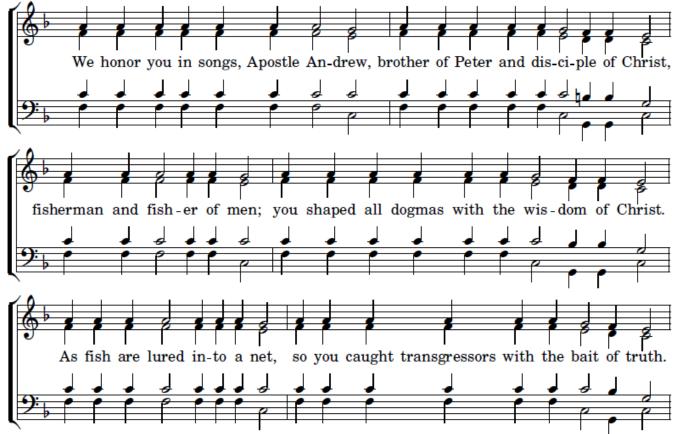
fisherman and <u>fish</u>er of men;

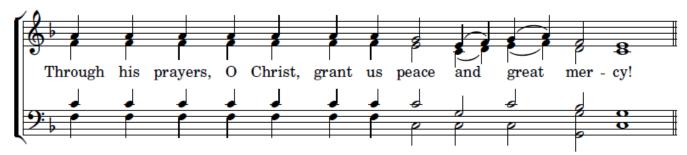
you shaped all dogmas with the wisdom of Christ.

As fish are lured into a net,

so you caught transgressors with the bait of truth.//

Through his prayers, O Christ, grant us peace and great mercy!





now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 3

(for the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ)

Tell us, O Joseph,

how is it that you bring to Bethlehem, great with child,

the Maiden whom you received

from the Holy of Holies?

"I have searched the <u>Proph</u>ets," he said.

"I have been instructed by an <u>Ang</u>el.

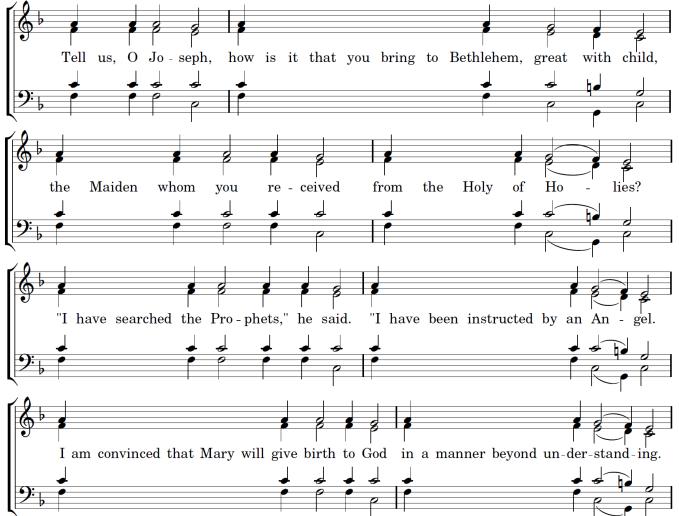
I am convinced that Mary will give birth to God

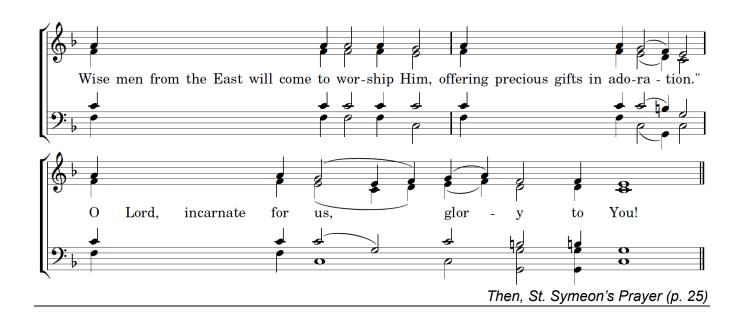
in a manner beyond understanding.

Wise men from the East will come to worship Him,

offering precious gifts in adoration."//

O Lord, incarnate for us, glory to You!







Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

(Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 4) The mystery of all eternity, unknown even by <u>Ang</u>els, through you, Theotokos, is revealed to <u>those</u> on earth: God incarnate by union without confusion. He voluntarily accepted the <u>Cross</u> for us, by which He resurrected the first-cre<u>a</u>ted man,// saving our <u>souls</u> from death.

