Vesper Propers, September 1

The Beginning of the Church Year ("Indiction"). The First Ecumenical Council (325) decreed that the Church's year should begin on September 1. The lunar month corresponding to September on the Jewish calendar was the beginning of the civil year (cf Exodus 12:2); it was at this time that our Lord Jesus went into the synagogue at Nazareth and read the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to proclaim 'the acceptable year of the Lord.' (Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4: 16-21).

Our venerable father Simeon the Stylite and his mother. Simeon lived near Antioch in Syria. He was a monk, who lived for many years standing atop a column (in Greek, a *stylus)*, hence he received the nickname "Stylite." His life and admirable conversation were remarkable. (459)

Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God of Miasena.

The holy martyr Aeithalas, who suffered in Persia. (380)

The forty holy women martyred with their instructor, Ammon the deacon, during the time of the emperor Licinius at Heraclea in Thrace (313).

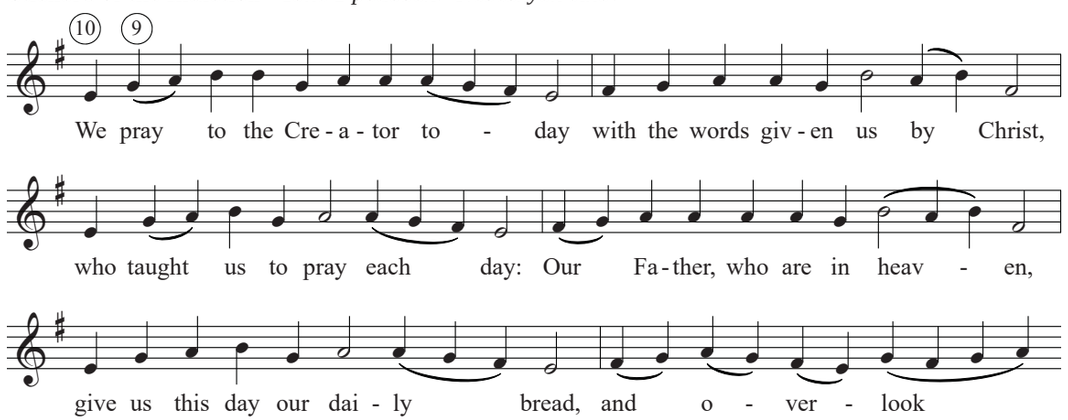
The holy martyr Callista and her two brothers, Evodius and Hermogenes, who were martyred in Nicomedia. (309)
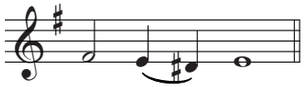
The just Joshua, son of Nun, servant of the Lord. When the hand of Moses was placed on him, he was filled with the spirit of wisdom. He led the people of Israel after the death of Moses through the Jordan River to the promised land.

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Psalm 140, Tone 1, page 24

Cantor: Bring my soul out of this prison
(on 10) and then I shall praise your name.

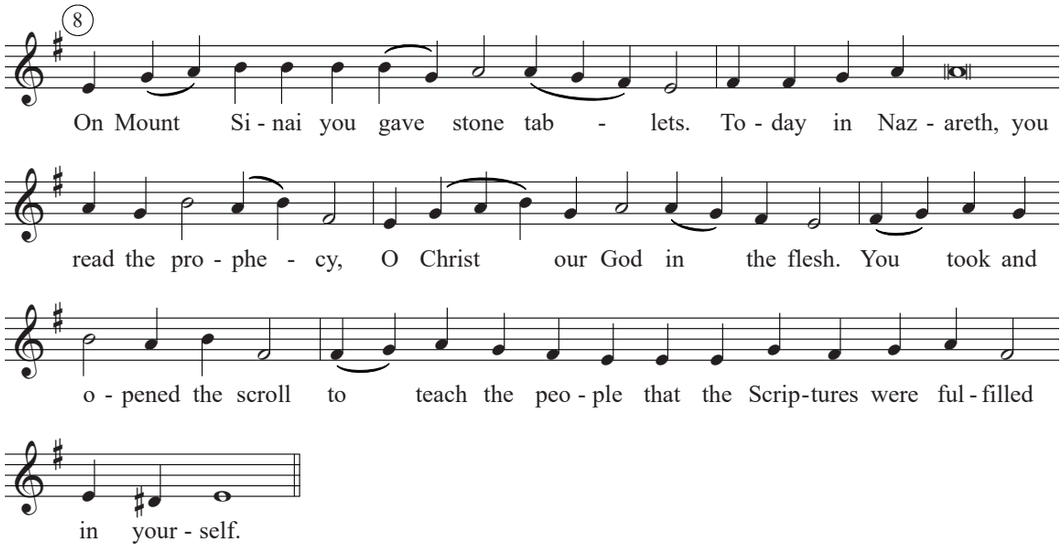
Stichera of the Indiction - *Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov*





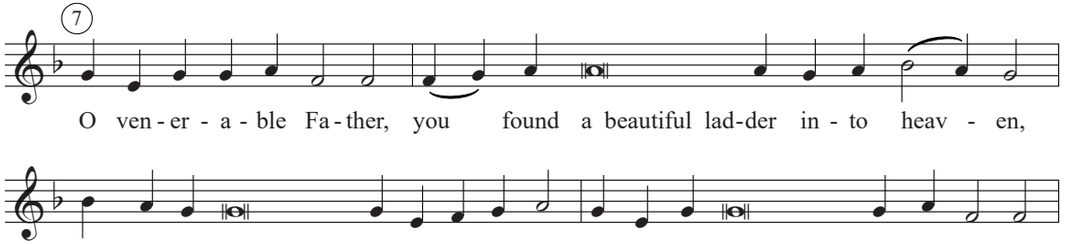
Cantor: Around me the just will assemble
(on 9) because of your goodness to me. *All repeat "We pray to the Creator…"*

Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!



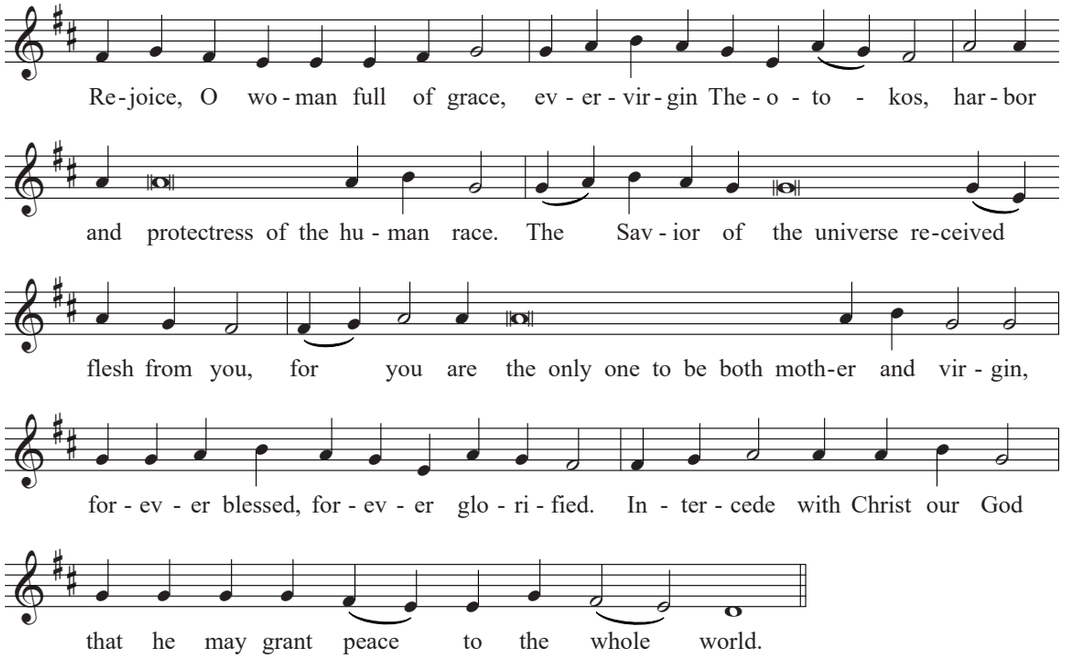
Cantor: *(Tone 5)* Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.
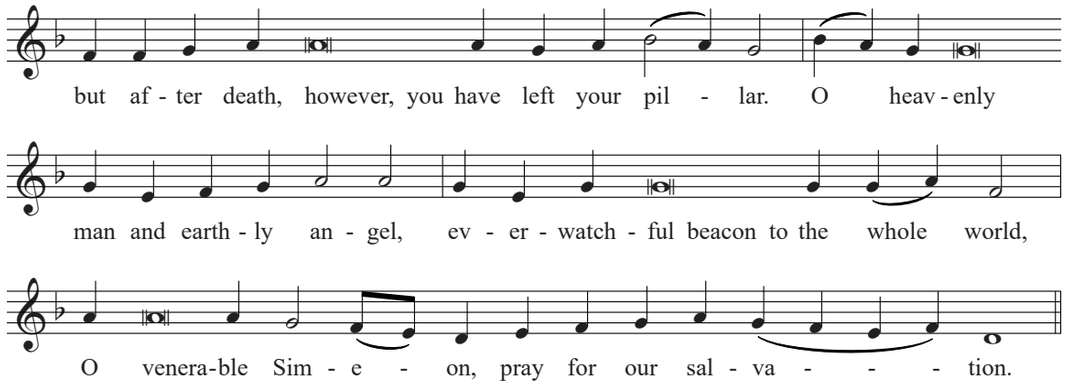
Stichera of our Venerable Father Simeon the Stylite - *Tone 5 samohlasen*



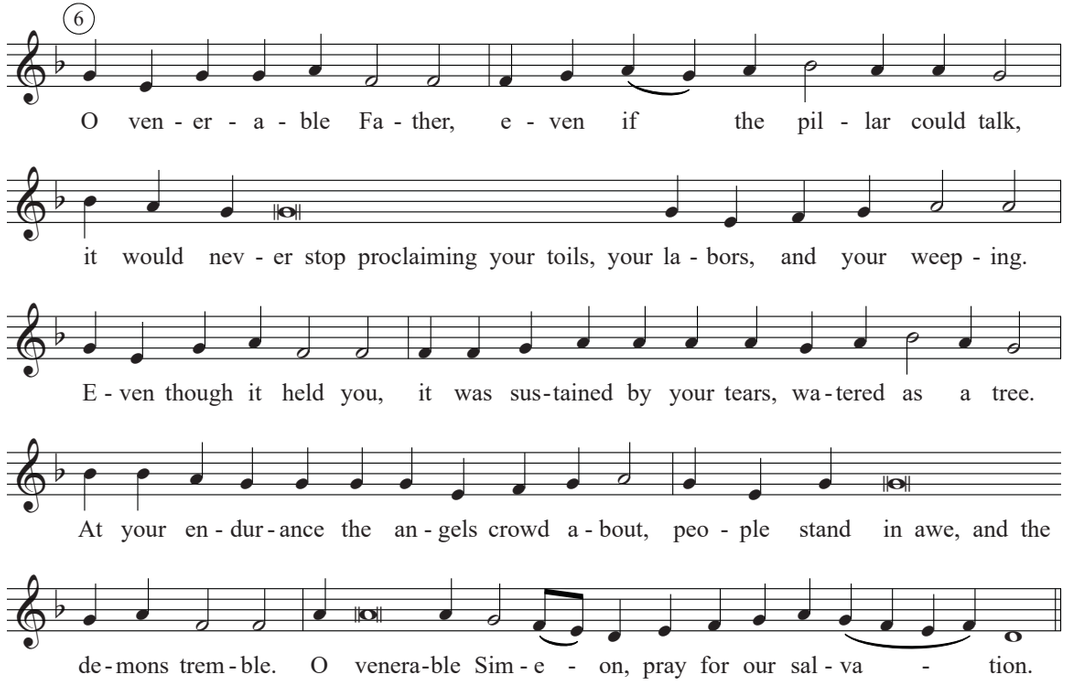
Cantor: *(Tone 7)* Now and ever…

Theotokion - *Tone 7*

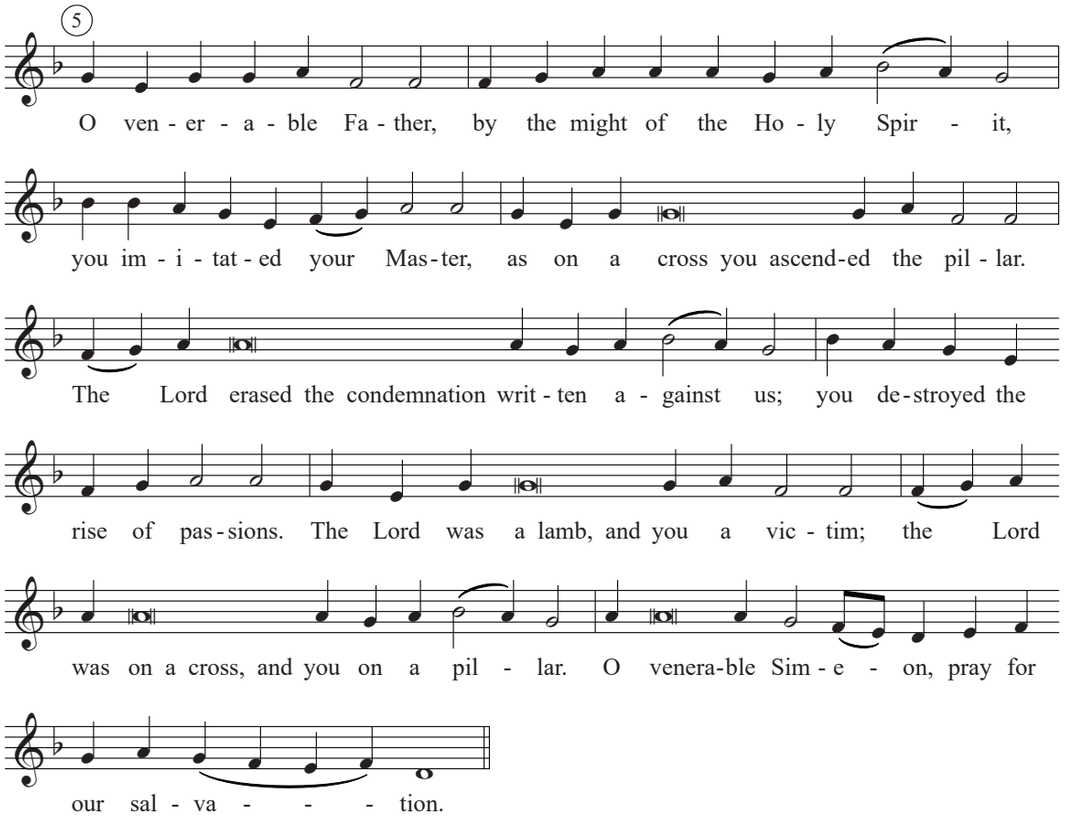




Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

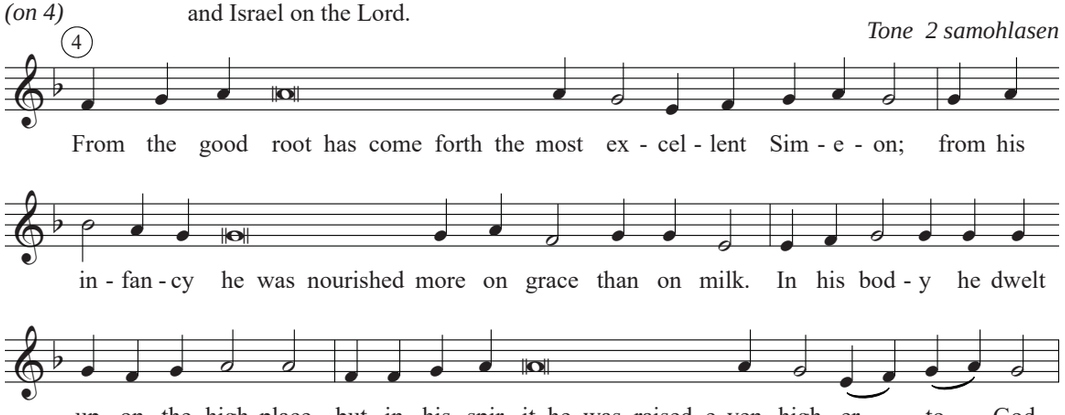


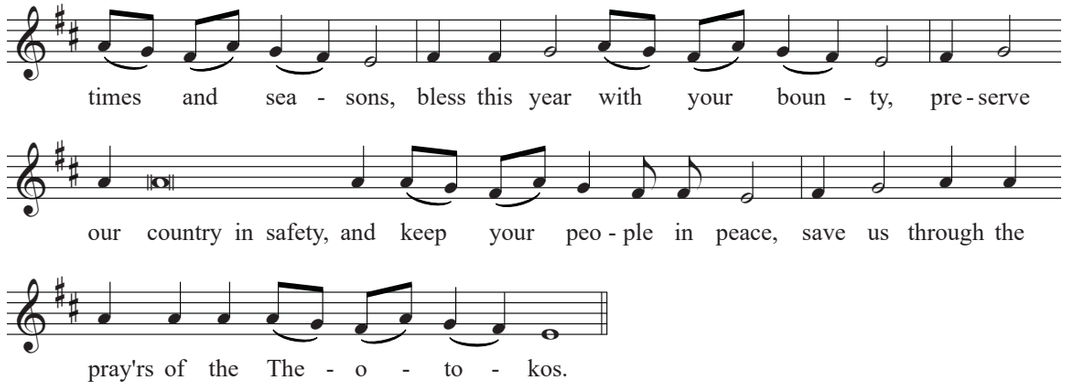
Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



Cantor: *(Tone 2)* Let the watchman count on daybreak,
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

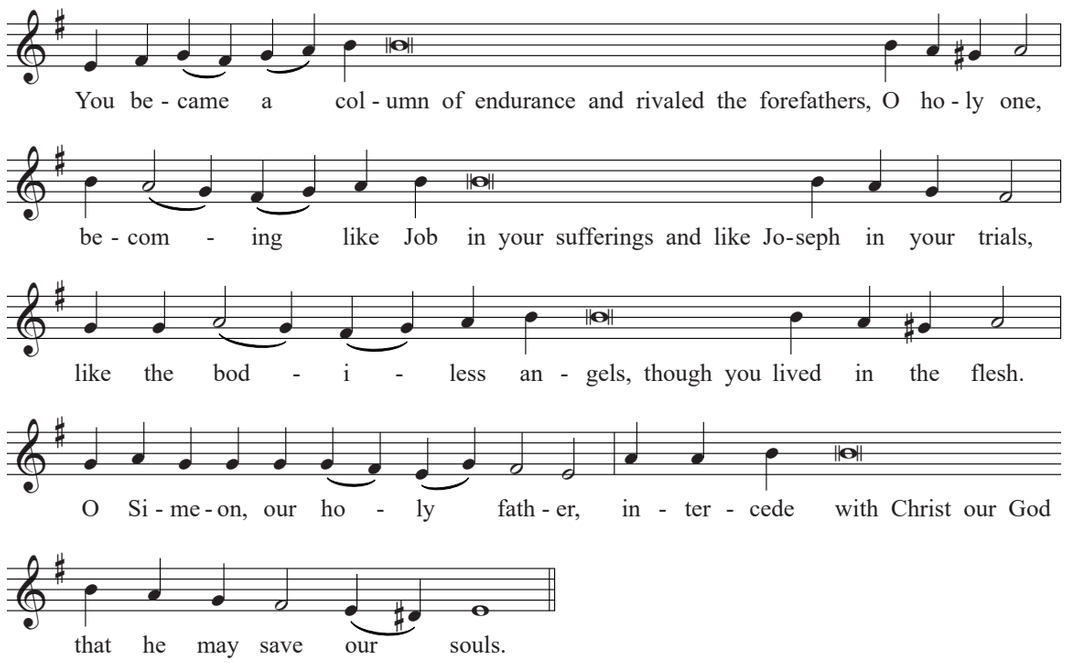
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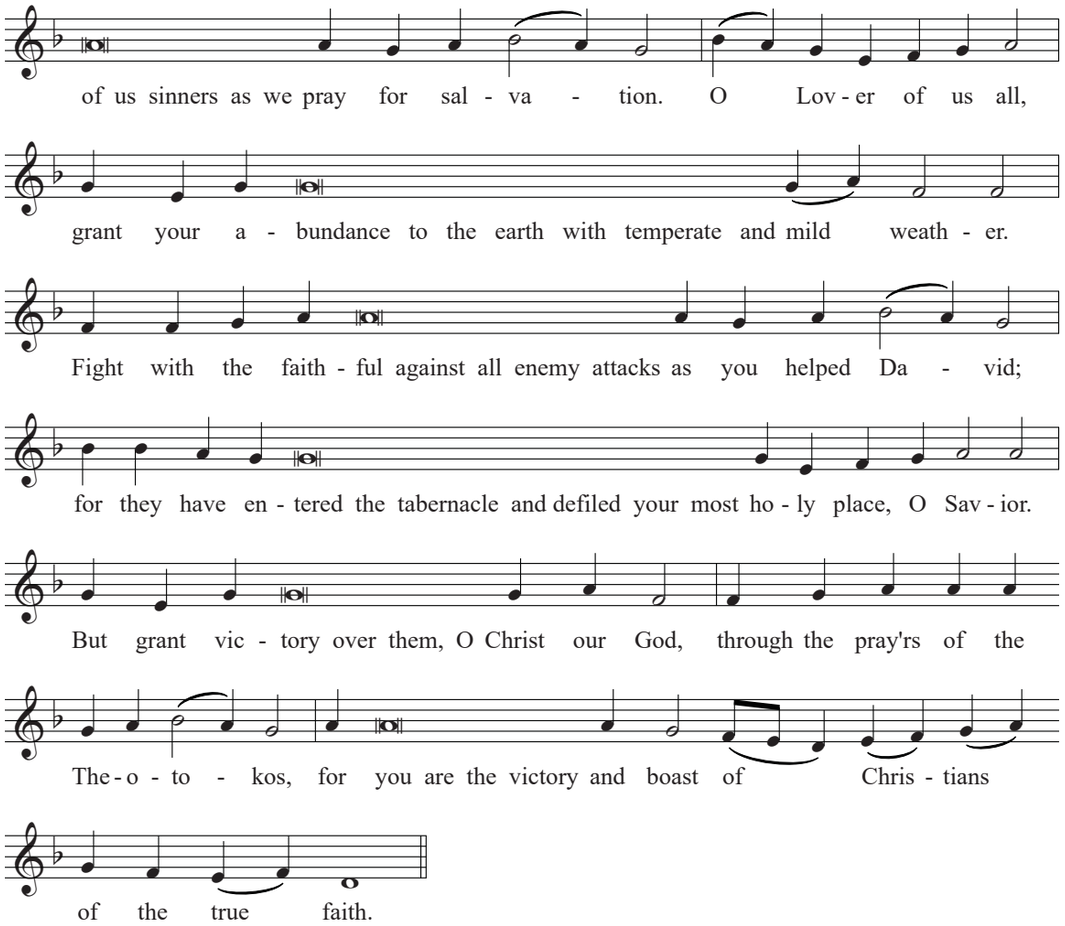




Cantor: *(Tone 1)* Glory…
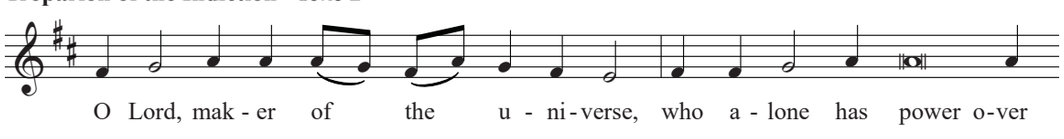
Troparion of Simeon the Stylite - *Tone 1*

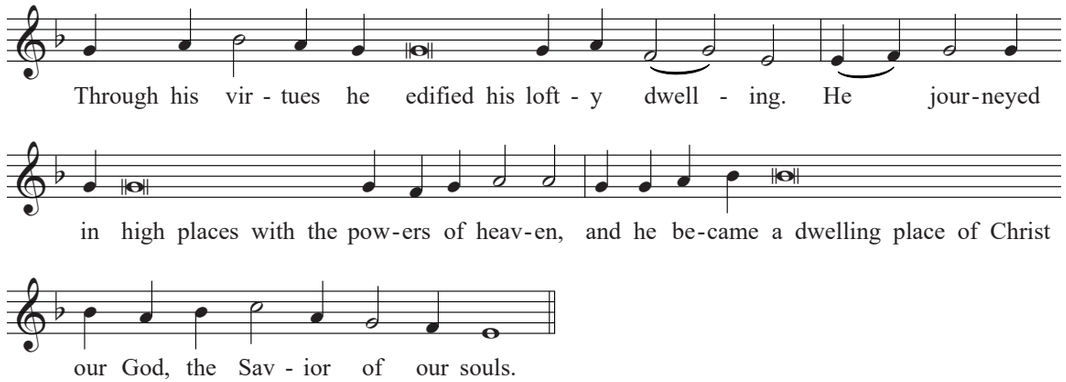




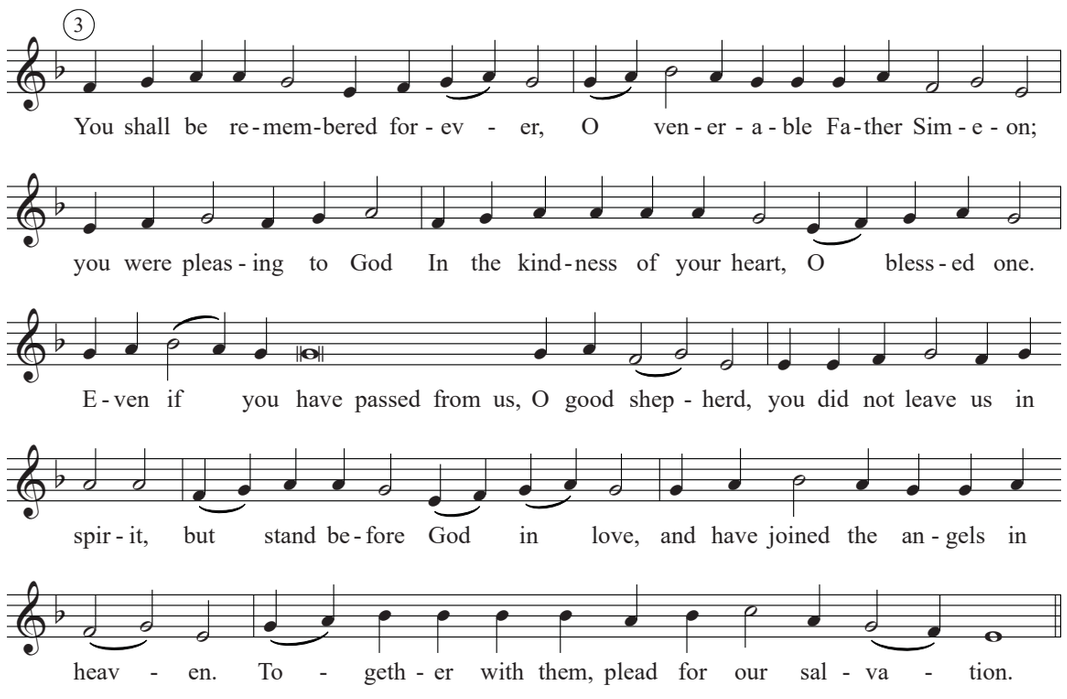
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Troparion of the Indiction - *Tone 2*

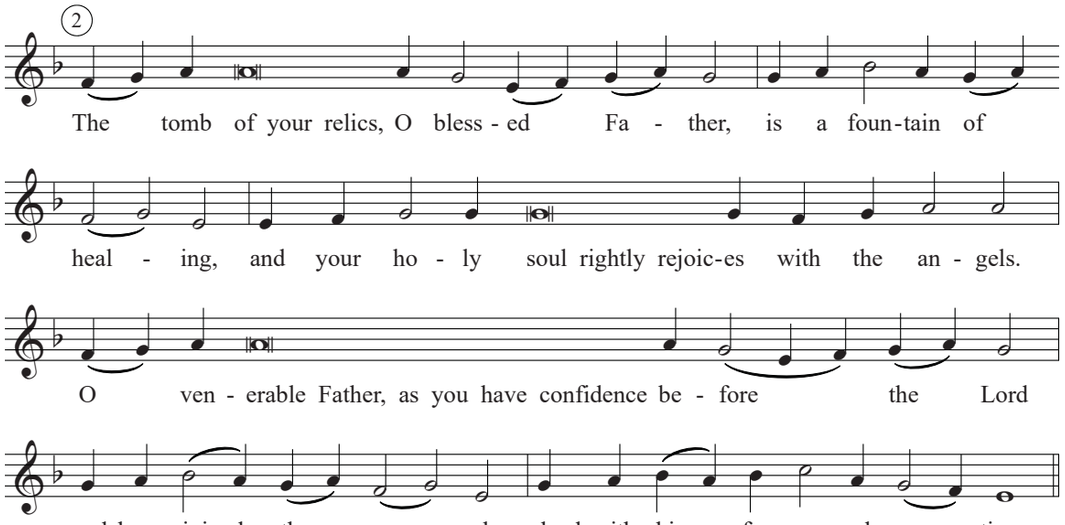




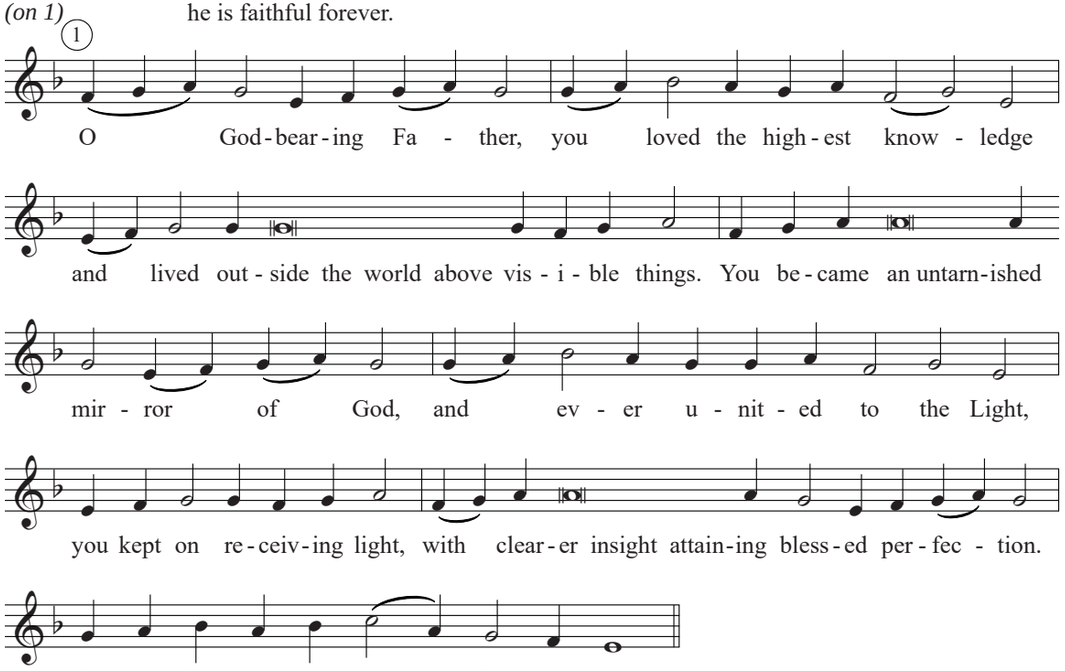
Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

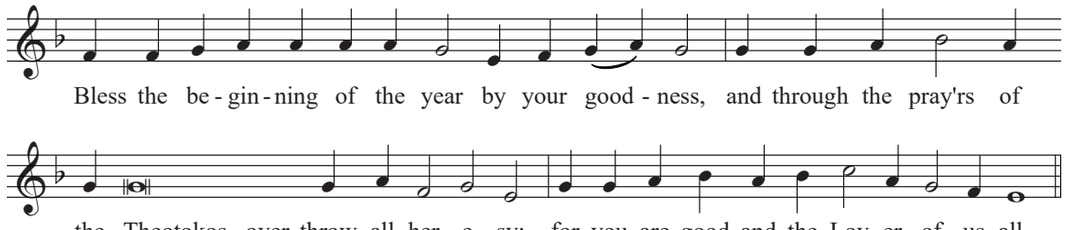


Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



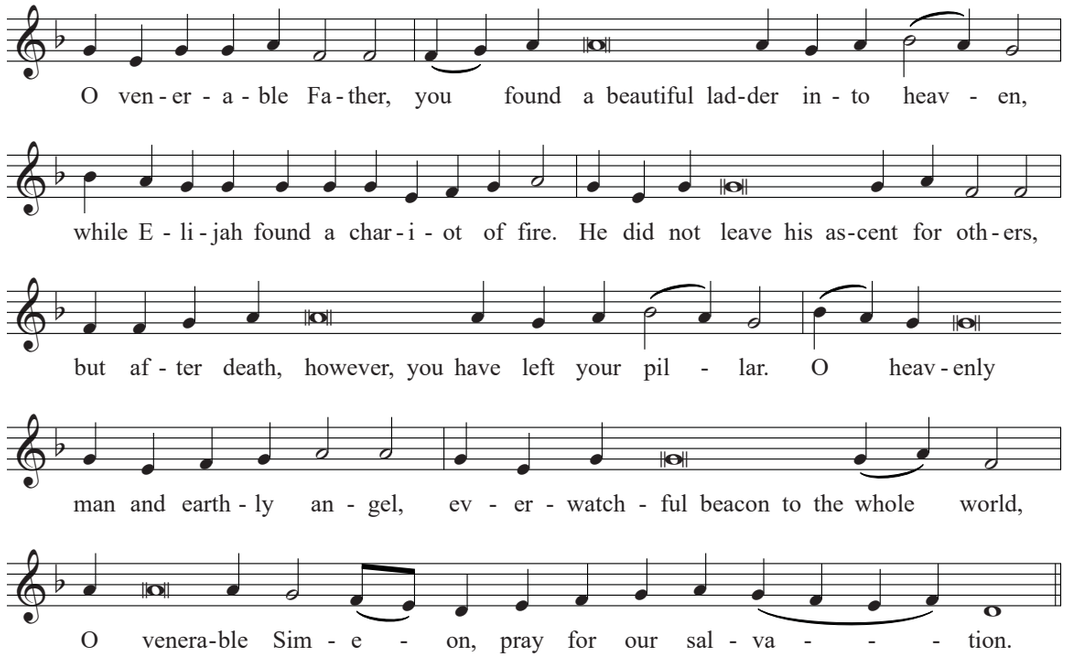
Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.
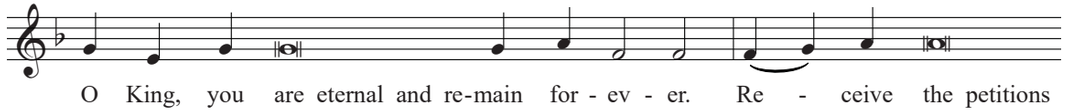




Cantor: *(Tone 5)* Glory…
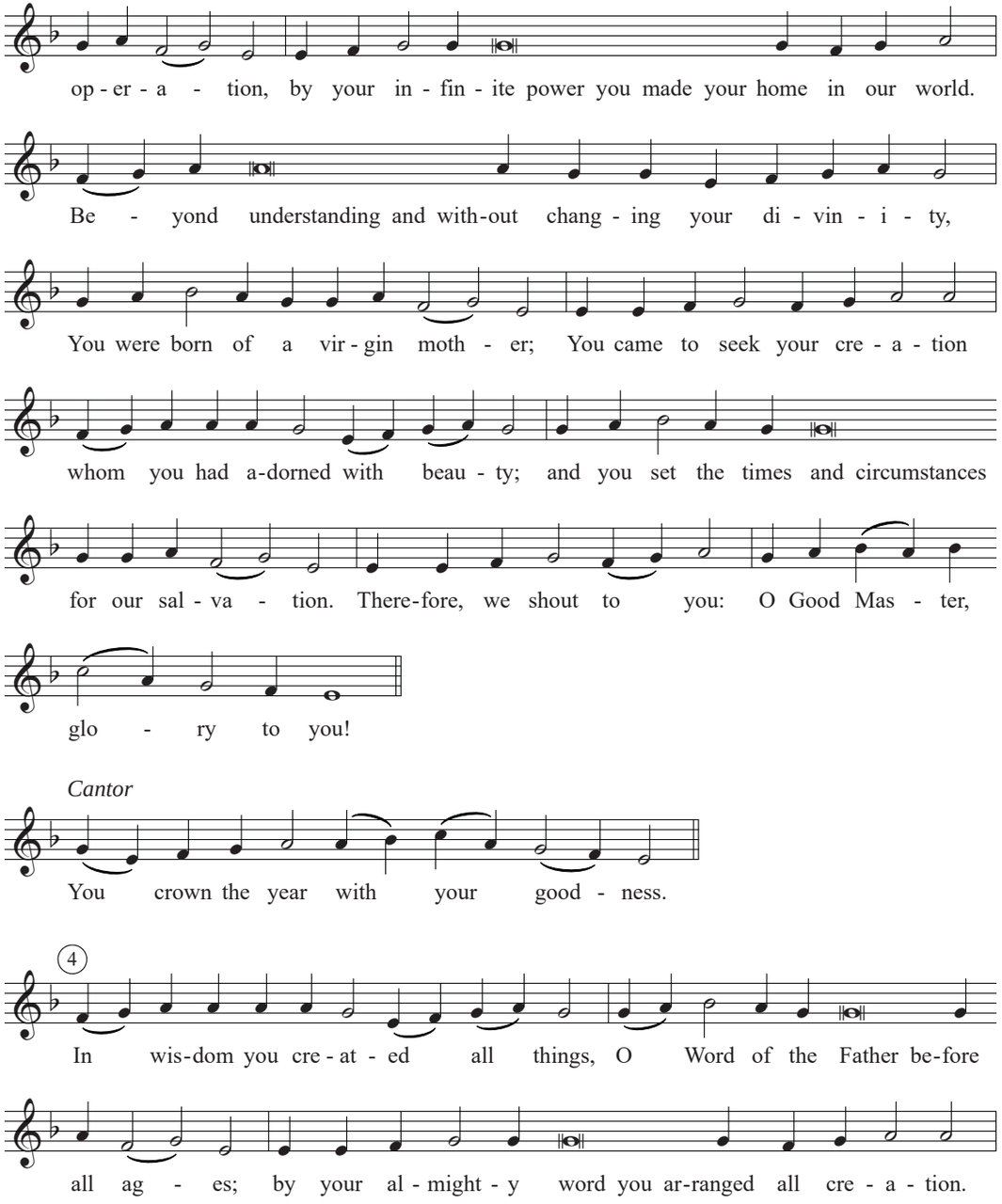
Doxastikon of Simeon - *Tone 5 samohlasen*



Cantor: Now and ever…

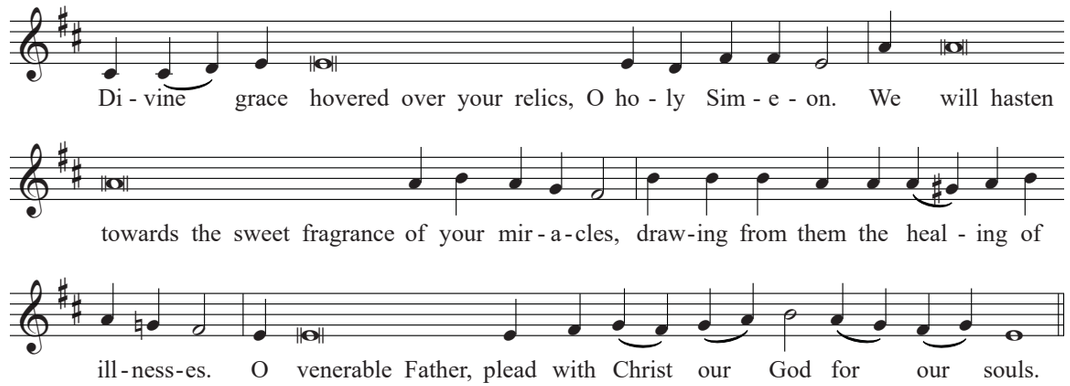
Theotokion of the Indiction - *Tone 5*





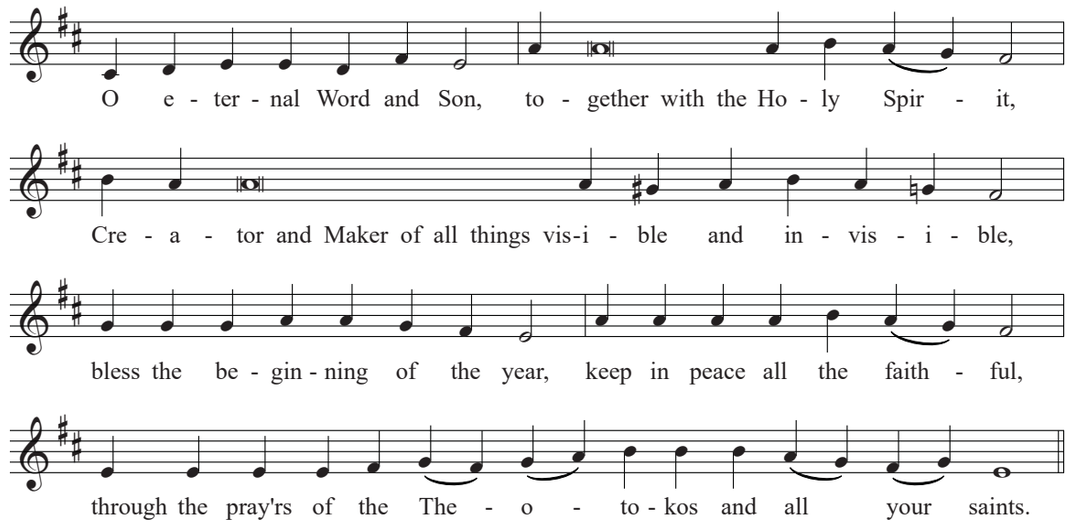
Cantor: *(Tone 6)* Glory…

Doxastikon of Simeon - *Tone 6*



Cantor: Now and ever…

Theotokion of the Indiction - *Tone 6*



Readings: Isaiah 61:1-9
Leviticus 26: 3-12, 14-17, 19-24
Wisdom 4: 7-15

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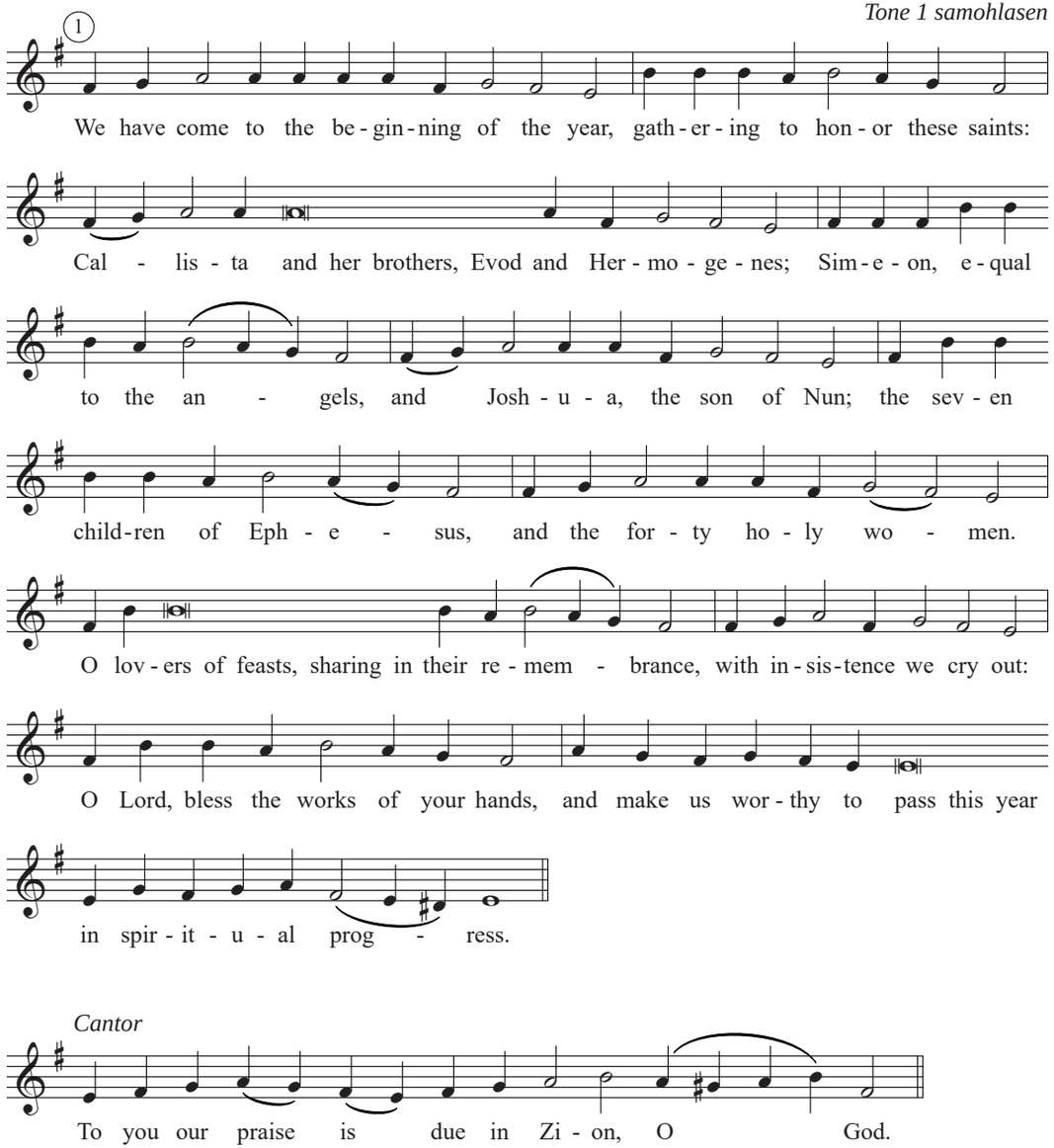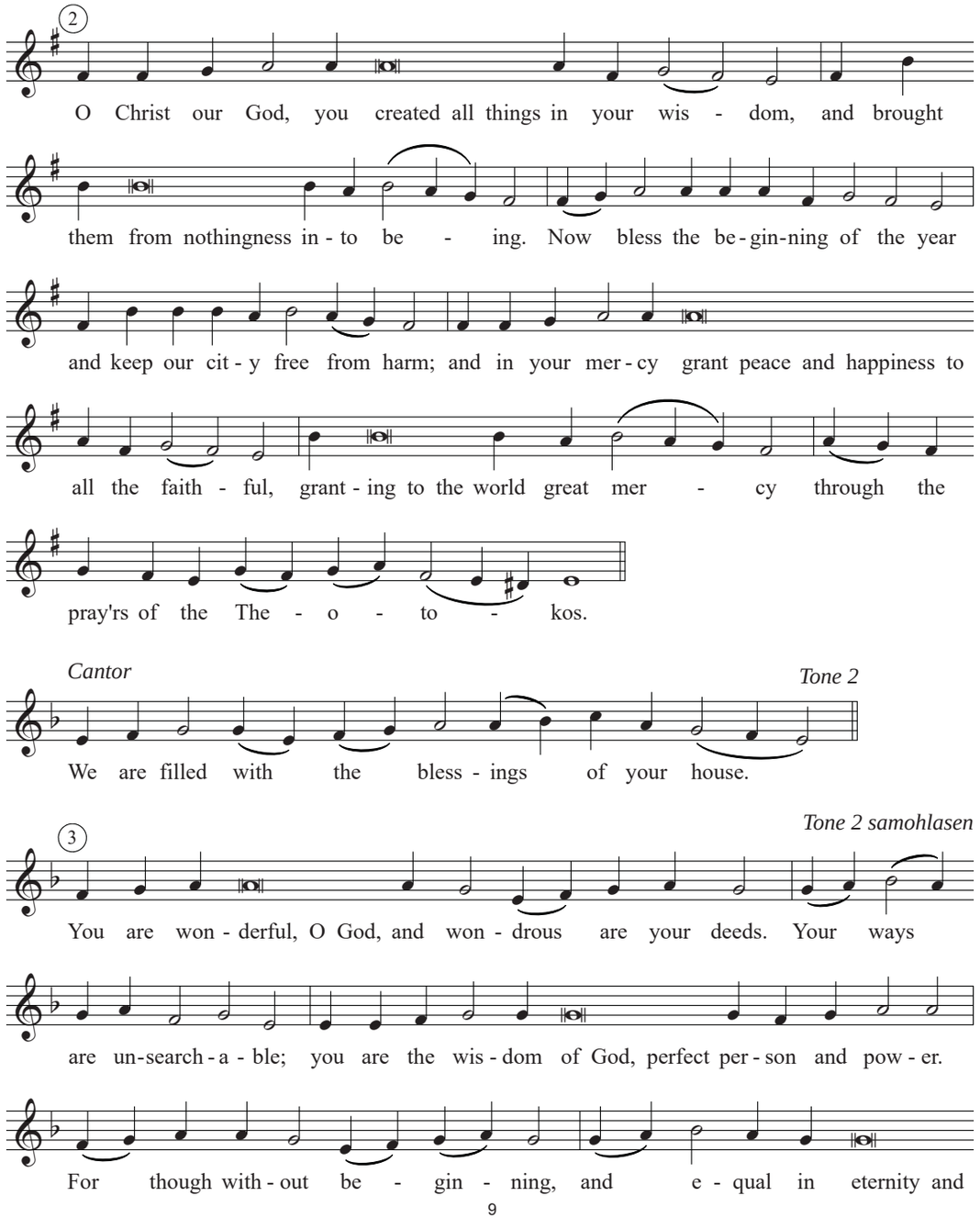
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