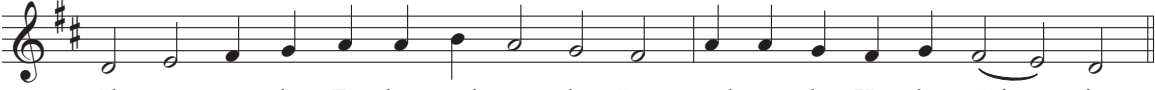


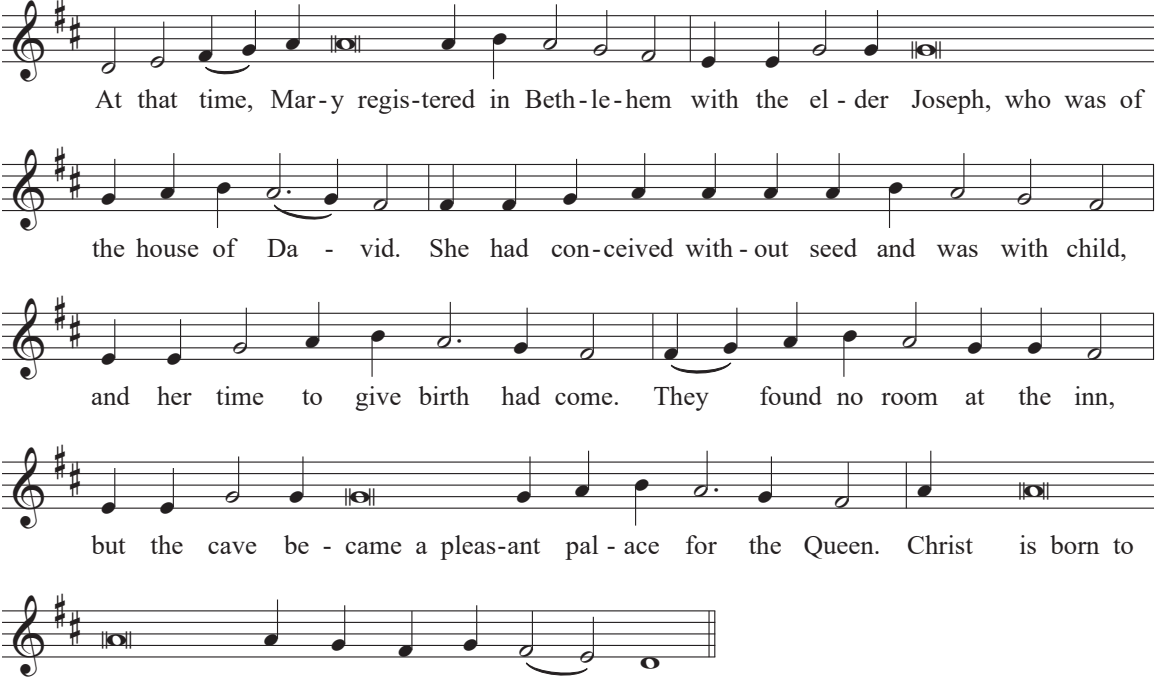
Royal Hours of the Nativity - First Hour

Troparia



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4




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but the cave be - came a pleas-ant pal - ace for the Queen. Christ is born to
raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

Cantor 

Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Theotokion of the First Hour - Tone 4



What shall we call you, O full of grace? A hea - ven, for you have borne

the Sun of Jus - tice? A par - adise, for you have brought forth the Flower of
im-mor-ta - li - ty? A vir - gin, for you have re - mained un - de - filed? A
mo - ther, holding in holy holy arms the Son who is God of all? In - tercede with him
for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Stichera

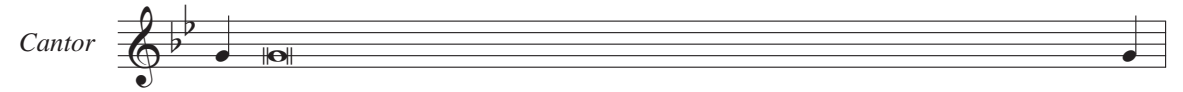
Stichera of the first Royal Hour of the Nativity - *Tone 8 samohlasen*

Make read - y, O Beth - le - hem: pre-pare your-self, O man - ger.
Let the cave show its wel - come. The truth has come, the shad-ow has
passed a - way; born of a Vir-gin, God has ap-peared to all, formed
as we are and making our flesh god - like. There-fore Ad - am and Eve
are re-newed, and they call out: Lov - ing-kindness has ap - peared on



earth to save our hu - man race.

Tone 3 samohlasen



Cantor

God comes from Mount Teman, the Holy One from an overshadowed moun-tain.



I have heard your re - nown and feared.

Sticheron - Tone 3 samohlasen



Now the proph - e - cy draws near to its ful - fill - ment, which mys - tic - 'ly said:



"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Ju - - dah, where the cave



was pre-pared, you are not least a-mong prin - ces, for out of you shall



come forth unto me in the flesh a Rul-er of na - tions. Christ our God is



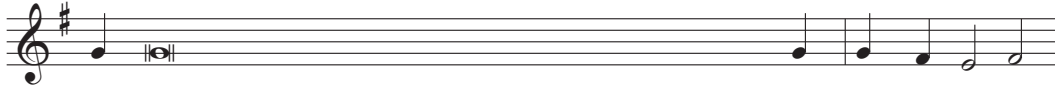
born of a Vir - gin Maid-en, and as a shep - herd he shall tend his people, the




new Is - ra - el. Let us all give him glo - ry.

Tone 8 samohlasen

Cantor



Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er



and for - ev - er. A - men.

Doxastikon - Tone 8 samohlasen



Jo-seph spoke to the Vir - gin: What is this, O Mary, that I see in you?



I fail to understand and am a - mazed, and my mind is dis - mayed.



De - part from me quick-ly and qui - et - ly. What is this, O Mary, that I



see in you? In - stead of honor, you have brought me shame; In - stead of joy,



sorrow; in - stead of praise, re - proof. No long - er shall I bear the reproach of




peo - ple. I re - ceived you from the priests of the temple, as one blame-less




be - fore the Lord. And what is this that I now see?


Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4




To - day the Vir - gin is com - ing to the cave to give birth to




the e - ter - nal Word in a man - ner be - yond ex - pres - - sion.



Let the world dance when it hears the news; with the an - gels and



shep - herds glorify the e - ter - nal God who chose to ap - pear as a



new - born child. -

lies in a man - ger. He rained man - na down on the people in the
 wil - der - ness and is now fed on milk from his moth - er's breast.
 The bride - groom of the church calls the Ma - gi. The Son of the virgin
 (full prostration) (full prostration)
 ac - cepts their gifts. We wor - ship your birth, O Christ. We wor - ship
 (full prostration)
 your birth, O Christ. We wor - ship your birth, O Christ. Show us al - so
 your The - o - pha - ny.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (Psalm 85: 5, 1-2)

Zi - on shall be called "Moth - - - - ther;" one and all were
 born in her.

Verse: God's foundations are in the holy mountain.
 The Lord loves the gates of Zion.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (Psalm 2: 7-8)

The Lord said to me: "You are my Son: this day
 I have be - got - - ten you."

Verse: Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations.

Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4

To - day the Vir - gin is com - ing to the cave to give birth to
 the e - ter - nal Word in a man - ner be - yond ex - pres - sion.
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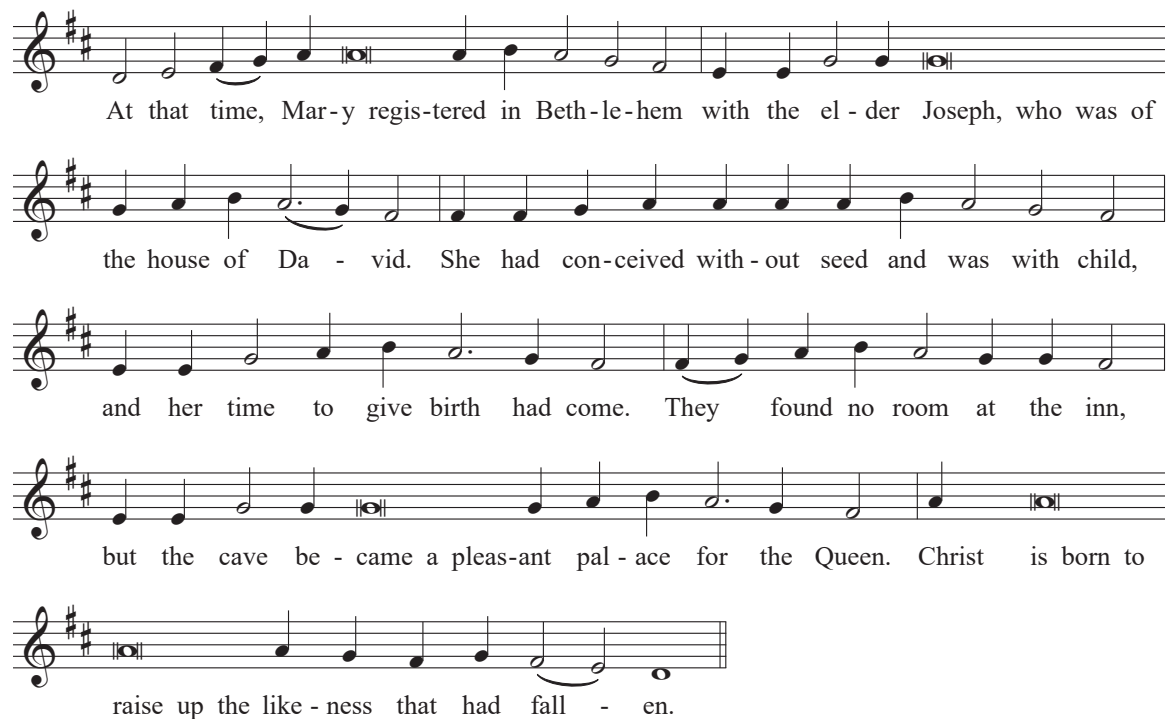
Royal Hours of the Nativity - Third Hour

Troparia




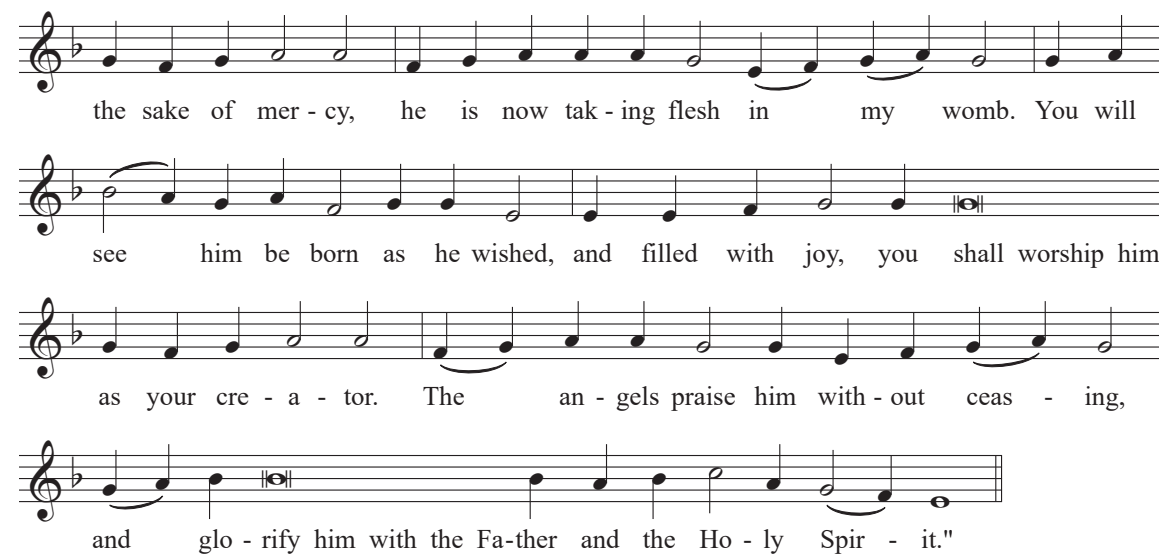
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Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4



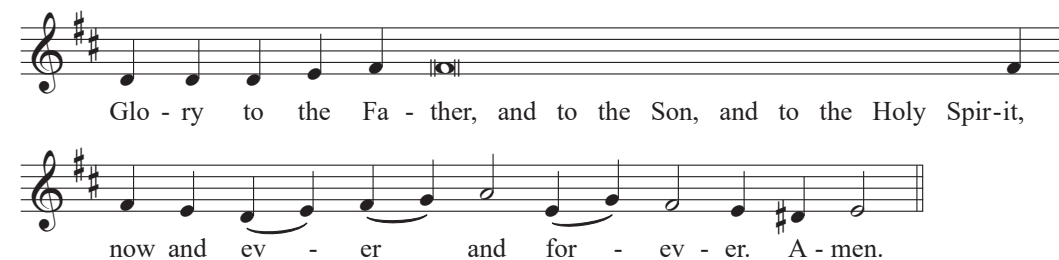
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Cantor 
Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.



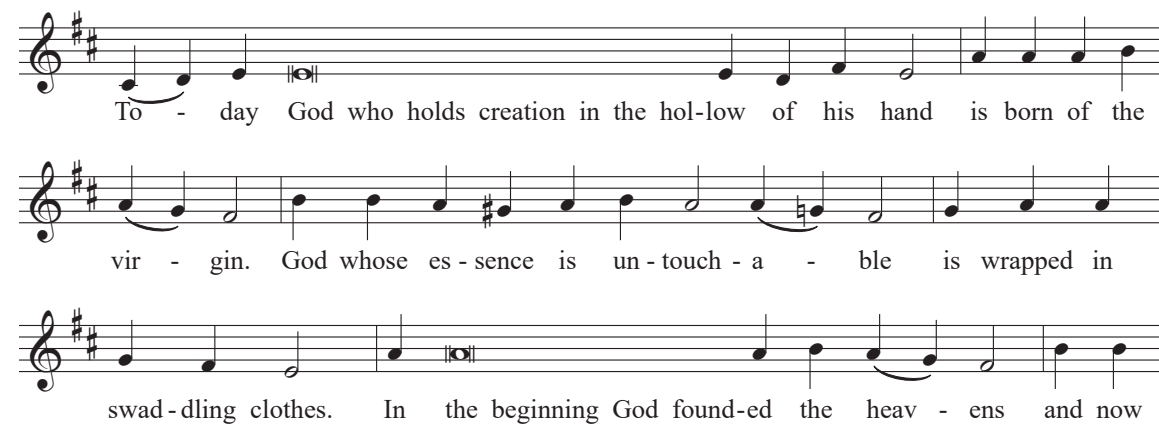
the sake of mer - cy, he is now tak - ing flesh in my womb. You will see him be born as he wished, and filled with joy, you shall worship him as your cre - a - tor. The an - gels praise him with - out ceas - ing, and glo - rify him with the Fa - ther and the Ho - ly Spir - it."

Tone 6 samohlasen



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen



To - day God who holds creation in the hol-low of his hand is born of the vir - gin. God whose es - sence is un - touch - a - ble is wrapped in swad-dling clothes. In the beginning God found-ed the heav - ens and now

and source of milk were stopped. Great was this ca - ma - mi - ty. Let us, the
 faith-ful rev - 'rent - ly wor - ship the birth of Christ.

Tone 2 samohlasen

Cantor

God comes from Mount Teman, the Holy One from an overshadowed moun-tain.
 I have heard your re - nown and feared.

Sticheron - Tone 2 samohlasen

When Jo-seph went up to Beth-le-hem, he was af - flict - ed by sor - row.
 You said to him, "Why are you downcast and troubled, seeing me great with child,
 com - plete - ly ig - norant of the fear-ful mys - ter - y in me? Cast out
 fear and understand this strange mar - vel: God is now com - ing upon earth for

Theotokion of the First Hour - Tone 4

O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the Fruit of Life;
 there-fore, we im-plore you, O La - dy, to in - ter - cede together with the
 apos-tles and all the saints that we may obtain mer - cy for our souls.

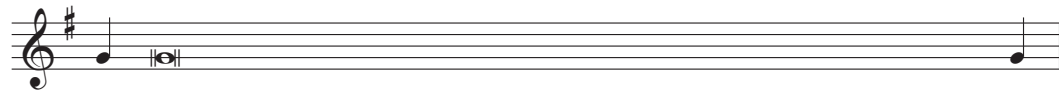
Stichera

Stichera of the third Royal Hour of the Nativity - Tone 6 samohlasen

Such is our God, no other is to be com-pared to him. Born of a Virgin, he comes to
 dwell a - mong us. Placed in a poor man - ger, the On - ly-begotten Son is
 seen as a mor-tal man, and the Lord of glory is wrapped in swad-dling
 clothes. A star guides the Magi to come and wor - ship him; and we sing:
 O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, save our souls.

Tone 8 samohlasen

Cantor



God comes from Mount Teman, the Holy One from an overshadowed moun-tain.



I have heard your re - nown and feared.

Sticheron - Tone 8 samohlasen



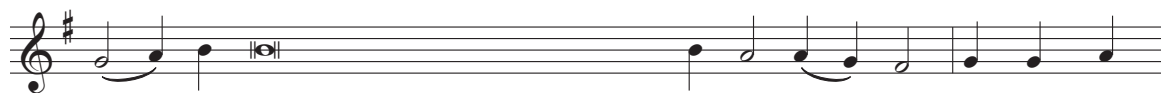
Be - fore your birth, O Lord, the an - gel - ic hosts looked with trembling



on this mys - ter - y and were struck with won - der: you a - dorn the



vault of heav-en with stars yet were pleased to be born as a Ba - by.



You hold all the ends of the earth in the hol-low of your hand, yet were placed



in a man-ger of dumb beasts. For by such a dispensation has your compassion and



great mercy been made known, O Christ. Glo - - ry to you!



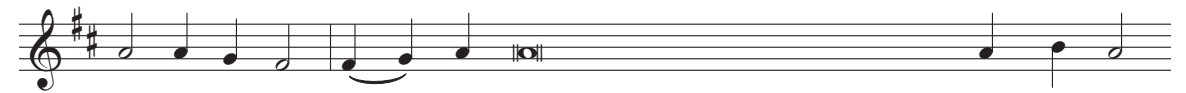
cross, O Good One. You con-querd Death death and through your re-sur-rec - tion,



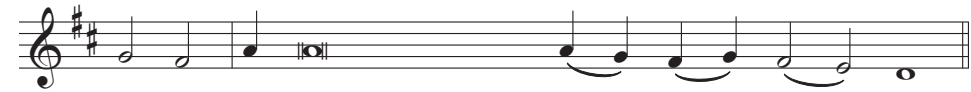
you re-vealed your - self as God. Do not dis - dain those whom you have



created with your own hands, but show forth your loving-kind-ness O



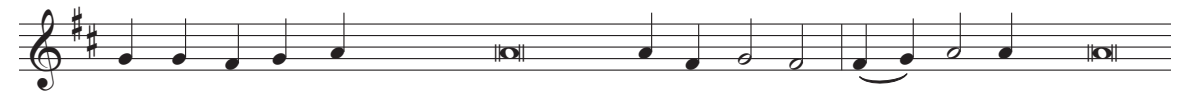
Mer-ci - ful One. Ac - cept the intercession which the Theotokos makes in our



be - half. O our Savior, save a de-spair - ing peo - ple.

Stichera

Stichera of the ninth Royal Hour of the Nativity - Tone 7 samohlasen



Her-od was a-mazed to see the reverence of the Ma-gi; and o - ver-come with



wrath, he demanded to know when the child was born. In-fants were torn from their



mo-thers; and were pre - m-turely and ruth-less - ly cut down. Breasts grew dry

Royal Hours of the Nativity - Ninth Hour

Troparia

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4

At that time, Mar-y regis-tered in Beth-le-hem with the el - der Joseph, who was of
the house of Da - vid. She had con-ceived with - out seed and was with child,
and her time to give birth had come. They found no room at the inn,
but the cave be - came a pleas-ant pal - ace for the Queen. Christ is born to
raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

Cantor

Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - men.

Theotokion of the Ninth Hour - Tone 4

For the sake of all you were born of the Vir - gin, and you en-dured the

Tone 3 samohlasen

Cantor

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev-er
and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Doxastikon - Tone 3 samohlasen

Tell us, Jo - seph, how do you bring to Bethlehem, great with child, the
vir - gin you have received from the sanc - tu - ar - y? He said: I have searched
the proph - ets and have been warned by an an - gel; and
I am persuaded that Mary shall give birth to God, in ways surpassing all
in - ter - pre - ta - - tion. Ma - gi from the east shall come to worship him
with pre - cious gifts." O Lord, for our sake you have tak - en flesh:
glo - - - - ry to you!

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (Isaiah 9:5)

For a child is born to us, a Son is giv - en us.

Verse: Upon his shoulder dominion rests.

Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4

To - day the Vir-gin is com-ing to the cave to give birth to
 the e - ter - nal Word in a man - ner be - yond ex - pres - sion.
 Let the world dance when it hears the news; with the an - gels and
 shep - herds glorify the e - ter - nal God who chose to ap - pear as a
 new - born child.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (Psalm 109: 3, 1)

Be-fore the day-star like the dew I have be - got - ten you.

Verse: The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,
till I make your enemies your footstool."

Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4

To - day the Vir-gin is com-ing to the cave to give birth to
 the e - ter - nal Word in a man - ner be - yond ex - pres - sion.
 Let the world dance when it hears the news; with the an - gels and
 shep - herds glorify the e - ter - nal God who chose to ap - pear as a
 new - born child.

his judg - ments, and how un-search - a - ble are his ways!

Tone 5 samohlasen

Cantor Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er

and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Doxastikon - Tone 5 samohlasen

Come, you peo - ple, bear - ers of Christ, and see won - ders that overwhelm every

mind with as - ton - ish - ment. In rev - erent worship let us sing prais-es.

To-day a maid-en great with child comes to Beth-le-hem to give birth to the Lord.

The choirs of an - gels go be - fore her. See - ing this, Joseph, her be-trothed,

cried out: What is this strange mystery in you, O vir - gin? How shall you

bring forth a child, calf up - on whom the yoke has nev - er come?

Royal Hours of the Nativity - Sixth Hour

Troparia

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4

At that time, Mar-y regis-tered in Beth-le-hem with the el - der Joseph, who was of

the house of Da - vid. She had con-ceived with - out seed and was with child,

and her time to give birth had come. They found no room at the inn,

but the cave be - came a pleas-ant pal - ace for the Queen. Christ is born to

raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

Cantor Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Theotokion of the Sixth Hour - Tone 4

Since we have no one in whom to con-fide, be - cause of our many sins, O

Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, int - te - cde with the one who was born of you;
 for a moth - er's prayer is a powerful means for obtaining the Mas - ter's fa - vor.
 You are most wor - thy of ven - er - a - tion, so do not turn away from the plead - ing
 of us sin - ners; for the one who willed to suffer for our sake is full of
 mer - cy, and his power is suf - fi - cient to save us.

Stichera

Stichera of the sixth Royal Hour of the Nativity - Tone 1 samohlasen

Come, O you faith - ful, let us arise by divine in - spi - ra - tion. Let us be - hold
 the divine humili - a - tion from on high re - vealed to us in Beth - le - hem.
 With a pure mind, let us offer vir - tues in - stead of myrrh, and rev - 'rent - ly
 be - gin the Feast of the Na - tiv - i - ty. O - pening up treasures, let us cry out:

Glo - ry in the highest to God in Trin - i - ty, through whom the divine good will
 appeared to hu - man - i - ty to set Ad - am free from the an - ces - tral curse,
 for he is the lov - er of hu - man - i - ty.

Tone 4 samohlasen

Cantor

God comes from Mount Teman, the Holy One from an overshadowed moun - tain.
 I have heard your re - nown and feared.

Sticheron - Tone 4 samohlasen

Lis - ten, O heaven, and give ear, O earth. Let the foundations be shaken, and let the
 earth trem - ble, for our God and Creator has clothed himself in cre - a - ted flesh.
 The Cre - a - tor of all by his strong right arm is creat - ed in the womb. O, the
 depths of the riches of the wis - dom and knowl - edge of God! How inscrutable are