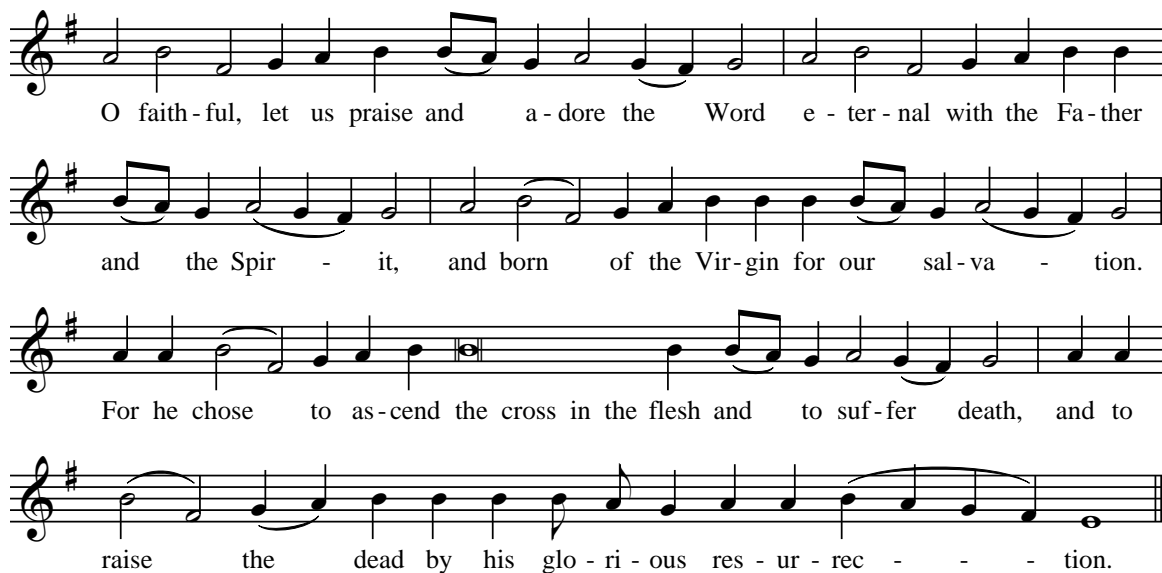


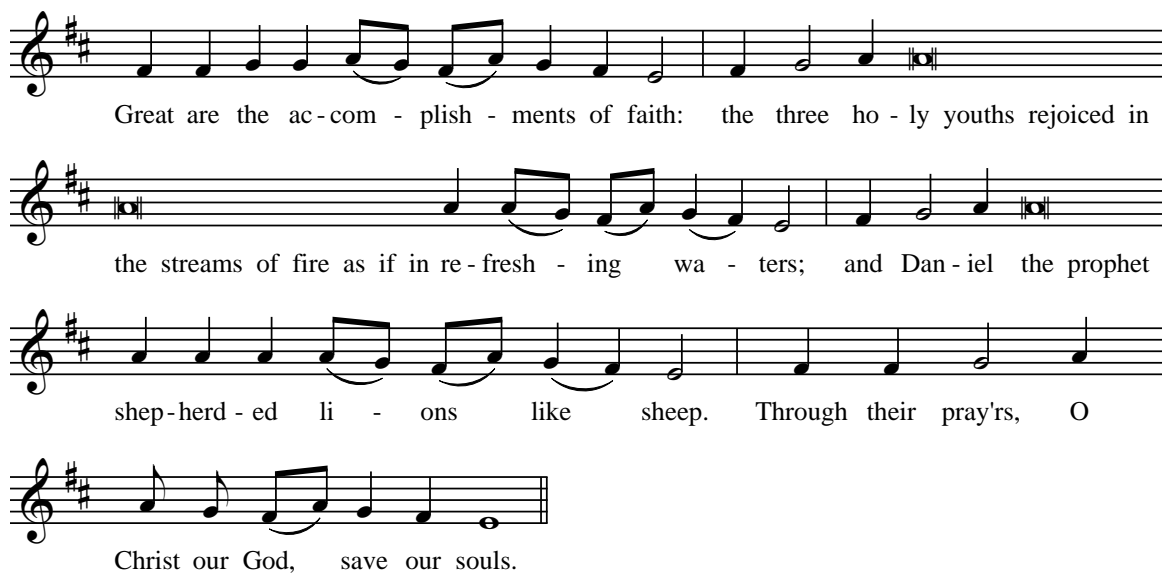
Divine Liturgy Propers, December 23, 2007
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Ancestors

Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 5*



O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e - ter - nal with the Fa-ther
and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal - va - tion.
For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf-fer death, and to
raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous res - ur - rec - - - tion.

Troparion of the Ancestors - *Tone 2*



Great are the ac-com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in
the streams of fire as if in re - fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet
shep-herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O
Christ our God, save our souls.

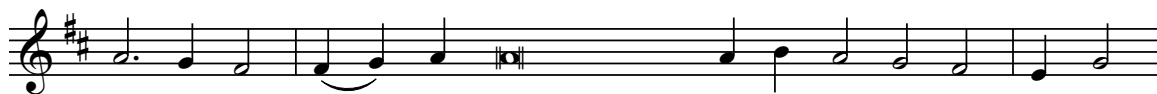
Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4



Beth - le - hem, make read - y, E - den has been o - pened for all.



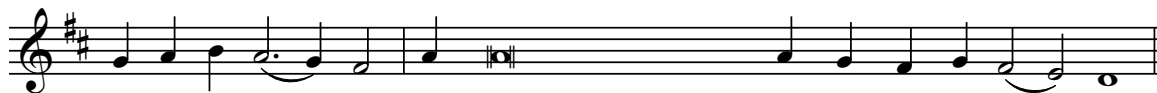
Eph - ra - thah, pre - pare your - self, for the Tree of Life has blossomed from the Vir - gin



in the cave. Her womb has become a spir - it - ual par - a - dise in which

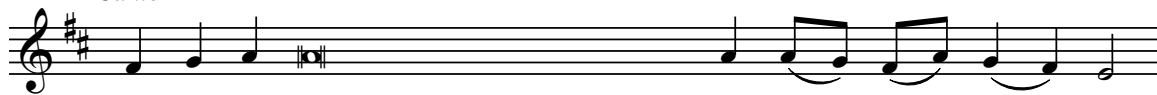


di - vin - i - ty was plant - ed. If we par - take of it, we shall live and



not die like A - dam. Christ is born to raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

Cantor



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

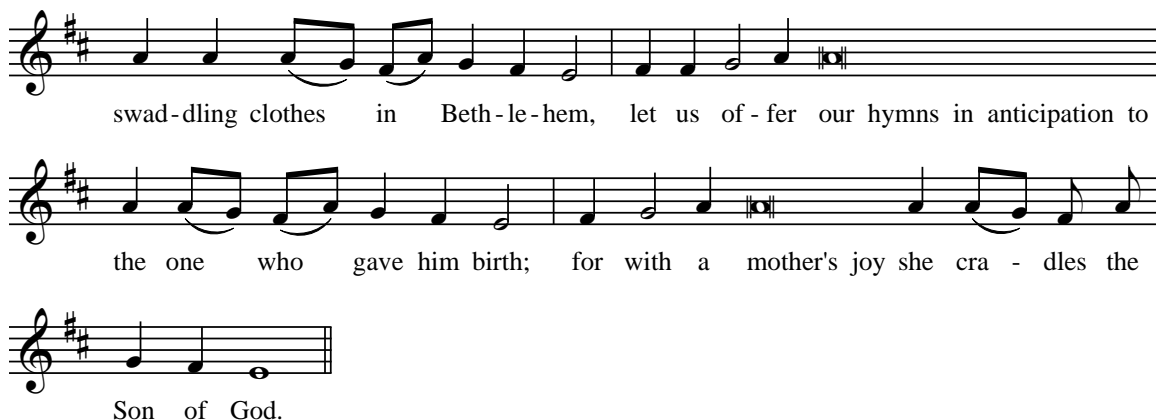


now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 2

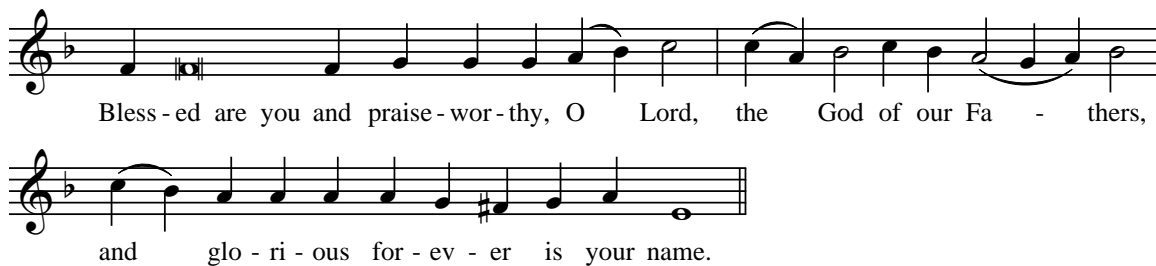


As we see the One who holds the world in his hands now wrapped in



swad-dling clothes in Beth-le-hem, let us of-fer our hymns in anticipation to
the one who gave him birth; for with a mother's joy she cra - dles the
Son of God.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):



Bless-ed are you and praise-wor-thy, O Lord, the God of our Fa - thers,
and glo - ri - ous for - ev - er is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 43:2,8):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: O God, we have heard with our own ears;
our fathers have told us the deed you did in their days.

Verse: You saved us from those who oppressed us; and those who hated us you put to shame.

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):

Melody: O kto kto



Praise the Lord from the heav-ens, praise him in the high-est.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Communion Hymn for the Ancestors (Psalm 32:1):



Re - joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right is fit-ting.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!