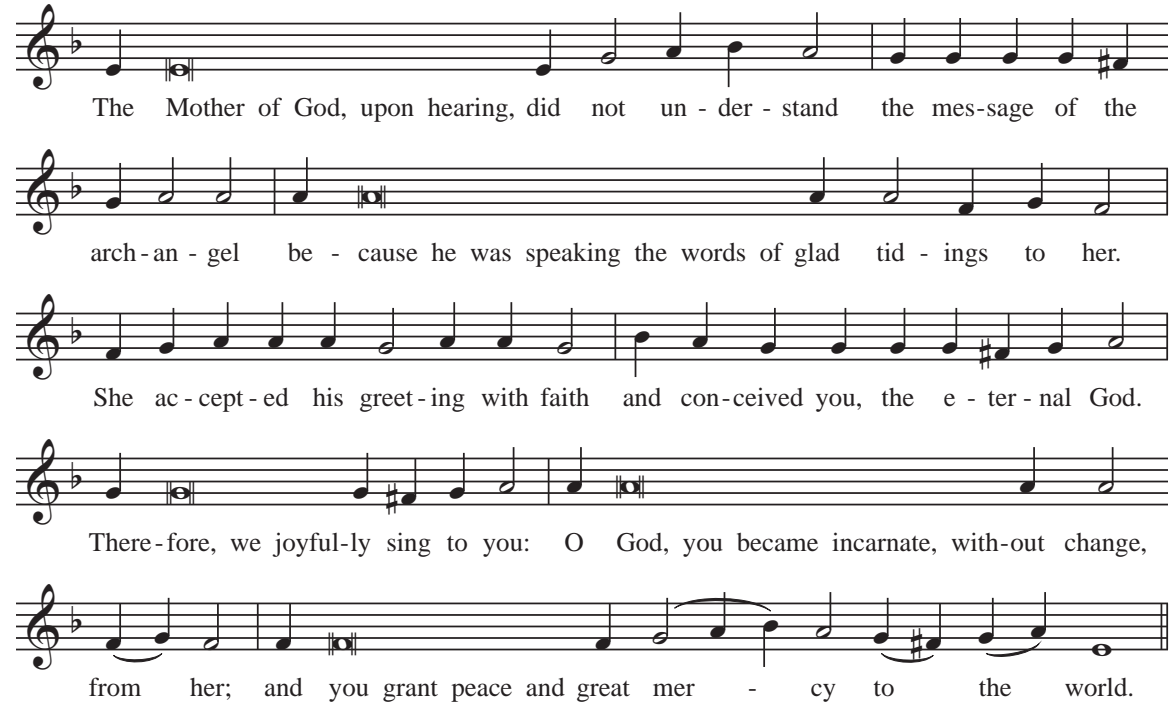


Aposticha of the third Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 71, but concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion of the pre-feast - *Tone 4 samohlasen*



The Mother of God, upon hearing, did not un-der-stand the mes-sage of the
arch-an-gel be-cause he was speaking the words of glad tid-ings to her.
She ac-cept-ed his greet-ing with faith and con-ceived you, the e-ter-nal God.
There-fore, we joyful-ly sing to you: O God, you became incarnate, with-out change,
from her; and you grant peace and great mer-cy to the world.

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Third Sunday of the Great Fast
March 23, 2014**

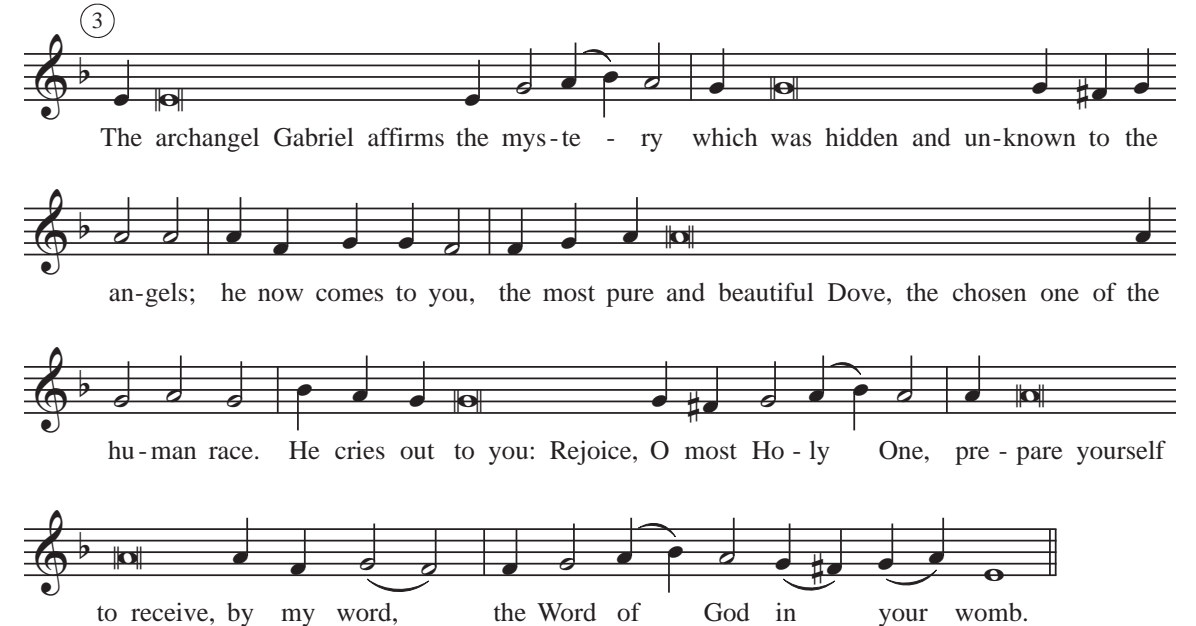
Prefestive day of the Annunciation

Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast.

*Psalms 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 3, p. 32)
Stichera of the third Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 69*

Cantor: (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

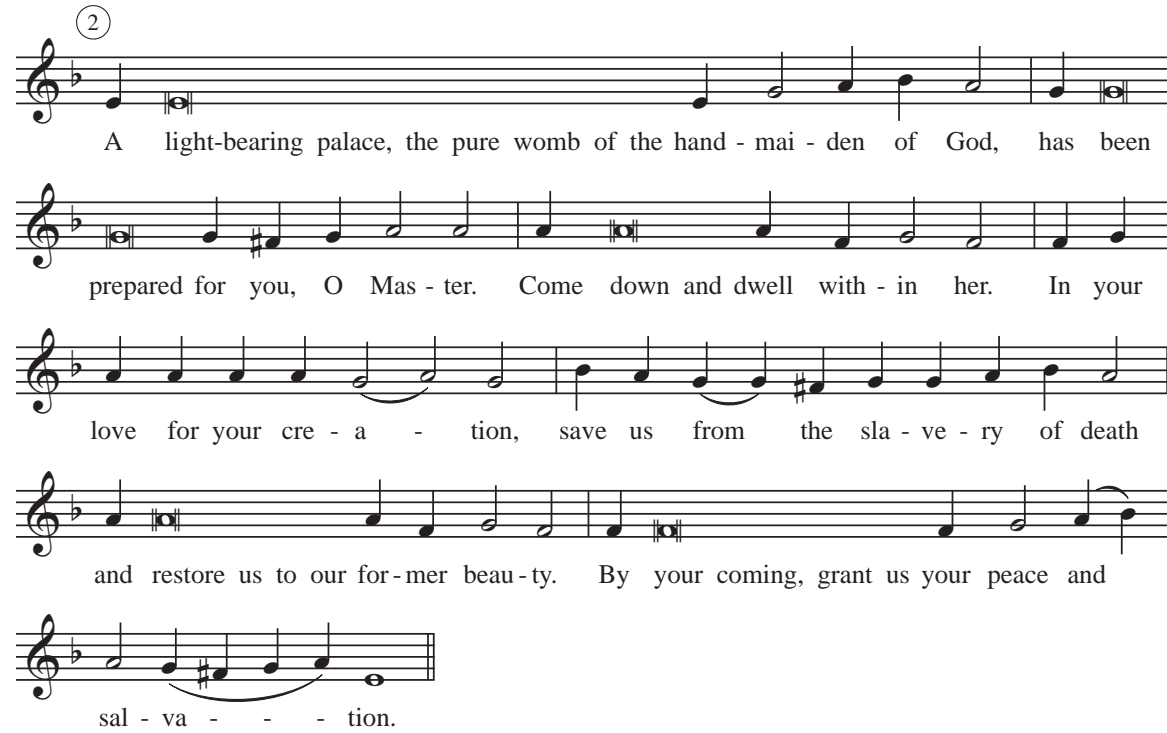
Stichera of the pre-feast of the Annunciation - *Tone 4 samohlasen*



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The archangel Gabriel affirms the mys-te-ry which was hidden and un-known to the
an-gels; he now comes to you, the most pure and beautiful Dove, the chosen one of the
hu-man race. He cries out to you: Rejoice, O most Ho-ly One, pre-pare yourself
to receive, by my word, the Word of God in your womb.

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

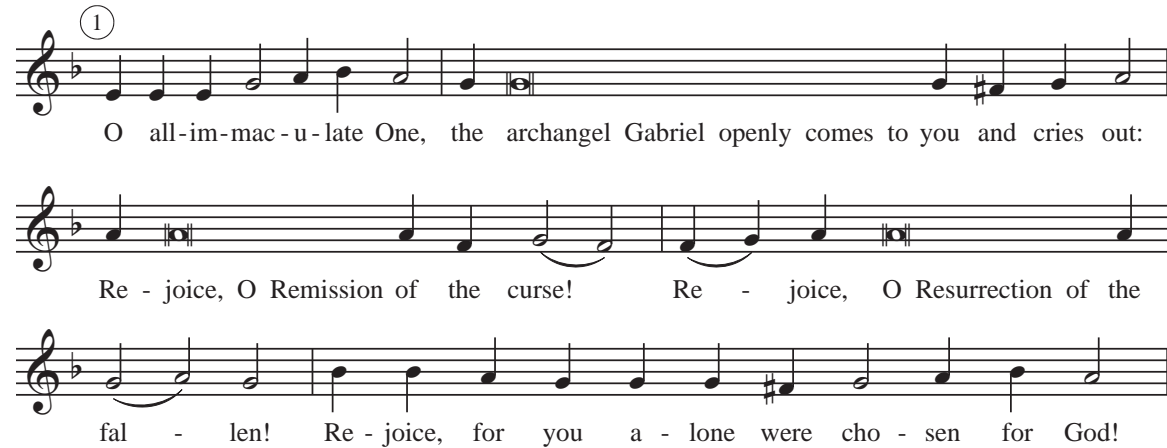
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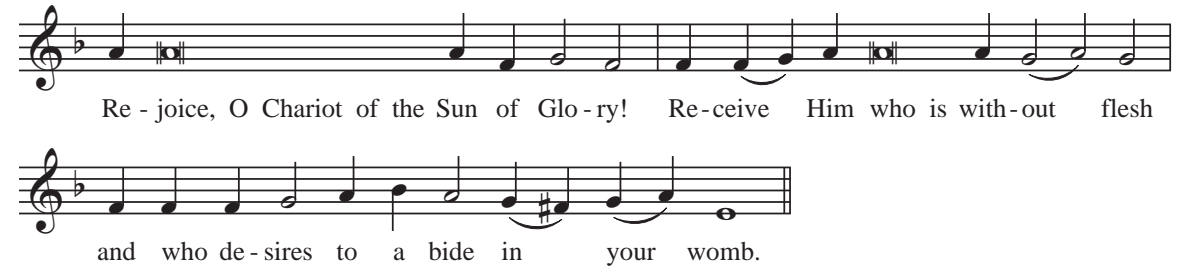
A light-bearing palace, the pure womb of the hand - mai - den of God, has been prepared for you, O Mas - ter. Come down and dwell with - in her. In your love for your cre - a - tion, save us from the sla - ve - ry of death and restore us to our for - mer beau - ty. By your coming, grant us your peace and sal - va - - - tion.

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

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O all - im - mac - u - late One, the archangel Gabriel openly comes to you and cries out: Re - joice, O Remission of the curse! Re - joice, O Resurrection of the fal - len! Re - joice, for you a - lone were cho - sen for God!



Re - joice, O Chariot of the Sun of Glo - ry! Re - ceive Him who is with - out flesh and who de - sires to a bide in your womb.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 2 samohlasen



To - day Gabriel announces the good news to the wo - man full of grace: Re - joice, O Vir - gin who has not known wed - lock; do not fear the strange - ness of my ap - pear - ance, for I am an arch - an - - - gel. For - mer - ly the serpent was the cause of grief to Eve, but now is is great joy that I an - nounce: You shall re - main a virgin, and yet you shall give birth to the Lord.

The service continues on page 9.

Prokeimenon for the third Sunday of the Great Fast, p.10