

# Stichera at the Praises

*The Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25*

Tone 1

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Sticheron 1

arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

From the vault — of heav-en Ga-bri-el flew down and

Detailed description: This system shows the first two staves of the musical score. The Soprano and Alto parts are written on a single grand staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Tenor and Bass parts are written on a grand staff with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "From the vault — of heav-en Ga-bri-el flew down and".

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Detailed description: This system shows the second two staves of the musical score. The lyrics are: "came to Naz - a - reth; and stand-ing before the Virgin Mary, he".

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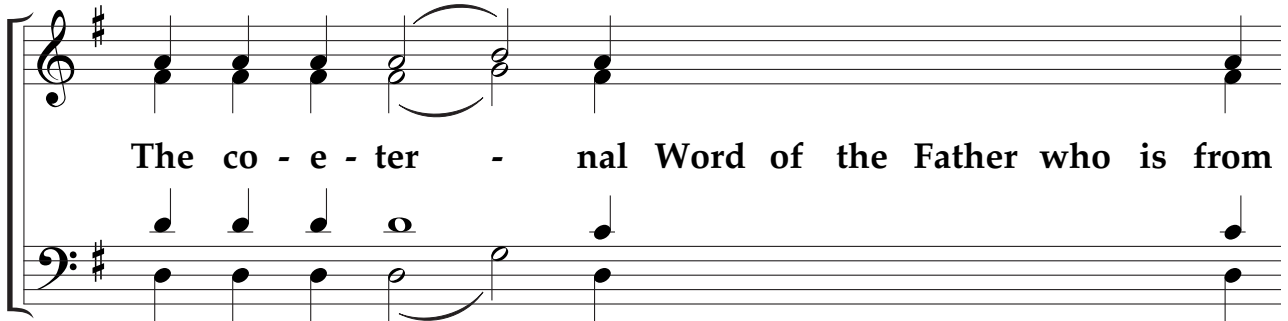
Detailed description: This system shows the final two staves of the musical score. The lyrics are: "Ad - am, the Mak - er of all things and the Deliverer of".

[those who cry to you:]

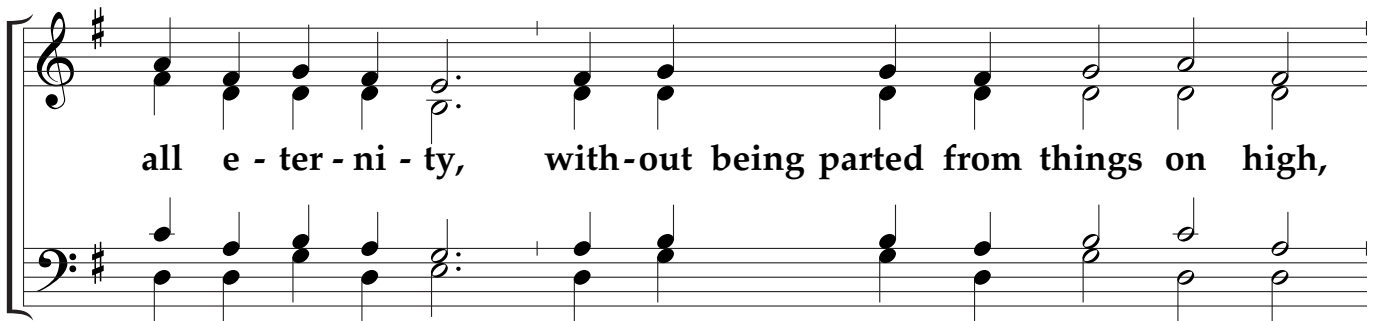


those who cry to you: // 'Re-joyce, O pure Vir - gin!"

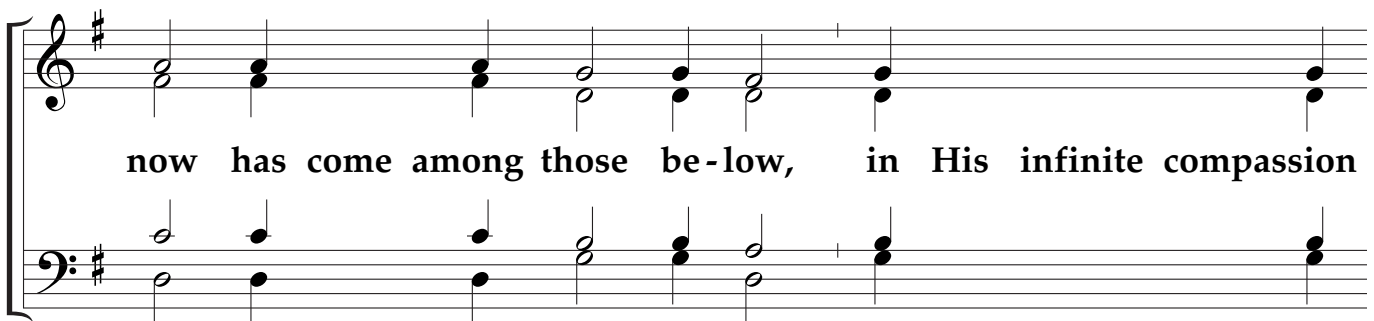
Sticheron 2



The co - e - ter - nal Word of the Father who is from



all e - ter - ni - ty, with-out being parted from things on high,



now has come among those be-low, in His infinite compassion



tak-ing pit - y up - on our fall; He has as - sumed the

[poverty of Ad-am . . . ]

pov - er - ty of Ad - am // and taken a form that is

al - ien to Him.

Sticheron 3

Ga - briel brought the Good News from heaven to the

Vir - gin, and he cried out the greet - ing, "Re - joice!

You shall con - ceive Him who can be con - tained in you,

[yet whom the world ...]

yet whom the world can - not con - tain; and you will be

seen to bear with - in your womb // Him who shone



forth from the Father be - fore the morn - ing star."

Sticheron 4

The tran - scend - ent Word has made His abode with -

in you in the flesh at the counsel of the Father, O

[Virgin Theo-to-kos,]

Vir-gin The - o - to - kos; be - com - ing like us, He has built

up the race of man-kind, which fell through the an - cient curse.

Where - fore, with the angel we cry out to you with faith: //

"Re-joyce, O Moth - er of Christ!"

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The order and number of stichera given here follows the Slavic Menaion. The Greek Menaion (as reflected in The Festal Menaion of Metropolitan Kallistos [Ware] and Mother Mary) contains only the first three stichera, with the order of Stichera 2 and 3 transposed.*