

Automelon: "Joseph of Arimathea"

First Sticheron at the Aposticha - Vespers of Holy Friday

Tone 2

Optino Monastery Melody

Phrase A

Soprano
Alto

Jo - seph of Arimathea took You down from the tree,

Tenor
Bass

Phrase B

the Life of all, cold in death. Bathing You with sweet and

Phrase C

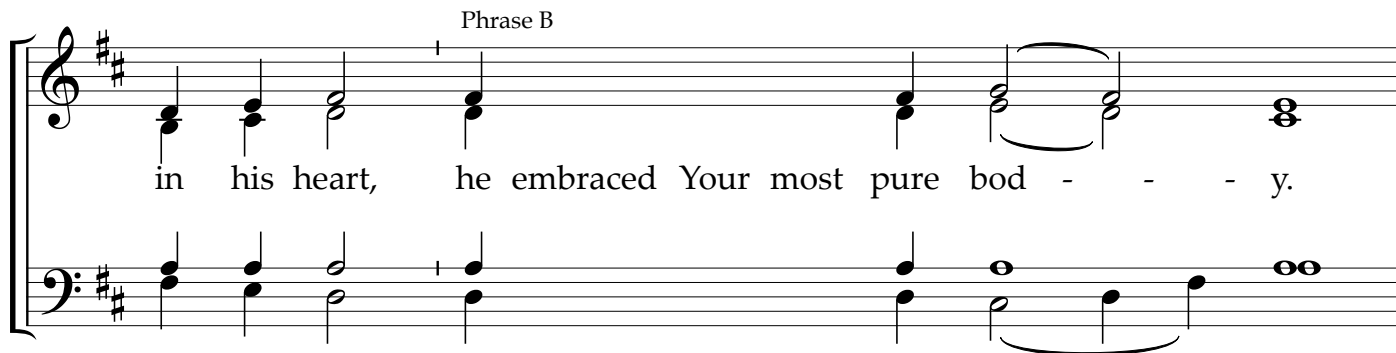
cost - - - ly myrrh, he gently covered You with finest

Phrase D

lin - - - en, and, with sor - row and ten - der love

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Phrase B



in his heart, he embraced Your most pure bod - - - y.

Phrase C

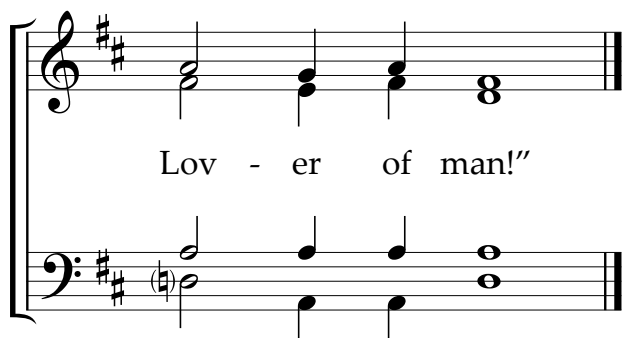


Trembling at this awe - - - some sight, he cried out to

Final Phrase



You, O Christ: // "Glory to Your condescen - sion, O



Lov - er of man!"