

Divine Liturgy Propers, December 27, 2026

The Sunday after Christmas:

The Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of God

THE HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR, AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit. First of seven deacons, whom the Apostles chose to be fellow-laborers in the ministry, he was also the first of the disciples of the Lord to pour out his blood at Jerusalem. He provided testimony for Christ Jesus, whom he saw standing in glory at the right hand of the Father. He was covered over by stones while praying for his persecutors.

First Antiphon (Psalm 9:2):

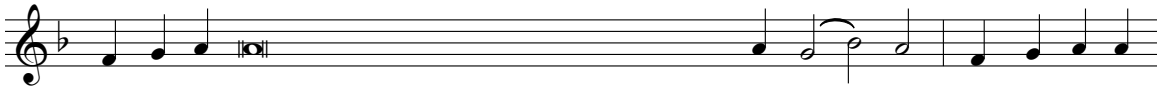
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I shall thank you, O Lord, with all my heart; I shall de-clare all your won-drous deeds.



Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior, save us.



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. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos,

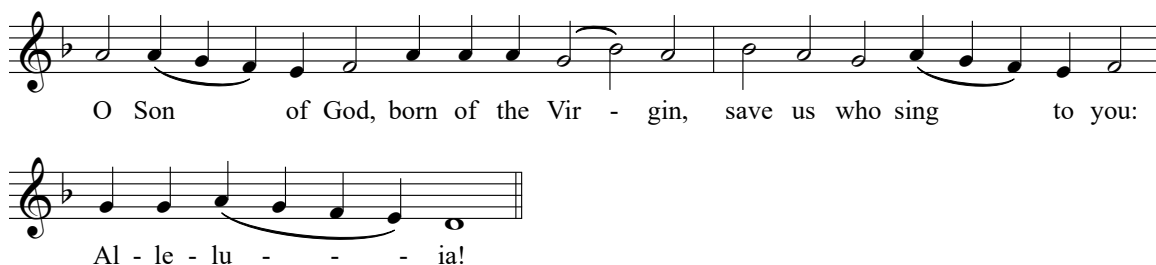


O Sav - ior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 111:1):



Hap - py the man who fears the Lord and great - ly de - lights in his com-mands.

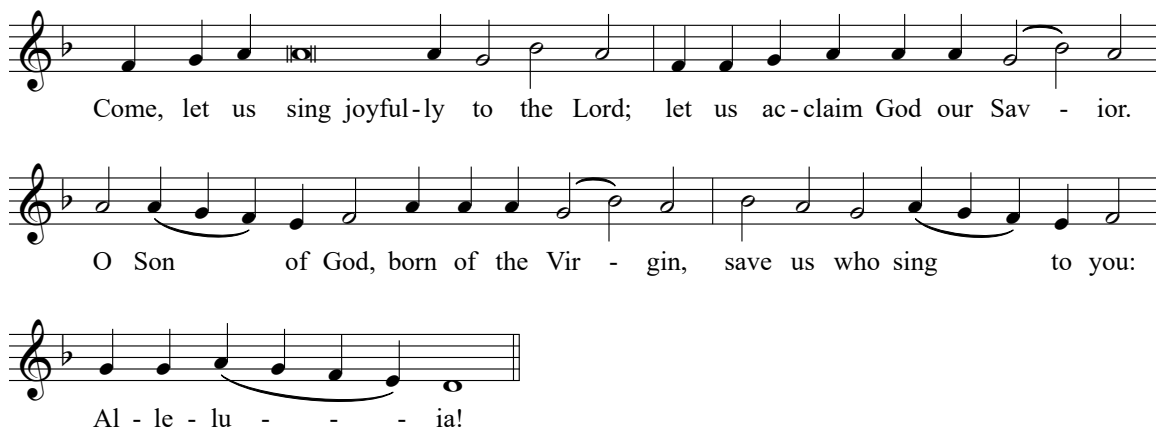


Hymn of the Incarnation: (*music found on page 18-21*)

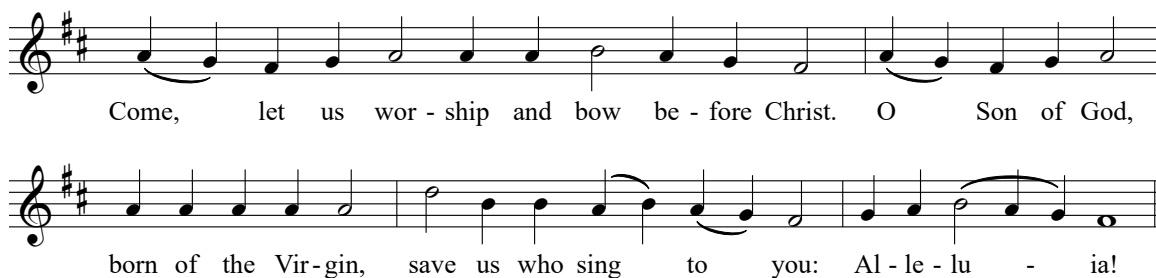
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
 O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):

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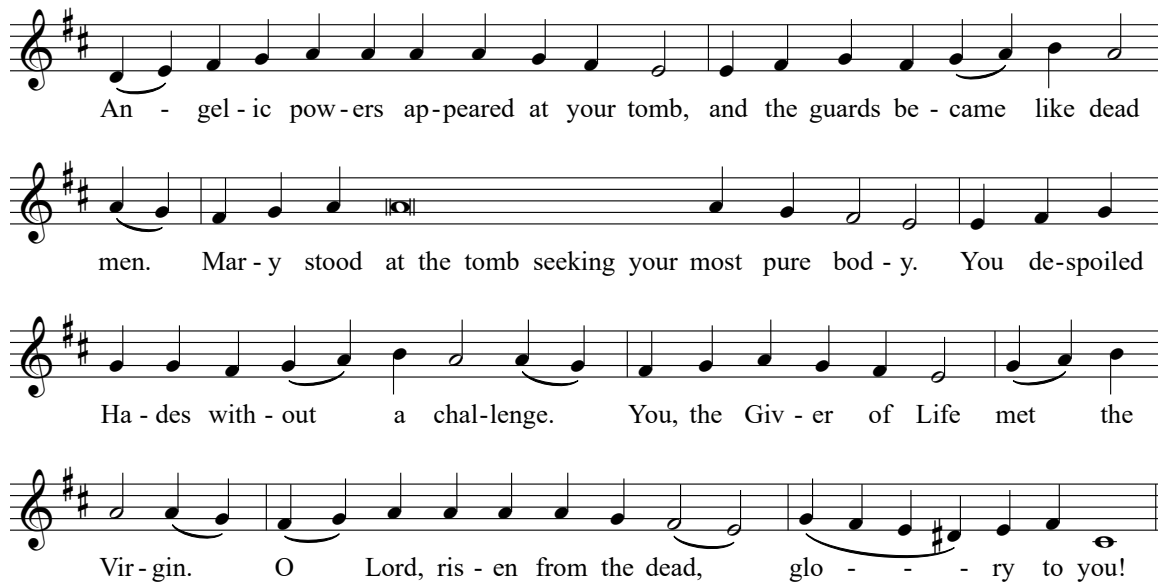


Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):



Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 6

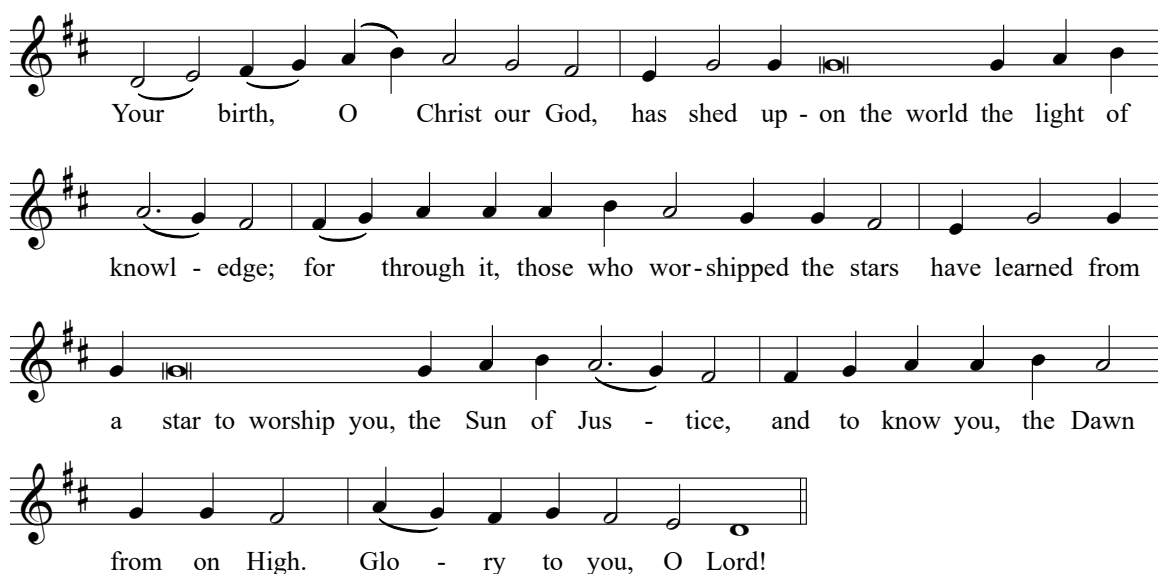
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An - gel - ic pow - ers ap - peared at your tomb, and the guards be - came like dead
men. Mar - y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod - y. You de - spoiled
Ha - des with - out a chal - lenge. You, the Giv - er of Life met the
Vir - gin. O Lord, ris - en from the dead, glo - - - ry to you!

Troparion of the Nativity - Tone 4

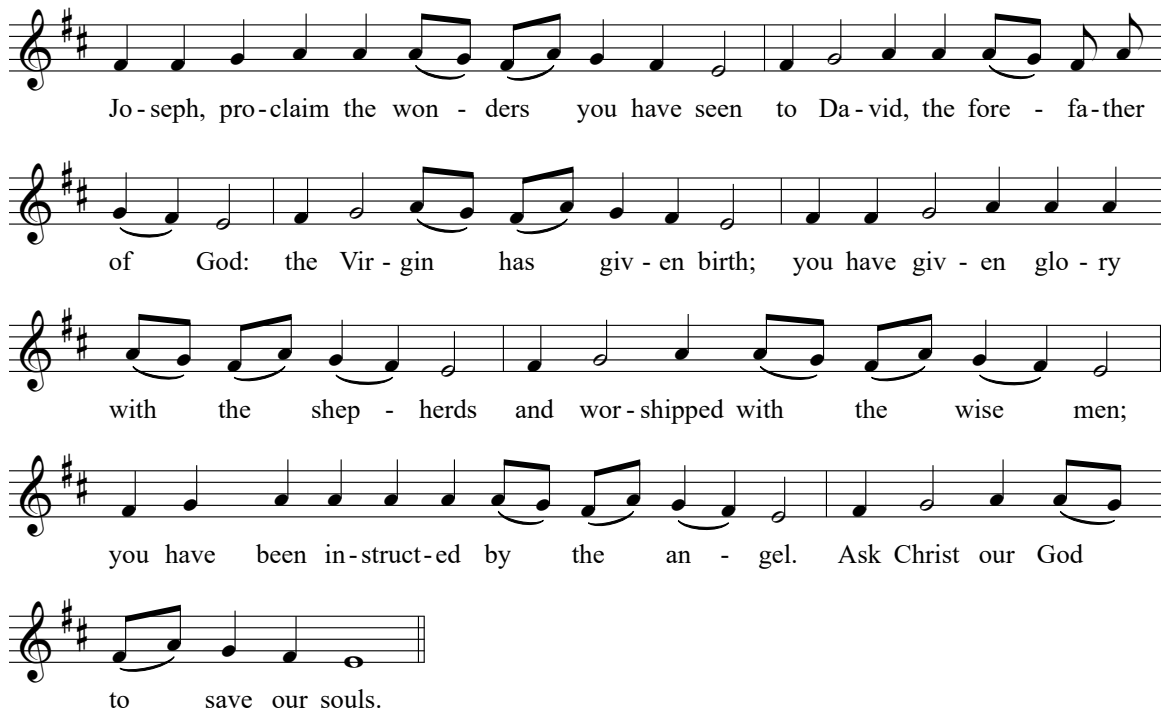
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Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed up - on the world the light of
knowl - edge; for through it, those who wor - shipped the stars have learned from
a star to worship you, the Sun of Jus - tice, and to know you, the Dawn
from on High. Glo - ry to you, O Lord!

Troparion of the Sunday after the Nativity - Tone 2

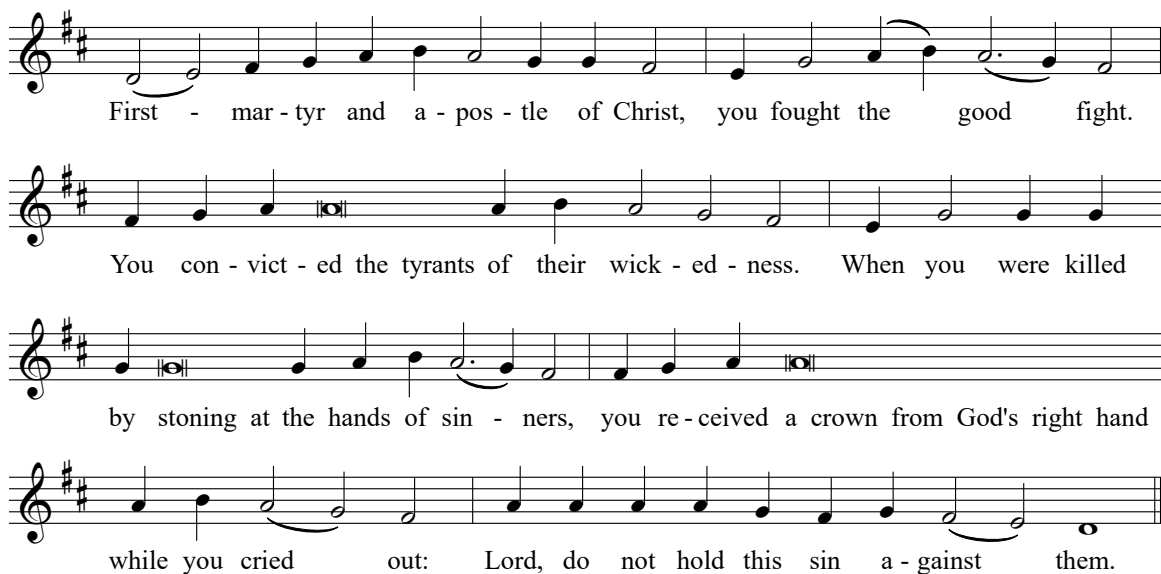
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Jo-seph, pro-claim the won - ders you have seen to Da-vid, the fore - fa-ther
of God: the Vir - gin has giv - en birth; you have giv - en glo - ry
with the shep - herds and wor-shipped with the wise men;
you have been in-struct-ed by the an - gel. Ask Christ our God
to save our souls.

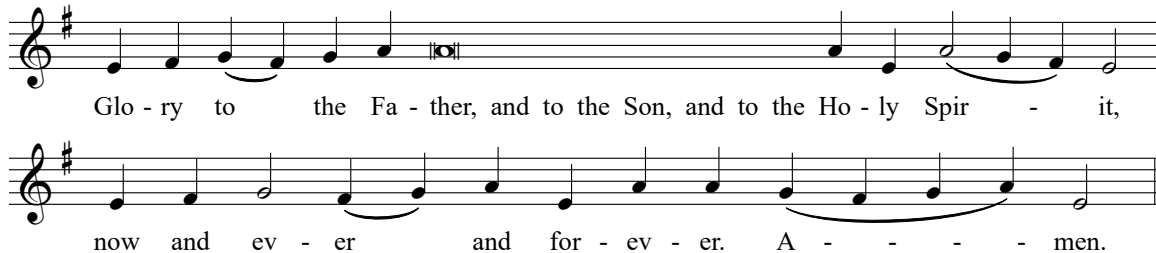
Troparion of the holy first martyr Stephen - Tone 4

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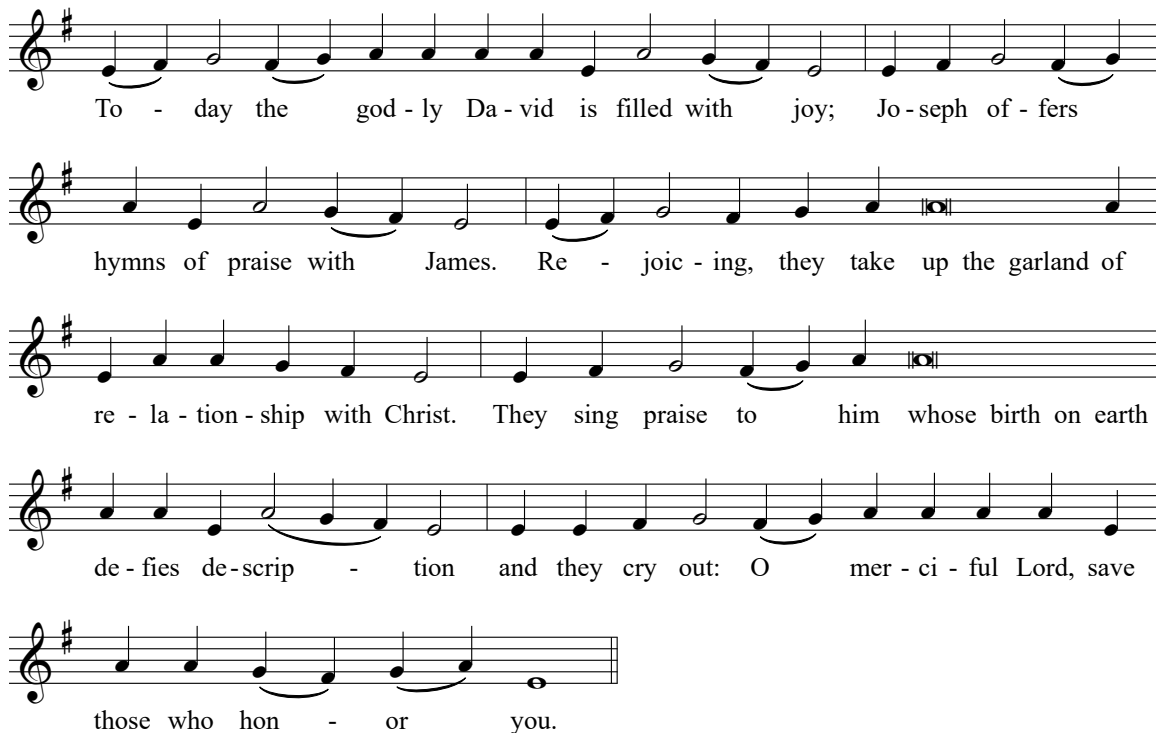


First - mar - tyr and a - pos - tle of Christ, you fought the good fight.
You con - vict - ed the tyrants of their wick - ed - ness. When you were killed
by stoning at the hands of sin - ners, you re-ceived a crown from God's right hand
while you cried out: Lord, do not hold this sin a - gainst them.

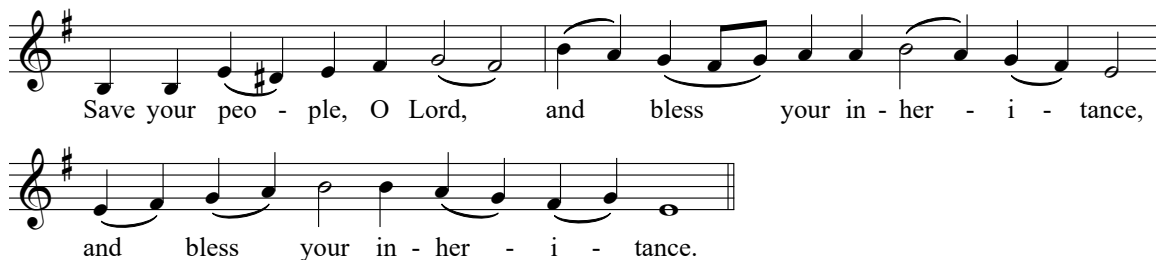
Cantor



Kontakion of the Sunday after the Nativity - Tone 3



Prokeimenon of the Resurrection (Psalm 27:9,1):



Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

And then immediately:

Prokeimenon of the Sunday after the Nativity - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):

God is won-drous in his saints, the God of Is-ra-el,
the God of Is-ra-el.

Alleluia of the Sunday after the Nativity- Tone 4 (Psalm 131:1,2):

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

Verse: Lord, remember David and all his humility.

Verse: How he swore to the Lord and vowed to the God of Jacob.

Cherubic Hymn

melody: Divnaja novina

Let us, who mys-tic-'ly re-pre-sent the cher-u-bim, and sing the thrice -
ho-ly hymn, thrice - ho-ly hymn to the life-cre-a-ting,
life-cre-a-ting Trin-i-ty, now set a-side all earth-ly cares,
all earth-ly cares.

After the commemorations:

A - men. That we may re-ceive, may re - ceive the King of All,
in - vis - i - bly es - cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Anamnesis Acclamation

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, O Lord, and we pray to you,
our God, pray to you, our God.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

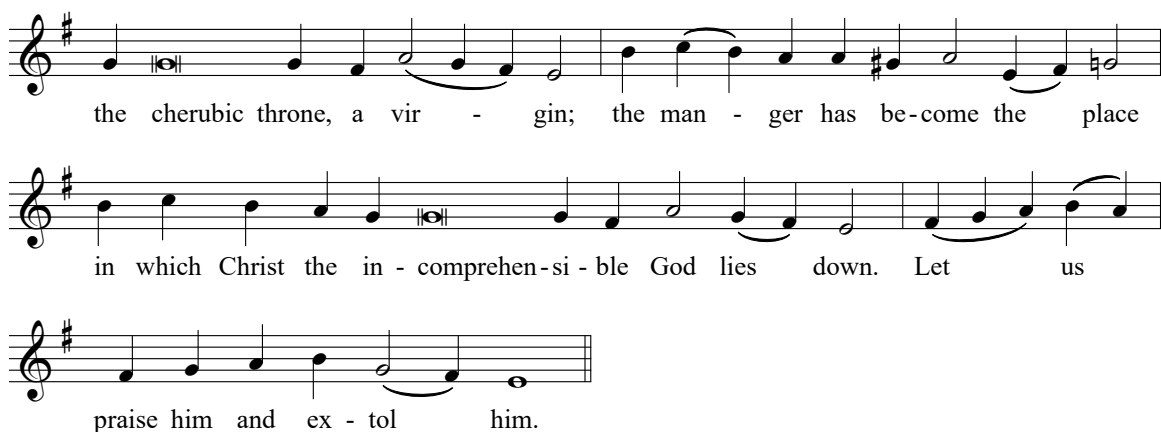
Magnification:

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,
Christ the King born in a cave, Christ the King, born in a cave.

Irmos:

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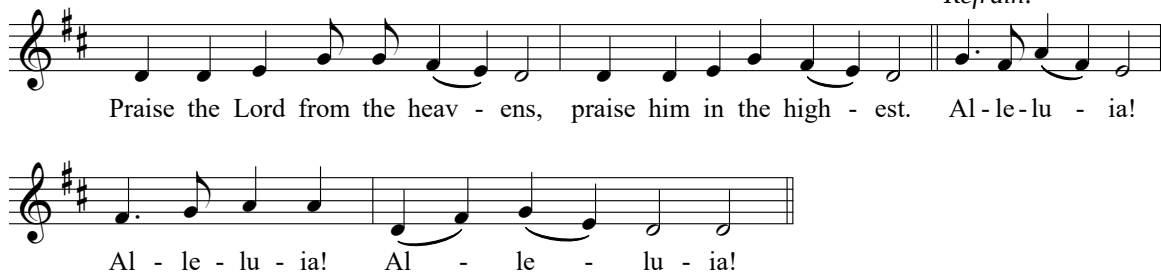
I see a strange and mar - vel - ous mys - te - ry: heav - en is a cave;



the cherubic throne, a vir - gin; the man - ger has be-come the place
in which Christ the in - comprehen-si - ble God lies down. Let us
praise him and ex - tol him.

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):

Refrain:



Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the high - est. Al-le-lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

And for the Relatives of the Lord, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 32:1):



Re-joice in the Lord, you right-cous ones, praise from the up-right is fit - ting.
Refrain:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!