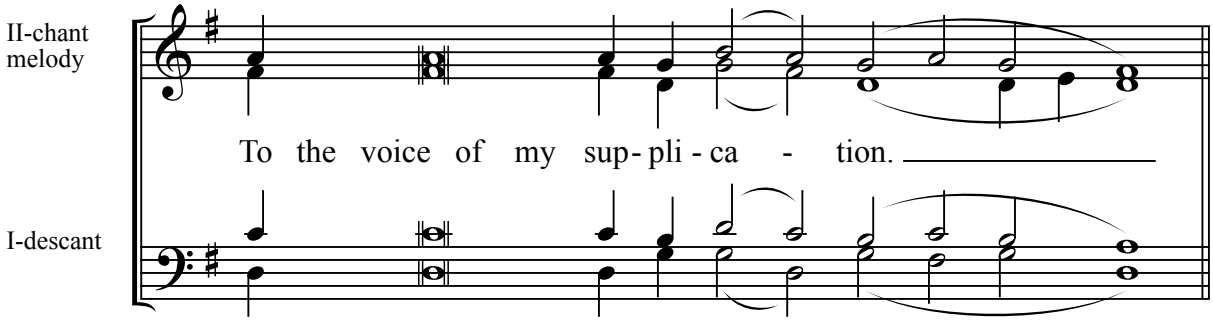
December 26-31: Sunday after Nativity

Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Tone 2, Kievan

(7) *Reader:* In the **2nd Tone**, Let Thine ears be attentive



Come let us rejoice in the Lord, /

telling of this present mystery: /

the middle wall of partition hath been demolished, /

the fiery sword is removed, /

the cherub withdraweth from the gate of life, /

and I partake of the food of paradise, /

from whence I was driven away because of disobedience; /

for the immutable Image of the Father, /

the Image of His eternity, doth assume the guise of a servant, /

issuing forth from the Mother who knew not wedlock, without undergoing change, /

yet He remained what He was before, our true God; /

and He hath received what He was not, /

becoming man in His love for mankind. /

To Him let us cry aloud: //

O God Who wast born of the Virgin, have mercy on us!

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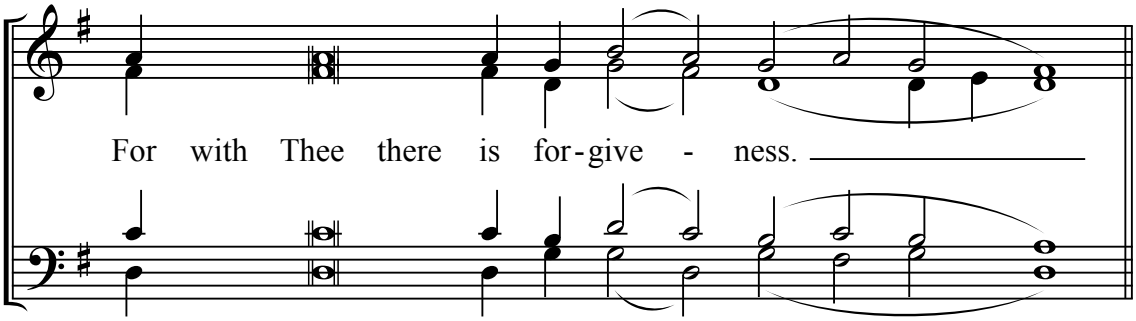
St. John of Kronstadt Press. The complete service text may be purchased through: sjkp.org

(6) *Reader:* If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?



When the Lord Jesus was born of the holy Virgin, /

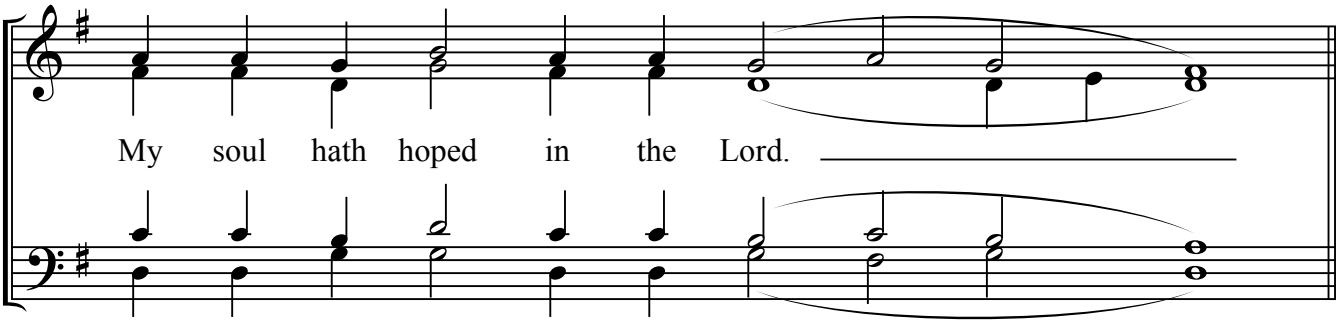
all things were enlightened; /

for when the shepherds piped, the magi offered homage and the angels sang, /

Herod was troubled, //

for God appeared in the flesh, the Savior of our souls.

(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,



Thy kingdom, O Christ God, /

is a kingdom of all the ages, /

and Thy dominion is for all generations. /

O Christ God Who wast incarnate by the Holy Spirit /

and became man through the Ever-virgin Mary, /

Thou hast shown forth Thine advent upon us as light. /

O Light from Light, Effulgence of the Father, /

Thou hast illumined all creation. /

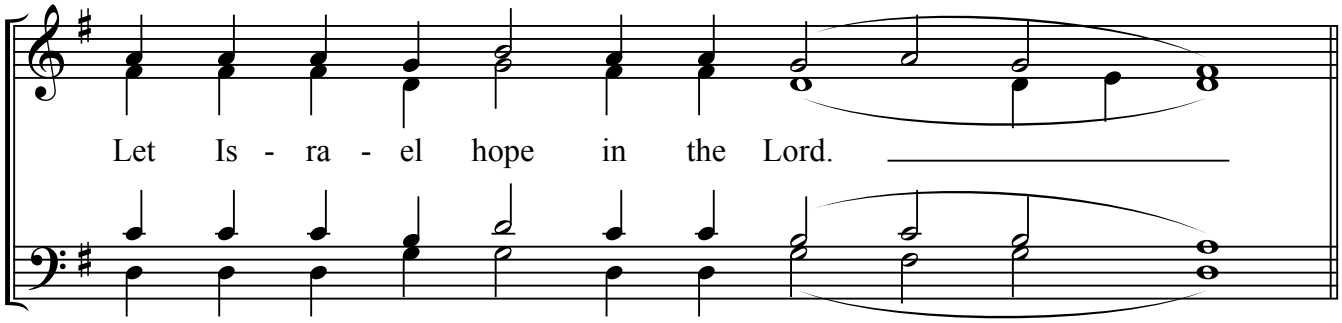
Every creature that hath breath praiseth Thee, /

the Image of the glory of the Father. /

O Thou Who art and ever shall be, / /

O God Who hast shown forth from the Virgin: Have mercy on us!

(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch



What shall we offer Thee, O Christ, /

in that Thou hast appeared on earth as a man for our sake? /

For every creature fashioned by Thee offereth Thee thanksgiving: /

the angels, hymnody; /

the heavens, a star; /

the magi, gifts; /

the shepherds, their wonder; /

the earth, a cave; /

the wilderness, a manger; /

and we, the Virgin Mother. //

O God Who hast existed from before time, have mercy on us!