

**January 21: Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor; Martyr Neophytus
At Vespers, the Stichera on "Lord I have cried"**

3 Stichera of St. Maximus, Tone 4, Special Melody "As one valiant"

(6) Reader: In the 4th Tone, Special Melody "As one valiant"

If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

I-descant
II-chant
melody

For with Thee there is for - give - - - - - ness.

O ven - er - a - ble Max - i - mus, thou didst preach Him

Who, in His lov - ing kind - ness, be - came man in His good

pleas - ure, Who is known as hav - ing two wills and ac - tiv - i - ties;

and thou hast stopped the gap - ing mouths of the a - bom - i - na - ble ones

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff features a series of chords, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

who at the temptation of the devil, the au - thor of e - vil,

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features similar chordal textures in the treble staff and a steady bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

worship Him as having a single will and ac - tiv - i - ty.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It features a final cadence in the treble staff and a sustained bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

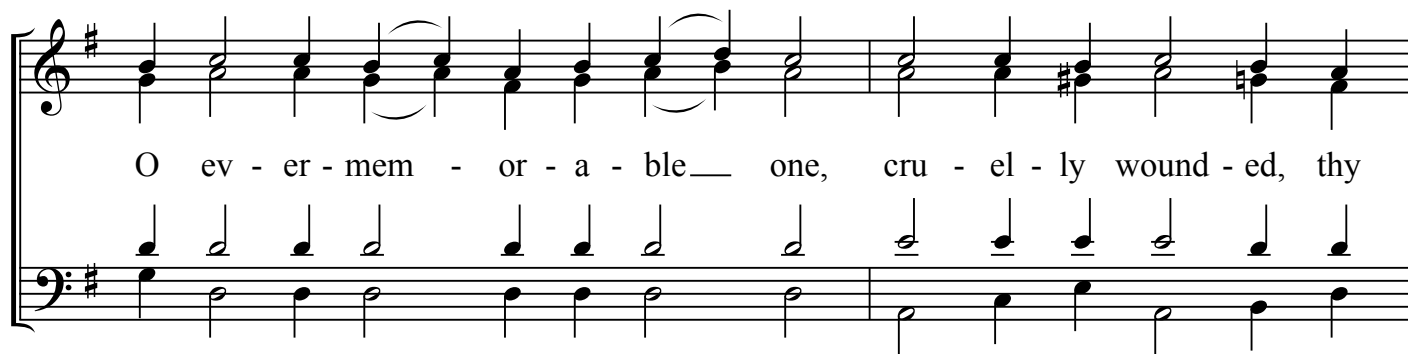
(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee,
O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My — soul hath hoped in the Lord.

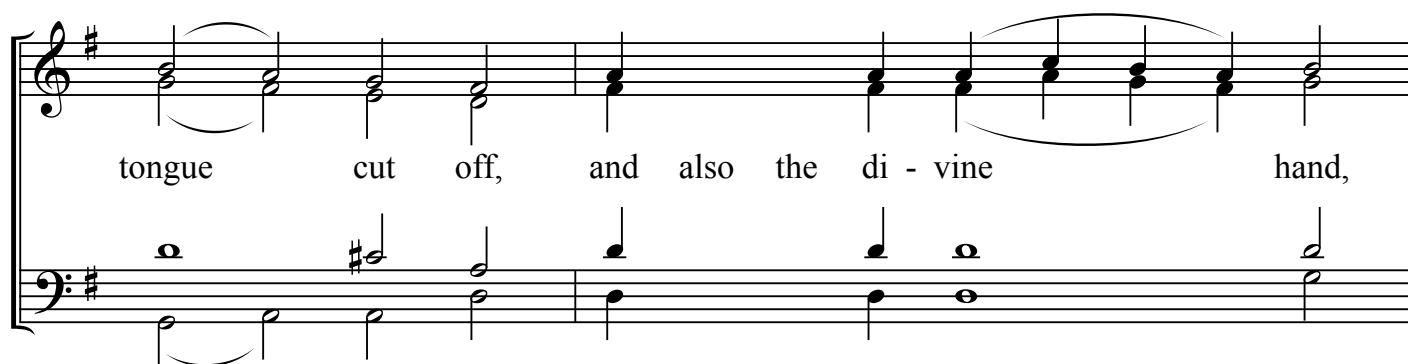
With the cords of thy doc - - trines, O fa-ther Max - - - i-mus,

thou didst stran-gle Pyr-rhus the e-vil mind-ed tri - - - fler,

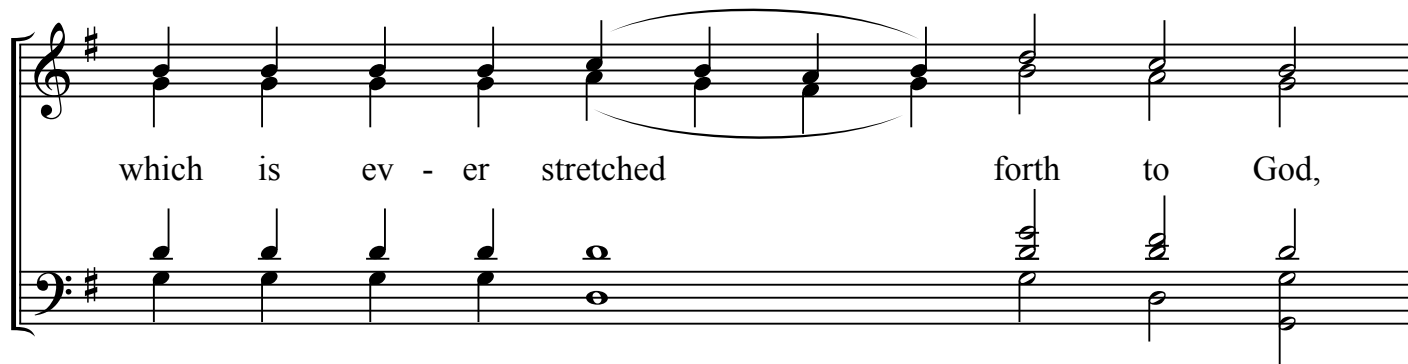
and didst endure persecution and tribu - la - - - - tions,



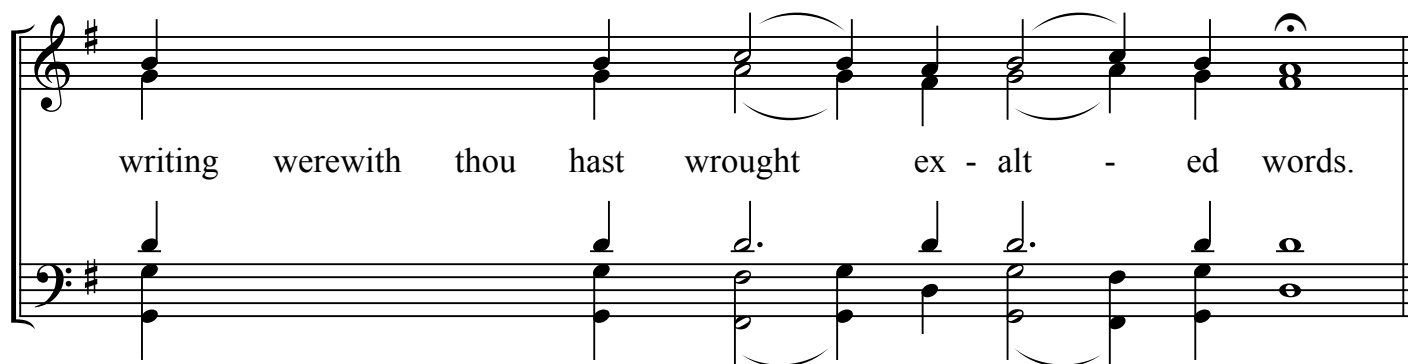
O ev - er - mem - or - a - ble one, cru - el - ly wound - ed, thy



tongue cut off, and also the di - vine hand,



which is ev - er stretched forth to God,

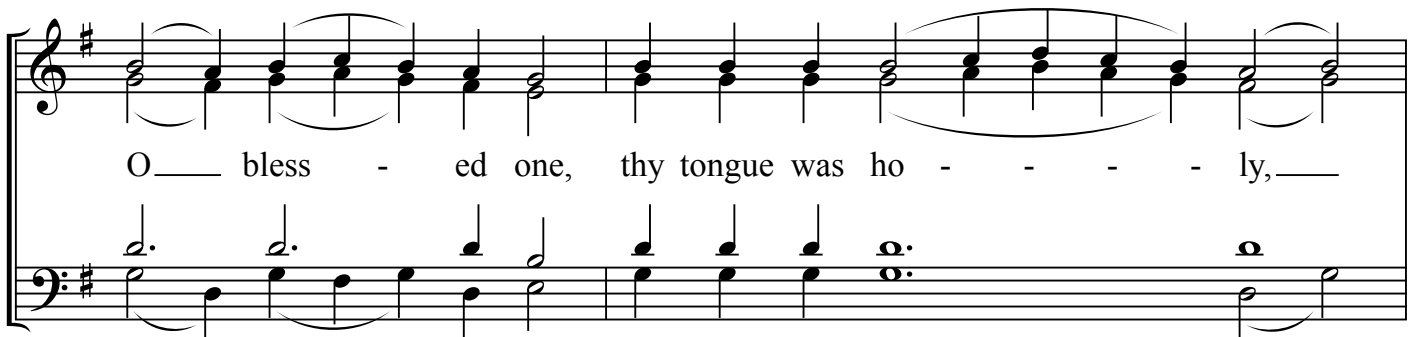


writing werewith thou hast wrought ex - alt - ed words.

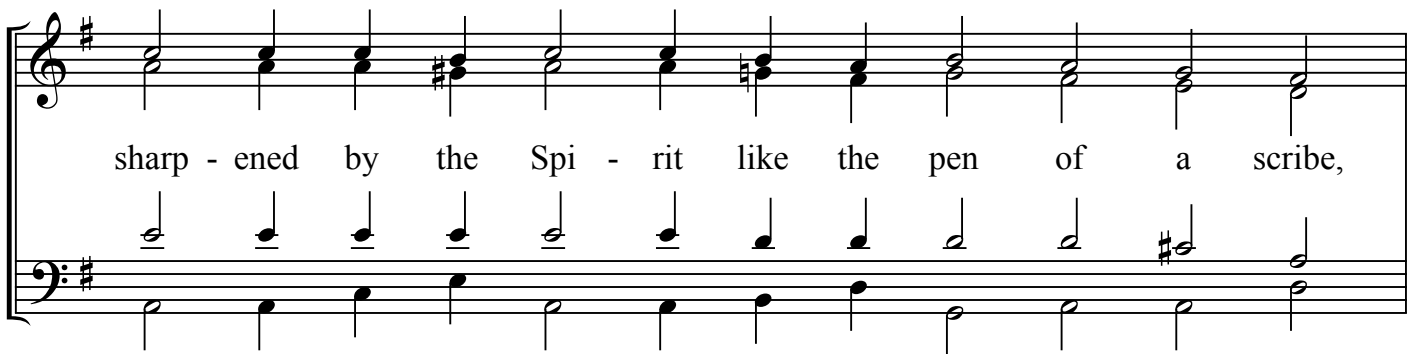
(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch




Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.



O bless - ed one, thy tongue was ho - - - ly,



sharp - ened by the Spi - rit like the pen of a scribe,



writing the law of the divine vir - - - tues with come - ly

let - - - - ters of grace up - on the tab - lets of our

hearts and imparting by thy doctrine the incar - na - tion for men,

in two es - sen - ces, of Him who desired to appear

in a sin - gle Hy - po - sta - sis.

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