

Forefeast of the Annunciation
Stichera on "Lord I have cried", Tone 4
Kievan Chant

begin here for 4 stichera

(4) Reader: In the 4th Tone: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

II-chant melody

Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

I-descant

✦ *Sticheron below: "The Archangel Gabriel confirmeth..."*

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(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - i - - - qui-ties.

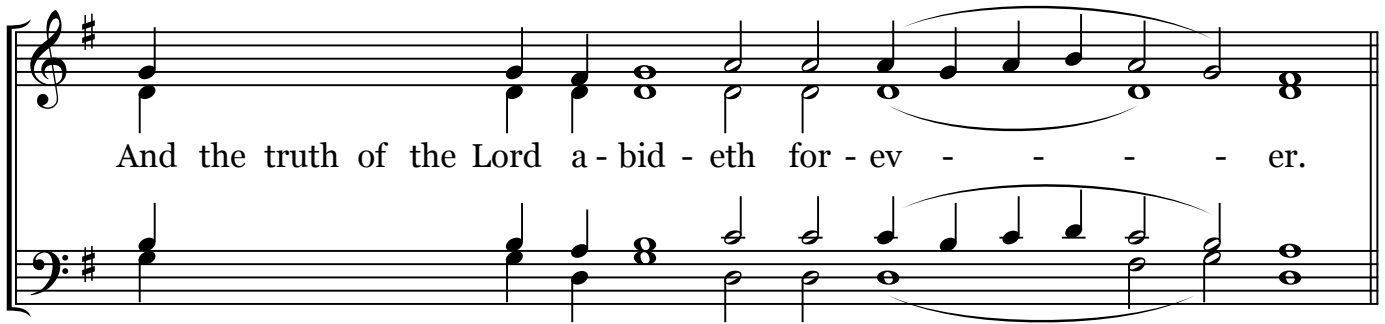
✦ The Archangel Gabriel confirmeth /
the mystery hidden and unknown even to the angels; /
and he is now come to thee who alone art incorrupt, /
the comely turtledove, the restoration of our race, /
and crieth out to thee, all-holy one: "Rejoice! //
Be thou made ready by my words to receive in thy womb God the Word!"

(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him, all ye peoples.

A splendid palace hath been prepared for thee, O Master: /
the pure womb of the divine Maiden! /
Come Thou and enter therein, /
have pity on Thy creation /
which in envy undertook to oppose Thee, /
is held in thrall to the deceiver, /
hath lost its primal beauty //
and awaiteth thy saving descent.

(1) Reader: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us;



And the truth of the Lord a - bid - eth for - ev - - - er.

The Archangel Gabriel manifestly cometh to thee, /
and crieth out to thee, O all-immaculate one: /
"Rejoice, thou annulment of the curse, /
restoration of the fallen! /
Rejoice, thou who alone hast been chosen by God! /
Rejoice, chariot of the Sun of glory! /
Receive thou the Incorporeal One //
Who desireth to make His abode within thy womb!"