

Vespers on Great and Holy Friday Afternoon
Aposticha, Tone 2 "When from the Tree..."

Optina Hermitage Melody

Reader: In the 2nd Tone, the Original Melody "When from the Tree..."

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When from the Tree the Arimathean took Thee down dead,

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the Life of all, wrapping Thee with spices in a winding-sheet,

O Christ, he was moved by love to kiss Thine incorrupt

bod - - - y with his heart and lips. Yet, be-set by fear,

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he cried out unto Thee re-joic - - - ing: "Glory to Thy condescension,

Reader: The Lord is King;

O Thou Who lov - est man-kind!" He is clothed with maj - es - ty.

When _____ for all Thou wast laid in a new _____ tomb,

O De - liv - er - er of all, seeing Thee, hades, worthy of all mockery, was

af-fright - - ted; it's bars were shattered, it's gates bro - - ken down,

the graves _____ were o - - - pened, and the dead a - - rose. Then

Ad-am, re-joic - - - ing, cried out to Thee in thanks - giv - - - ing:

Glory to Thy condescension, O Thou Who lov - est man-kind!

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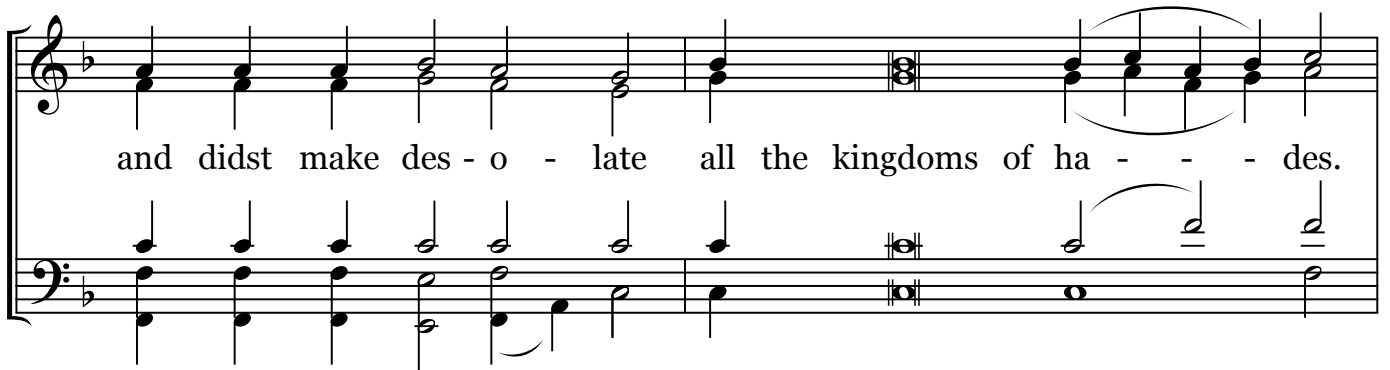
Reader: For He hath established the world

Which shall not be shak - en. When, in the flesh, Thou wast

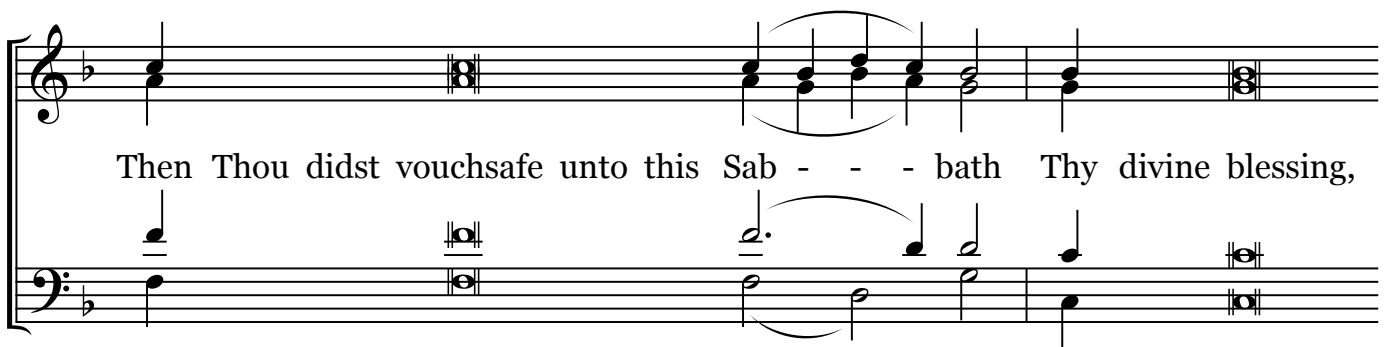
en-closed in the tomb, as Thou didst de - sire, O Christ,

Who in the essence of Thy Di-vin - i - ty remainest uncircumscribable

and in - fin-ite. Thou didst wall up the trea-sur-ies of death,

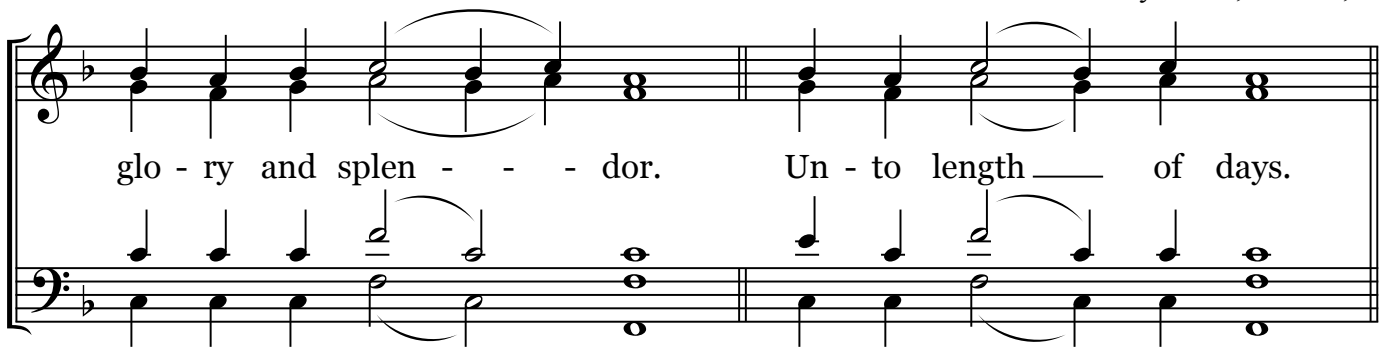


and didst make des - o - late all the kingdoms of ha - - - des.

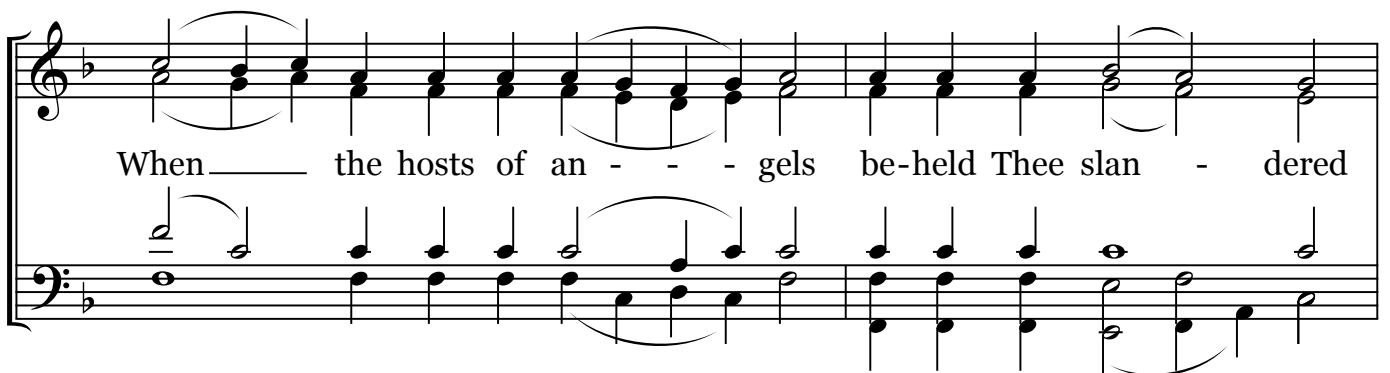


Then Thou didst vouchsafe unto this Sab - - - bath Thy divine blessing,

Reader: Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord,



glo - ry and splen - - - dor. Un - to length — of days.



When — the hosts of an - - - gels be-held Thee slan - dered

as a de - ceiv - - - er by the in - iq - - - ui - tous,

and the stone _____ of Thy tomb sealed — by the hands that pierced Thine

in - cor - rupt side, O Christ, rejoicing in our sal - va - - - tion they

cried — out to Thee: Glory to Thy condescension, O Thou Who lov - est man - kind.