The Vespers Aposticha - Tone 3

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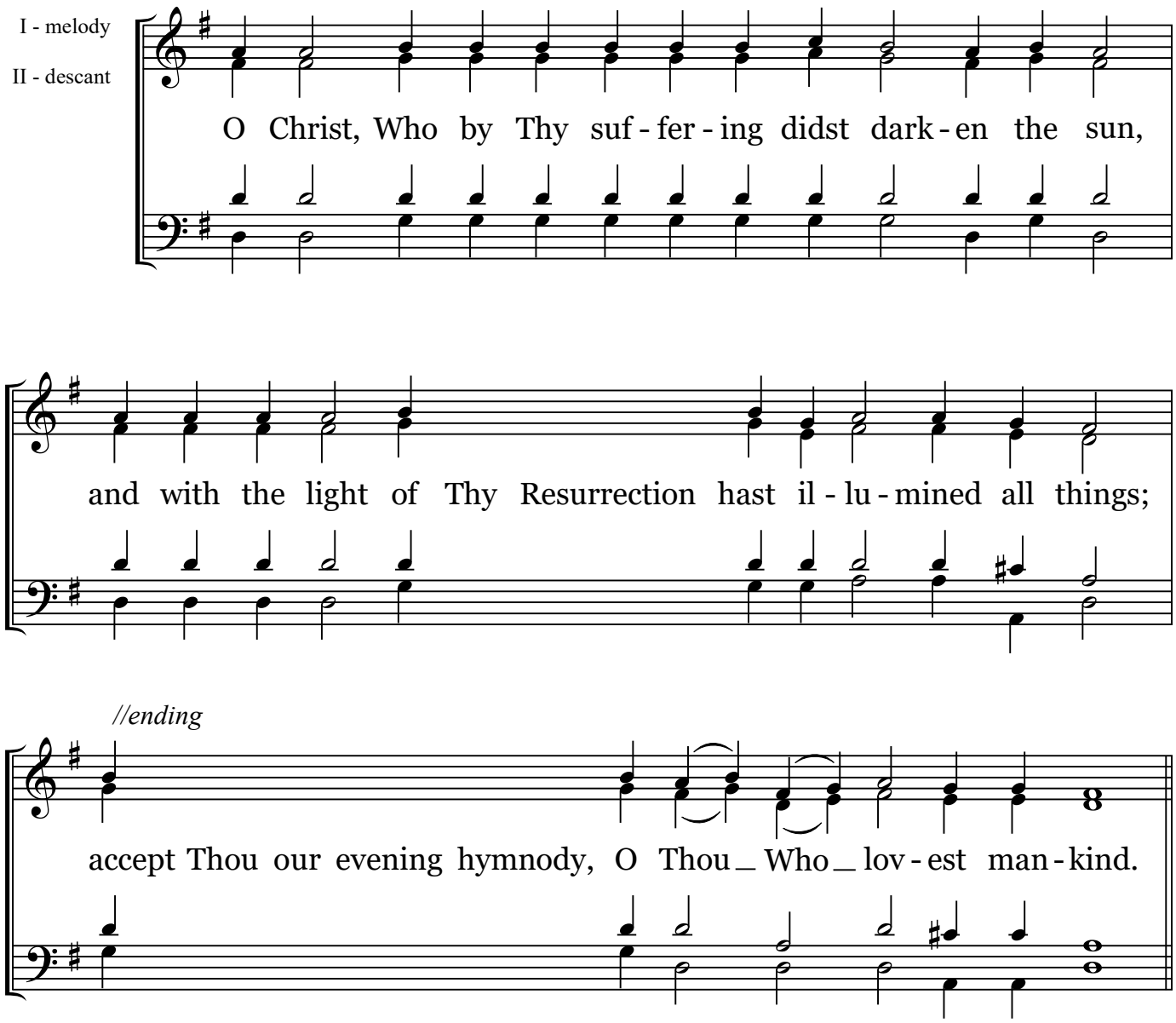
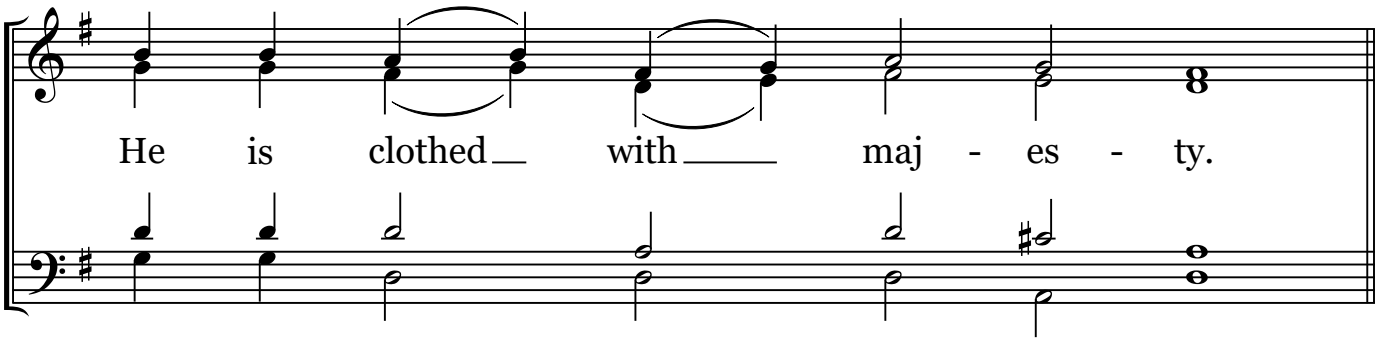
Reader: **In the 3rd Tone - O Christ, Who by Thy suffering didst darken the sun.**

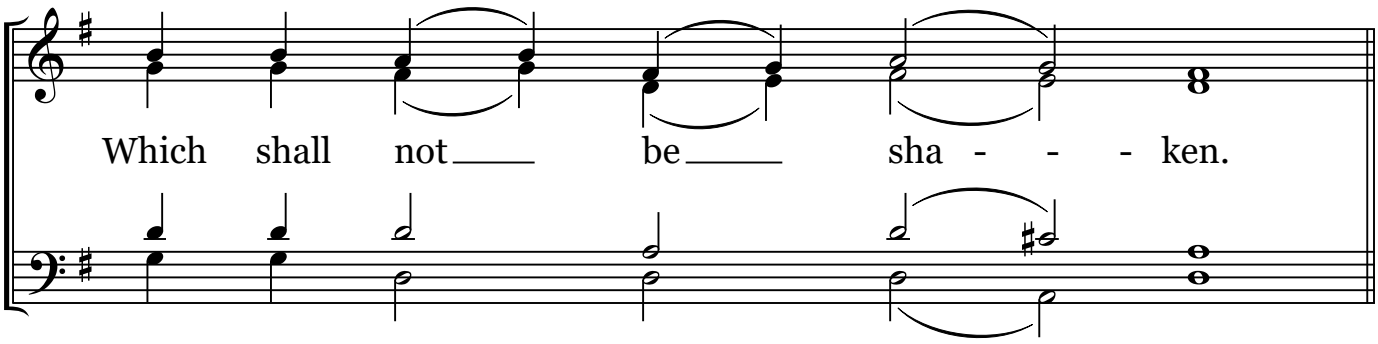


Reader: **The Lord is King,**



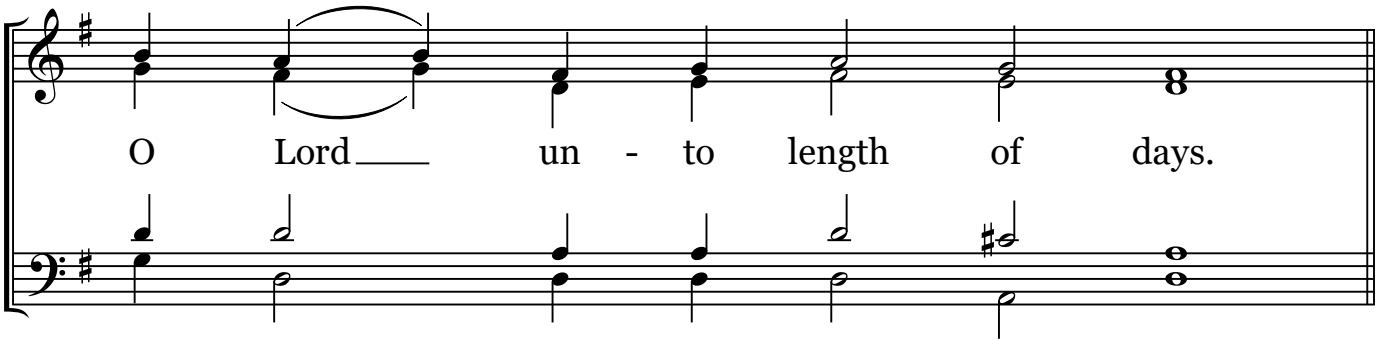
Thy life-bearing resurrection hath illumined the whole universe, O Lord, /
and restored corrupted creation. /
Wherefore, loosed from the curse of Adam, we cry out:
O almighty Lord, glory be to Thee!

Reader: **For He established the world**



Though Thou art God immutable, /
yet suffering in the flesh Thou wast altered. /
Creation, unable to bear the sight of Him hanging on the Cross, /
fell prostrate in fear and groaned; /
and it hymneth Thy longsuffering. /
Having descended into hades, Thou didst arise on the third day, //
granting life and great mercy to the world.

Reader: **Holiness becometh Thy house,**



Thou didst endure death, O Christ, /
that Thou mightest deliver our race from death; /
having risen from the dead on the third day, /
Thou didst raise with Thyself those who acknowledged Thee as God; /
and Thou hast enlightened the world. //
O Lord, glory be to Thee!

Here we insert Glory, for the Saint, if one is appointed.

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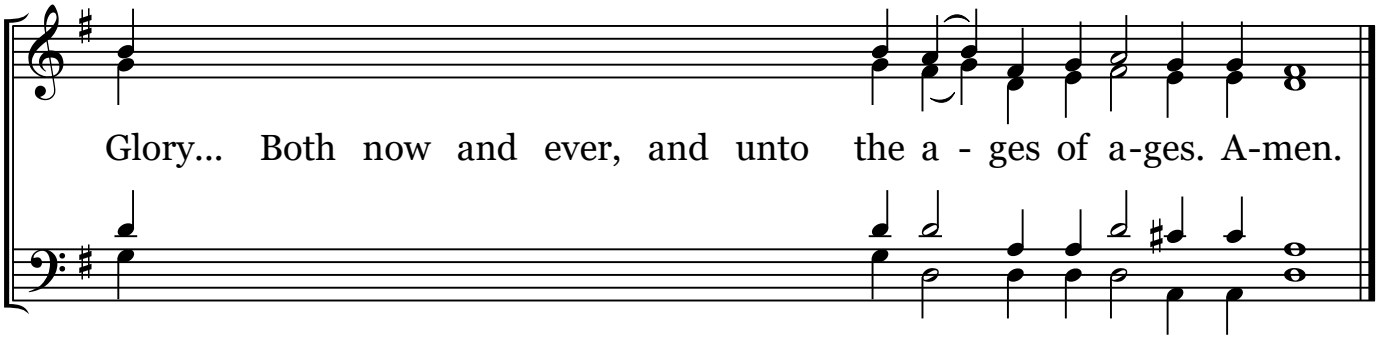
Reader: **Glory, both now, in the Same Tone:**



Through the divine Spirit, /
by the will of the Father, /
without seed thou didst conceive the Son of God /
Who hath existed without mother from before the ages, /
and for our sake thou gavest birth in the flesh unto Him /
Who came forth from thee without father; /
and thou didst nurture Him on milk as a babe. //
Wherefore, cease not to pray, that our souls be delivered from tribulations.

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