Tone 8

The Vespers Aposticha

Abbreviated Kievan Chant

Reader: **In the 8th Tone - Having descended from heaven, O Jesus.**

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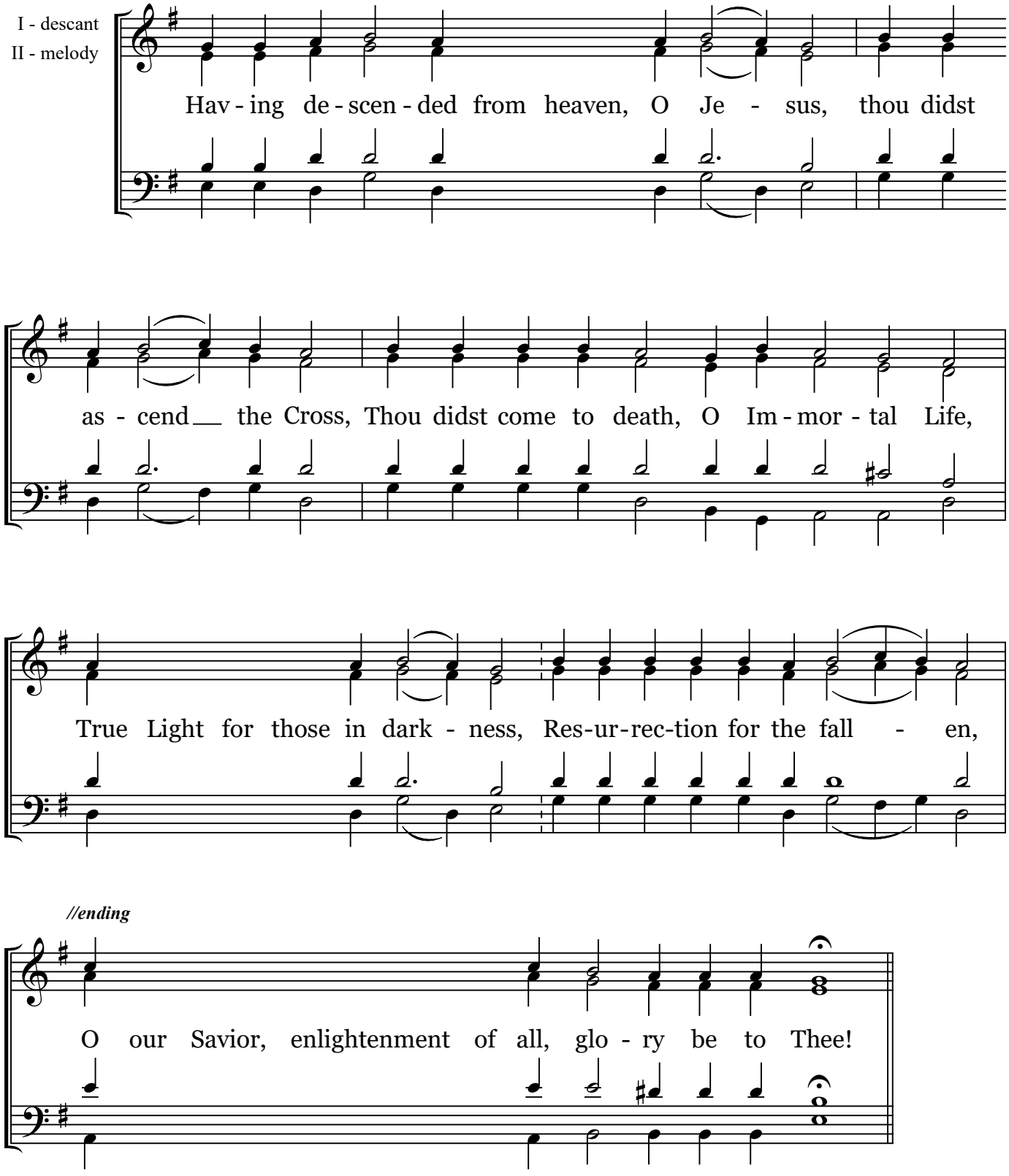
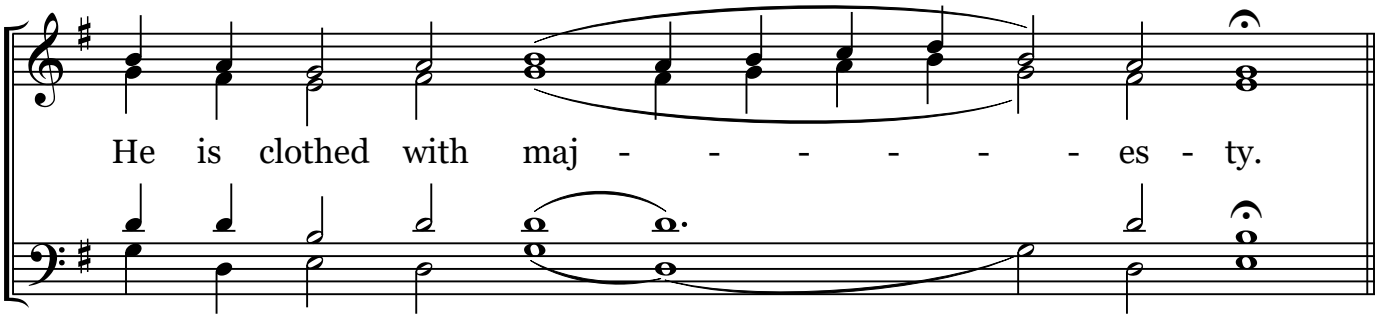
II - melody



Reader: **The Lord is King,**



Let us **glo**rify Christ Who **rose** from the dead; /

for, having assumed soul and **bod**y, /

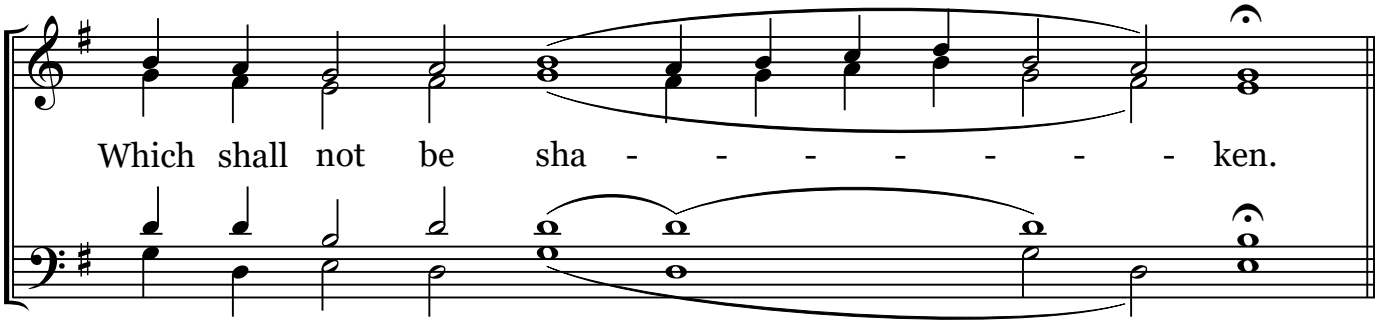
He parted one from the **oth**er by the **Pas**sion. /

Therefore, when His all-pure soul descended into **ha**des,

He took it **cap**tive. //

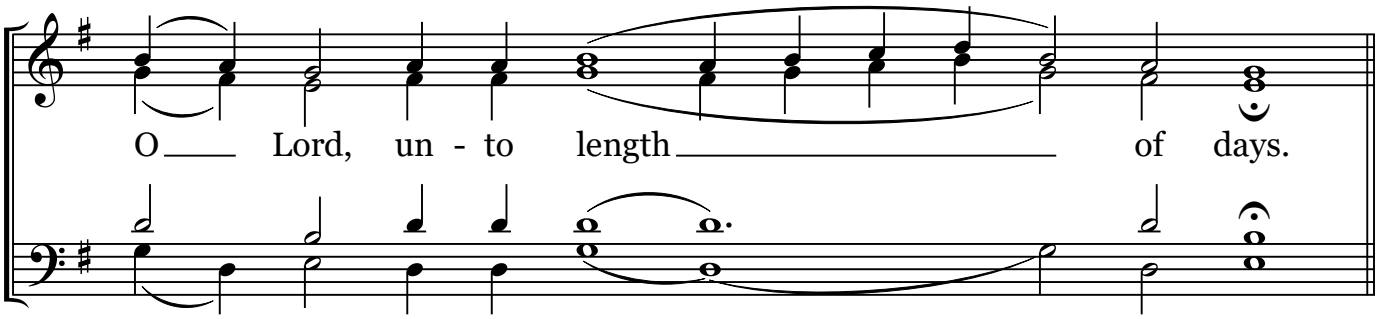
And in the tomb the body of the Deliverer of our souls did not see cor**rup**tion.

Reader: **For He established the world**



With **psalms** and hymns we **glo**rify /
Thy resurrection from the **dead**, O Christ, /
whereby Thou didst free us from the **tyr**anny of **ha**des. //
and, as God didst grant us everlasting life and great **mer**cy.

Reader: **Holiness becometh Thy house,**



O **Mas**ter of all, unapproachable Creator of **hea**ven and earth, /
Who **suf**fered on the **Cross**, /
thou didst pour forth dis**pas**sion up**on** me. /
Having accepted burial and risen in **glo**ry, /
Thou didst raise up Adam with Thyself by Thine al**migh**ty hand. /
Glory to Thy **ris**ing on the **third** day, /
whereby Thou didst bestow upon us ever**last**ing life /
and **cleans**ing of sins, //
in that Thou alone art com**pas**sionate!

Glory, the Sticheron for the Saint (if there is one).

English translation adapted from the translation of Isaac E. Lambertsen,
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