

Stichera of the Praises

Tone 1, Special Melody "Joy of the ranks of heaven..."

Melody of Seven Lakes Hermitage

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The pre-cious Cross mak-eth the paths of heaven

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read-y for all to cross who bow down be-fore it with

stead - fast faith; and He who was nailed there - to

join - eth those who hymn it with love

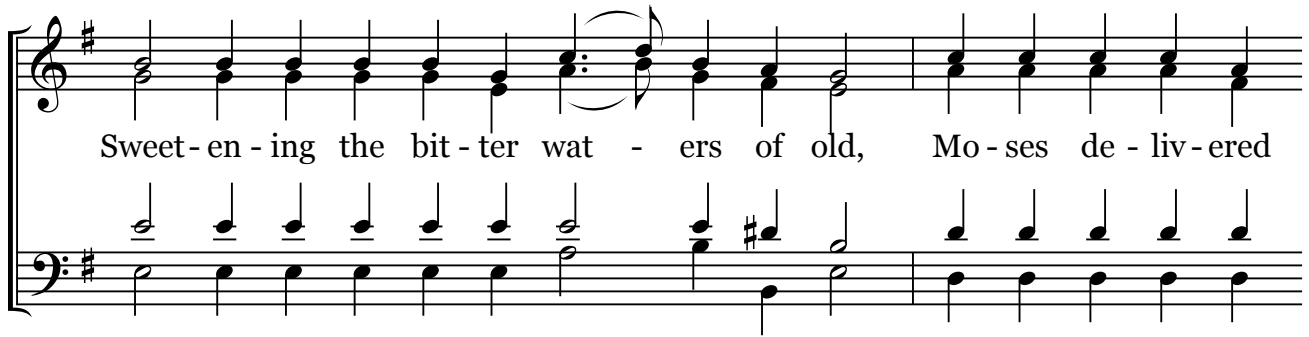
to the choirs of the im - ma - ter - i - al hosts.

Bow - ing down with faith be - fore the pre - cious Cross,

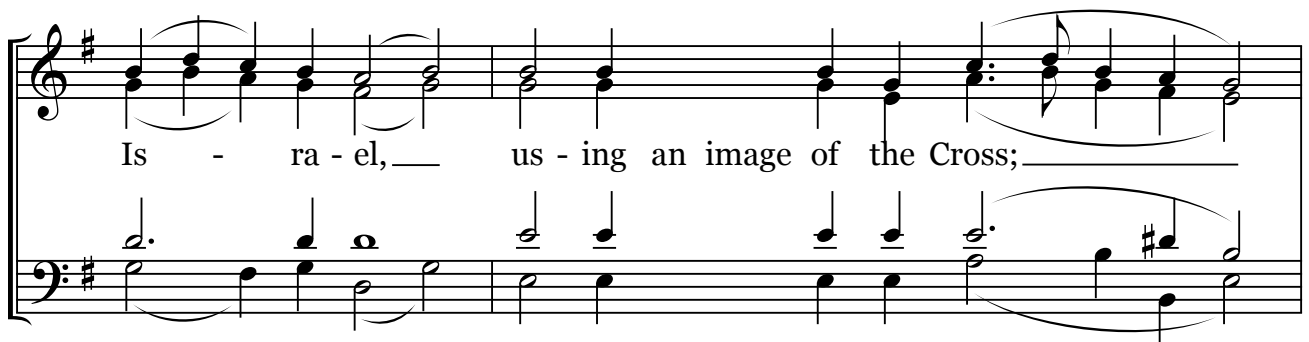
we hymn the Mas - ter Who was cru - ci - fied there - on, purifying our lips and

souls at His be - hest; and prais - ing Him,

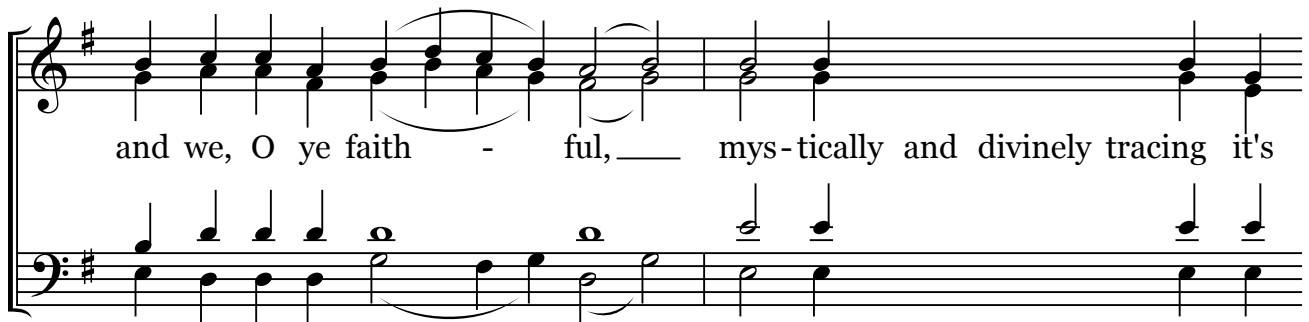
we are il - lumined with its no - et - ic ra - di - ance.



Sweet-en - ing the bit - ter wat - ers of old, Mo - ses de - liv - ered



Is - ra - el, us - ing an image of the Cross;



and we, O ye faith - ful, mys - tically and divinely tracing it's



im - age in our hearts, are ev - er saved by its might.