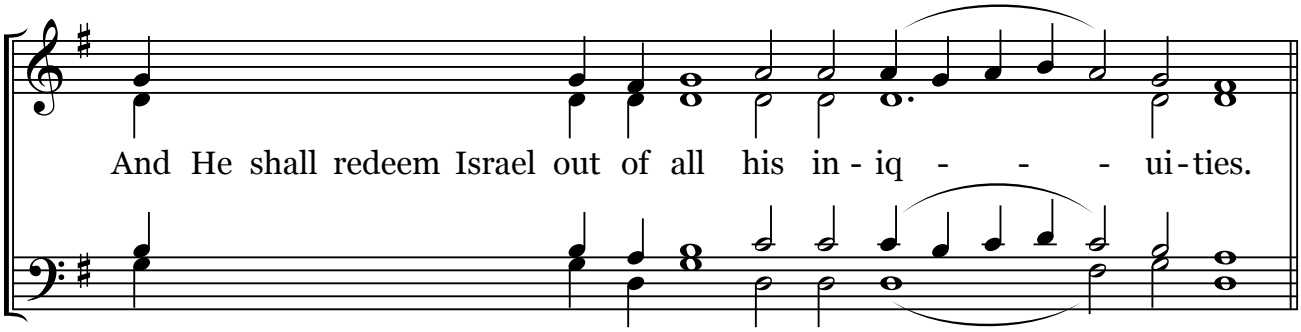
Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Tone 4, Kievan

(3) Reader: In the **4th Tone**—
For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption;



Let us hymn the wise Theonas and Theopemptus, /

for, submitting to the dogmas of Christ, /

and having splendidly set at nought all ungodly worship, /

they worshiped the one Lord and God /

in holiness, honor and goodly hope, /

confessing Him right boldly before the tyrants; //

and they have been crowned from on high.

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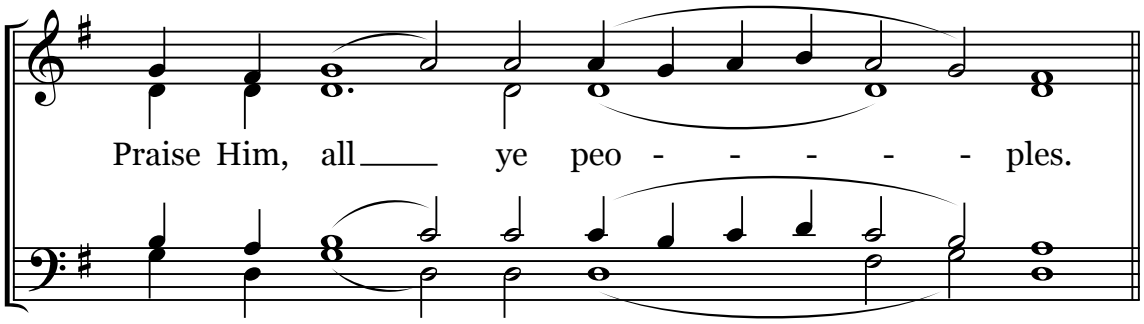
(2) Reader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;



Having forsaken as fleeting /

those things of life which drag men downwards, /

delight in food and glory which fadeth like a flower, /

O most lauded ones, ye cleaved unto Christ, /

enkindled by His comely beauty, /

and ye offered yourselves to Him as sweet-smelling roses, /

and have been divinely crowned with the diadem of the incorrupt kingdom.

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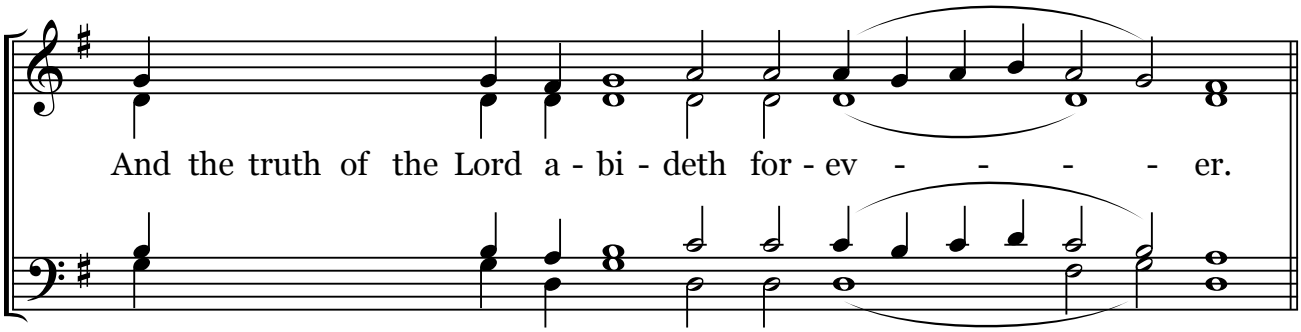
(1) Reader: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,



Having hated the world /

ye have been shown to transcend the world, /

and have joined the Church of the firstborn; /

and with the angels ye chant incorrupt hymnody, /

standing together before God. /

And having rejected the vile falsehood of idolatry, //

as martyrs ye have put to shame the mindlessness of the tyrants.

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