

Lord I have cried

Conception of John the Baptist

Tone 4

Kievan

While ex - e - cut - ing as a priest

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, C5, D5, and E5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: G2-B2, A2-C3, B2-D3, C3-E3, D3-F3, and E3-G3.

the sacred office in the div - ine Tem - ple,

The second line of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff starts on E5, moving to D5, C5, B4, and A4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with chords: E3-G3, D3-F3, C3-E3, B2-D3, A2-C3, and G2-B2.

off - 'ring up the peo - ples' prayers

The third line of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff starts on A4, moving to B4, C5, D5, E5, and F#5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with chords: A2-C3, B2-D3, C3-E3, D3-F3, E3-G3, and F#3-A3.

to the Lord All - compassionate and Ben - e - fac - - - tor,

The fourth line of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff starts on F#5, moving to G5, A5, B5, and C6. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with chords: F#3-A3, G3-B3, A3-C4, B3-D4, and A3-C4. The final note of the melody is a half note C6.

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Some texts may have been adapted from Internet sources, the Antiochian Archdiocese and St John of Kronstadt Press.

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the most divine Zach - a - ri - ah then__ be - held

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a divine and holy An - gel cry - ing un - to him:

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Thy sup - pli - ca - tion and prayer is heard;

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take heart, O El - der and doubt__ me not,

9

for thou shalt be - get a child, the Lord's div - ine__ Fore - run - ner,

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who in truth is far greater than any born of wo - man; //

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in the pow-er of E - li-jah, he shall go be-fore the prom-ised Christ.

13

Thou seemest strange in thy coun - te - nance and man - ner;

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strange to me are these words and ti - dings thou hast brought;

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so Zach - a - ri - ah re - plied to him.

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For I came here to ask salvation for all the peo - ples' sake,

17

not to have a child as thou hast said — to me.

18

I find thee contrary to the things which I have asked for;

19

and I surmise that thou tell - est not the truth,

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for how shall what thou say - est be — con-firmed?

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For Elizabeth suf - fer - eth from bar - ren - ness; //

22

as for me, as thou se - est, I am very far ad - vanced in years.

23

Where-fore, dost thou doubt my words, O Zach - a - ri - ah?

24

Where-fore, dost thou say I bring false ti - dings to thee?

25

I am an Arch - an - gel of our God,

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and stand before thee to say all that hath been com-mand - ed me;

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and since thou hast not be-lieved but ra - ther dis - be-lieved,

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thou shalt be dumb and speak no more

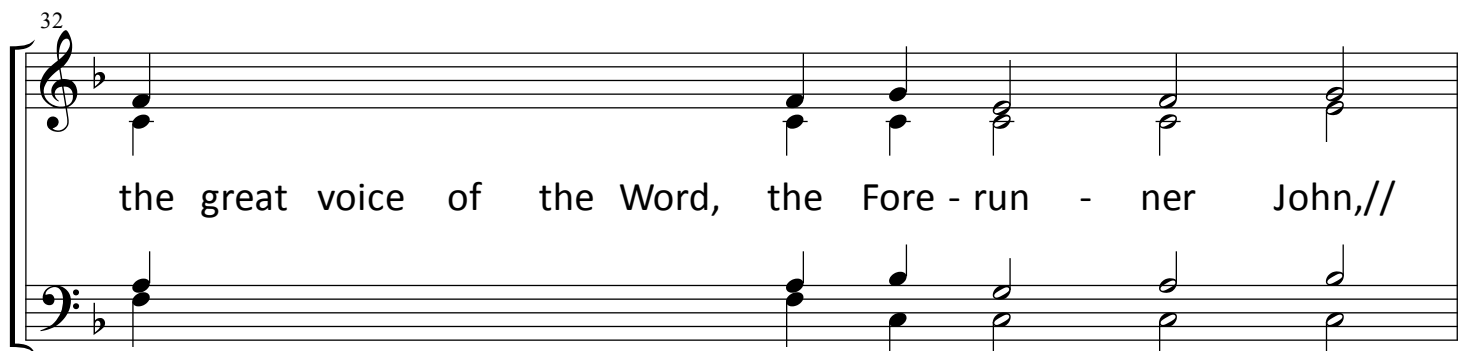
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till thou be-hold-est that what I say, God Him-self shall bring to pass;

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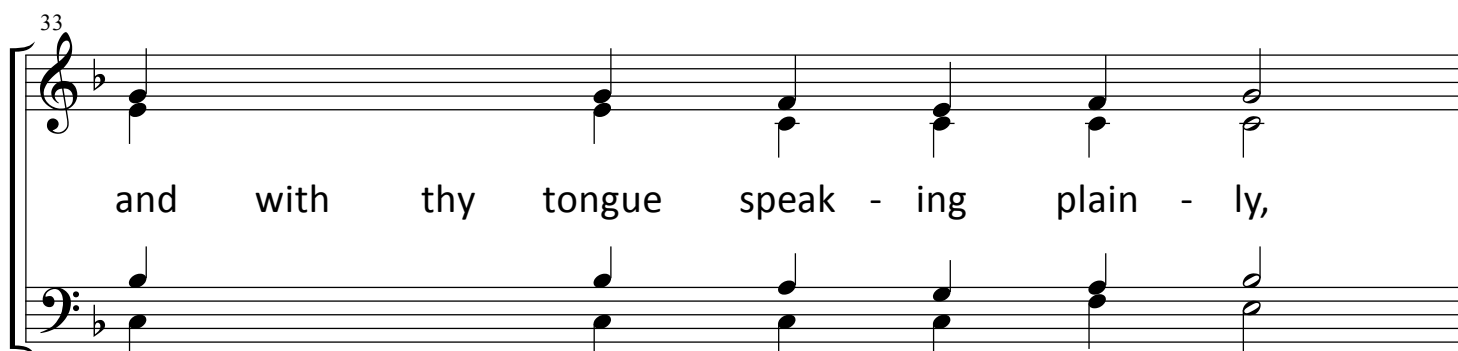
and when E - liz - a - beth shall bear for thee

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the great voice of the Word, the Fore - run - ner John, //

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and with thy tongue speak - ing plain - ly,

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thou shalt bless the God of Is - - - ra - el.

Glory to the Father...

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35 Tone 6



John the Fore - run - ner, the fruit of prayer,

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hath budded from a bar - ren womb to - day.

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Re-joyce, O wild - er - ness, and dance for joy, — O man-kind.

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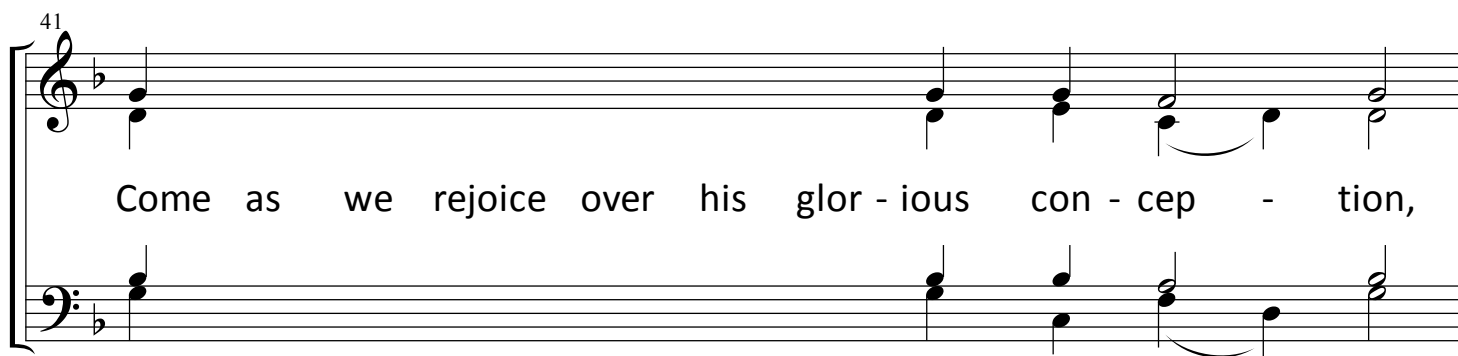
Be - hold, the preacher of re - pen - - - tance

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be - gin - neth to take flesh in his moth - er's womb.

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Come as we rejoice over his glor - ious con - cep - tion,

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O ye feast - lovers, let us form a choir cry - ing out:

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O thou greatest of them that are born of wo - men,

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cease not to pray for us

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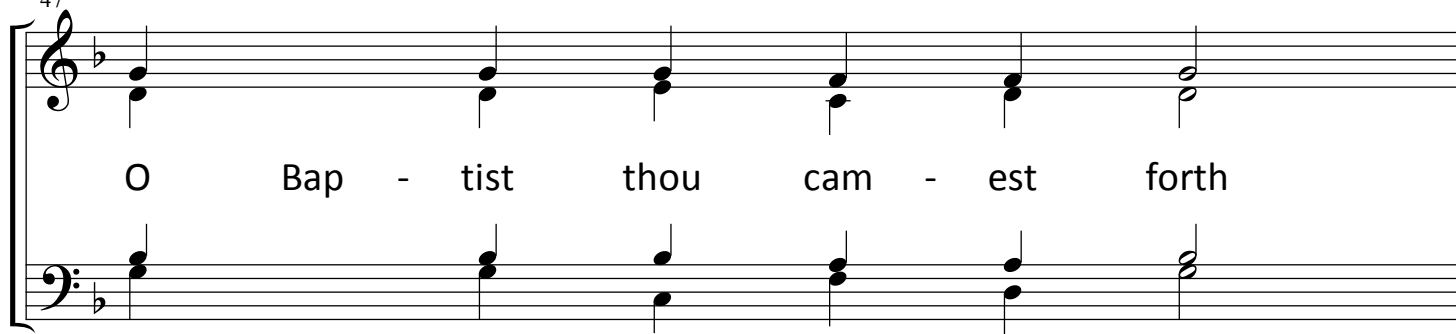
who with faith honor thy div - ine con - cep - tion, //

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that we may find for - give-ness of sins and Great Mer - cy.

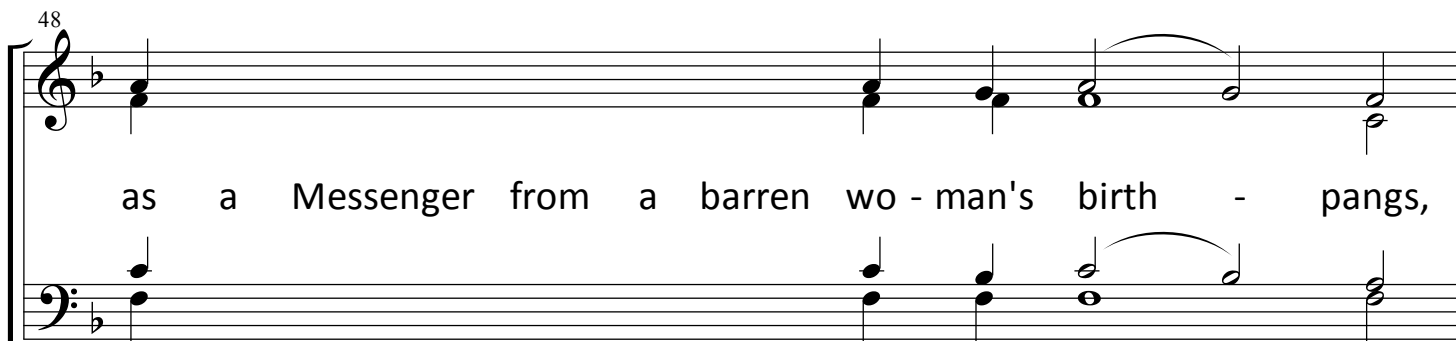
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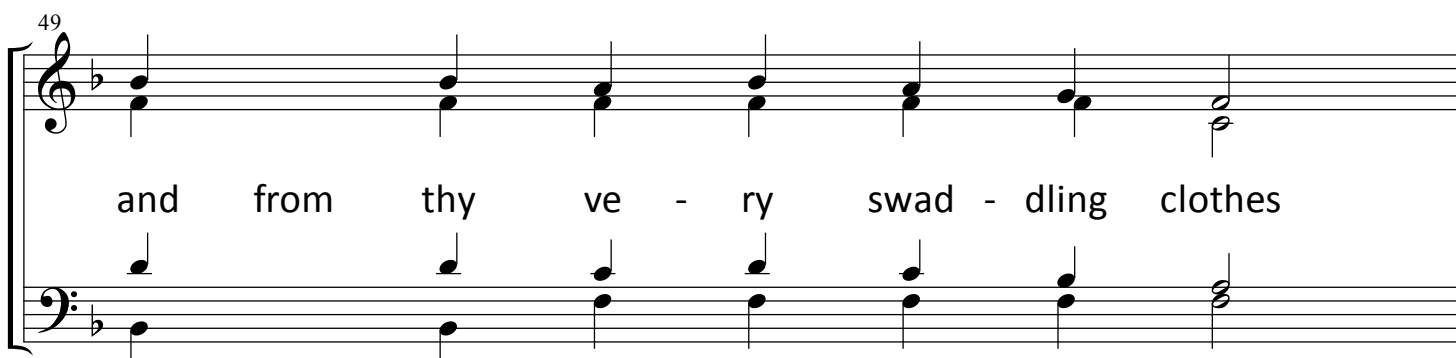
O Bap - tist thou cam - est forth

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as a Messenger from a barren wo - man's birth - pangs,

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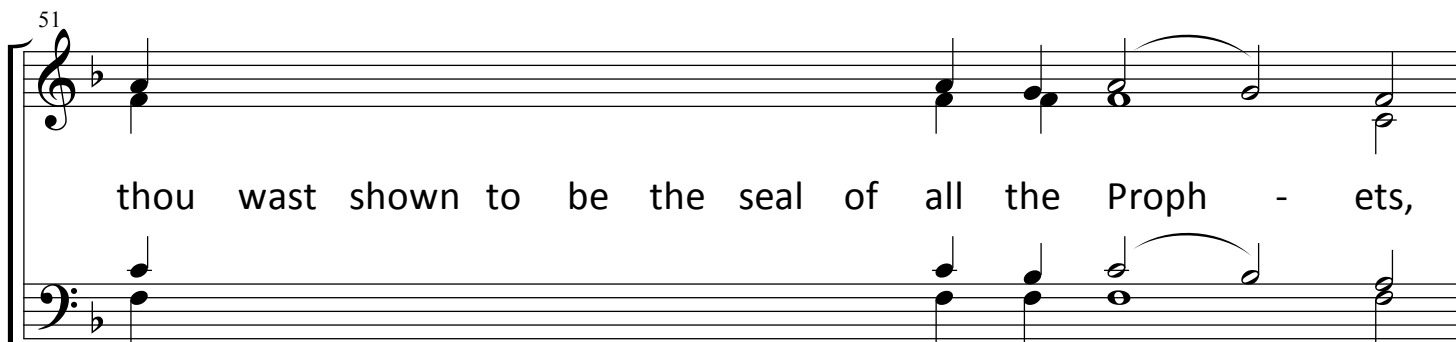
and from thy ve - ry swad - dling clothes

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thou madest thy dwelling in the wild - er - ness;

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thou wast shown to be the seal of all the Proph - ets,

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for Him Whom they beheld in di - verse man - ners,

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and foretold in dark say - - - ings,

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the Same wast thou counted worthy to baptize in the Jor - dan.

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thou heardest the voice of the Fa - ther from Hea - ven

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bear - ing witness to His Son - - - ship,

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and thou beheldest the Spirit in the form of a dove

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draw-ing the Father's voice on Him Who was be-ing bap-tized,

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O thou that art higher than all the Proph - ets,

60

cease not to pray for us//

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who faith - ful - ly cel - e - brate thy mem - or - i - al.