

Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Second Sunday before Christmas

Tone 8

Kievan

As we the faith - ful celebrate today the Fore - fa - thers mem - o - ry,

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let us praise Christ, the Redeemer and King,

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Who mag - ni - fied them of all na - tions on earth

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The treble staff has a soprano line and an alto line. The bass staff has a tenor line and a bass line. The lyrics are written below the staves. The melody is in the soprano line of the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'Who mag - ni - fied them of all na - tions on earth'. The music is in 3/4 time, as indicated by the '3' above the first measure. The tempo is marked 'Andante'. The score is for a four-part setting of the hymn.

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and through them accomplished strange and won - drous signs,

This musical score is for a vocal part, likely a soprano or alto, given the range of the notes. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps, F# and C#) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a series of eighth notes: D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7. The lyrics 'and through them accomplished strange and won - drous signs,' are written below the notes. The music is written on a single staff with a treble clef.

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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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per-form-ing mar - vels and mir - a - cles, since He is pow - er - ful and strong,

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and Who from them hath shown to us that rod of pow - er proph - e - sied:

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Ma - ry, the Child of God, who alone had no ex - per - i - ence of man

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and from whom came the Flower, the pro - mised Christ,

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who sprouted life for all, in - ex - haust - i - ble de - light,

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and our sal - va - tion to e - ter - ni - ty.

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O Mas - ter, Who didst rescue from the fire the Children in Bab - y - lon

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and wise Dan - iel from the li - ons ga - ping mouths;

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Thou Who didst bless great Abraham, and ho - ly I - saac, Thy ser - vant,

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and his son Jacob, the be - lov - ed Is - ra - el; Thou Who

wast pleased to be - come like us from their de - scen - dants and their seed,

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to save our first parents, who of old had slipped and fal - len in - to death,

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with Thyself resurrecting all that since time began lay a - midst the dead,

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who then wor - shipped Thee, O Christ,

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and Thine e - ter - nal King - dom ov - er all.

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As in a gen - tle show - er a - midst the flame,

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the Children of God re - joiced as they walked a - midst the Spi - rit's dew;

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and in the flame they mystically did pre - fig - ure the Tri - ni - ty

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and the wondrous incarnation of Christ — God;

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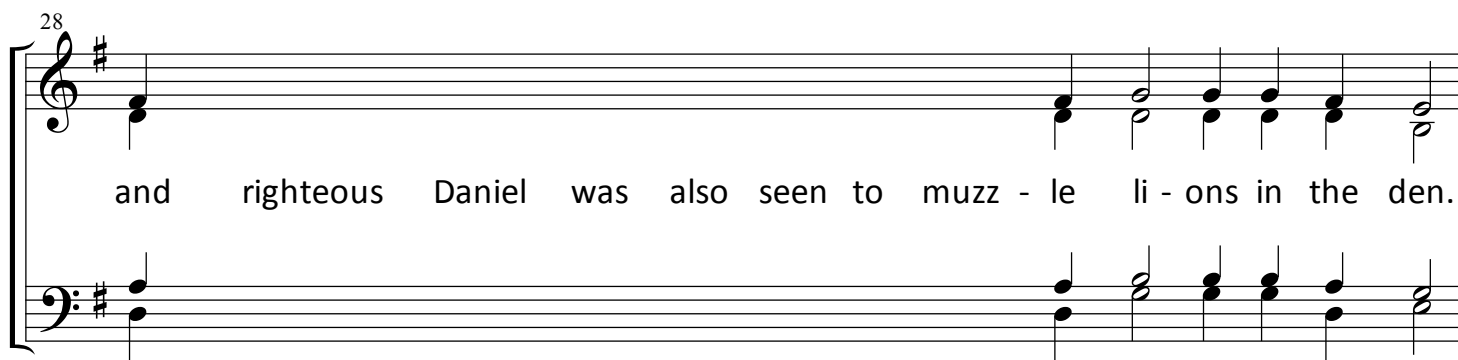
since they were wise, by their faith — in God

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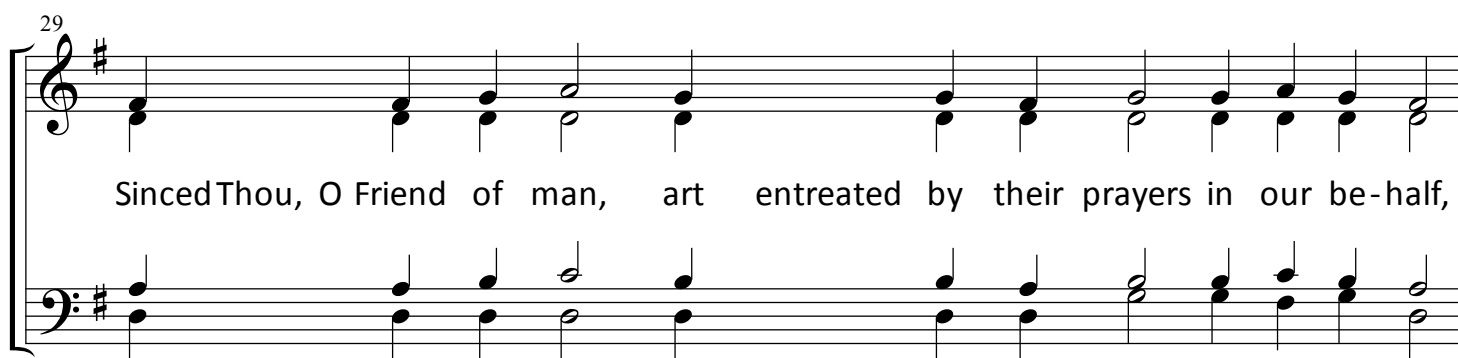
they quenched the pow - er of the fire;

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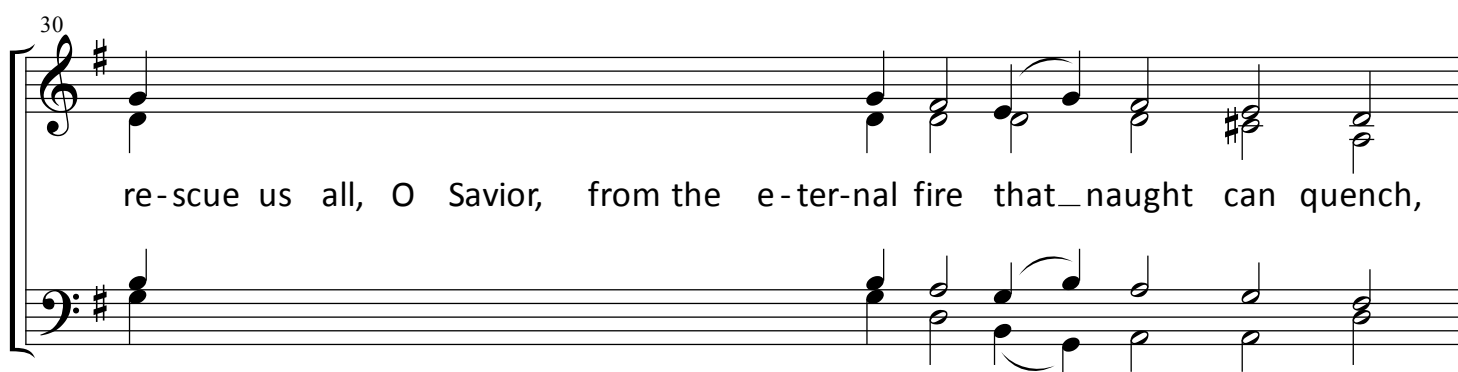
and righteous Daniel was also seen to muzz - le li - ons in the den.

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SincdThou, O Friend of man, art entreated by their prayers in our be-half,

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re-scue us all, O Savior, from the e-ter-nal fire that naught can quench,

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andvouchsafe that we at-tain un - to Thy King-dom in the Hea - vens, O Lord.

33

When in the fur - nace of the bla - zing flame, Thy holy

and faith - ful Youths proved to be as in a cool, re - fresh - ing dew;

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they did mystically por - tray that Thou wast to come

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from a Virgin whom Thy bright - ness would not burn.

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As for Thy coming the se - cond time in Thy dread glo - ry as God,

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the won - drous Proph - et and right - eous man,

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great Daniel, clearly hath foretold, when he cried out and said:

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I beheld un - til the thrones were set in place

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and the Judge sat for judg - ment; and then rushed

forth the river of that fire, from which may we be saved,

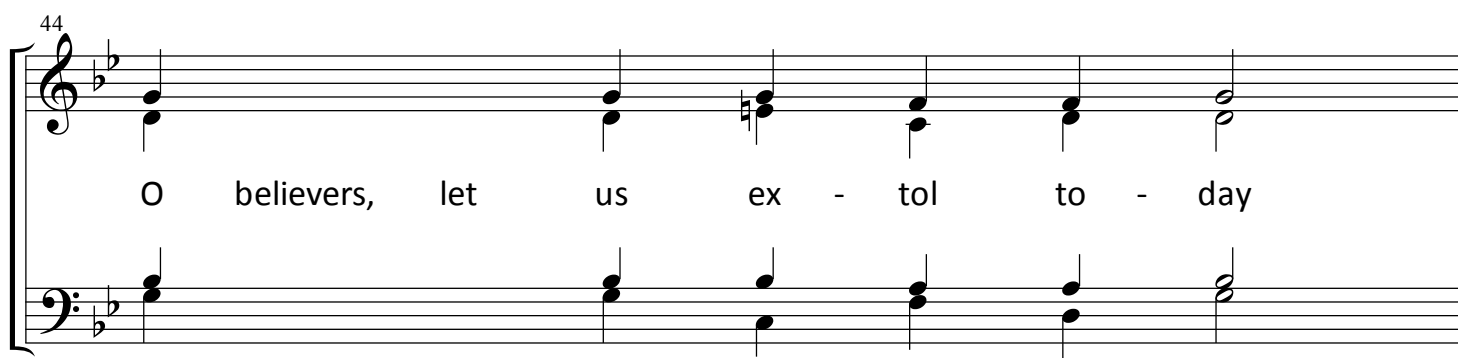
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by their en - treat - ies, O our Mas - ter Christ.

Glory to the Father...
Tone 6

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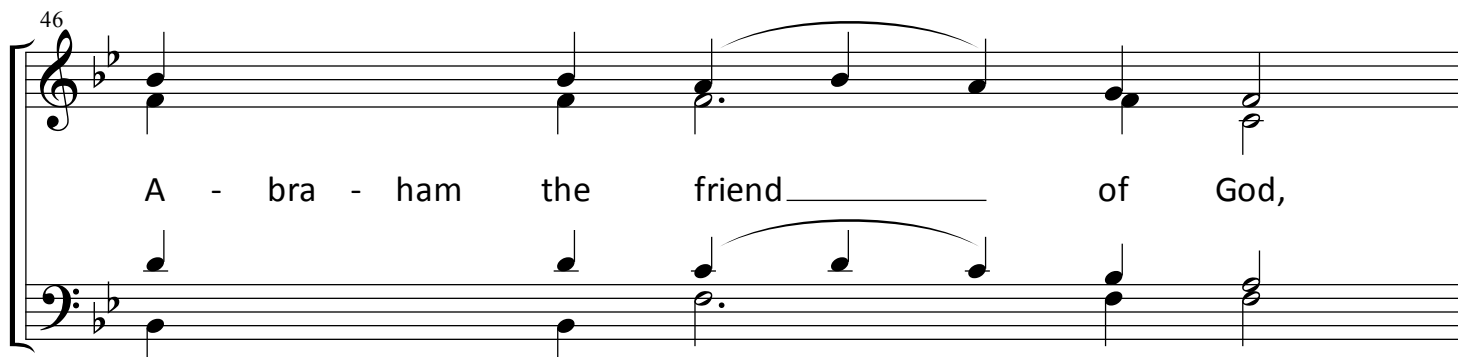
O believers, let us ex - tol to - day

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all the Fore - fa - thers be - fore the law,

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A - bra - ham the friend of God,

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I - saac born af - ter the prom - - - ise,

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Ja - cob with the twelve heads of the tribes,

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Da - vid the most meek, and Daniel the Proph - et of de - sires,

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hon - or - ing with them the three — youths

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who changed the furnace to a dew - y place,

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ask - ing forgiveness of Christ God, glo - ri - fied in His saints.

Aposticha: Glory to the Father...

Tone 3

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Come ye feast - lov - ers, let us ex - tol with hymns

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the a - ssem - bly of the Fore - - - fa - thers,

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Ad - am the first fa - ther, and E - - - - noch,

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No - - ah and Mel - chi - - - ze - dek;

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A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - - - - cob;

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and those _____ af - - - ter the law:

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Mo - ses, Aaron, Josh - u - a, and Sam - - - u - el;

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and with them I - sa - iah, Jeremiah, E - ze - - - ki - el,

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Dan - iel and the twelve Proph - - - ets,

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with E - li - jah, E - li - sha, and all the rest;

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and Zach - a - ri - ah, the Baptist, and those who preached__ Christ,

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the Life and Res - ur - rec - tion__ of__ our__ race.