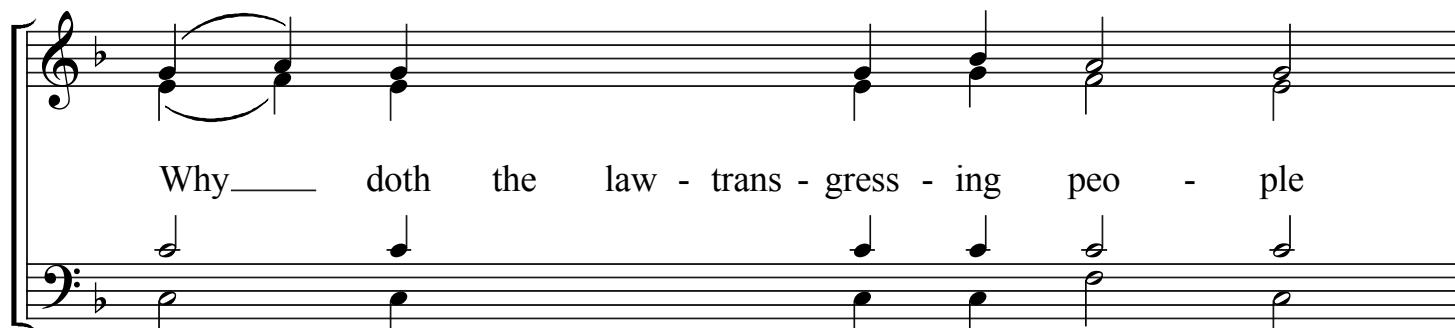


Holy Friday Vespers

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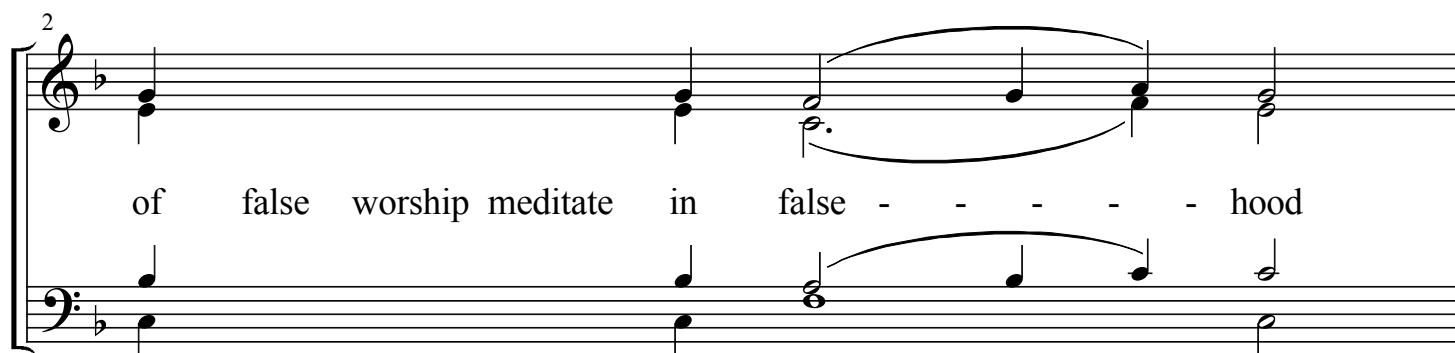
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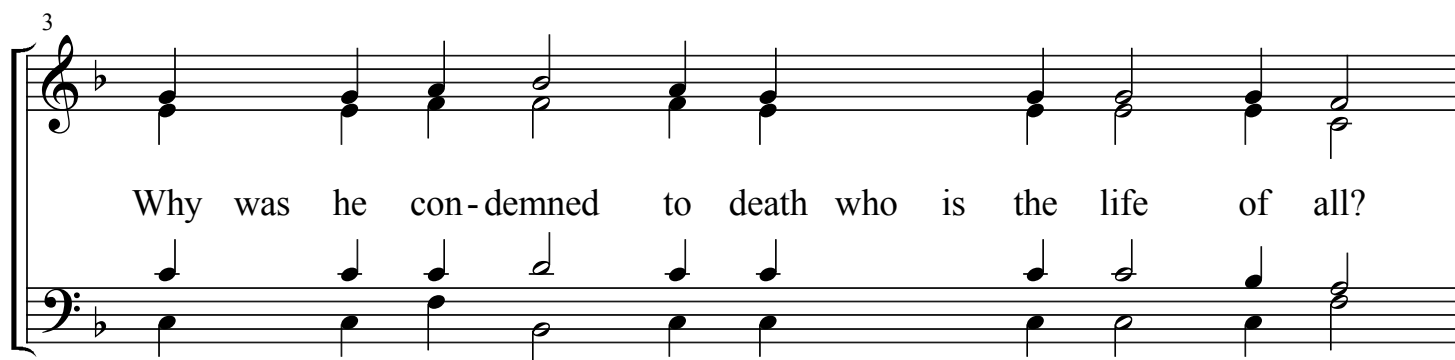
Why — doth the law - trans - gress - ing peo - ple

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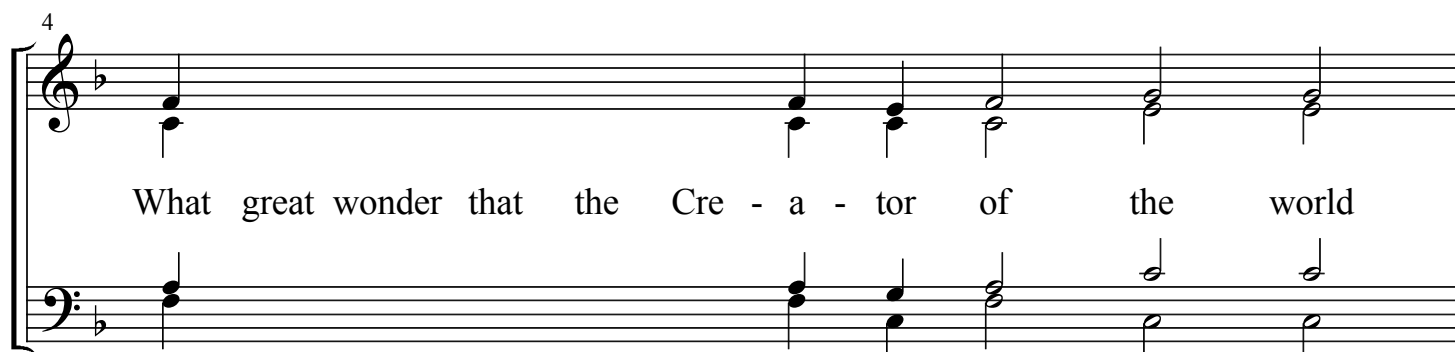
of false worship meditate in false - - - - hood

3



Why was he con-demned to death who is the life of all?

4



What great wonder that the Cre - a - tor of the world

5

hath been de - liv - ered in - to the hands of the wick - ed,

6

and the lover of mankind hath been el - e - vat - ed on a tree

7

to de - liv - er those who are bound in Ha - des, who cry,

8

"O long - suff - 'ring Fa - ther, glo - ry to Thee."

9

To - - - day the blameless Vir - gin hath seen thee,

10

O Word, sus - pend - - ed on the cross,

11

and her heart was wound - ed with mourning from parental e - mo - tions.

12

She sighed disconsolately from the depth of her soul.

13

She pulled her hair and cheeks bitt - er - ly.

14

She smote her breast cry - ing with co - pi - ous tears,

15

"Woe is me, O my Di - vine Son.

16

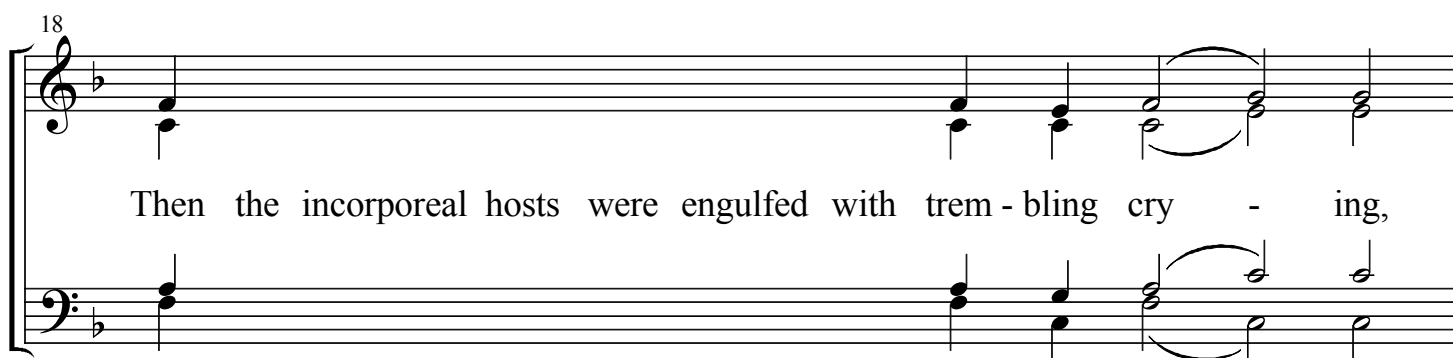
Woe is me, O Light of the world.

17



Now thou hast disappeared be - fore mine eyes, O Lamb of God."

18



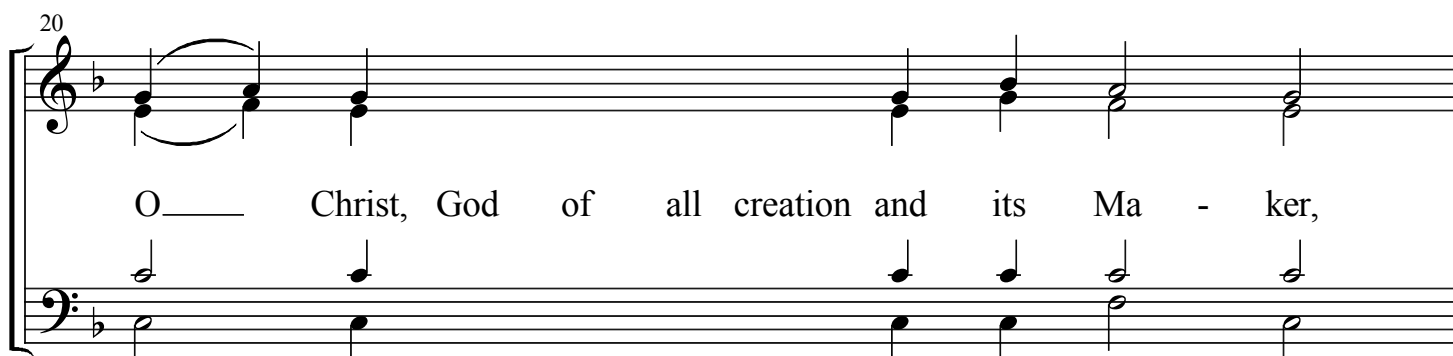
Then the incorporeal hosts were engulfed with trem - bling cry - ing,

19



"O in - com - pre - hen - si - ble Lord, glo - ry to Thee."

20



O Christ, God of all creation and its Ma - ker,

21

she who without seed gave thee birth,

22

see - ing Thee sus - pend - ed on a tree cried bitt - er - ly,

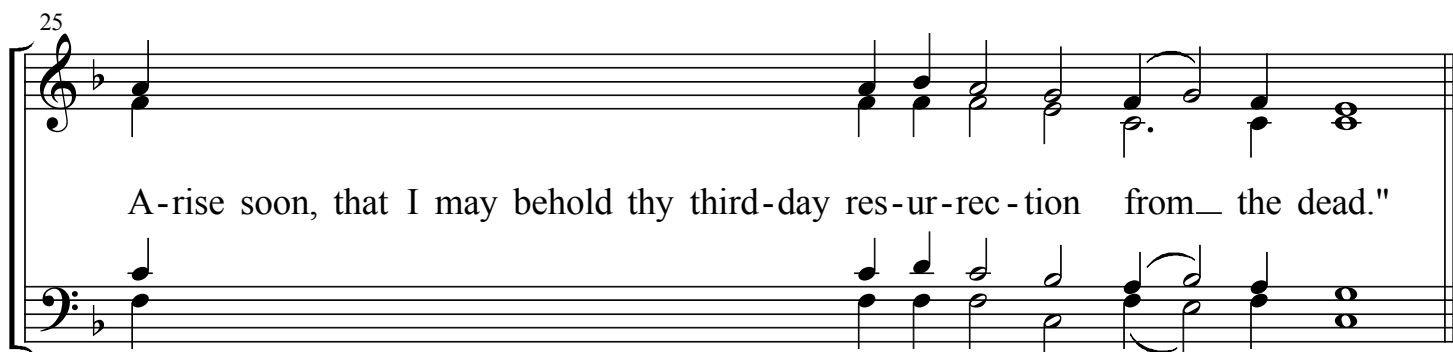
23

Whith - er hath the beauty of thy countenance dis - a - ppeared, O my Son?

24

I can - not en - dure the sight of thine unjust cru - ci - fi - xion.

25



A-rise soon, that I may behold thy third-day res-ur-rec-tion from_ the dead."