

# Forgiveness Vespers Apostikha

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behold, now is the season of repentance.

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and put on the ar- mour of light,

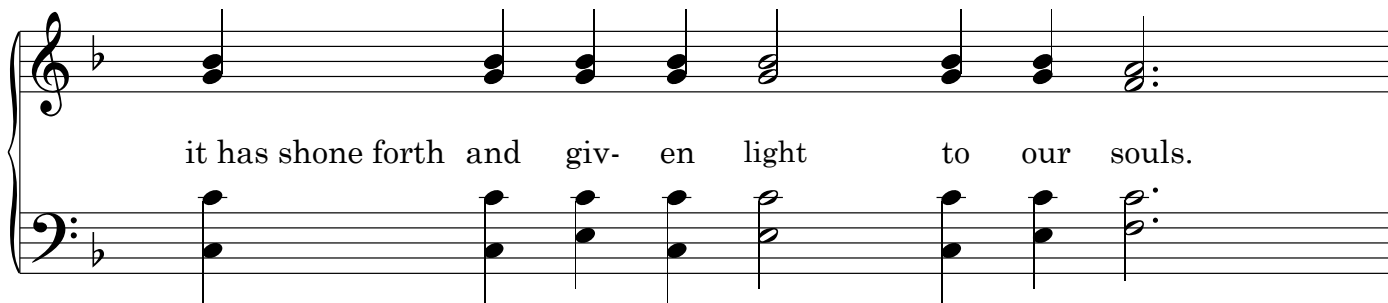
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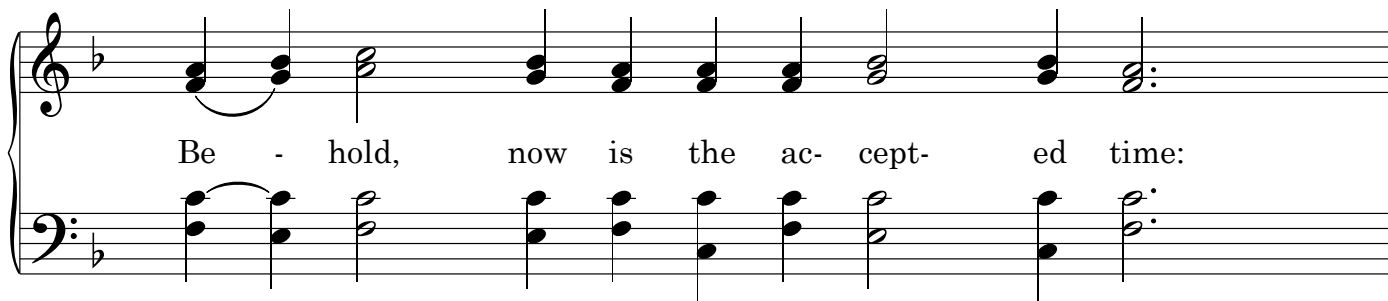
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**Verse:** Unto Thee have I lifted up mine eyes, unto Thee that dwellest in heaven.  
Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hands of their masters,  
as the eyes of the handmaid look unto the hands of her mistress,  
so do our eyes look unto the Lord our God, until He take pity on us.

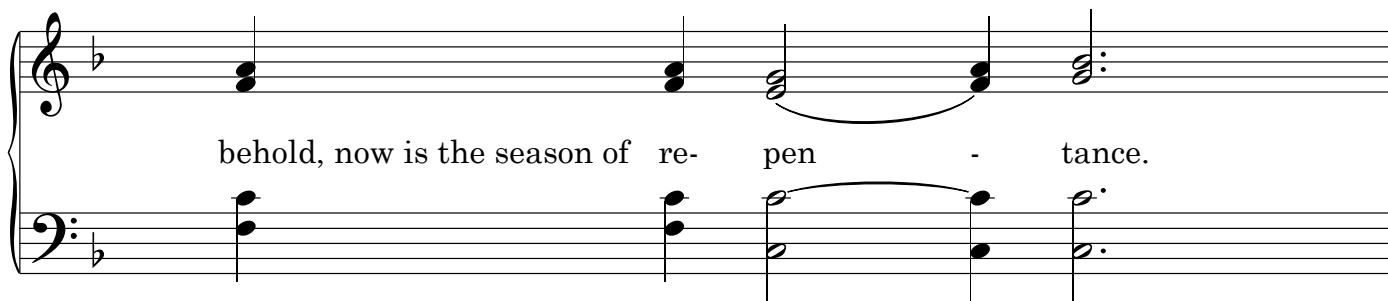
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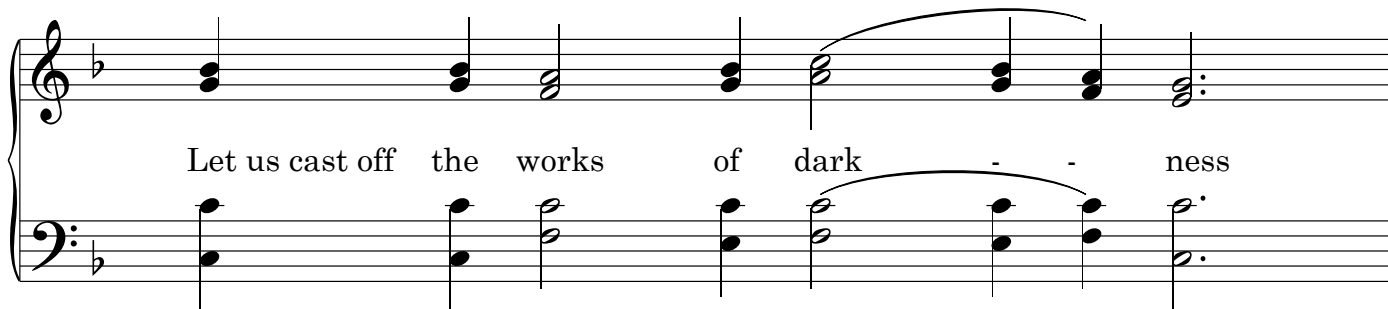
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**Verse:** Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for greatly are we filled with abasement. Greatly hath our soul been filled therewith; let reproach come upon them that prosper, and abasement on the proud.

Thou art glorified

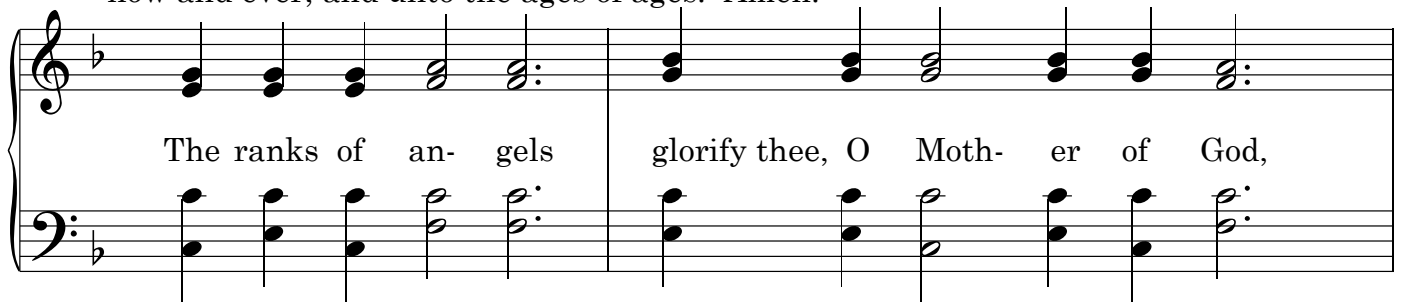
in the memorials of Thy saints, O Christ our God:

at their intercessions

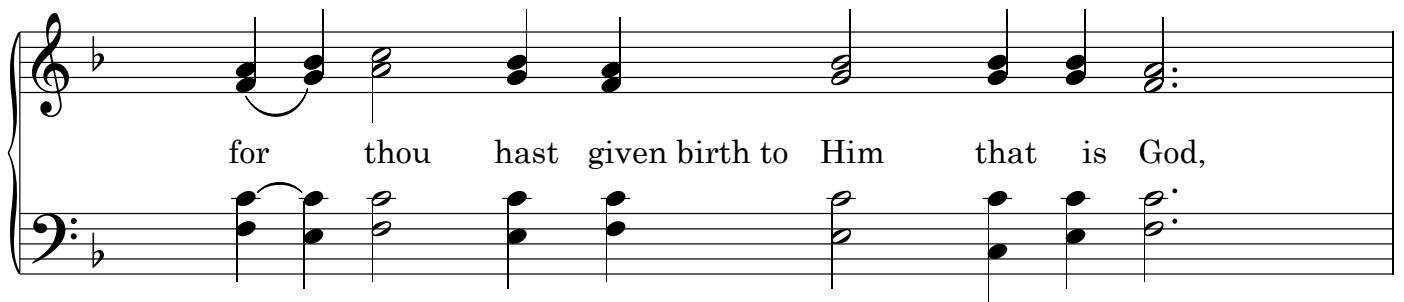


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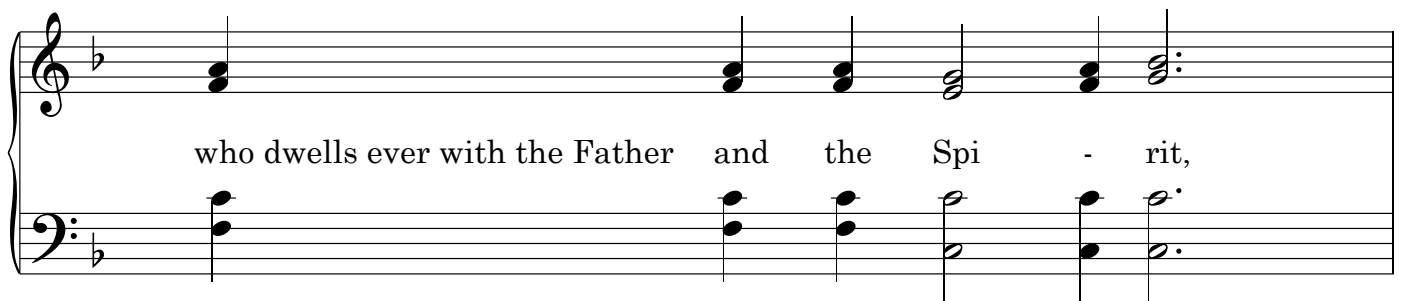
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



The ranks of an- gels glorify thee, O Moth- er of God,



for thou hast given birth to Him that is God,



who dwells ever with the Father and the Spi - rit,



who created the angelic hosts out of no- thing by an act of His will.

Entreat Him, all-pure Lady, to save and illumine

the souls of those who with true worship sing thy praises.