

Lity - Annunciation to our Most Holy Lady

Verse I

Tone 1

In the sixth month the supreme commander

was sent to thee, the pure Virgin,

to announce to thee the word of salvation,

and to cry out to thee:

"Re-joice, O joyous one!

The Lord is with thee!

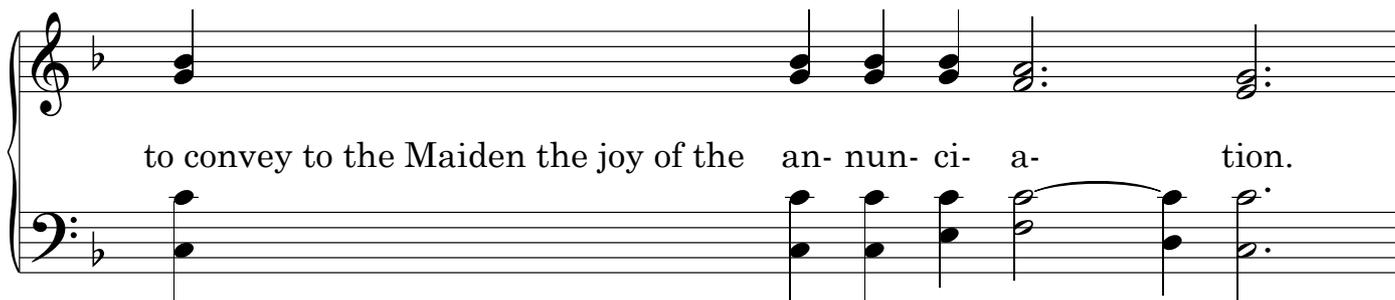
Thou shalt give birth to the preëternal Son of the Father,

and He shall save His people from their sins!"

Verse II

During the sixth month the Arch-angel Gabriel

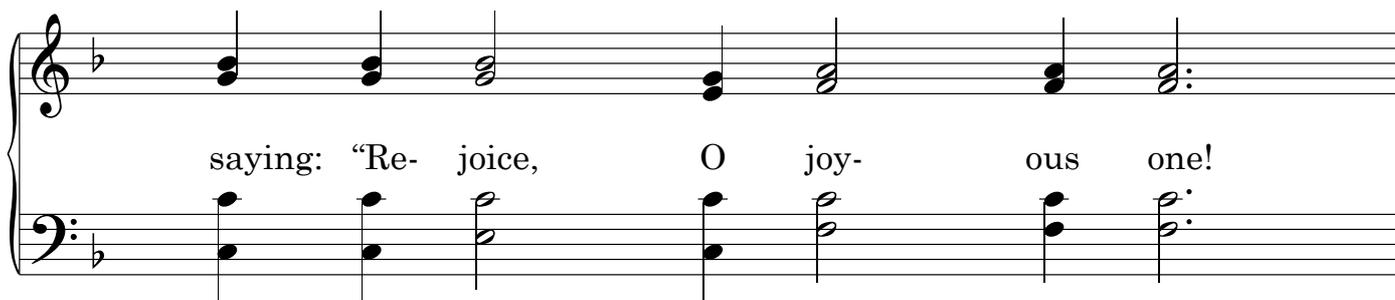
was sent from heaven to the city of Nazareth of Galilee,



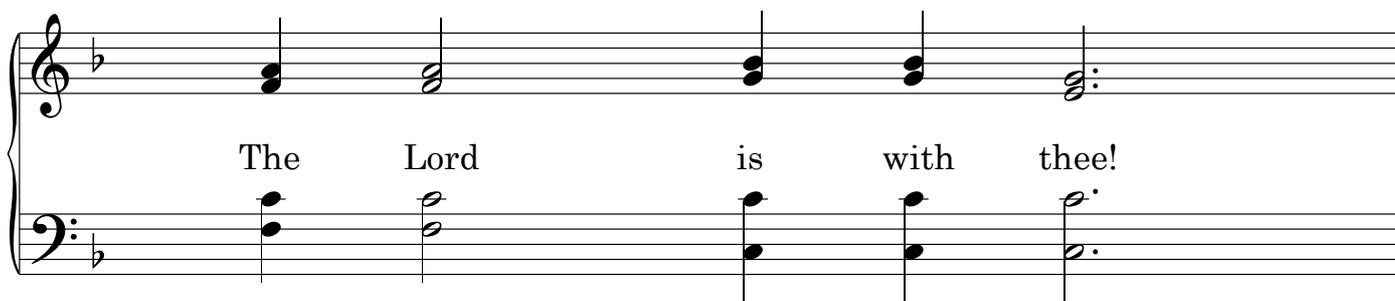
to convey to the Maiden the joy of the an-nun-ci-a-tion.



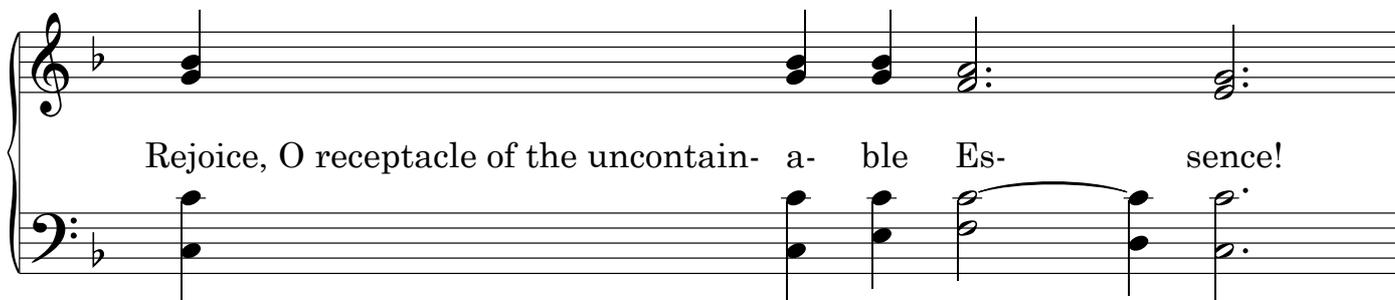
And, ap-proach-ing her, he cried a-loud,



saying: "Re-joice, O joy-ous one!



The Lord is with thee!



Rejoice, O receptacle of the uncontain-able Es-sence!

For thy womb hath held Him

Whom the heavens cannot contain, O blessed one!

Rejoice, O honoured restoration of Adam

and deliverance of Eve,

thou joy of the world and gladness of our race!"

Verse III

The Arch-an-gel Ga-bri-el

was sent by God from heaven to the undefiled Vir-gin,

to the city of Na-za-reth of Ga-li-lee,

to an-nounce to her a conception strange in man-ner.

The in-corpor-e-al ser-vant

was sent to the animate ci- ty and no- et- ic gate,

to declare the descent and arrival of the Mas- ter.

The heaven- ly war- rior was sent to the all-holy pa- lace of glo - ry,

to prepare for the Cre- a- tor a dwell- ing- place

which cannot be ta- ken a- way.

And, ap- proach- ing her, he cried:

"Re- joice, O fie- ry throne,

far more glo- rious than the creatures with four fac- es!

Rejoice, O throne of the King of hea - ven!

Rejoice, O un- quar- ried moun- tain,

all- pre- cious re- cep- ti- cle,

for in thee hath all the fullness of the God- head dwelt bo- di- ly,

at the good pleasure of the everlasting Fa - ther

and through the co-operation of the most Ho- ly Spi- rit!

Re- joice, O joy- ous one!

The Lord is with thee!"

If it be Saturday or Sunday:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Tone 8

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

For He Who with the Father is equally everlasting,

equally without beginning and equally enthroned,

taking unto Himself His loving mercy toward mankind,

hath appointed for Himself an a- base - ment,

by the good plea- sure and coun- sel of the Fath - er,

and hath made His abode with- in the Vir- gin's womb,

which was wholly purified by the Spi - rit.

O the won- der! God is a- mong men,

the Infinite One is con- tained in a womb,

The first system of musical notation features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

the Time- less One hath en- tered in- to time!

The second system continues the musical setting. The treble clef melody includes some rests and a final quarter note. The bass clef accompaniment remains consistent. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

And what is more glo - rious:

The third system introduces a slur over the notes for 'glo - rious'. The treble clef melody has a longer note value for 'glo' and a slur over 'rious'. The bass clef accompaniment follows the same pattern.

His concep- tion is seed - less,

The fourth system features a slur over the notes for 'seed - less'. The treble clef melody has a longer note value for 'seed' and a slur over 'less'. The bass clef accompaniment continues.

His a- base- ment is in- ef- fa- ble.

The fifth and final system on the page shows the treble clef melody with a final quarter note. The bass clef accompaniment concludes with a final note. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

How great is this my- ste- ry!

For God doth empty Himself and be- com- eth in- car - nate,

He took on form when the angel spake of His con- cep - tion

to the pure one,

say- ing: "Re- joice, O joy- ous one,

the Lord is with thee,

Who hath great mer - cy!"

If the feast fall on a weekday, then we chant: Glory... Now and ever...:

If it be Saturday or Sunday:

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2

Today Gabriel announceth the glad ti - dings

to her who is full of grace,

saying, "Re-joice, O Mother un-wed-ded,

who knoweth not wed- lock!

Mar- vel not at my strange ap- pear- ance,

nei- ther be thou a- fraid,

for I am an arch- an- gel.

The serpent once de- ceived Eve,

but now I announce joy to thee:

thou shalt remain incorrupt

Rit
and shalt give birth to the Lord, O all-pure one!"