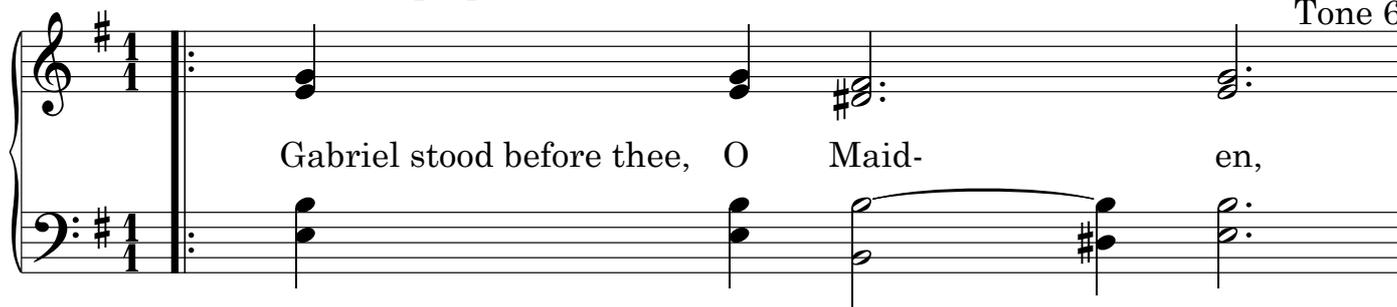


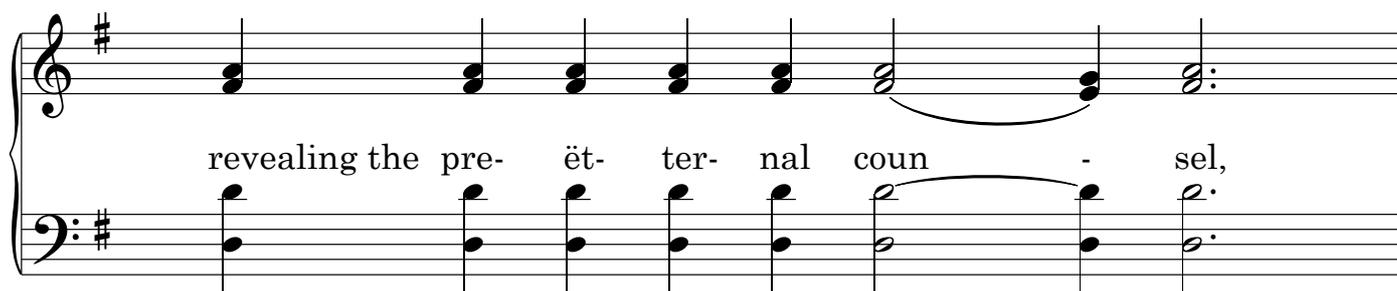
The Annunciation - Verses on Lord I Have Called

On 6: If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?
For with Thee is propitiation.

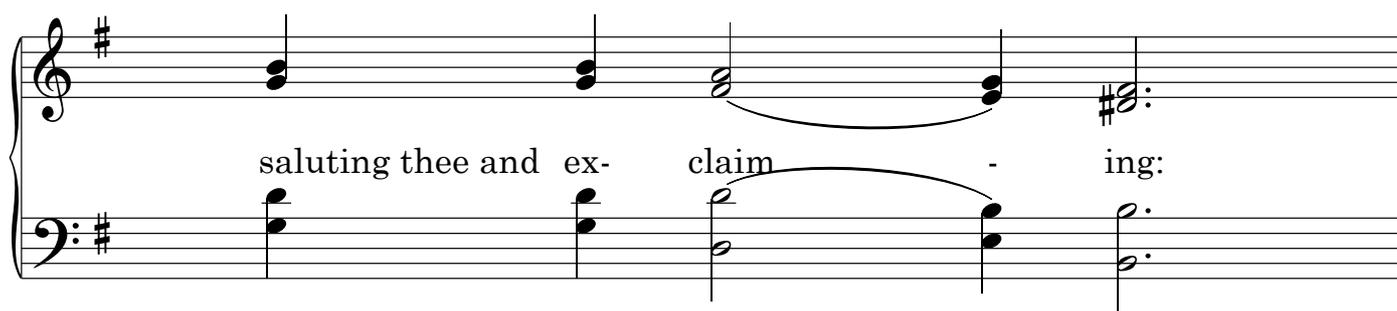
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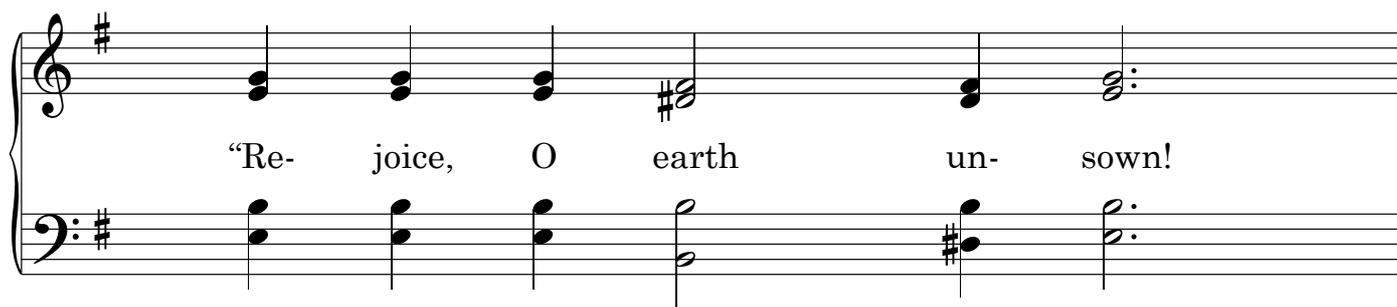
Gabriel stood before thee, O Maiden,



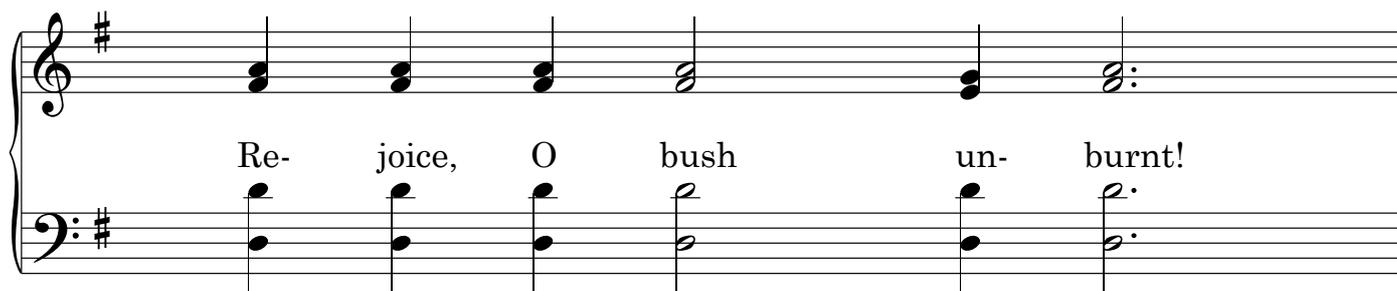
revealing the pre-ët-ter-nal coun-sel,



saluting thee and ex-claim-ing:



"Re-joice, O earth un-sown!



Re-joice, O bush un-burnt!

Rejoice, O depth hard to fath - om!

Rejoice, O bridge leading to the heav- ens

and lofty ladder, which Ja- cob be- held!

Rejoice, O divine jar of Man - na!

Rejoice, an- nul- ment of the curse!

Rejoice, restoration of A - dam:

The Lord is with thee!

On 5: For Thy name's sake have I waited patiently for Thee, O Lord;
 my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.
and we repeat "Gabriel stood before thee, O Maiden..."

On 4: From the morning watch until night;
 from the morning watch, let Israel hope in the Lord.

"Thou appear- est to me as a man,"

the incorrupt Maiden saith to the supreme com- man - der;

"yet how is it that thou an- nounc- est words which are be- yond man?"

For thou hast said that God is with me,

and that He will dwell with- in my womb.

Tell me, how shall I become so spacious a dwell - ing

and a place of sanctity which surpasseth the che- ru- bim?

Deceive me no more with false- hood,

for I have not known lust,

I have not partaken of marriage.

How then shall I give birth to a Child?"

On 3: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall deliver Israel out of all his iniquities.

and we repeat "Thou appearest to me as a man..."

On 2: O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

"When God desireth, the order of nature is overcome,"

said the incorporeal one;

“and things be- yond man are wrought.

Be- lieve thou my true words,

O most holy and all- im- ma- cu- late one!”

And she cried a- loud:

“Be it now with me ac- cord- ing to thy words:

I shall give birth to the In- cor- por- re- al One,

Who will take flesh from me,

that through this mingling He might lead man up

to his pri-mal dig-ni-ty,

in that He alone is might-ty!"

On 1: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,
and the truth of the Lord remaineth forever.

and we repeat "When God desireth, the order of nature is overcome..."

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

The Archangel Gabriel was sent from hea-ven

to announce the conception to the Vir - gin.

And, arriving in Nazareth, he pondered with- in him- self,

marvelling at the won- der:

"How is it that He is born of the Vir- gin

Who in the highest is un- ap- proach- a- ble;

that He Who hath hea- ven for His throne

and the earth for His foot- stool

is contained within the Vir- gin's womb;

that He upon Whom the six-winged and many- eyed be- ings can- not gaze

hath been well pleased to become in- car- nate of her

by His word a- lone? This is God's word.

Why, therefore, do I stand and not say to the Vir- gin:

Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace!

The Lord is with thee! Rejoice, O pure Vir- gin!

Rejoice, O un-wed- ded Bride! Rejoice, O Moth- er of Life!

Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb!?"