

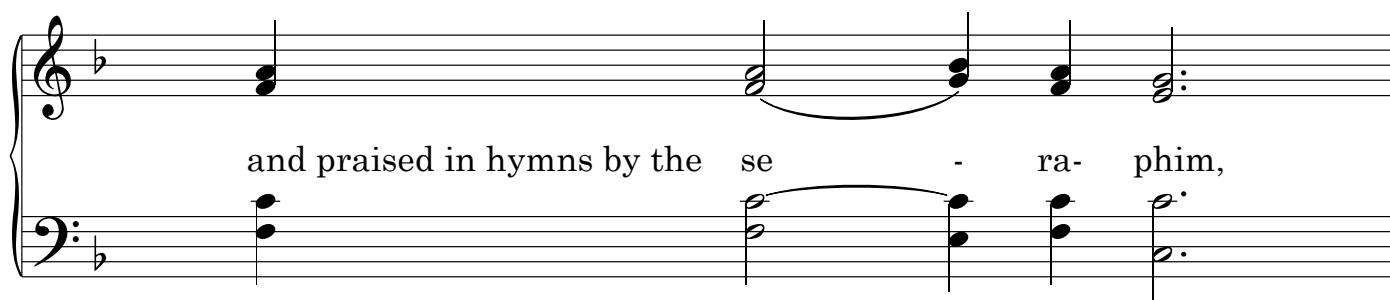
Aposticha Theotokion - The Meeting of our Lord

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

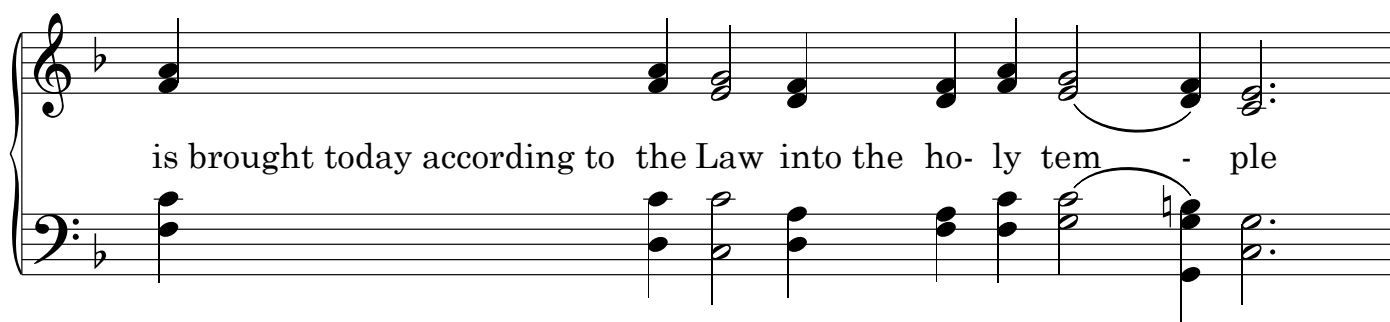
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He who is borne on high by the cherubim



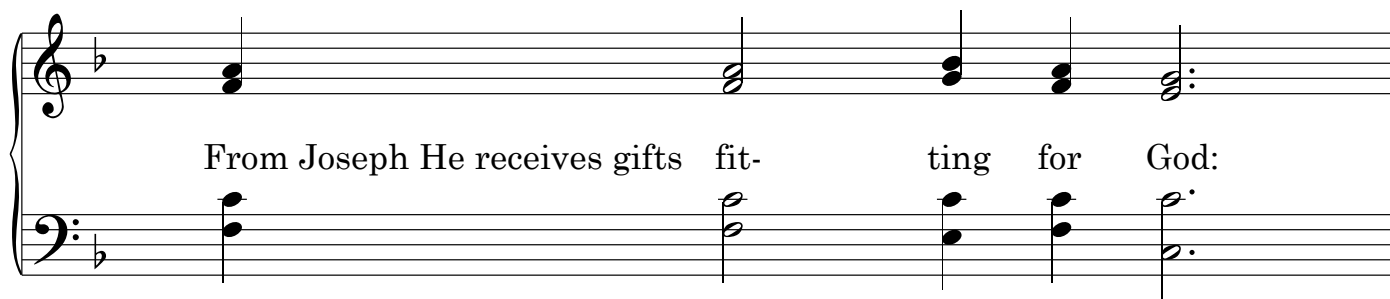
and praised in hymns by the seraphim,



is brought today according to the Law into the holy temple



and rests in the arms of the Elder as on a throne.



From Joseph He receives gifts fitting for God:

a pair of doves, symbol of the spot-less Church

and of the newly-chosen people of the Gen-tiles;

and two young pi-geons,

for He is the Originator of the two Co-ve-nants, Old and New.

Simeon, having now been granted the fulfilment of the

[prophecies

pro- phe- cies con- cern- ing him- self,

blesses the Virgin and Theoto kos Ma - ry,

and foretells in figures the Pas- sion of her Son.

From Him he begs re- lease, cry- ing a- loud:

'Now let me depart, O Mas - ter,

as Thou hast be- fore pro - mised to me:

for I have seen Thee, the pre- e- ter- nal Light,

the Lord and Saviour of the people that bear the name of Christ.'