

# DISMISSAL HYMN FOR THE FOREFEAST OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY

*Fourth Tone. Joseph was amazed*

*E* *D* *E*

Be thou rea - dy, Beth - le - hem, E - den hath o - pened un - to all. Eph - ra - tha,

pre - pare thy - self, for now, be - hold, the Tree of life hath blos - somed

*D* *E*

forth in the cave from the ho - ly Vir - gin. Her womb hath proved a true spi -

*D* *E*

ri - tual Par - a - dise, where - in the Di - vine and sav - ing Tree is found,

and as we eat there - of we shall all live, and shall not die

*D* *E*

as did A - dam. For Christ is born now to raise the

*D* *E*

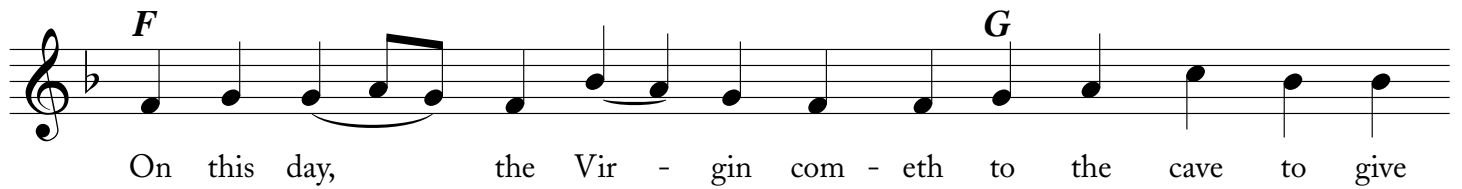
i - mage that had fall - en a - fore - time.

*Note: See page 3 for the final ending for this hymn.*

# KONTAKION FOR THE FOREFEAST OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY

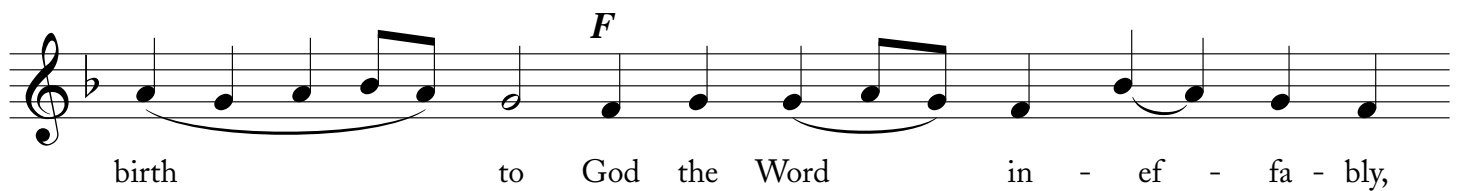
*Third Tone. Original Melody*

*F* *G*



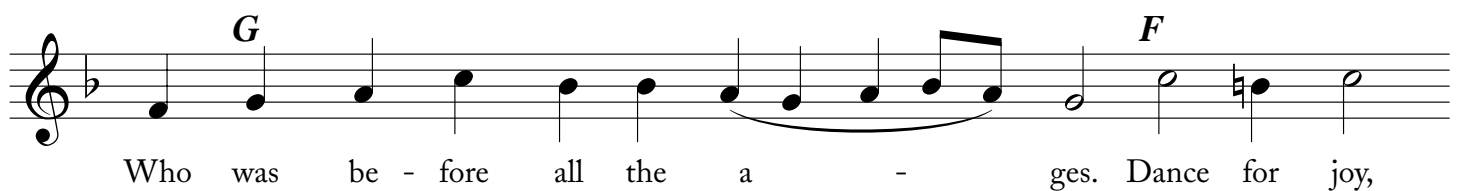
On this day, the Vir - gin com - eth to the cave to give

*F*



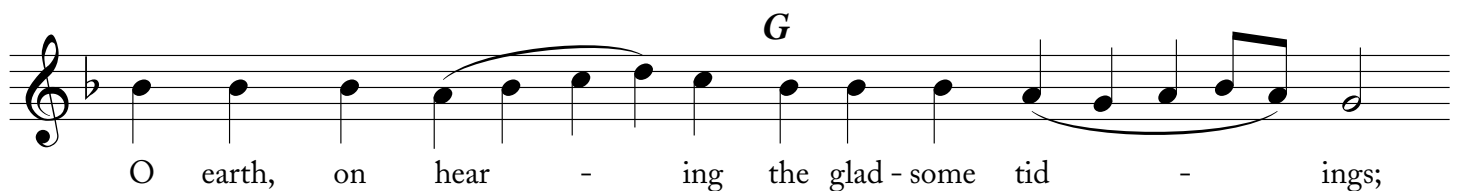
birth to God the Word in - ef - fa - bly,

*G* *F*



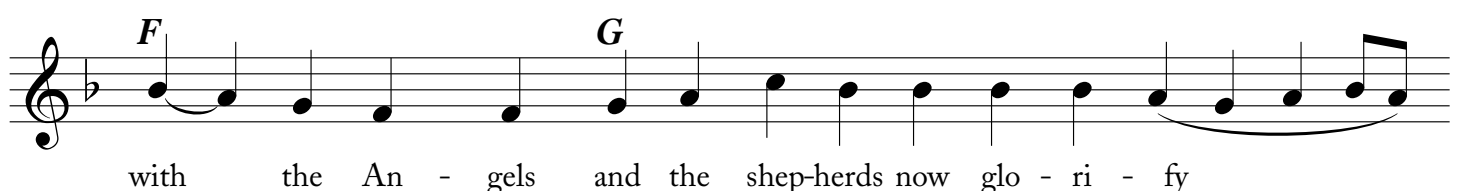
Who was be - fore all the a - ges. Dance for joy,

*G*



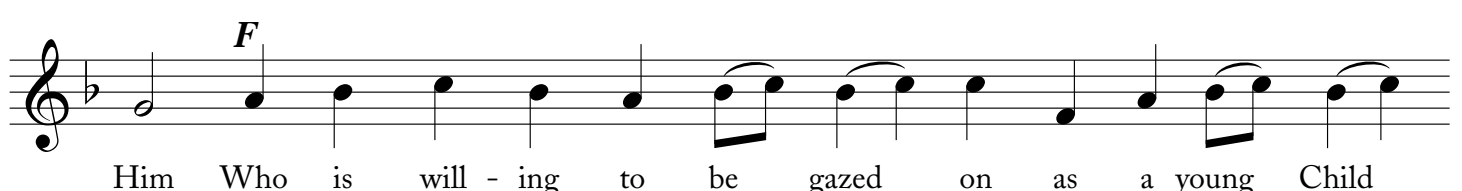
O earth, on hear - ing the glad - some tid - ings;

*F* *G*

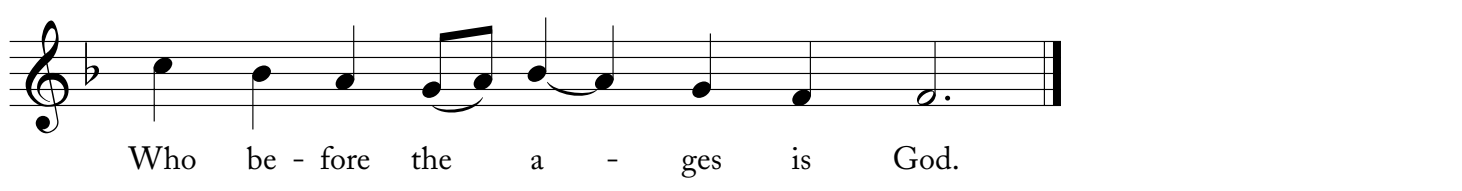


with the An - gels and the shep-herds now glo - ri - fy

*F*



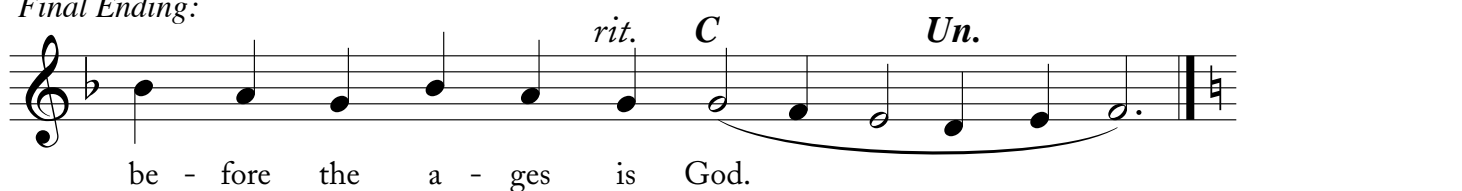
Him Who is will - ing to be gazed on as a young Child



Who be - fore the a - ges is God.

*Final Ending:*

*rit.* *C* *Un.*



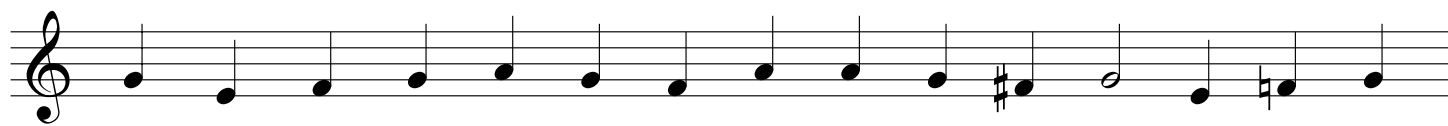
be - fore the a - ges is God.

# prefestal dismissal hymn for december 24

*Fourth Tone. Joseph was amazed*



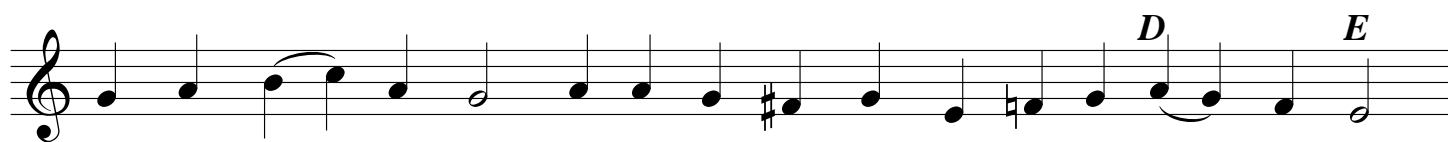
As the fruit of Da - vid's seed, Ma - ry was re - gis - tered of old with the El -



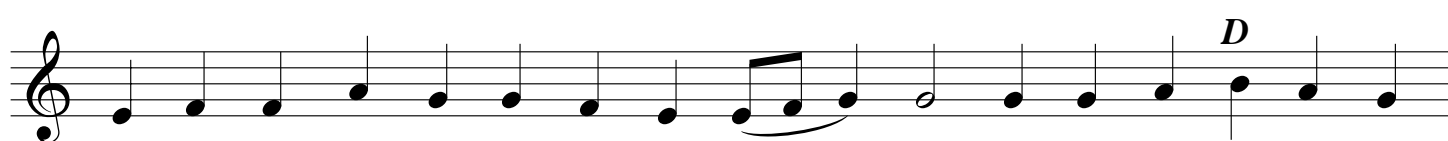
der Jo - seph in the lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, when she con -



ceived with a seed - less and pure con - cep - tion. Be - hold, the time was come that



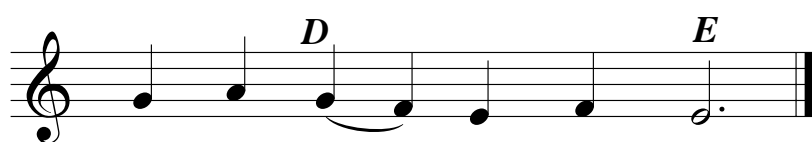
she should bear her Child, but no place was found with - in the inn for them;



yet the cave proved a de - light - ful pal - ace for the pure La - dy and



Queen of all. For Christ is born now to raise the im - age that



had fall - en a - fore - time.

*Final Ending:*



that had fall - en a - fore - time.