

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone.

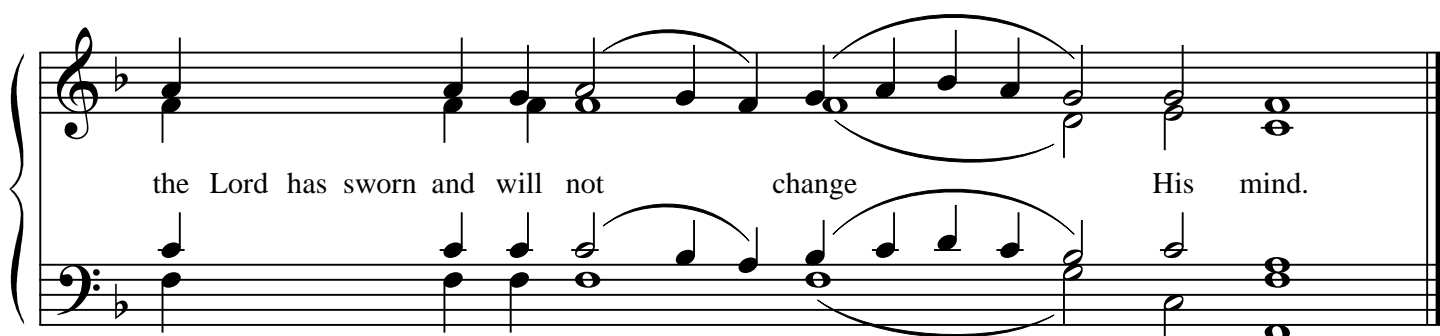
Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten You; the Lord has sworn, and will not change His mind.

*Valaam, Tone 4*

People:



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the Lord has sworn and will not change His mind.

Priest: The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

People: Out of the womb...

Priest: Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten You;...

People: ...the Lord has sworn and will not change his mind.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For holy are You, O God, who rests in the sanctuary, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

People: (*sung in plain chant*) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Priest: Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

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Priest: Let everything that breathes...

People: ... praise the Lord!

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of listening to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People:

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for a three-part setting of the phrase "Lord, have mercy". It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the top line and a bass clef on the bottom line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, chant-like style with a few notes per measure. The lyrics are written below the notes. The phrase is repeated three times: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The first two phrases end with a period, and the third ends with a double bar line.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Gospel, according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

Priest: Let us attend! (*Matthew 1:18-25*)

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