Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

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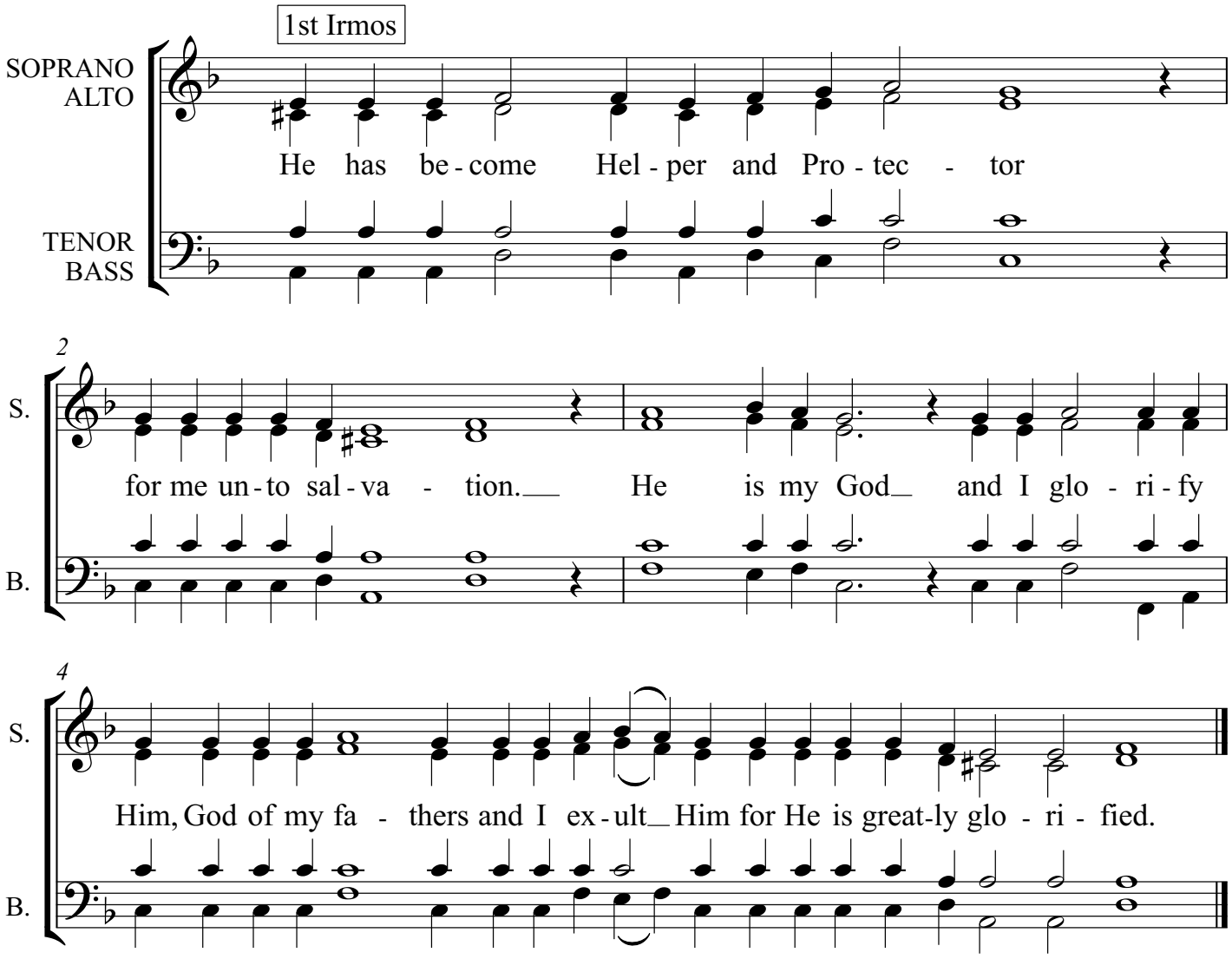

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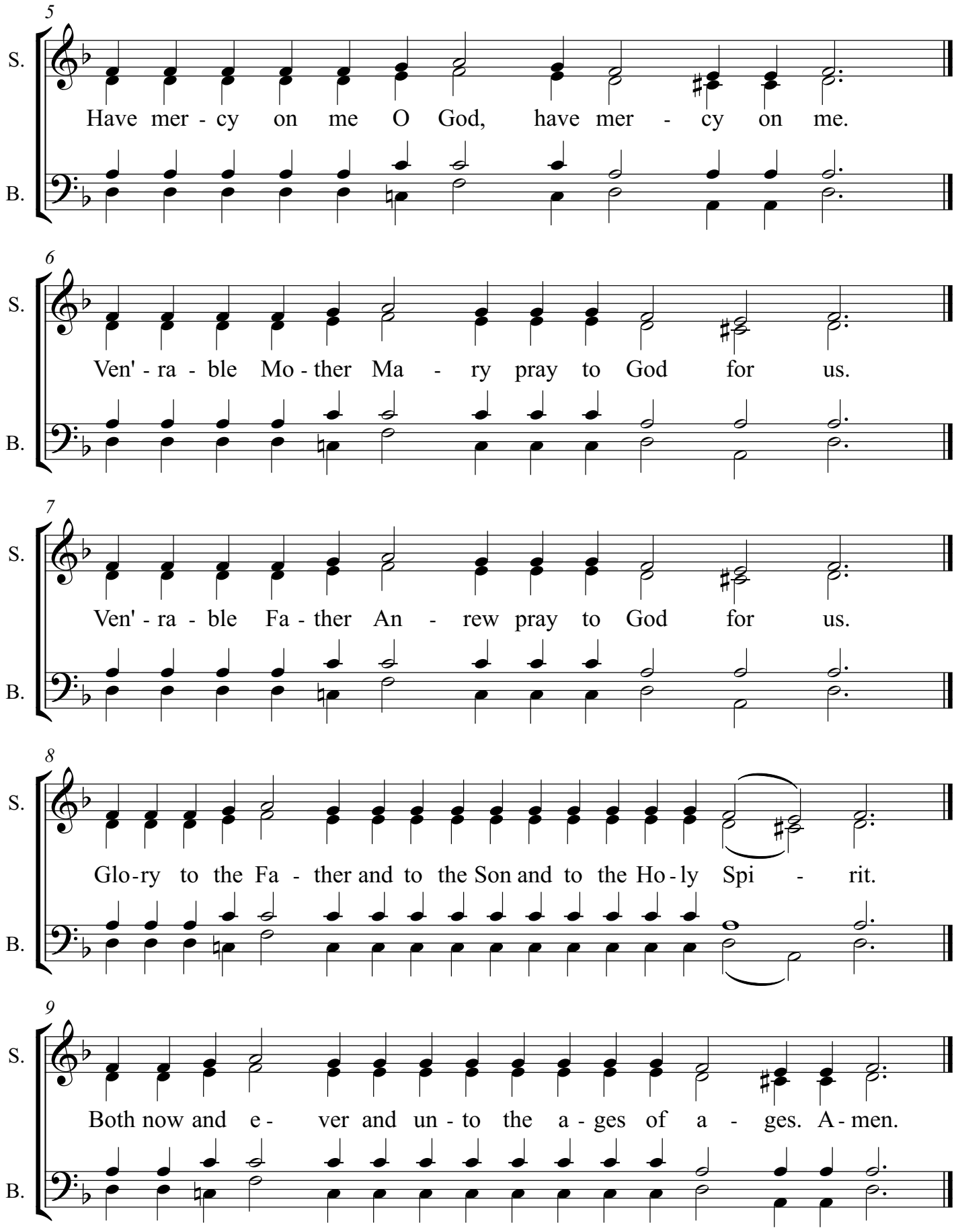
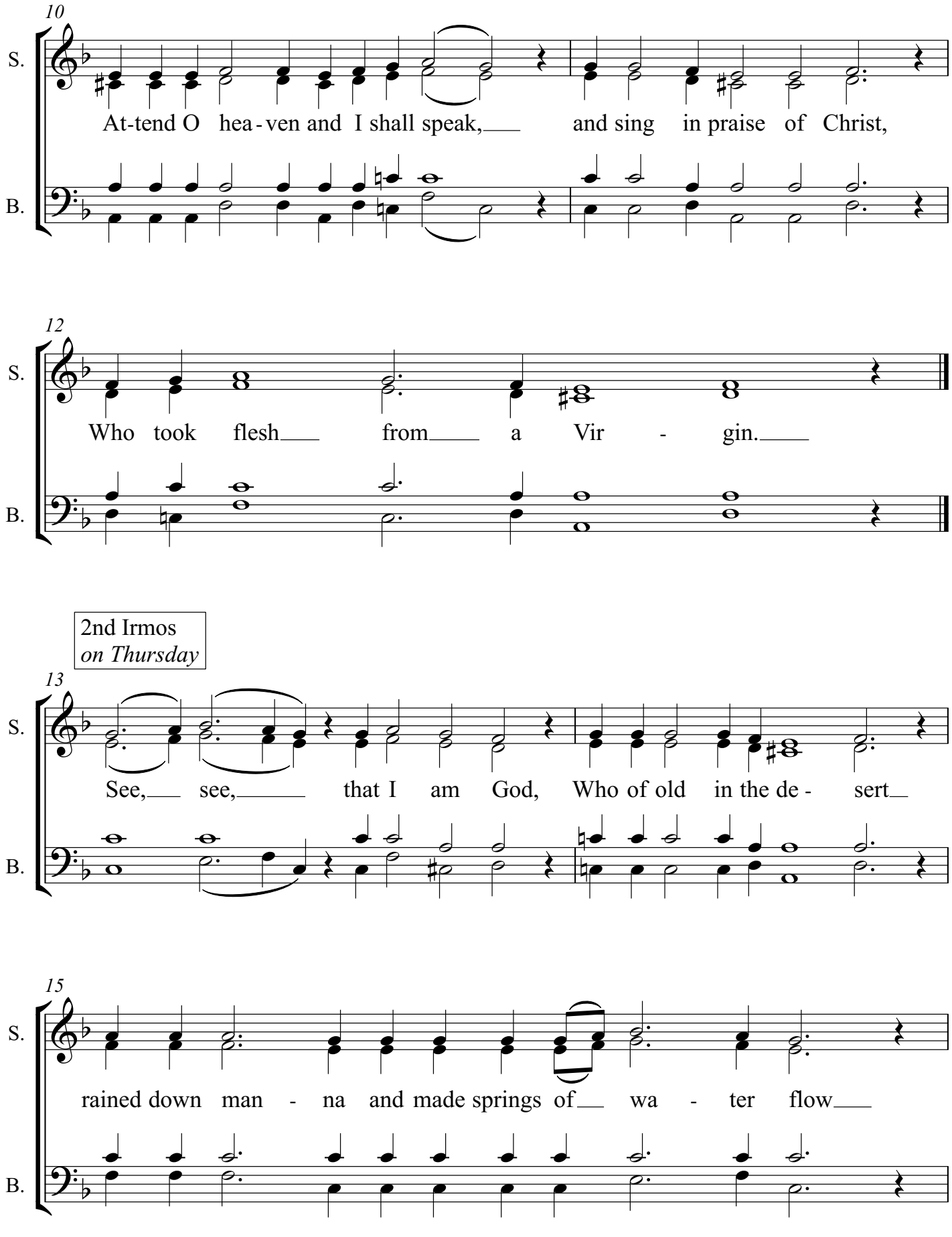
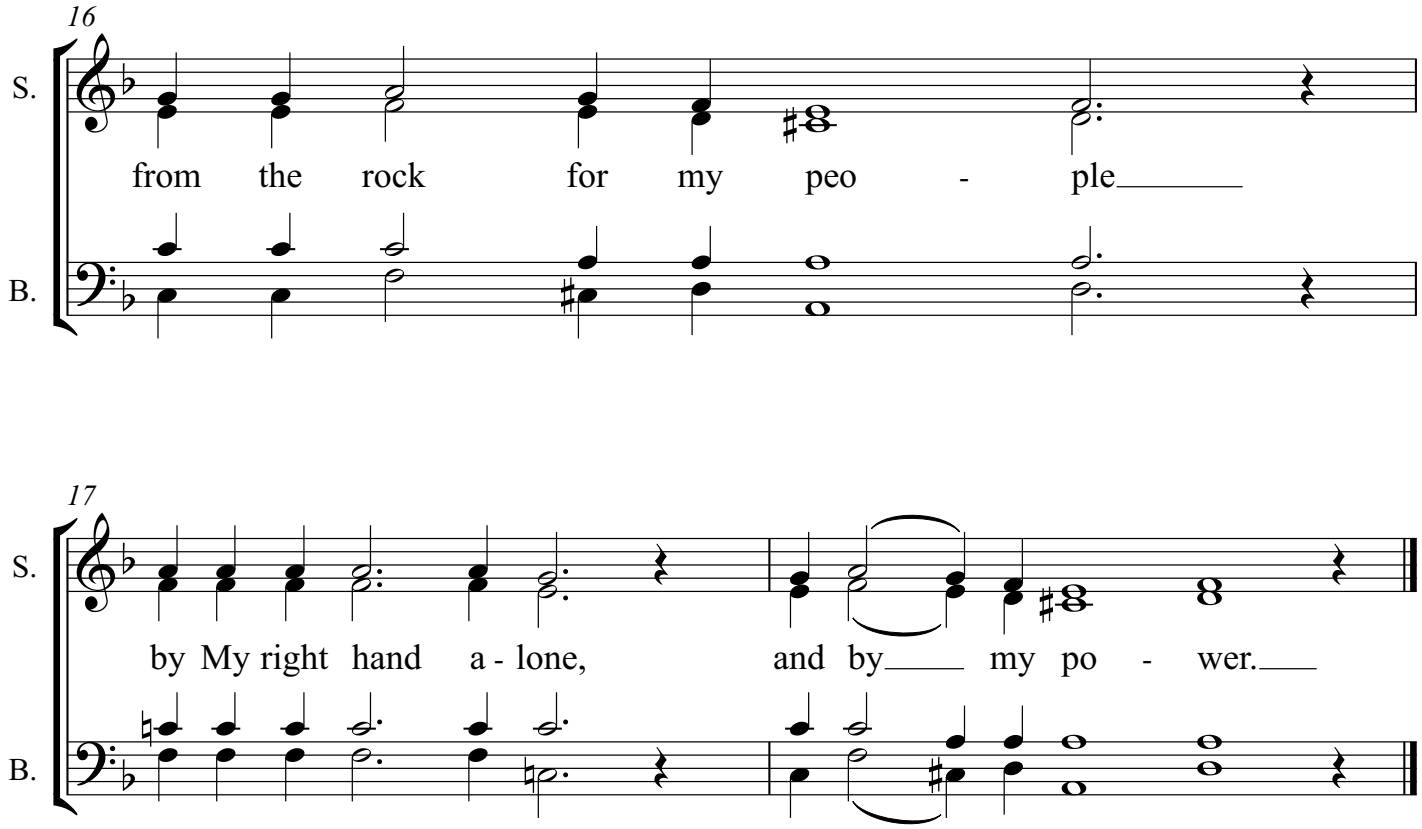
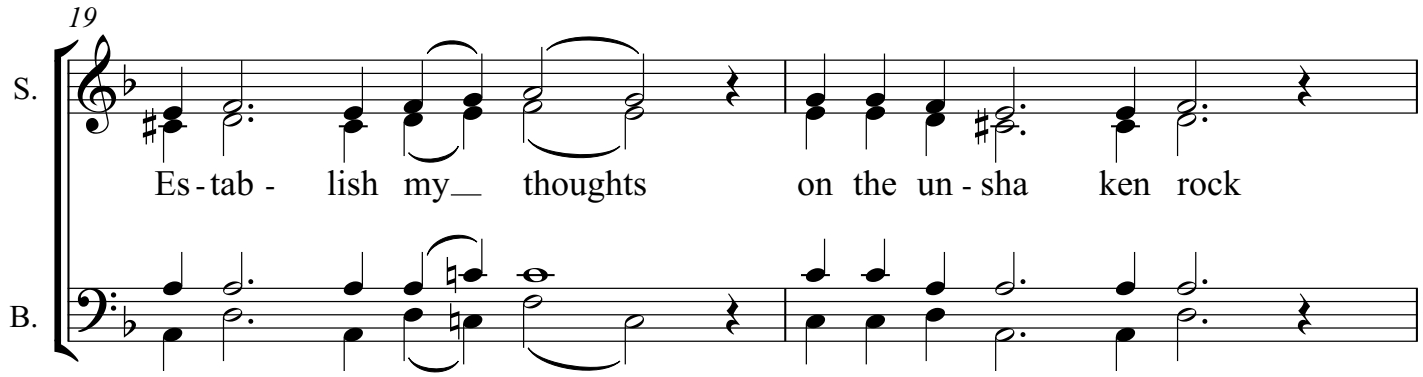
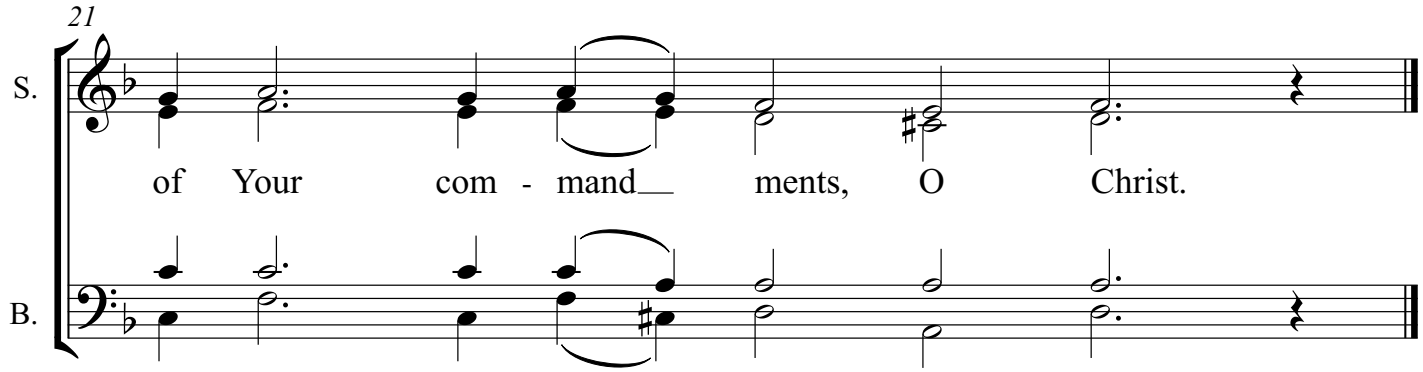

5
S.
Have mer - cy on me O God, have mer - cy on me.
B.
6
S.
Ven' - ra - ble Mo - ther Ma - ry pray to God for us.
B.
7
S.
Ven' - ra - ble Fa - ther An - rew pray to God for us.
B.
8
S.
Glo-ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.
B.
9
S.
Both now and e - ver and un - to the a - ges of a - ges. A - men.
B.

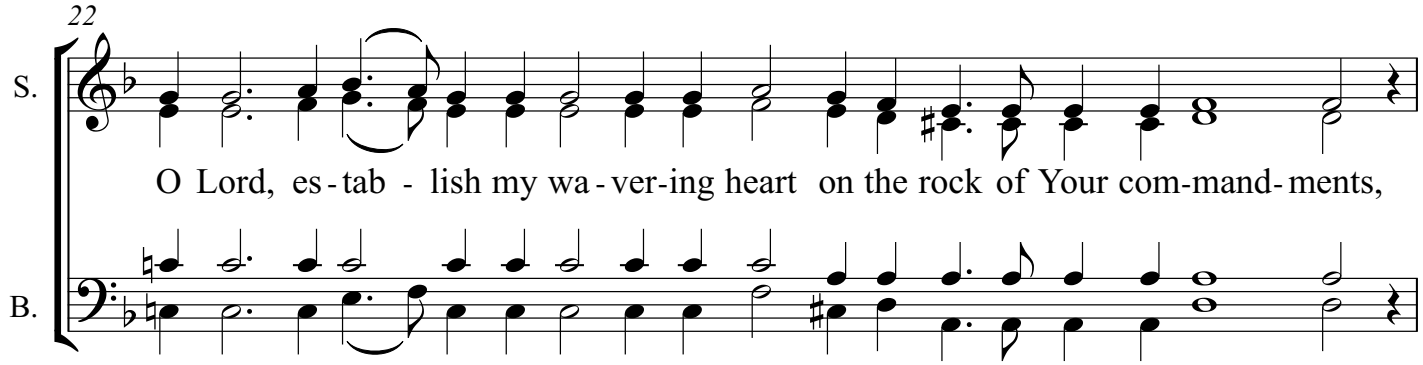

10
S.
B.
At-tend O hea - ven and I shall speak, and sing in praise of Christ,
12
S.
B.
Who took flesh from a Vir - gin.
2nd Irmos
on Thursday
13
S.
B.
See, see, that I am God, Who of old in the de - sert
15
S.
B.
rained down man - na and made springs of wa - ter flow

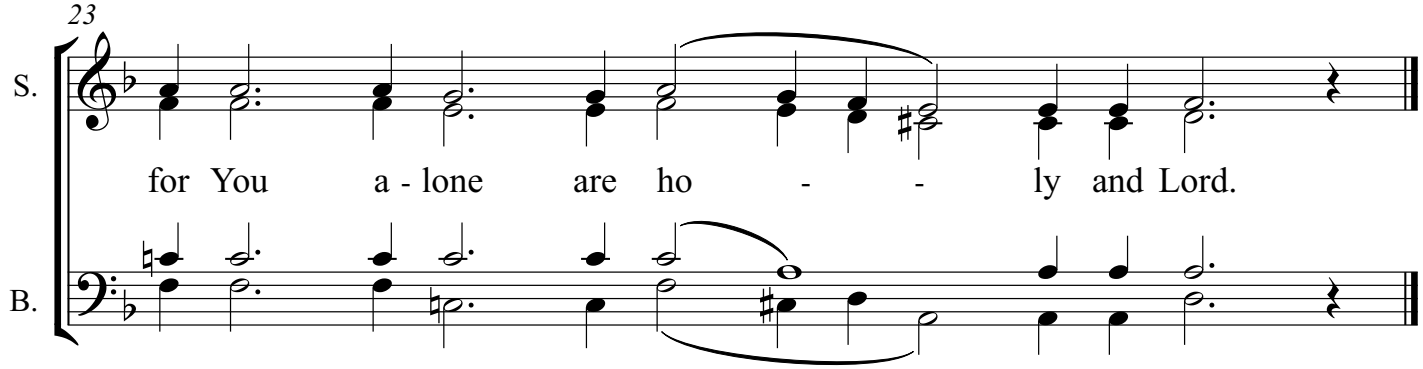

16
S.
from the rock for my peo - ple
B.
17
S.
by My right hand a - lone, and by my po - wer.
B.



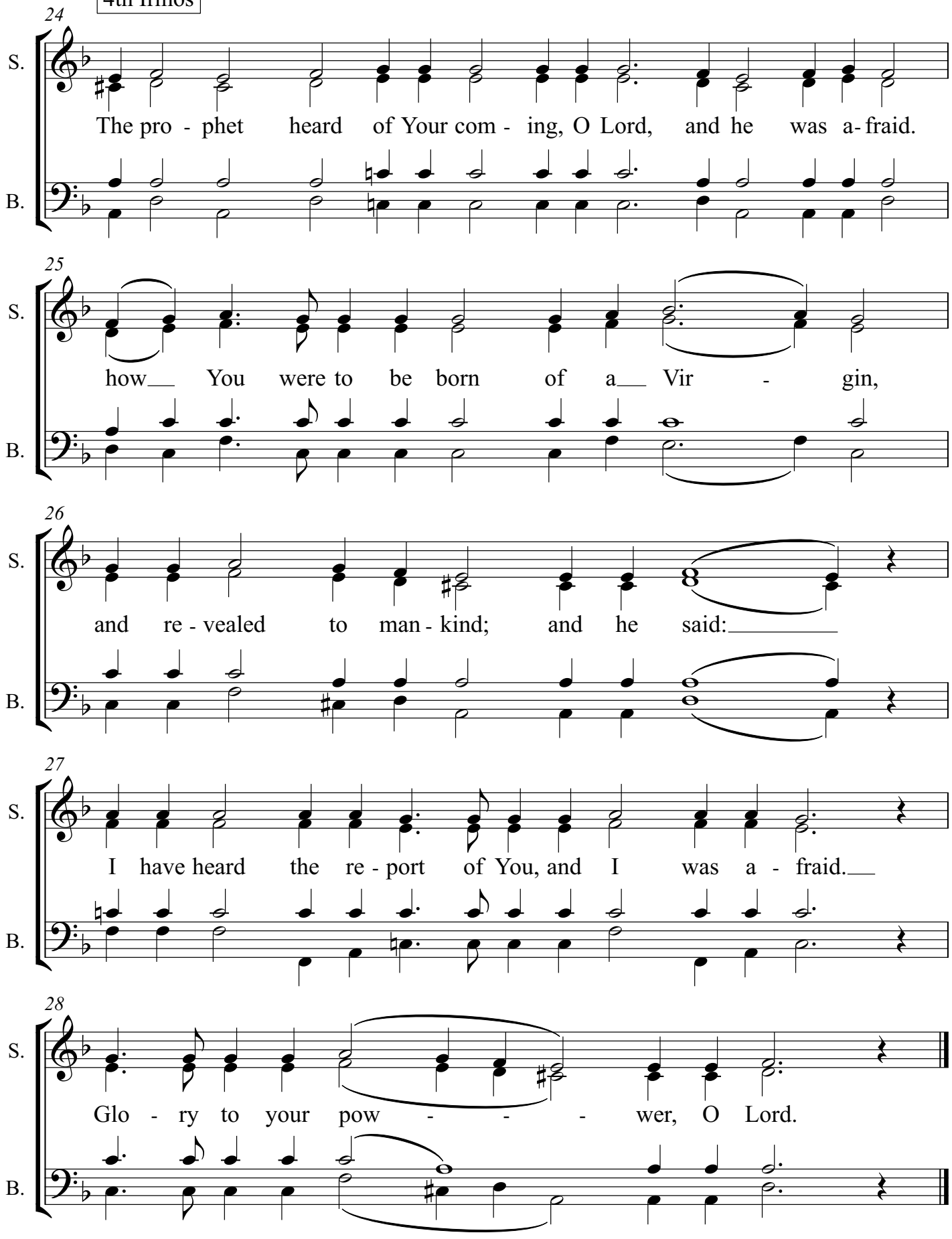


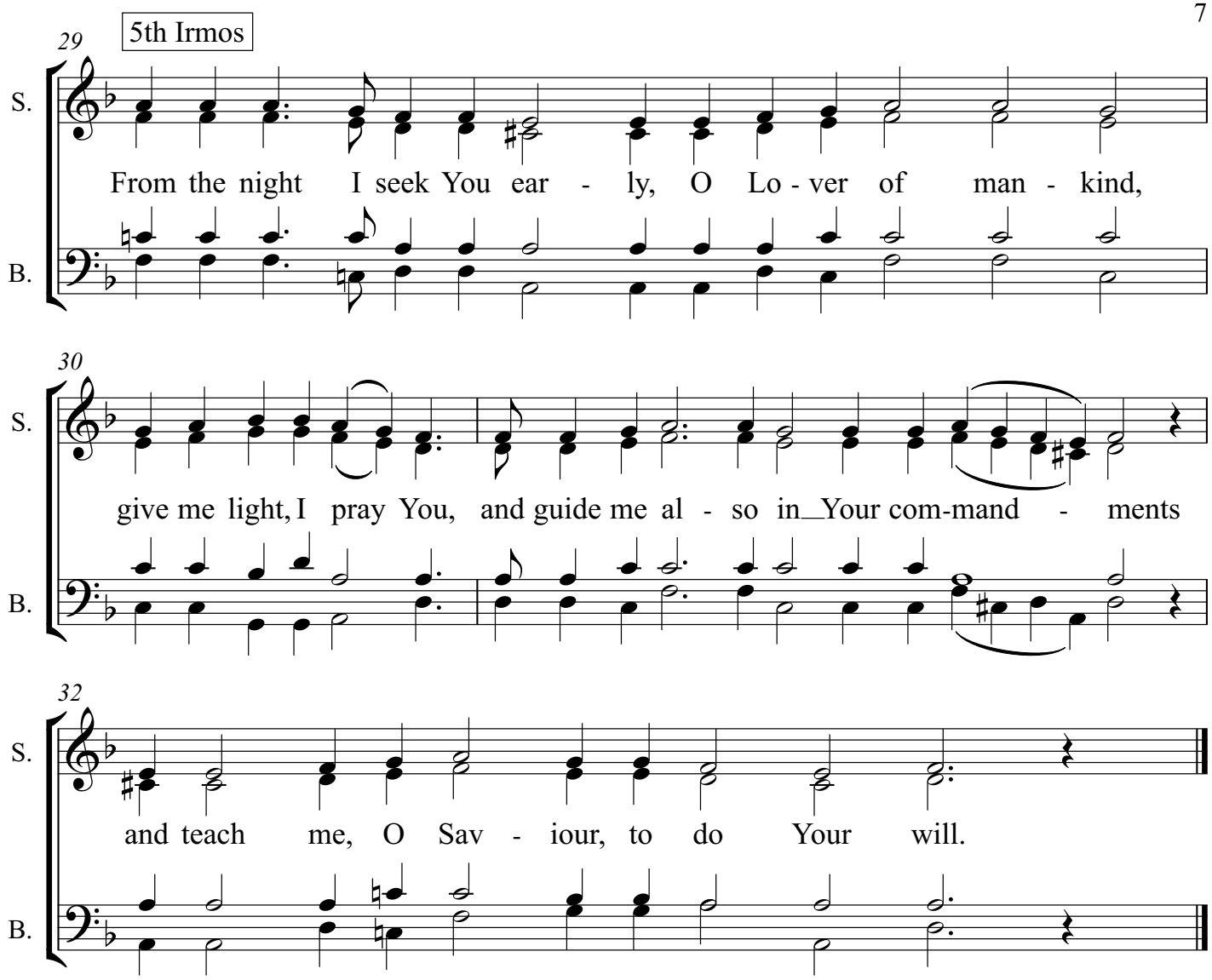
3rd Irmos
on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

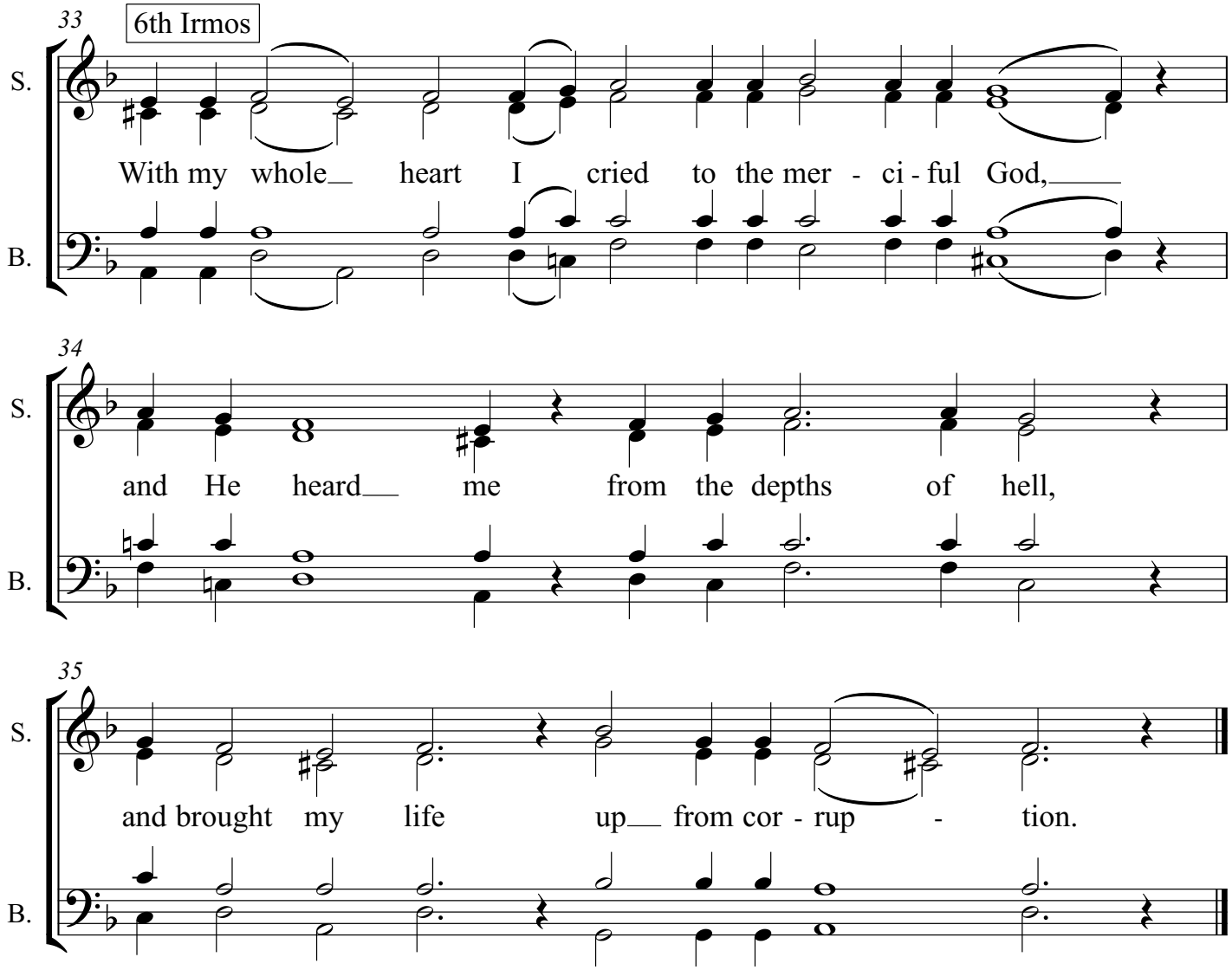


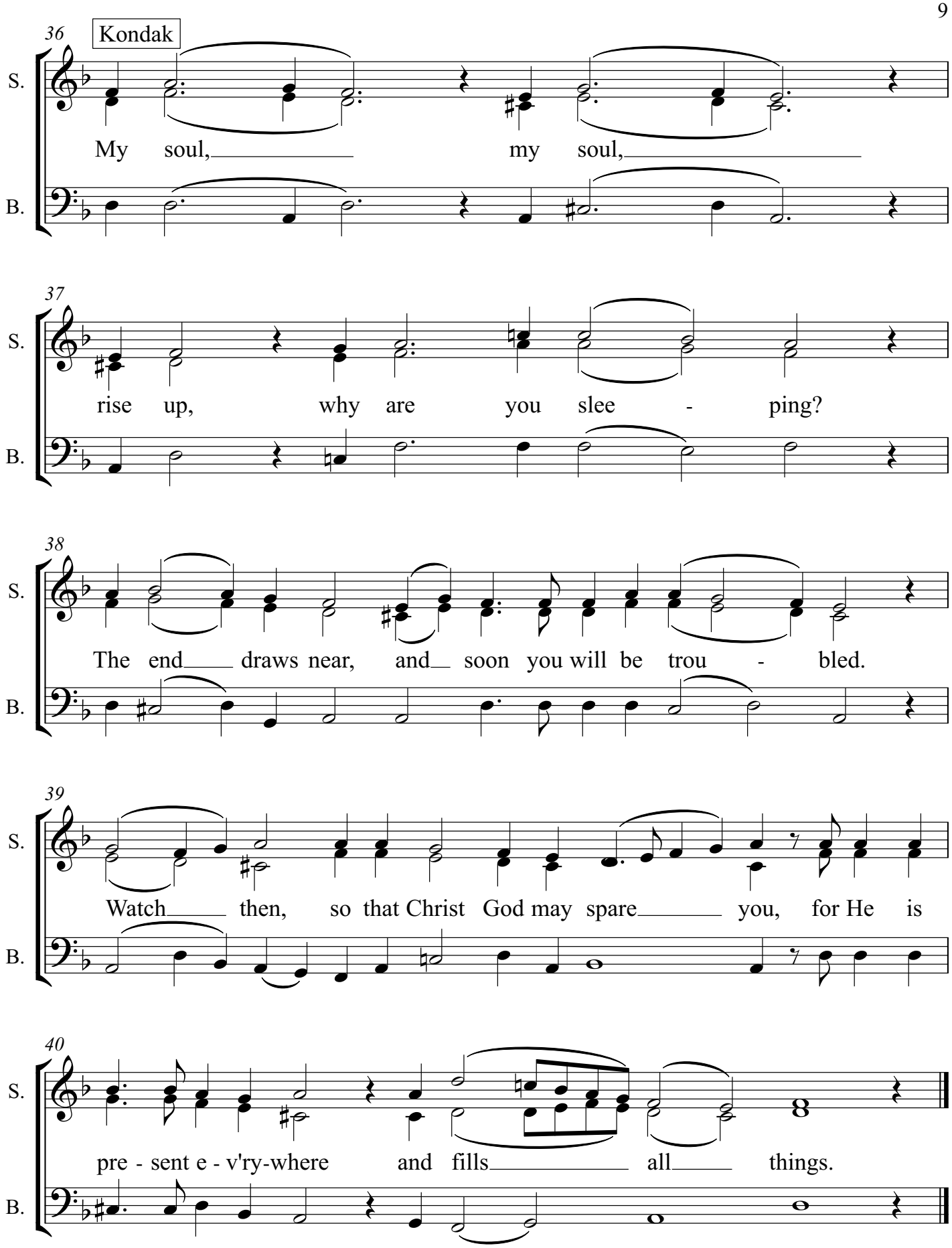


4th Irmos


24
S.
B.
The pro - phet heard of Your com - ing, O Lord, and he was a- fraid.
25
S.
B.
how You were to be born of a Vir - gin,
26
S.
B.
and re - vealed to man - kind; and he said:
27
S.
B.
I have heard the re - port of You, and I was a - fraid.
28
S.
B.
Glo - ry to your pow - - - wer, O Lord.


5th Irmos
29
S.
B.
From the night I seek You ear - ly, O Lo - ver of man - kind,
30
S.
B.
give me light, I pray You, and guide me al - so in Your com-mand - ments
32
S.
B.
and teach me, O Sav - iour, to do Your will.


33
6th Irmos
S.
With my whole heart I cried to the mer - ci - ful God,
B.
34
S.
and He heard me from the depths of hell,
B.
35
S.
and brought my life up from cor - rup - tion.
B.


36
Kondak
S.
My soul, my soul,
B.
37
S.
rise up, why are you slee - ping?
B.
38
S.
The end draws near, and soon you will be trou - bled.
B.
39
S.
Watch then, so that Christ God may spare you, for He is
B.
40
S.
pre - sent e - v'ry-where and fills all things.
B.

41

S. In Your King- dom, re-mem-ber us, O Lord, when You come in Your King - dom.

B.

and the priest or reader reads the first tropar

42

S. Bles - sed are the poor in spi - rit, for theirs is the king-dom of hea - ven.

B.

and we read the 2nd tropar; thus, after every verse

43

S. Bles - sed are they that mourn, for they shall be com - for - ted.

B.

tropar

44

S. Bles - sed are the meek, for they shall in - her - it the earth.

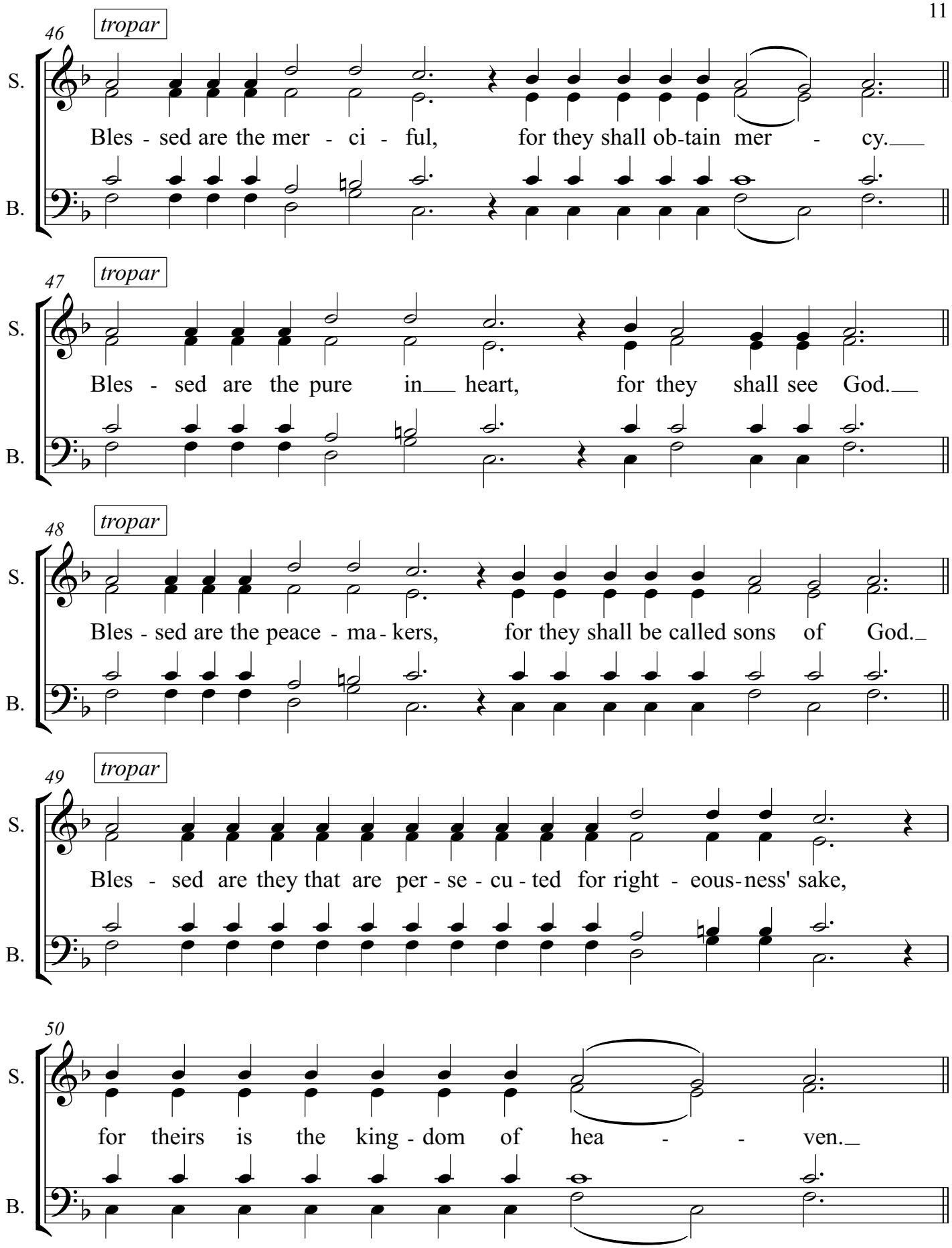
B.

tropar

45

S. Bles-sed are those who hun-ger and thirst af-ter right-eous-ness, for they shall be filled.

B.


46
tropar
S.
Bles - sed are the mer - ci - ful, for they shall ob-tain mer - cy.
B.
47
tropar
S.
Bles - sed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
B.
48
tropar
S.
Bles - sed are the peace - ma - kers, for they shall be called sons of God.
B.
49
tropar
S.
Bles - sed are they that are per - se - cu - ted for right - eous-ness' sake,
B.
50
S.
for theirs is the king - dom of hea - ven.
B.

51 *tropar*

S. Bles - sed are you when they shall re - vile and per - se - cute you,

B.

52

S. and speak all man-ner of e - vil a-gainst you false-ly for My sake.

B.

53 *tropar*

S. Re-joice and be ex-ceed - ing-ly glad, for great is your re-ward in hea - ven.

B.

54 *tropar*

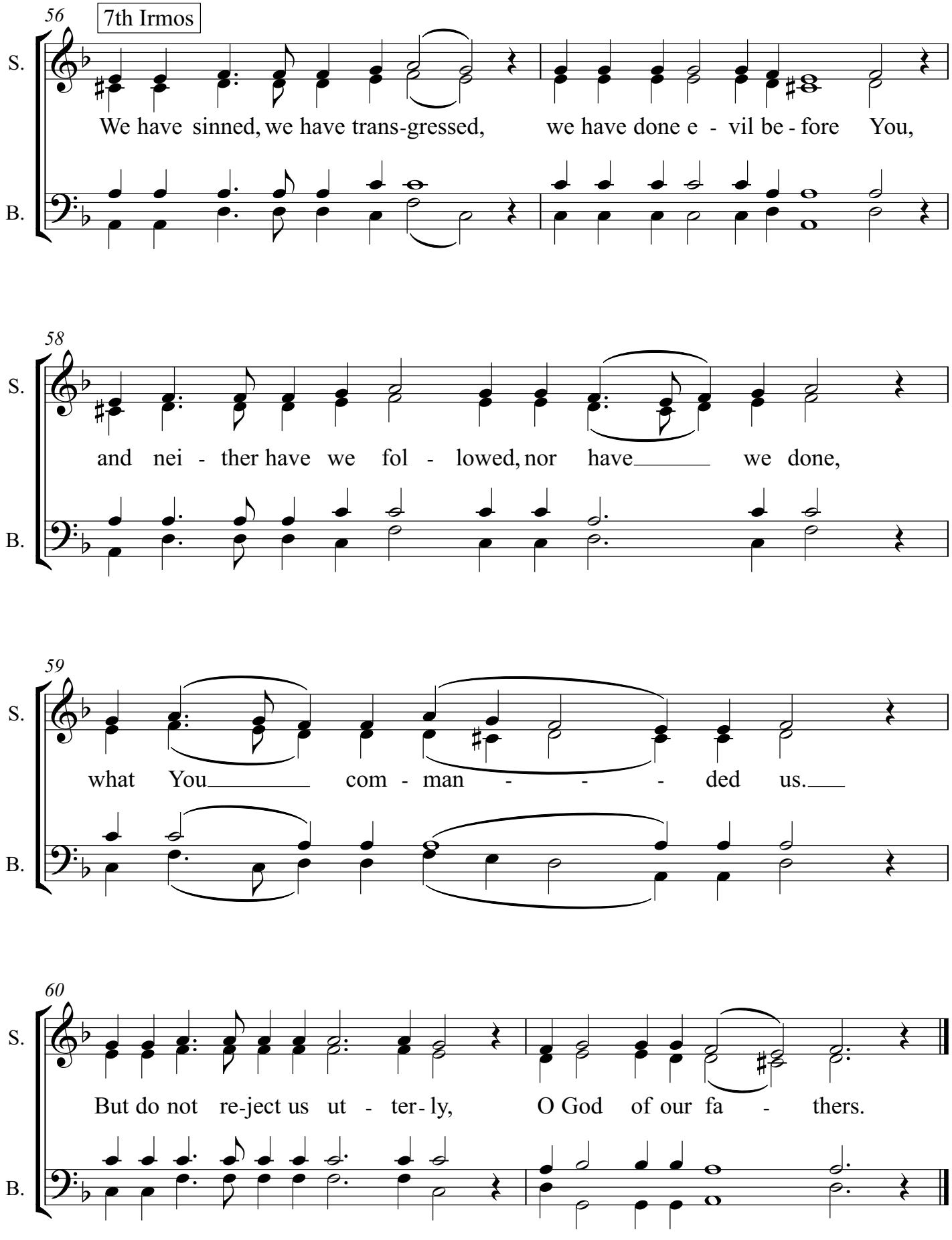
S. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi - rit.

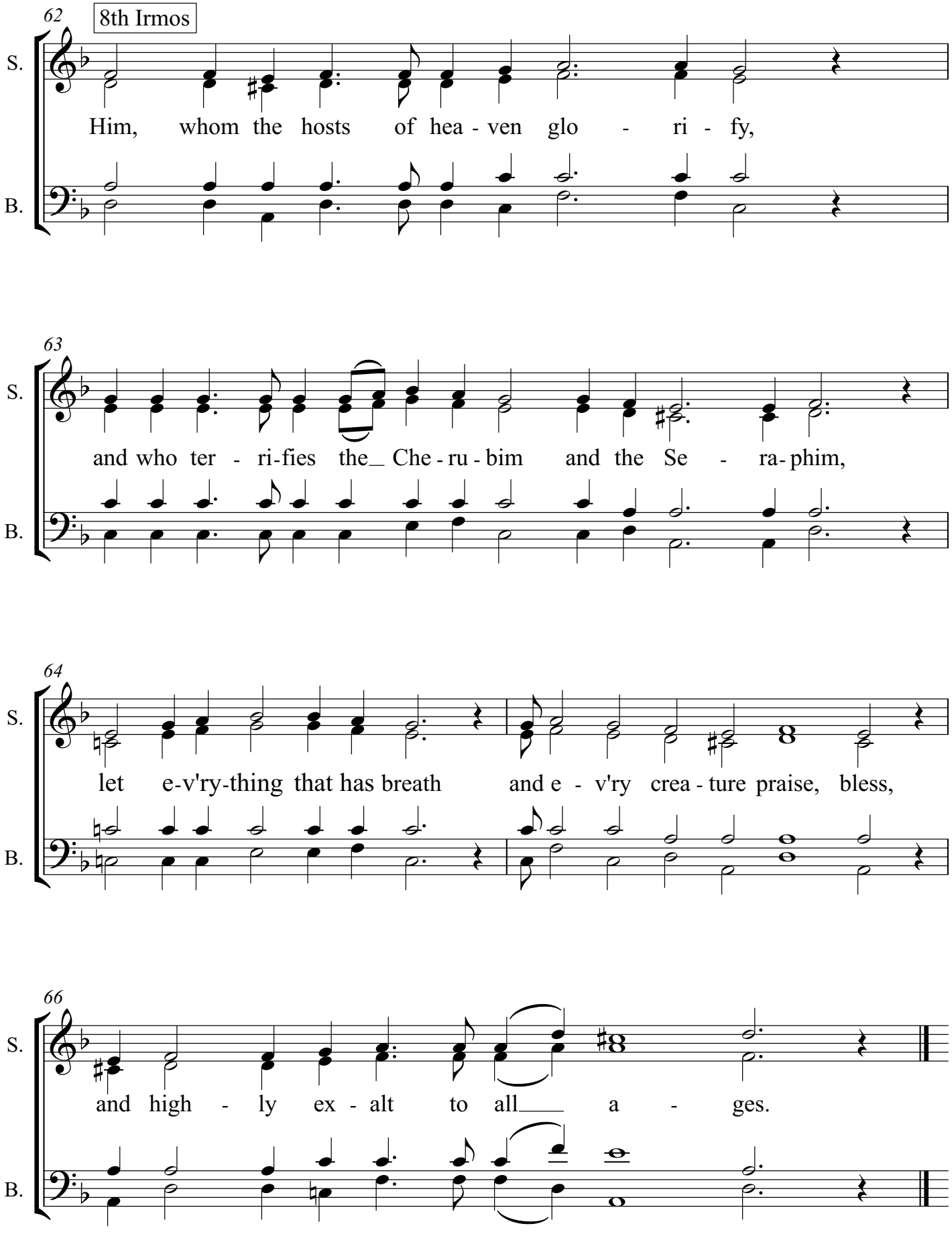
B.

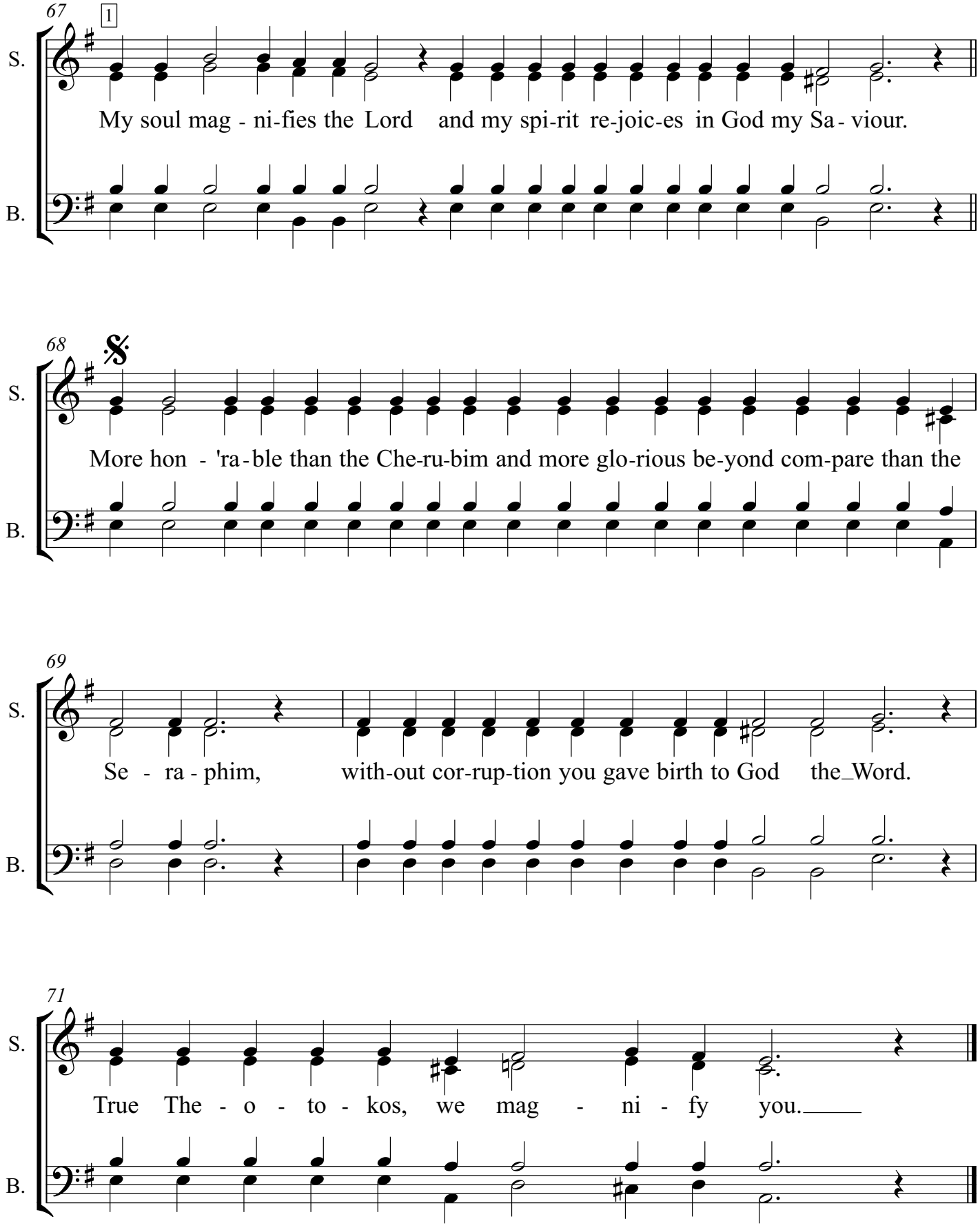
55 *tropar*

S. Both now and e - ver, and un - to the a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

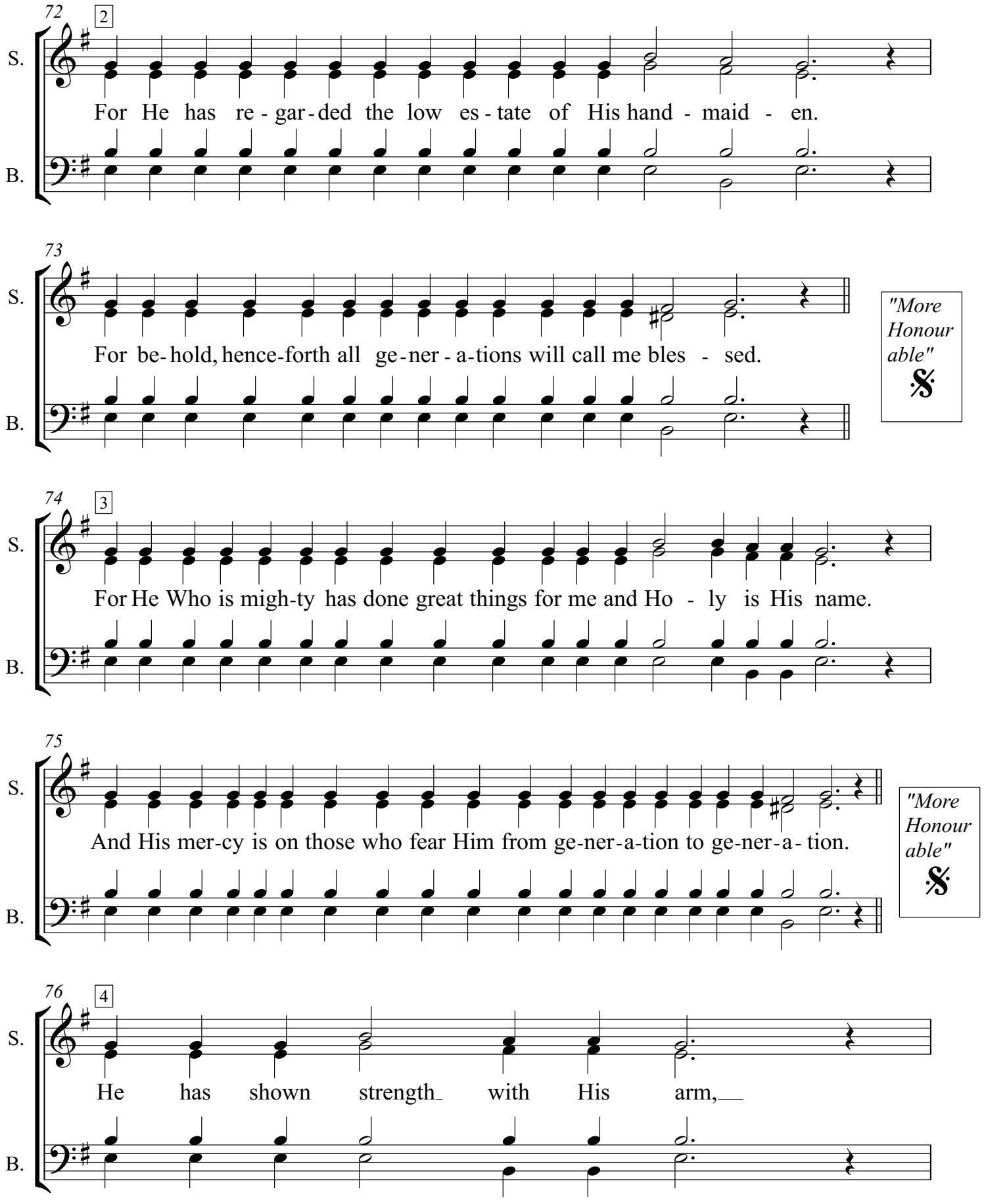
B.

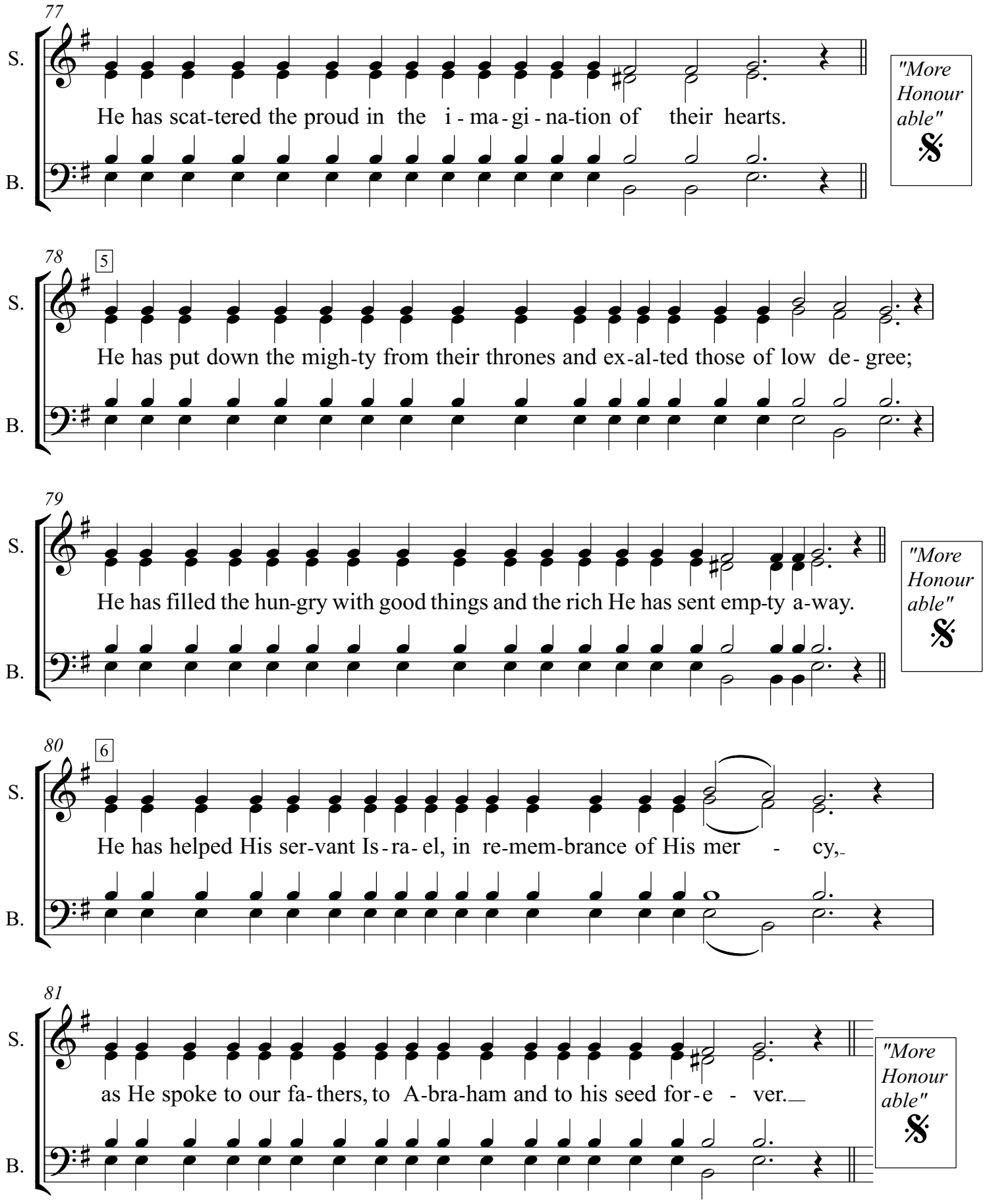

56
7th Irmos
S.
We have sinned, we have trans-gressed, we have done e - vil be - fore You,
B.
58
S.
and nei - ther have we fol - lowed, nor have we done,
B.
59
S.
what You com - man - - - ded us.
B.
60
S.
But do not re-ject us ut - ter-ly, O God of our fa - thers.
B.

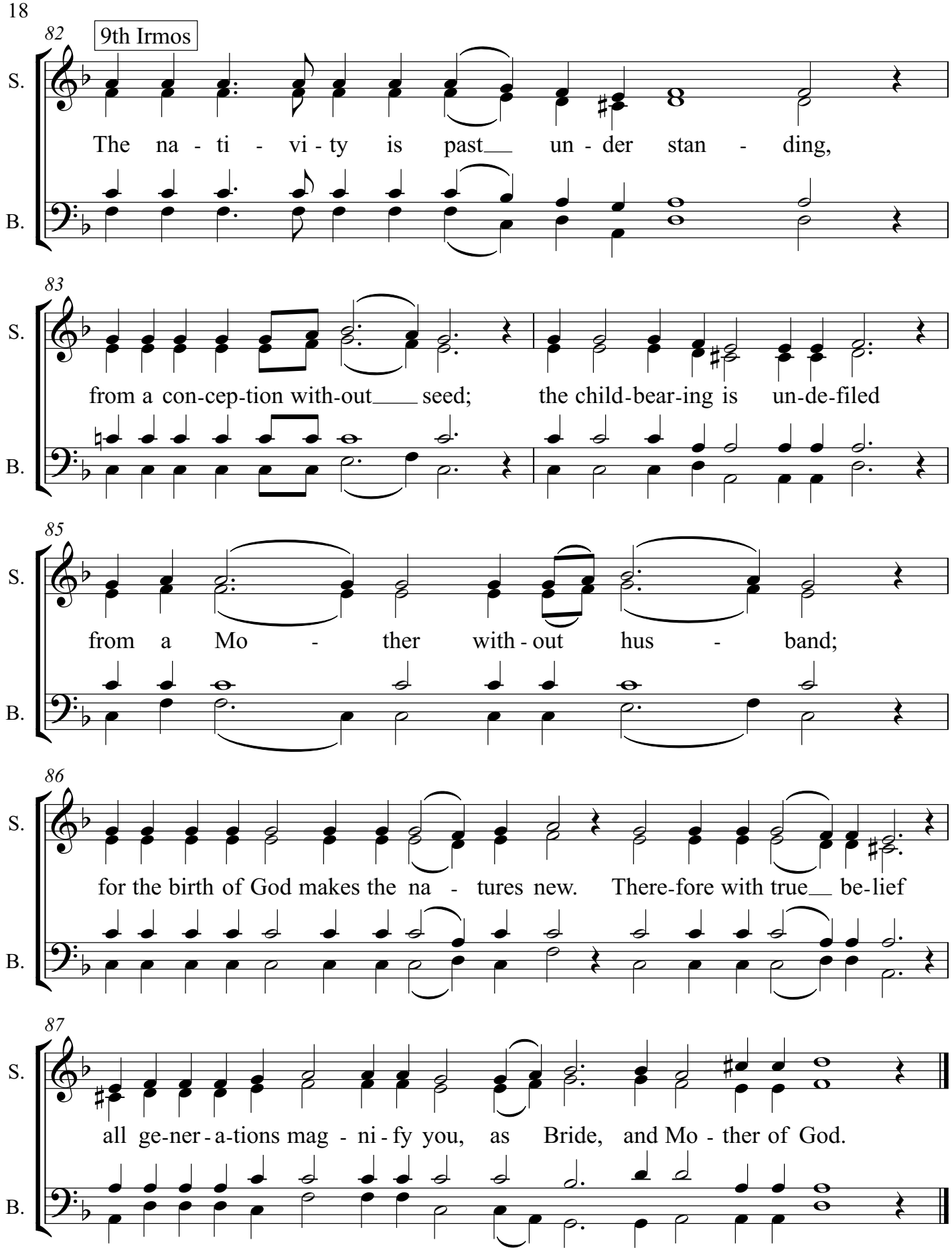

62
8th Irmos
S.
B.
Him, whom the hosts of hea - ven glo - ri - fy,
63
S.
B.
and who ter - ri-fies the_ Che - ru - bim and the Se - ra- phim,
64
S.
B.
let e-v'ry-thing that has breath and e - v'ry crea - ture praise, bless,
66
S.
B.
and high - ly ex - alt to all___ a - ges.



we sing "More honourable" after each verse


72
2
S.
B.
For He has re - gar - ded the low es - tate of His hand - maid - en.
73
S.
B.
For be - hold, hence-forth all ge - ner - a - tions will call me bles - sed.
"More Honour able"
74
3
S.
B.
For He Who is migh-ty has done great things for me and Ho - ly is His name.
75
S.
B.
And His mer-cy is on those who fear Him from ge-ner-a-tion to ge-ner-a - tion.
"More Honour able"
76
4
S.
B.
He has shown strength_ with His arm,__


77
S.
B.
He has scat-tered the proud in the i - ma - gi - na-tion of their hearts.
"More Honour able"
78
5
He has put down the migh-ty from their thrones and ex-al-ted those of low de - gree;
79
He has filled the hun-gry with good things and the rich He has sent emp-ty a-way.
"More Honour able"
80
6
He has helped His ser-vant Is - ra - el, in re-mem-brance of His mer - cy,
81
as He spoke to our fa-thers, to A-bra-ham and to his seed for - e - ver.
"More Honour able"


82
9th Irmos
S.
The na - ti - vi - ty is past un - der stan - ding,
B.
83
S.
from a con-cep-tion with-out seed; the child-bear-ing is un-de-filed
B.
85
S.
from a Mo - ther with - out hus - band;
B.
86
S.
for the birth of God makes the na - tures new. There-fore with true be-lief
B.
87
S.
all ge-ner - a-tions mag - ni - fy you, as Bride, and Mo - ther of God.
B.