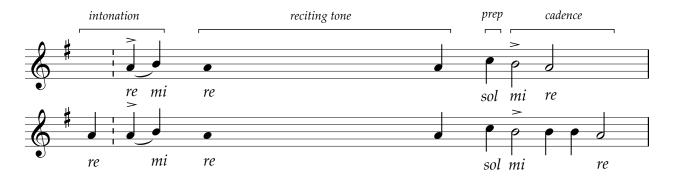
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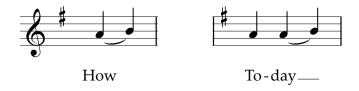
The sticheron melody for Tone 2 consists of four (4) melodic phrases (A, B, C, D) and a *Final Phrase* for the last line of the text. The first phrase (A) is only used for the first line of the sticheron. *Phrases B, C,* and *D* are then sung in alternation and repeated in that fashion, depending upon the number of phrases in the text. Thus, if there are nine lines in the text, the sequence of the melodic phrases are: A, B, C, D, B, C, D, B, and *Final Phrase*.

PHRASE A

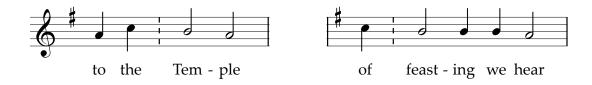
Phrase A consists of an *intonation* (two quarter notes on the first accented syllable, *re* and *mi*), a *reciting tone* on *re*, a weak *preparatory* note on *fa*, and a *cadence* beginning with a half note (on *mi*) on the last internal accent. The last syllable of the text is a half note on *re*.



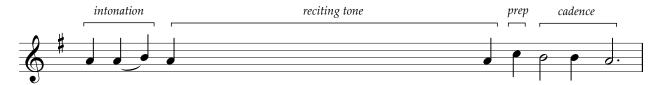
Unaccented syllables preceding the first accented syllable of the *intonation* are quarter notes sung on *re,* the first pitch of the accented syllable.



The *cadence* is prepared by leap of a third on the last syllable of the *reciting tone*. If there is more than one syllable following the internal accented syllable of the *cadence*, then these syllables are quarter notes, sung on the same pitch as the internal accent.



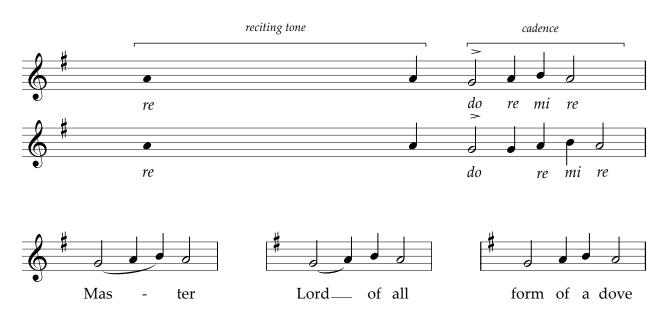
Example of *Phrase A* (from the feast of the Annunciation, the Post-Gospel Sticheron at Matins).



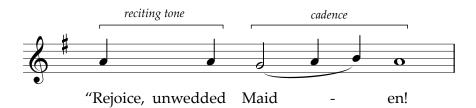
To-day __ Gabriel announces the good tidings to her who is full of grace:

PHRASE B

Phrase B consists of a *reciting tone* on *re*, followed by a *cadence*, beginning on the last internal accent, and is used to sing two or more syllables.

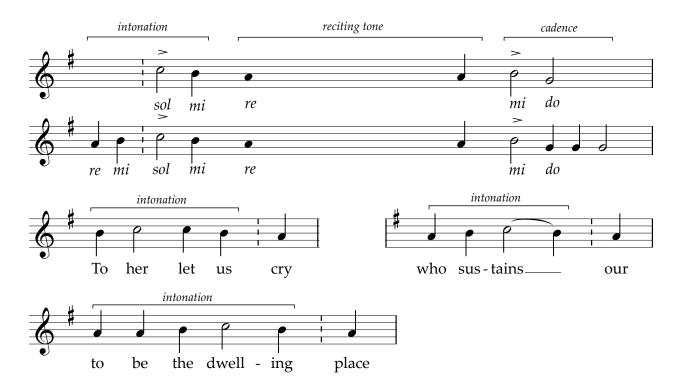


Example of *Phrase B* (from the feast of the Annunciation, the Post-Gospel Sticheron at Matins).



PHRASE C

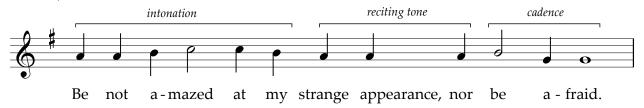
Phrase C consists of an *intonation*, *reciting pitch*, and *cadence*. The first accented syllable of the *intonation* is a half note on *fa*, followed by a quarter note on *mi*, leading to the *reciting tone* on *re*. If the phrase begins with unaccented syllables, the syllable preceding the accented syllable is a quarter note on *mi*, and any syllables before it are sung on *re*.



The *cadence* consists of two pitches, a half note on *mi* for the last internal accent, followed by a half note descending an interval of a third, to *do*. If there is more than one syllable following the internal accented syllable of the *cadence*, then these syllables are quarter notes, sung on *do*, the same note as the final note of the phrase.

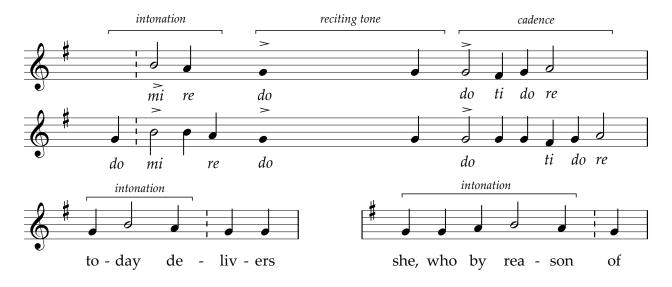


Example of *Phrase C* (from the feast of the Annunciation, the Post-Gospel Sticheron at Matins).

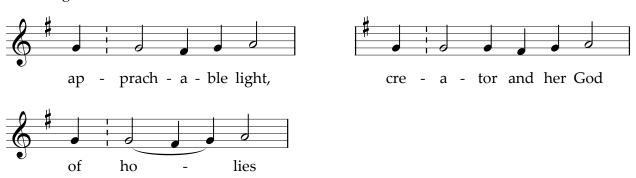


PHRASE D

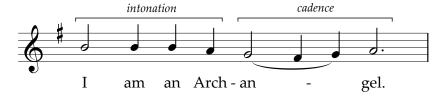
Phrase D consists of an *intonation*, *reciting pitch*, and *cadence*. The first accented syllable of the *intonation* is a half note on *mi*, followed by a quarter note on *re*, leading to the *reciting tone* on *do*. If the phrase begins with one unaccented syllable, this is sung on *do*; if more than one accented syllable, the last unaccented syllable is sung on *re*.



The *cadence* can begin on either the last accented syllable or the last internal accented syllable of the phrase. The first note is a half note, sung on *do*, followed by a pattern of three notes, quarter notes on *ti* and *do*, and a half note on *re*. If the *cadence* consists of more than four syllables, the additional unaccented syllables following the accented syllable are also sung on *do*.

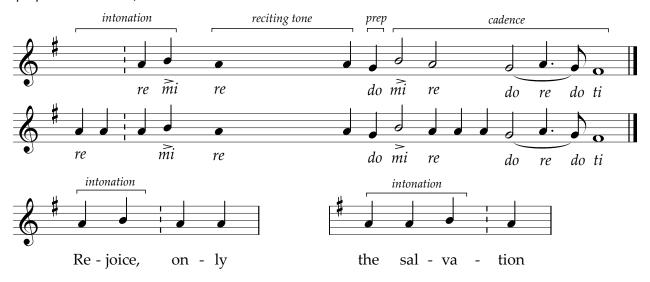


Example of *Phrase D* (from the feast of the Annunciation, the Post-Gospel Sticheron at Matins).

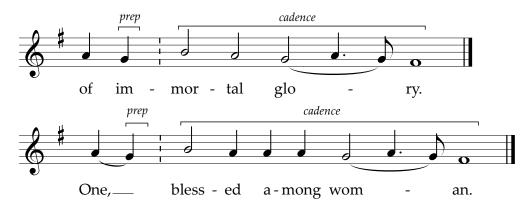


FINAL PHRASE

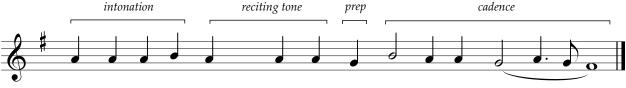
The *Final Phrase* consists of four parts: an *intonation*, *reciting tone*, *preparation* (quarter notes on *re* and an accented syllable on *mi*), and *reciting tone* on *re*. (A variation of the *Final Phrase* eliminates the *intonation* at the beginning, thus consisting of only the *reciting tone*, *prep*, and *cadence*.)



The last syllable of the *reciting tone* descends to *do*, serving as a *preparation* for the cadential melody, which consists of two parts; a half note on *mi*, on an accented syllable, followed by a descending half note on *re* (or quarter notes if more than one syllable), leading to the second part of the *cadence*. This second part of the *cadence* consists of a half note on *do* on the last internal accented syllable, followed by a dotted quarter on *re*, an eighth note on *do* and a concluding whole note on *ti*.



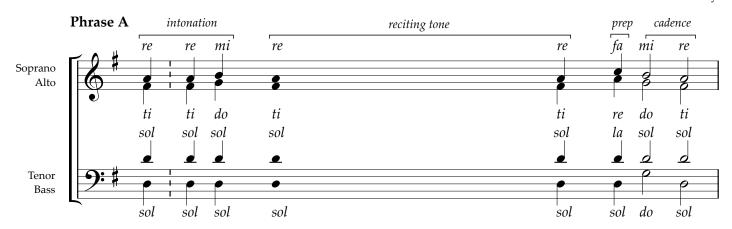
Example of *Final Phrase* (from the feast of the Annunciation, the Post-Gospel Sticheron at Matins).

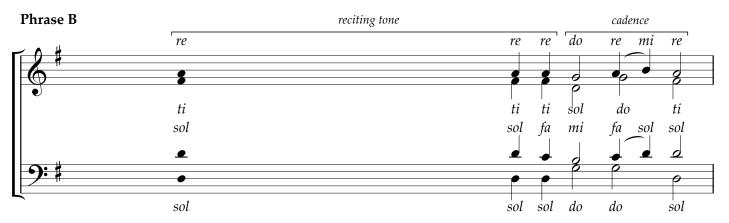


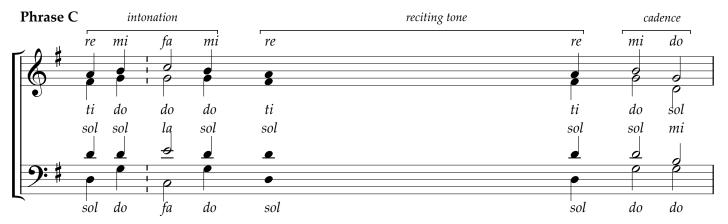
You shall re-main inviolate and shall give birth to the Lord."——

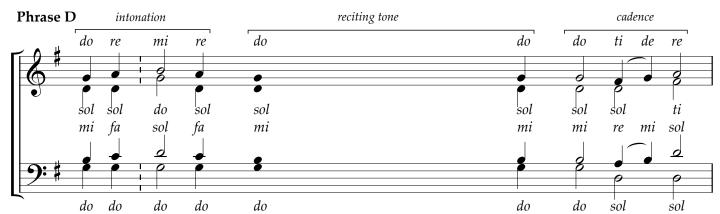
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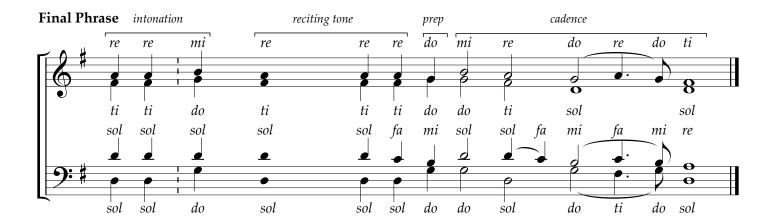
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