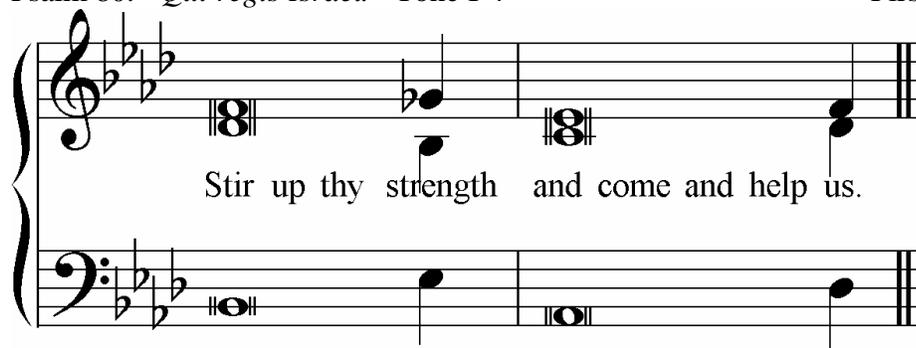


**G r a d u a l P s a l m s**  
*for Year B in the*  
*1979 Book of Common Prayer*

*for the Sundays and Feasts of our Lord*  
*in Advent, Christmas, and Epiphanytide*

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Stir up thy strength and come and help us.



HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest | Joseph like a flock; \* show thyself also, thou that sittest up-|-on the Cherubim.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh, \* stir up thy strength, and | come and help us.

REFRAIN

3 \_\_ | Turn us again, O God; \* show the light of thy countenance, | and we shall be whole.

4 O | LORD God of hosts, \* how long wilt thou be angry with thy peo-|-ple that prayeth?

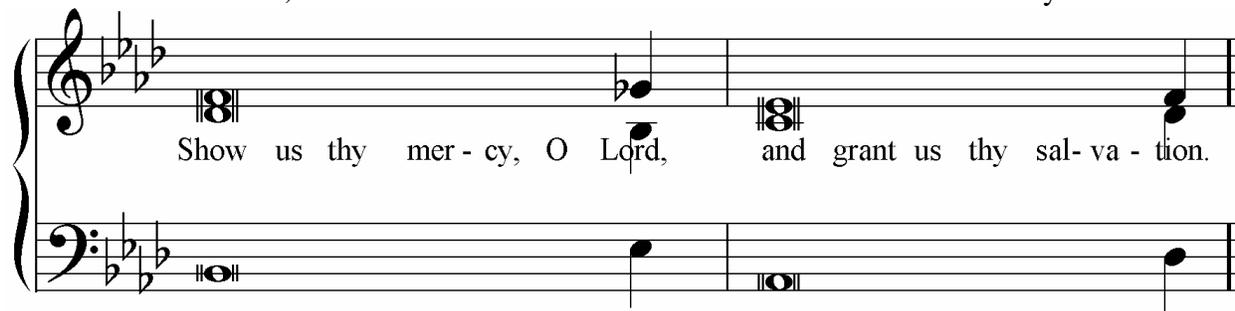
REFRAIN

5 Thou feedest them | with the bread of tears, \* and givest them plenteous-|-ness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife | unto our neighbours, \* and our ene-|-mies laugh us to scorn.

7 Turn us a-|-gain, thou God of hosts; \* show the light of thy countenance, | and we shall be whole.

REFRAIN



8 Show us thy mer - cy, O Lord, and grant us thy sal - va - tion.



I WILL hearken what the | LORD God will say; \* for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again | unto foolishness.

9 For his salvation is | nigh them that fear him; \* that glory may | dwell in our land.

REFRAIN

10 Mercy and truth are | met together: \* righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

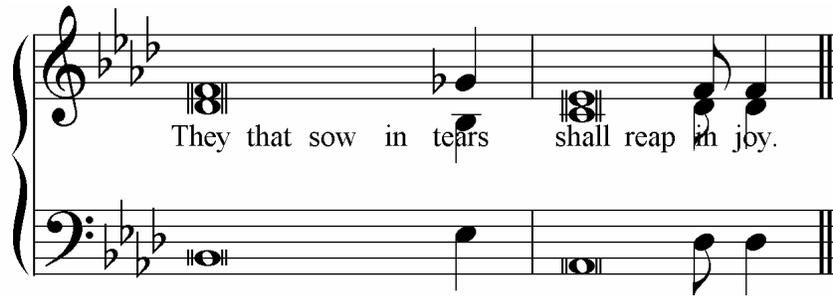
11 Truth shall flourish | out of the earth, \* and righteous-ness hath looked | down from heaven.

REFRAIN

12 Yea, the LORD shall show | loving-kindness; \* and our land shall | give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall | go before him, \* and shall direct his | going in the way.

REFRAIN



They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.



WHEN the LORD turned again the captivi-ty of Sion, \* then were we like | unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth | filled with laughter, \* \_\_\_ | and our tongue with joy.

REFRAIN

3 Then said they a-|-mong the heathen, \* The LORD hath | done great things for them.

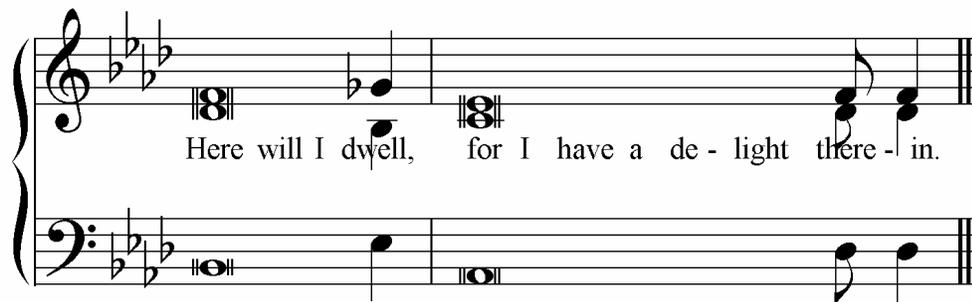
4 Yea, the LORD hath done great things for | us already; \* \_\_\_ | whereof we rejoice.

REFRAIN

5 Turn our cap-|-tivity, O LORD, \* as the | rivers in the south.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and | beareth forth good seed, \* shall doubtless come again with joy, and | bring his sheaves with him.

REFRAIN



Here will I dwell, for I have a de - light there - in.



ARISE, O LORD, | into thy resting-place; \* thou, and the | ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be | clothed with righteousness; \* and let thy saints | sing with joyfulness.

REFRAIN

10 For thy | servant David's sake, \* turn not away the face of | thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath made a faithful | oath unto David, \* and he | shall not shrink from it:

REFRAIN

12 Of the | fruit of thy body \* shall I | set upon thy throne.

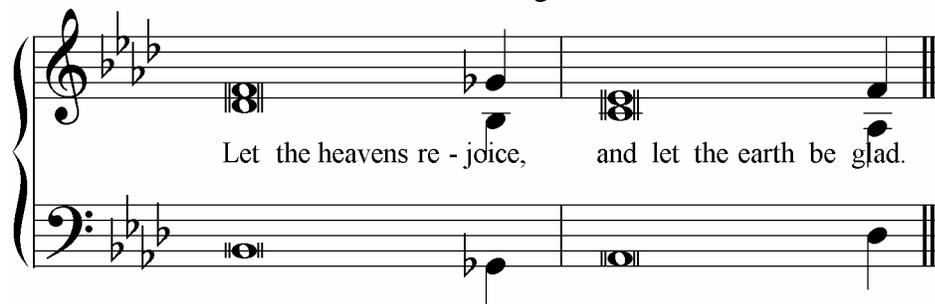
13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that | I shall teach them; \* their children also shall sit upon thy | throne for evermore.

REFRAIN

14 For the LORD hath chosen Sion to be an habi-|-tation for himself; \* \_\_\_| he hath longed for her.

15 This shall be my | rest for ever: \* here will I dwell, for I have | a delight therein.

REFRAIN



Let the heavens re - joice, and let the earth be glad.



O SING unto | the LORD a new song; \* sing unto the LORD, all | the whole earth.

2 Sing unto | the LORD, and praise his Name; \* be telling of his salvation | from day to day.

REFRAIN

3 Declare his honour | unto the heathen, \* and his wonders unto | all peoples.

4 For the LORD is great, and can-|-not worthily be praised;\* he is more to be feared | than all gods.

REFRAIN

7 Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye kin-|-dreds of the peoples, \* ascribe unto the LORD | worship and power.

8 Ascribe unto the LORD the hon-|-our due unto his Name; \* bring presents, and come | into his courts.

REFRAIN

11 Let the heavens rejoice, | and let the earth be glad; \* let the sea make a noise, and all | that therein is.

12 Let the field be joyful, and | all that is in it; \* then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice | before the LORD.

REFRAIN

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righ-teous.

THE LORD is King, the | earth may be glad thereof; \* yea, the multitude of the isles may | be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness | are round about him: \* righteousness and judgment are the habita-|tion of his seat.

REFRAIN

3 There shall go | a fire before him, \* and burn up his enemies | on every side.

4 His lightnings | gave shine unto the world: \* the earth saw it, | and was afraid.

REFRAIN

11 There is sprung up a | light for the righteous, \* and joyful gladness for such as are | true-hearted.

12 Rejoice in | the LORD, ye righteous; \* and give thanks for a remembrance of | his holiness.

REFRAIN

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things.

O SING unto the LORD a | new song; \* for he hath done mar-|vellous things.

2 With his own right hand, | and with his holy arm, \* hath he gotten himself | the victory.

3 The LORD de-|clared his salvation; \* his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of | the heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward | the house of Israel; \* and all the ends of the world have seen the salva-|-tion of our God.

REFRAIN

5 Show yourselves joyful un-|-to the LORD, all ye lands; \* sing, rejoice, | and give thanks.

6 Praise | the LORD upon the harp; \* sing to the harp with a psalm of | thanksgiving.

7 With | trumpets also and shawms, \* O show yourselves joyful before | the LORD, the King.

REFRAIN

8 Let the sea make a noise, | and all that therein is; \* the round world, and they | that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, + and let the hills be joyful to-|-gether before the LORD; \* for he is come | to judge the earth.

10 With righteous-|-ness shall he judge the world, \* and the peoples | with equity.

REFRAIN

Praise thy God, O Si - on.

PRAISE the LORD, | O Jerusalem; \* praise thy | God, O Sion.

13 For he hath made fast the | bars of thy gates, \* and hath blessed thy chil-|-dren within thee.

14 He maketh | peace in thy borders, \* and filleth thee | with the flour of wheat.

REFRAIN

15 He sendeth forth his com-|-mandment upon earth, \* and his word runneth | very swiftly.

16 He | giveth snow like wool, \* and scattereth the hoar-|-frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his | ice like morsels: \* who is able | to abide his frost?

REFRAIN

18 He sendeth out his | word, and melteth them: \* he bloweth with his wind, | and the waters flow.

19 He showeth his | word unto Jacob, \* his statutes and ordinances | unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with | any nation; \* neither have the heathen | knowledge of his laws.

REFRAIN

How excellent is thy Name in all the world.

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy | Name in all the world; \* thou that hast set thy  
glory a-|-bove the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, + be-|-cause of  
thine enemies, \* that thou mightest still the enemy and | the avenger.

REFRAIN

3 When I consider thy heavens, even the | work of thy fingers; \* the moon and the stars | which  
thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art | mindful of him? \* and the son of man, that thou | visitest him?

REFRAIN

5 Thou madest him lower | than the angels, \* to crown him with glo-|-ry and worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the | works of thy hands; \* and thou hast put all things  
in subjection | under his feet:

7 All | sheep and oxen; \* yea, and the | beasts of the field;

8 The fowls of the air, and the | fishes of the sea; \* and whatsoever walketh through the | paths  
of the seas.

REFRAIN

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.

O HOW amiable | are thy dwellings, \* \_\_\_| thou LORD of hosts! [see below]

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2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the | courts of the LORD; \* my heart and my flesh rejoice | in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, + and the swallow a nest, where | she may lay her young; \* even thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my | King and my God.

REFRAIN

4 Blessed are they that | dwell in thy house; \* they will be | always praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose | strength is in thee; \* in whose | heart are thy ways.

REFRAIN

6 Who going through the vale of misery | use it for a well; \* and the pools are | filled with water.

7 They will | go from strength to strength, \* and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of | them in Sion. REFRAIN

Verse 1 termination:

thou Lord of Hosts!

His Name shall endure for ev - er, and all the nations praise him.

GIVE the King thy judgments, O | God, \* and thy right-eousness un-|-to the King's son.

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2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto | right, \* \_\_\_| and defend the poor.

REFRAIN

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give | presents; \* the kings of Arabia and | Saba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down be-|-fore him; \* all nations shall | do him service.

REFRAIN

12 For he shall deliver the poor when he | crieth; \* the needy also, and him that | hath no helper.

13 He shall be favourable to the simple and | needy, \* and shall preserve the | souls of the poor.

REFRAIN

14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and | wrong; \* and dear shall their | blood be in his sight.

15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of A-|-rabia; \* prayer shall be made ever unto him, and | daily shall he be praised.

REFRAIN

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills; + the fruit thereof shall shake like | Lebanon: \* and they of the city shall flourish like | grass upon the earth.

17 His Name shall endure for ever; + his Name shall re-main under the sun among the posterities, which shall be blessed in | him; \* and all the | nations shall praise him.

REFRAIN

My hand shall hold him fast, and my arm shall strength - en him.

THOU spakest sometime in visions unto thy | saints, and saidst, \* I have laid help upon one that  
is mighty, I have exalted one chosen | out of the people.

21 I have found David my | servant; \* with my holy oil have | I anointed him.

REFRAIN

23 The enemy shall not be able to do him | violence; \* the son of wickedness | shall not hurt  
him.

24 I will smite down his foes before his | face, \* and plague | them that hate him.

REFRAIN

25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with | him; \* and in my Name shall his | horn be  
exalted.

26 I will set his dominion also in the | sea, \* and his | right hand in the floods.

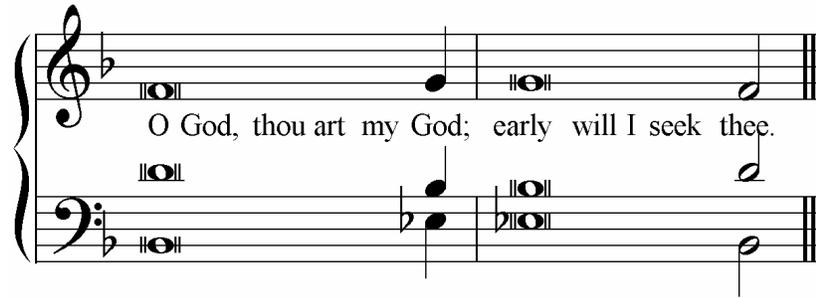
REFRAIN

27 He shall call me, Thou art my | Father, \* my God, and my | strong salvation.

28 And I will make him my | firstborn, \* higher than the | kings of the earth.

29 My mercy will I keep for him for | evermore, \* and my covenant | shall stand fast with him.

RERAIN



O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.



MY SOUL thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after | thee, \* in a barren and dry land | where no water is.

3 Thus have I looked for thee in the sanctu-|-ary, \* that I might behold thy | power and glory.

4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the | life itself: \* my | lips shall praise thee.

REFRAIN

5 As long as I live will I magnify thee in this | manner, \* and lift up my | hands in thy Name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and | fatness, \* when my mouth praiseth | thee with joyful lips.

REFRAIN

7 Have I not remembered thee in my | bed, \* and thought upon thee | when I was waking?

8 Because thou hast been my | helper; \* therefore under the shadow of thy | wings will I rejoice.

REFRAIN

With the Lord there is mer - cy, and plenteous re-demp - tion.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O | LORD; \* | \_ \_ Lord, hear my voice. *[see below]*

2 O let thine ears consider | well \* the | voice of my complaint.

REFRAIN

3 If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done a-|-miss, \* O Lord, | who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with | thee; \* \_\_\_| therefore shalt thou be feared.

REFRAIN

5 I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for | him; \* in his | word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the | morning watch; \* I say, be-|-fore the morning watch.

REFRAIN

7 O Israel, trust in the LORD; for with the LORD there is | mercy, \* and with him is | plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem | Israel \* | \_ \_ from all his sins. *[see below]*

REFRAIN

Lord, hear my voice.

from all his sins.

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart.

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole | heart, \* secretly among the faithful, and in the | congregation.

2 The works of the LORD are | great, \* sought out of all them that have | pleasure therein.

3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in | honour, \* and his righteousness en-|-dureth for ever.

REFRAIN

4 The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous | works, \* that they ought to be | had in remembrance.

5 He hath given meat unto them that | fear him; \* he shall ever be mindful | of his covenant.

6 He hath showed his people the power of his | works, \* that he may give them the heritage | of the heathen.

REFRAIN

7 The works of his hands are verity and | judgment; \* all his com-|-mandments are true.

8 They stand fast for ever and | ever, \* and are done in | truth and equity.

REFRAIN

9 He sent redemption unto his | people; \* he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and | reverend is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of | wisdom; \* a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; his praise en-|-dureth for ever.

REFRAIN

Consider my com - plaint; for I am brought ve - ry low.

I CRIED unto the LORD with my | voice; \* yea, even unto the LORD did I make my |  
supplication.

2 I poured out my complaints be-|-fore him, \* and showed him | of my trouble.

REFRAIN

3 When my spirit was in heaviness, thou knewest my | path; \* in the way wherein I walked, have  
they privily | laid a snare for me.

4 I looked also upon my | right hand, \* and saw there was no | man that would know me.

REFRAIN

5 I had no place to | flee unto, \* and no man | cared for my soul.

6 I cried unto thee, O LORD, and | said, \* Thou art my hope, and my portion in the | land of the  
living.

REFRAIN

8 O deliver me from my perse-|-cutors; \* for | they are too strong for me.

9 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy | Name; \* which thing if thou wilt  
grant me, then shall the righteous resort | unto my company.

REFRAIN

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 42. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "My soul is athirst for God, for the liv- ing God." The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, also in one flat. The bottom staff is a single melodic line in treble clef, one flat, which appears to be a continuation or a specific setting of the text.

LIKE as the hart desireth the | water-brooks, \* so longeth my | soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the | living God: \* when shall I come to  
appear before the | presence of God?

REFRAIN

3 My tears have been my meat | day and night, \* while they daily say unto me, | Where is  
now thy God?

4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by my-|-self; \* for I went with the  
multitude, and brought them forth | into the house of God;

5 In the voice of praise and thanks-|-giving, \* among | such as keep holy-day.

REFRAIN

6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my | soul? \* and why art thou so disquiet-|-ed  
within me?

7 O put thy trust in | God; \* for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my |  
countenance, and my God.

REFRAIN

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 32. It consists of two systems. The first system is a piano accompaniment with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The right hand plays a simple melody, and the left hand provides harmonic support. The lyrics 'Thou shalt compass me a - bout with songs of de - liv - er - ance.' are written below the notes. The second system is a single treble clef line with a vocal melody. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics 'BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is for - | - given, \* and whose | sin is covered.' are written below the notes.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is for - | - given, \* and whose | sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth no | sin, \* and in whose | spirit there is no guile.

REFRAIN

3 For whilst I held my | tongue, \* my bones consumed away through my | daily complaining.

4 For thy hand was heavy upon me | day and night, \* and my moisture was like the | drought in summer.

REFRAIN

5 I acknowledged my sin unto | thee; \* and mine unrighteousness | have I not hid.

6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the | LORD; \* and so thou forgavest the | wickedness of my sin.

REFRAIN

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, + in a time when thou mayest be | found; \* surely the great water-floods | shall not come nigh him.

8 Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from | trouble; \* thou shalt compass me about with | songs of deliverance.

REFRAIN

All that is with - in me praise his ho - ly Name.

PRAISE the LORD, O my | soul; \* and all that is within me, | praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the LORD, O my | soul, \* and forget not | all his benefits:

REFRAIN

3 Who forgiveth all thy | sin, \* and healeth | all thine infirmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from de-|struction, \* and crowneth thee with mercy and | loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with | good things, \* making thee young and lusty | as an eagle.

REFRAIN

6 The LORD executeth righteousness and | judgment \* for all them | that are oppressed with wrong.

REFRAIN

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 27. It consists of three staves. The top two staves are a piano accompaniment in G minor, with the right hand playing a simple melody and the left hand providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'Have mer - cy upon me, and hear me.' are written below the right hand. The bottom staff is a vocal line in G minor, featuring a melody with several trills marked with a 'v' above the notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

IN THE TIME of trouble he shall hide me in his taber-|-nacle; \* yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up up-|-on a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up mine | head \* above mine enemies | round about me.

REFRAIN

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great | gladness: \* I will sing and speak | praises unto the LORD.

8 Harken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto | thee; \* have mercy upon | me, and hear me.

REFRAIN

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my | face: \* Thy | face, LORD, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy | face from me, \* nor cast thy servant a-|-way in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my | succour; \* leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of | my salvation.

REFRAIN

THE REFRAINS MAY BE SUNG IN FOUR PARTS, AS FOLLOWS:

STONE V

Musical notation for TONE V, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with notes and rests. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody in the treble clef starts on G4, moves to F4, then E4, and ends on D4. The bass clef accompaniment starts on G3, moves to F3, then E3, and ends on D3. There are rests in the first measure of both staves.

STONE IV

Musical notation for TONE IV, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with notes and rests. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody in the treble clef starts on G4, moves to F4, then E4, and ends on D4. The bass clef accompaniment starts on G3, moves to F3, then E3, and ends on D3. There are rests in the first measure of both staves.

TONUS PEREGRINUS

Musical notation for TONUS PEREGRINUS, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with notes and rests. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody in the treble clef starts on G4, moves to F4, then E4, and ends on D4. The bass clef accompaniment starts on G3, moves to F3, then E3, and ends on D3. There are rests in the first measure of both staves.

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