

# Stichera for the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumencial Councils

To the melody "The Despairing"

Arr. Archpriest George Johnson

I

Be - fore the a - ges Thou wast be - got -

ten of the womb of the Fa - ther with - out

mo - ther be - fore the morn - ing star; Yet A - ri - us call - eth Thee a -

crea - ture, re - fus - ing to glo - ri - fy Thee

as God, with au - da - ci -

ty mind - less - ly con - fu - sing Thee,

the Cre - a - tor, with a crea -

ture, lay-ing up for him-self fu-el for the e - ver - last - ing fire.

But the Coun - cil in Ni - cae - a

hath pro-claimed Thee to be the Son of God,

e - qual - ly en-throned wih the Fa ther and the

Spi - - - rit.

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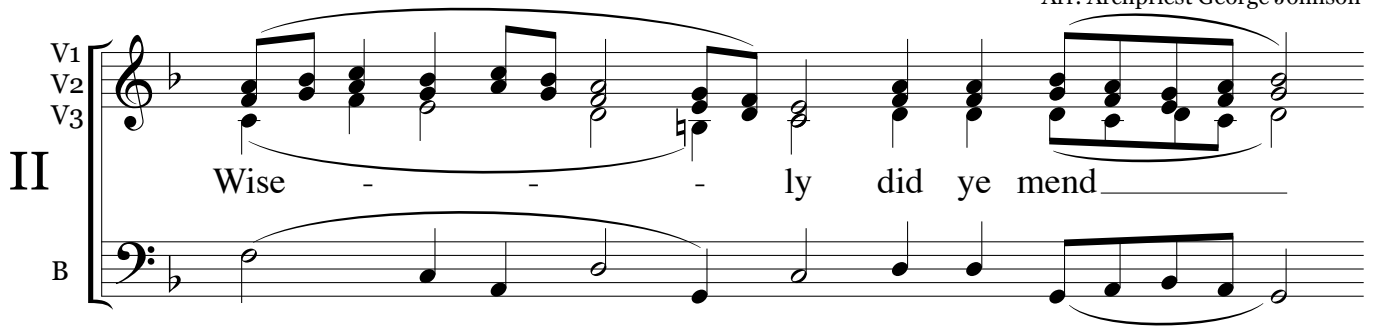
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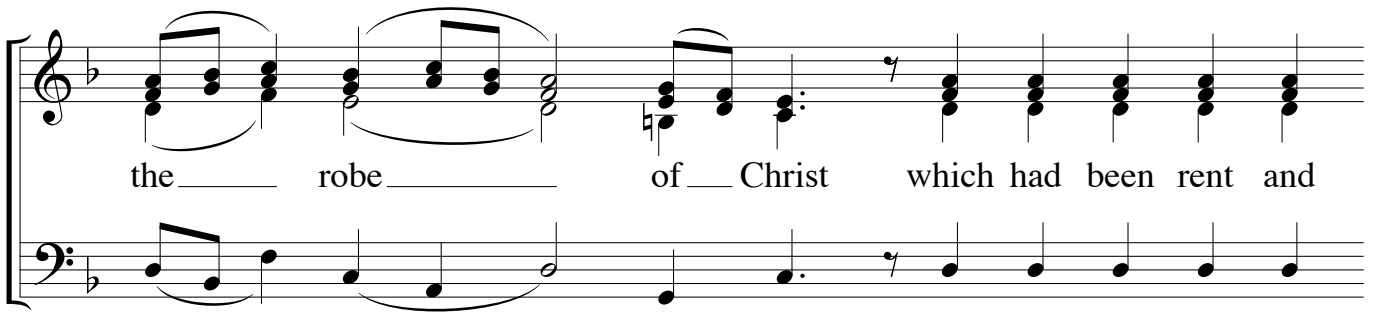
V1  
V2  
V3

Wise - - - ly did ye mend

B



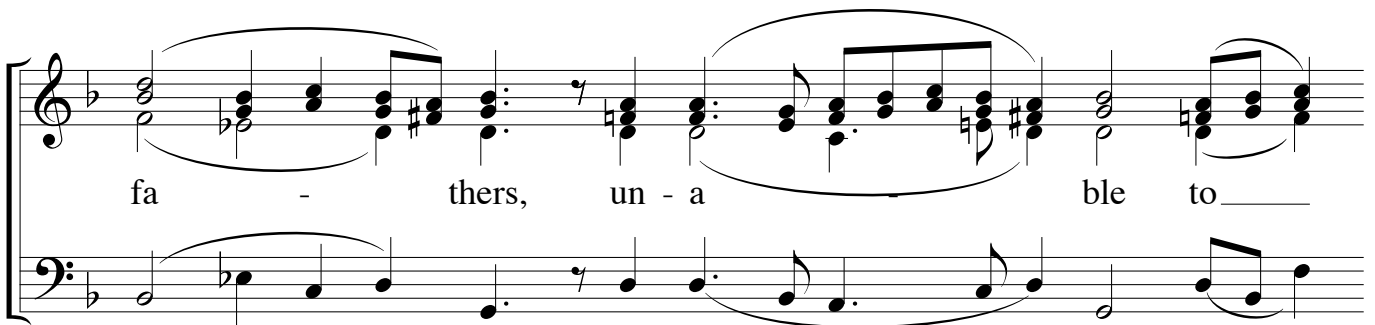
the robe of Christ which had been rent and



torn by the jaws of dogs. O ho-nored



fa - thers, un - a ble to



en - dure the sight of His na - ked - ness,



as of old Shem and Ja - pheth could not

bear \_\_\_\_\_ to see their fa - ther's na - ked - ness. And

ye \_\_\_\_\_ put \_\_\_\_\_ to shame the

mind - less - ness of those \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_ mind

with A - ri - us, the name - sake of wrath.

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The Ma - ce - do - ni - ans, Nes - to - ri - ans,

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Eu - ty - chi - ans and Di - os - co - rans,

the Ap - pol - li - na - ri - ans, Sa - bel - li - ans and Se -

ve - ri - ans, sa - vage wolves who

came clad in sheep skins, did

ye, as true pas - tors,

drive far a - way from the flock of the Sa - vior,

strip - ping the thrice-wretch - ed ones in par -

ti - cu - lar of their sheep's cloth - ing.

Where-fore, we call you bless - - - ed.