# THE VIGIL OF HOLY PASCHA

MIDNIGHT OFFICE, RUSH PROCESSION, MATINS, AND DIVINE LITURGY, AS SERVED LATE HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT



The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

All Saints Orthodox Church

Chicago, Illinois

# I. MIDNIGHT OFFICE

We begin at 10:00 pm or later, in order that the Priest may come out with the Paschal Light as close to midnight as possible. With the church darkened except for a few lights, the Priest stands before the holy table, facing east.

**Priest:** Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

**Priest:** Glory to Thee, our God, Glory to Thee.

Choir: O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art everywhere

and fillest all things, treasury of blessings, and giver of life: Come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O

Good One.

#### TRISAGION PRAYERS

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: Have mercy on us. (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

**Priest:** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and glory of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy. (Twelve times)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God. O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

#### PSALM 50

#### Reader:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy steadfast love; according to Thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight, so that Thou art justified in Thy sentence and blameless in Thy judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

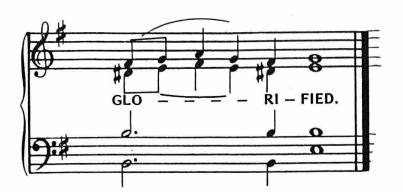
Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will return to Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Thy deliverance.

O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For Thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, Thou wouldst not be pleased. Do good to Zion in Thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then wilt Thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Thy altar.

# The Kanon — Heirmos 1



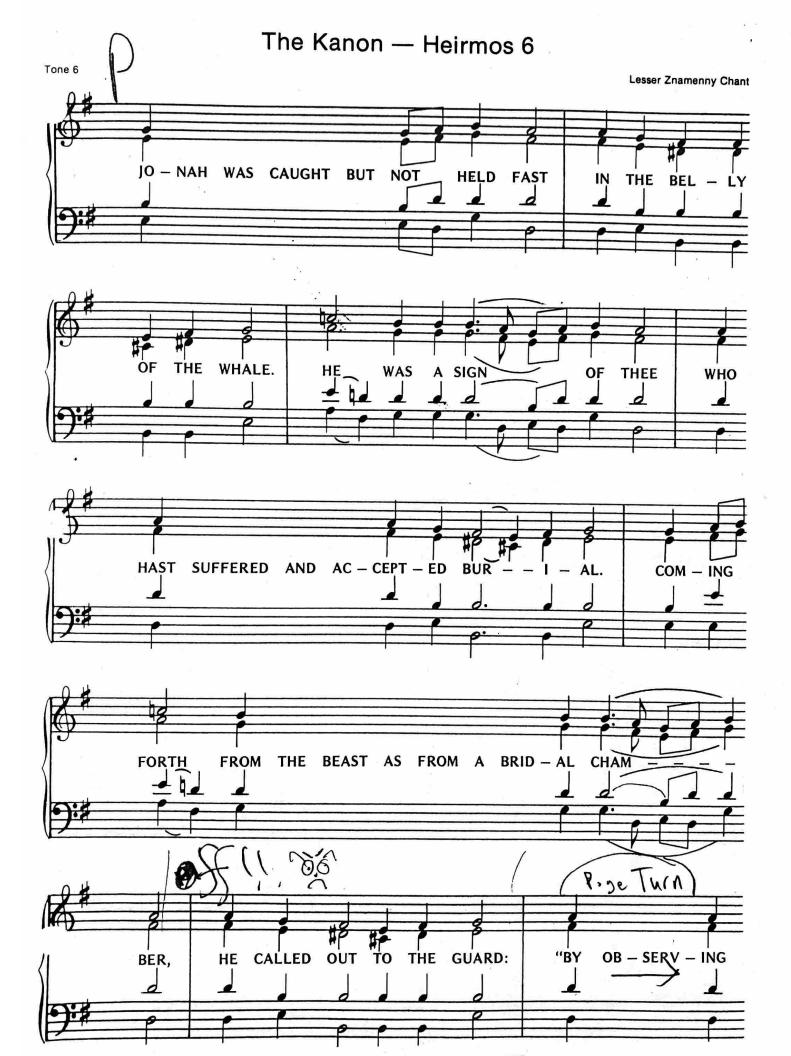


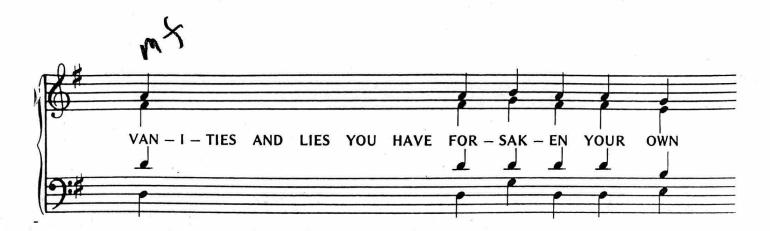


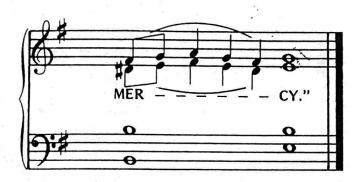
# The Kanon — Heirmos 4













# The Kanon — Heirmos 8







#### TRISAGION PRAYERS

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**Priest:** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and glory of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

#### TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION

(Music on next page)

(Tone 2)

Clergy: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy godly power and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of

heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: 'O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to

Thee!'

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#### LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee:

hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

**Priest:** Again we pray that He will keep this holy church and this city and every city and

countryside from wrath, famine, plague, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion, civil war and sudden death; that our good God who loveth mankind, will be gracious, favorable, and conciliatory and turn away and dispel all wrath stirred up against us and all sickness, and may deliver us from His righteous chastisement which impends against us, and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

**Priest:** Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those

who are far off upon the sea; and be gracious, be gracious, O Master, upon our

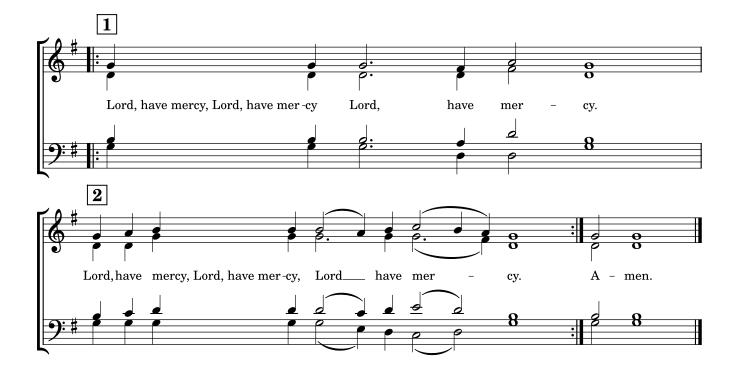
sins, and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

**Priest:** For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe

glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever

and unto ages of ages.



#### DISMISSAL OF THE MIDNIGHT OFFICE

**Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

Choir: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever

and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

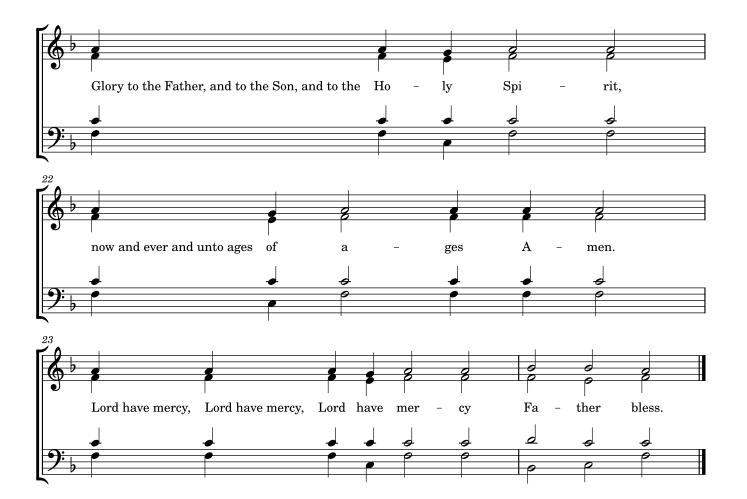
Father, bless.

**Priest:** May He who rose again from the dead, Christ our true God, through the

intercessions of His immaculate and all blameless Holy Mother, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints: May He have mercy upon us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have

mercy upon us and save us.



# II. RUSH PROCESSION

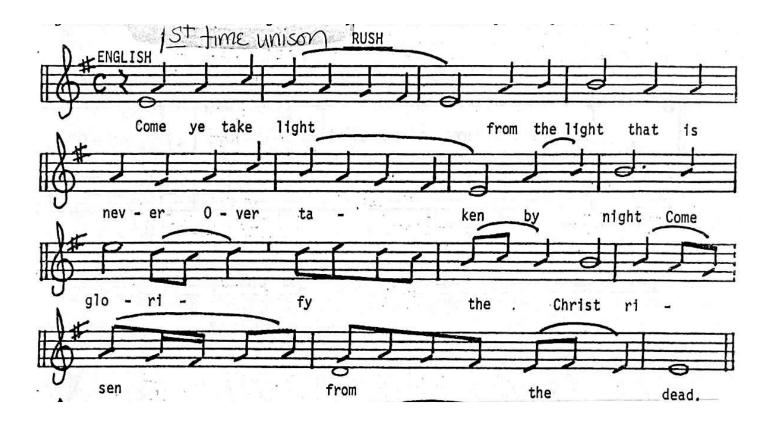
The church remains dark. The priest lights the Paschal candle from a vigil light, carries it through the royal doors, and extends it to the approaching faithful for them to light their candles. The priest begins the hymn, and the chanters repeat it until everyone's candle is lit.

**Priest:** Come ye, take light from the light that is never overtaken by night. Come glorify

the Christ, risen from the dead!

Choir: Come ye, take light from the light that is never overtaken by night. Come

glorify the Christ, risen from the dead!

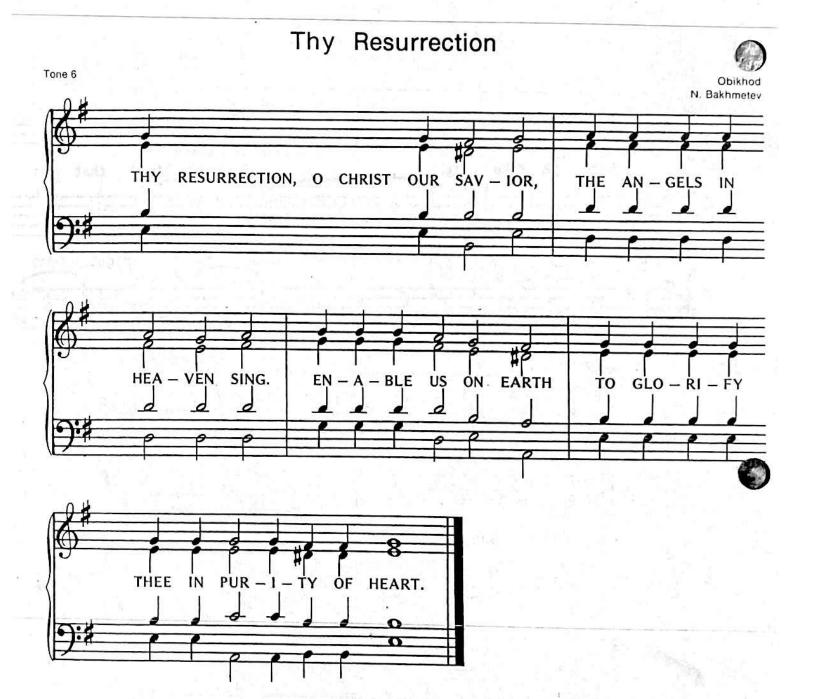


After the last person's candle is lit, the priest reenters the sanctuary, and takes up the Gospel book with his left arm, still holding the candle in his right hand. The altar servers (carrying the processional cross, fans, and incense), along with the clergy, lead all of the people in procession out the main doors of the church. The chanters intone the following processional hymn.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(Tone 6)

Choir: Thy resurrection, O Christ our Savior... (music on next page)



#### THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

When the procession has reached the traditional place, and everyone is outside (except for one person who stays inside as the Gate Keeper), the doors of the church are closed.

**Deacon:** And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

**Priest:** Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

**Priest:** The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark [16.1-8].

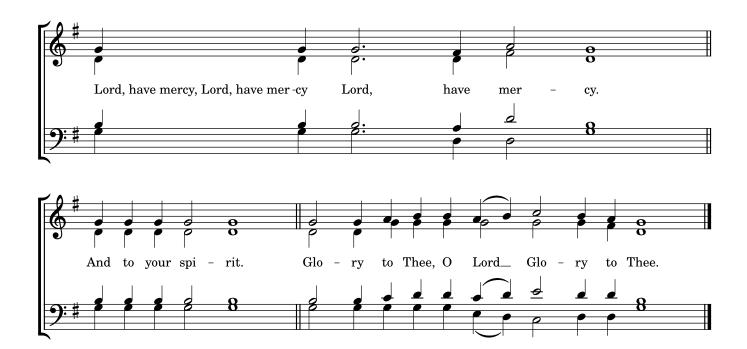
Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord; glory to Thee.

**Priest:** Let us attend! When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of

James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb at the rising of the sun. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him! But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said

nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord; glory to Thee.



# III. MATINS

The Priest holds the Paschal candle in his left hand, and the incense in his right. He censes the Gospel book, making the sign of the cross over it as he says:

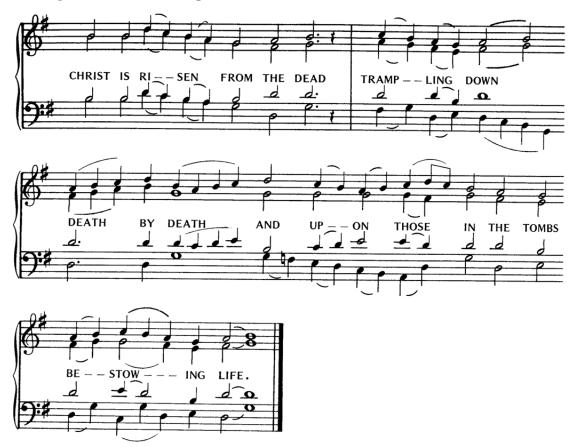
Priest: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-giving and undivided Trinity, always now

and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

## THE PASCHAL TROPARION

The Priest sings once, and the choir repeats it twice.



The Priest then intones the following Psalm verses, while the Choir sings the above Troparion as a refrain after each one.

• Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, and let them who hate Him flee from before His face.

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- Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death...

Choir: And upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

### THE GREAT LITANY

**Priest:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (Repeat after each petition)

**Priest:** For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the

Lord.

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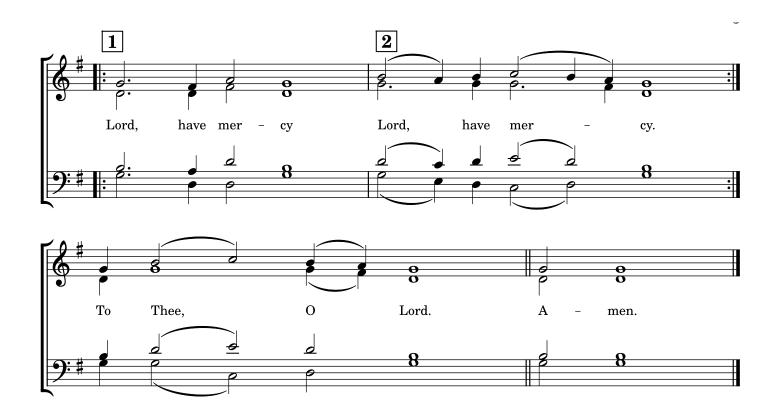
Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest**: For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the

Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.



## THE OPENING OF THE CHURCH DOORS

The Priest knocks three times on the closed front door of the church with a cross, saying in a loud voice these verses from Psalm 23. The responses are spoken by someone who has remained behind in the church.

**Priest:** Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of

Glory may come in!

**Gate Keeper:** Who is the King of Glory?

**Priest:** The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, mighty in battle!

The Priest knocks on the door three more times.

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Glory may come in!

**Gate Keeper:** Who is the King of Glory?

**Priest:** The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory!

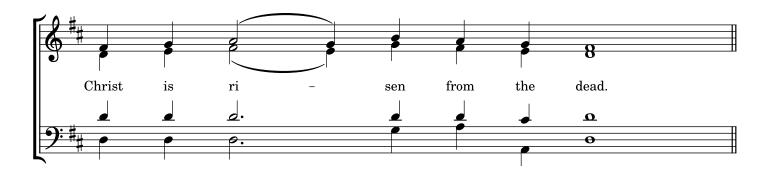
The Priest, carrying the Paschal candle, now leads all the people back into the church, as the choir sings "Christ is Risen" until they make their way back into the church.

Once the choir is in place, they begin the Paschal Canon of St. John of Damascus (next page)

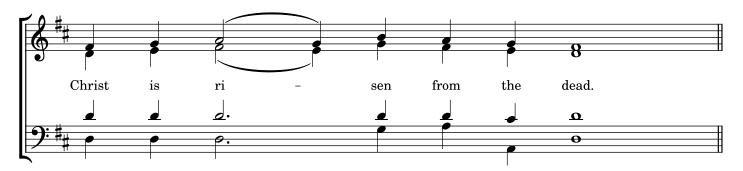
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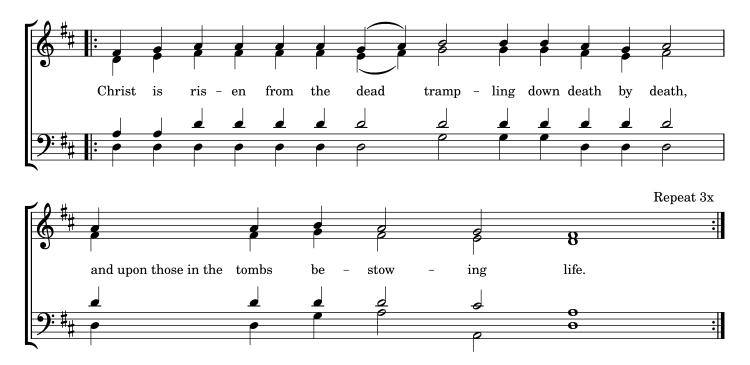
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Let us purify our senses and we shall see Christ shining in the unapproachable light of His resurrection. We shall clearly hear Him say: 'rejoice,' as we sing the song of victory.



Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. Let the whole world, visible and invisible, keep the feast. For Christ is risen, our eternal joy.



## The Little Litany

**Deacon:** Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

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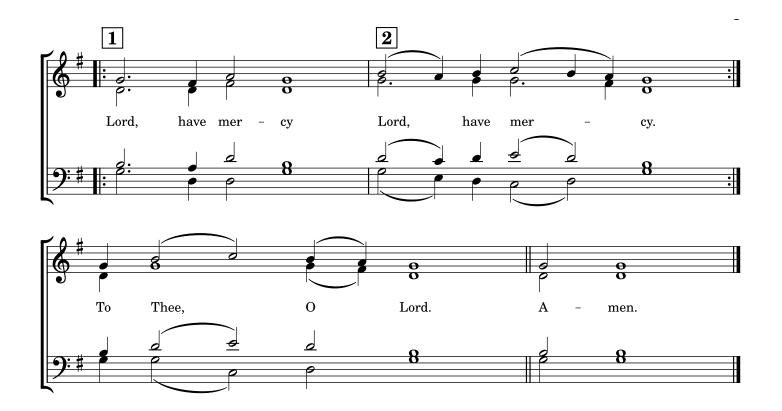
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Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** For Thine is the might and Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and glory of

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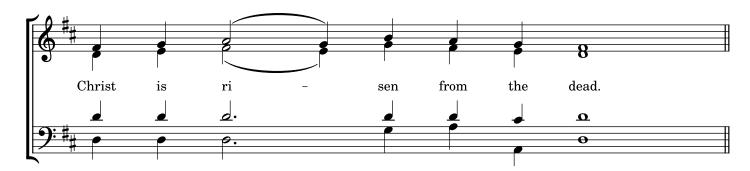
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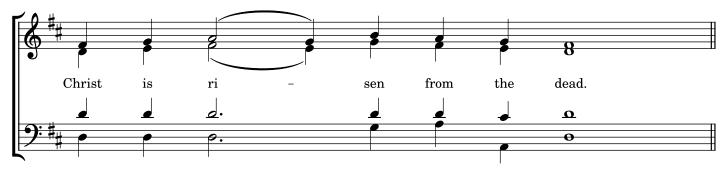




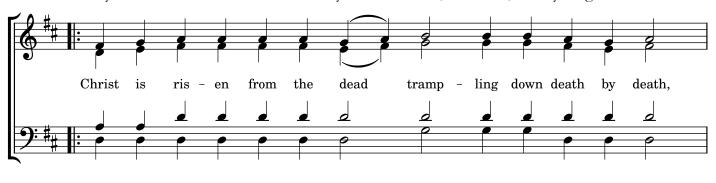
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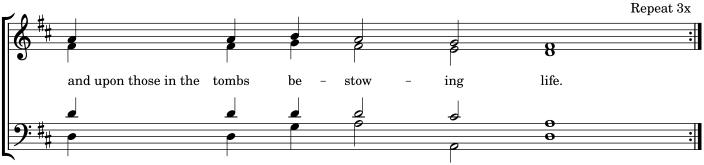


Now all is filled with light: heaven and earth and the lower regions. Let all creation celebrate the rising of Christ. In Him we are established.



Yesterday I was buried with Thee, O Christ. Today I arise with Thee in Thy resurrection. Yesterday I was crucified with Thee. Glorify me with Thee, O Savior, in Thy kingdom.





## The Little Litany

**Deacon:** Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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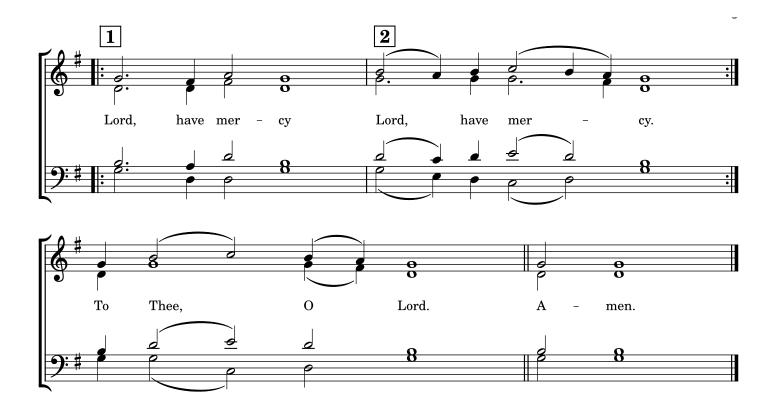
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**Priest:** For Thou art our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the

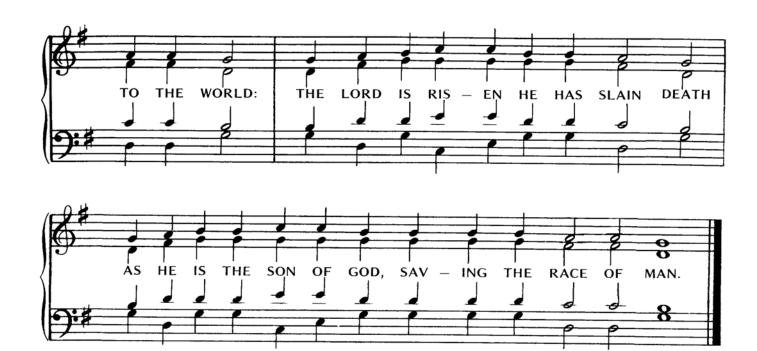
Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages.





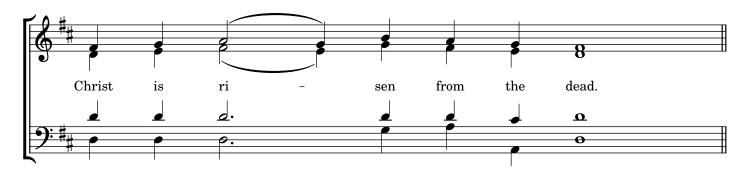
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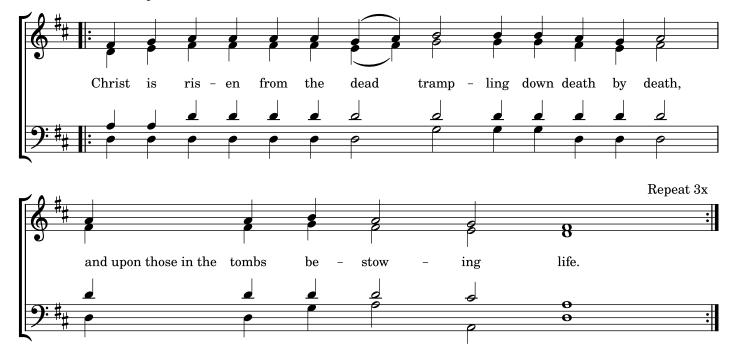
Christ our Pascha has appeared as a male child, the son that opens a virgin womb. He is called the Lamb as one destined to be our food, unblemished for He has not tasted of defilement, and perfect for he is our true God.

## Christ is risen from the dead! (same music as above)

Christ, the crown with which we are blessed, has appeared as a yearling lamb. Freely He has given Himself as our cleansing Paschal sacrifice. From the tomb He has shown forth once again, our radiant sun of righteousness.

## Christ is risen from the dead! (same music as above)

David, the ancestor of God, leaped and danced before the ark which prefigured Thee. Now let us, the holy people of God, seeing the fulfillment of all figures, rejoice in piety, for Christ is risen as all-powerful.



## The Little Litany

**Deacon:** Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious

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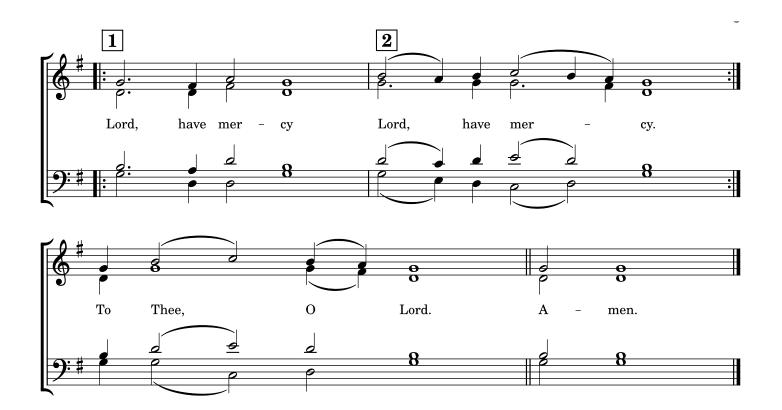
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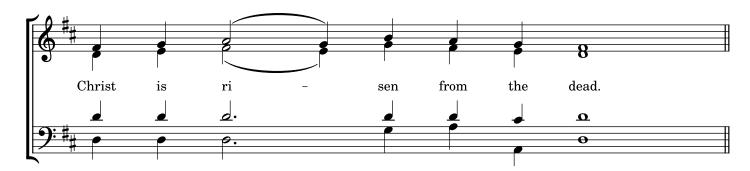
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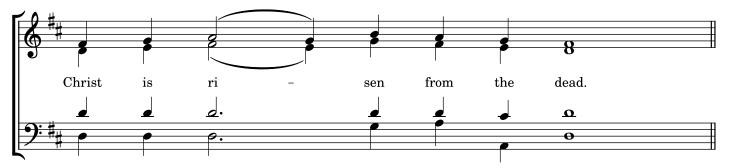




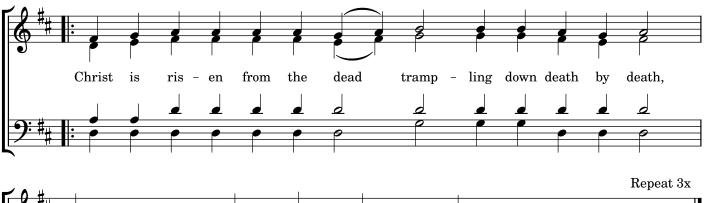


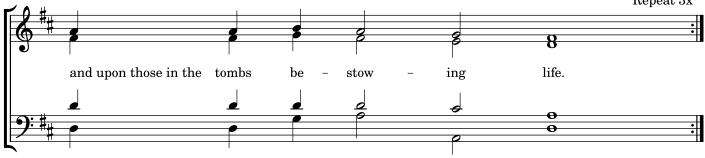


The souls bound in the chains of Hell, O Christ, seeing Thy compassion without measure, pressed onward to the light with joyful steps, praising the eternal Pascha.



Let us go with lamps in hand to meet Christ, who comes from the tomb like a bridegroom. And with the festive ranks of angels, let us celebrate the saving Pascha of God.





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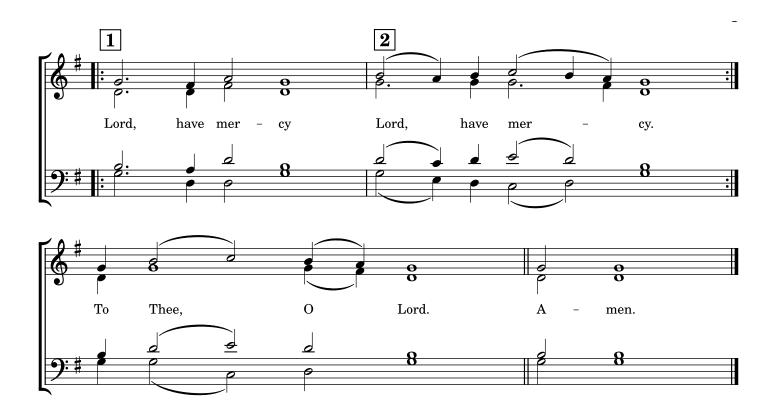
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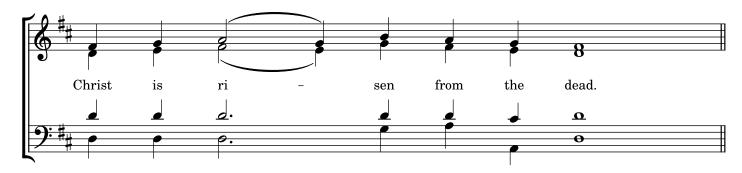
**Priest:** Sanctified and glorified is Thine all-honorable and majestic name of the Father

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

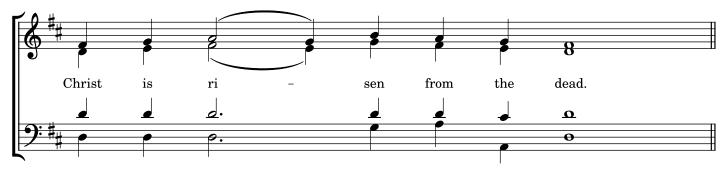




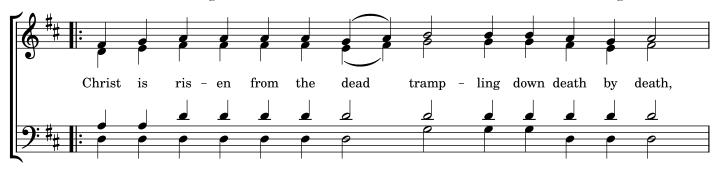
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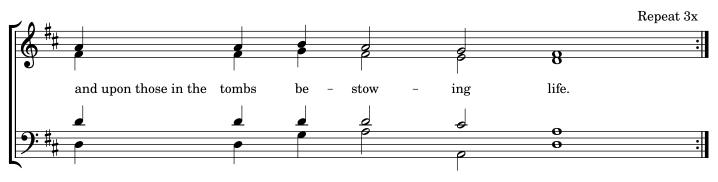


Thou didst arise, O Christ, and yet the tomb remained sealed, as at Thy birth the Virgin's womb remained unharmed; and Thou hast opened for us the gates of paradise.



O my Savior, as God, Thou didst bring Thyself freely to the Father, a victim living and unsacrificed, resurrecting Adam, the father of us all, when Thou didst arise from the grave.





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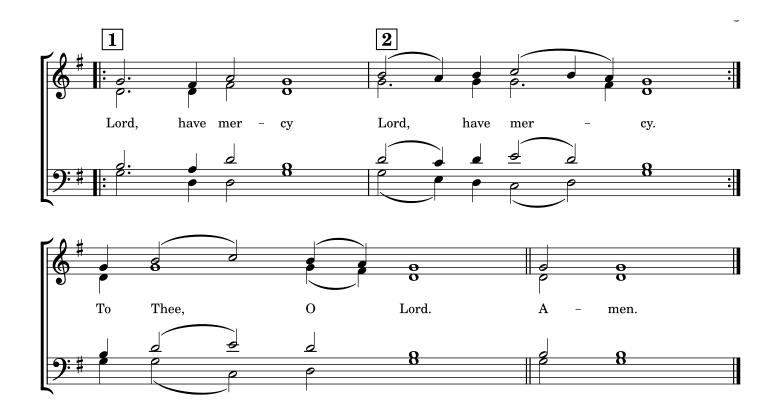
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**Priest:** For Thou art the King of Peace, and the Savior of our souls, and unto Thee we

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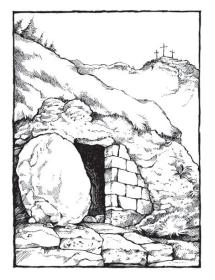
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## The Kontakion



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#### Oikos

Before the dawn, the myrrh-bearing women sought, as those who seek the day, their sun, who was before the sun yet had descended to the grave, and they cried to each other: 'O friends, come let us anoint with spices His life-bearing yet buried body, the flesh which raised the fallen Adam and now lies in the tomb. Let us assemble and, like the Magi, let us hasten and let us worship. Let us bring myrrh as a gift to Him who is wrapped now, not in swaddling clothes, but in a winding-sheet. Let us lament and cry: 'Arise, O Master, and bestow resurrection on the fallen.'

#### **Synaxarion**

On the Holy and Great Sunday of Passover we celebrate the life-giving resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ; for Christ

alone did descend with condescension to fight Hades. And he ascended, bringing the abundant spoils of victory which he had snatched.

Mary the Magdalene and the rest of the women who were present at the Savior's burial on Friday evening, returned that very day from Golgotha to the city and prepared ointment and spices, that they might come later and anoint the body of Jesus. They rested the next day, Saturday, in fulfillment of the commandment. And on the following day, which was Sunday and which the Evangelists call the first day of the week, which fell on the twenty-fifth of March, or thirty-six hours after death of lifegiving Jesus, the women came to the sepulcher with their prepared ointments. And as they were pondering the difficulty of rolling the stone from the gate of the sepulcher, a great earthquake took place. An angel of the Lord came down, whose appearance was like lightning and his clothes like snow, and rolled away the stone and sat thereon. The guards trembled with fear, became like dead, and fled. The women entered the sepulcher and found not Jesus, but rather two other angels in the form of men dressed in white raiment who proclaimed to them the resurrection of the Savior, commanding them to hasten and give the good news to the disciples. In the meantime Peter and John, who had received the report from Mary Magdalene, hastened and entered the tomb and found there only the linen clothes. They returned with great joy to the city, and began to preach the supernatural resurrection of Christ, having seen him alive in truth five times that very day.

For this joyful resurrection we therefore celebrate today, kissing one another in Christ with the brotherly kiss, illustrating thereby the dissolution of the enmity that was between us and God, and our reconciliation through Christ. This Feast was called 'Passover' from the Jewish name; for Christ by His passion and resurrection translated us from the curse of Adam and the bondage of Satan to the ancient liberty and bliss. As for the day of the week, which is called in Hebrew the first day, dedicated to our Lord for his glorification and magnification, it is called in Greek *Kyriaki*, or the Lord's Day. The disciples transferred to it the dignity of the Sabbath after the law of the Old Testament, and prescribed that it be a holiday and a day of rest.

To him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen!





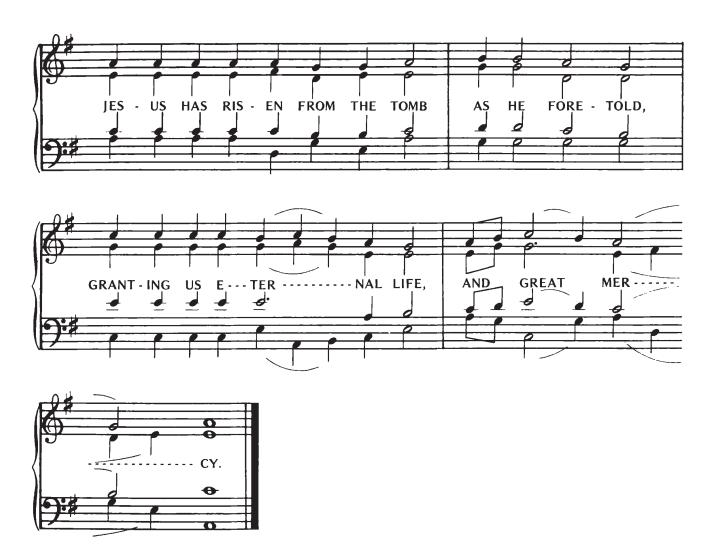
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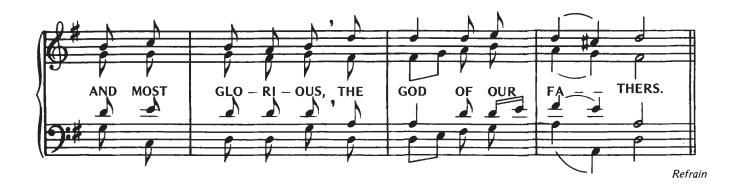


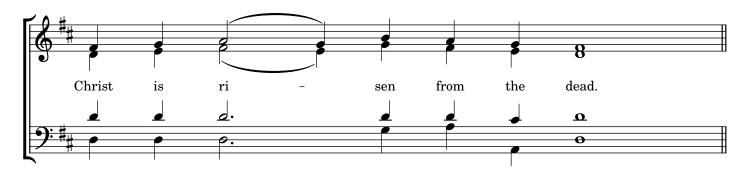




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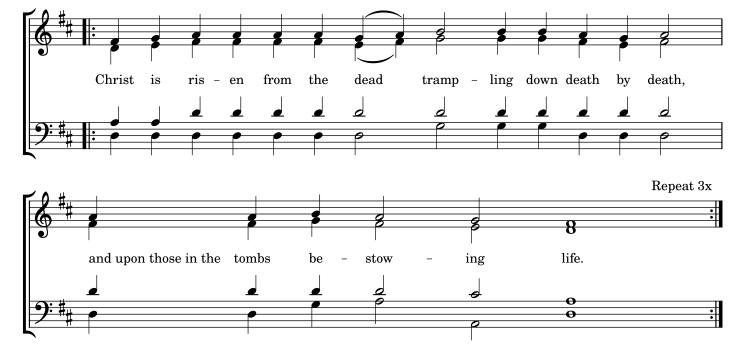
The godly women hastened to Thee with myrrh, O Christ. In tears they had sought Thee as a dead man, but in joy they worshipped Thee as the living God and proclaimed the mystical Pascha to Thy disciples.

#### Christ is risen from the dead! (same music as above)

We celebrate the death of death and the overthrow of Hell, the beginning of another life which is eternal, and in exultation we sing the praises of its source. He alone is blessed and most glorious: the God of our father.

## Christ is risen from the dead! (same music as above)

This is the bright and saving night, sacred and supremely festal. It heralds the radiant day of the resurrection on which the tieless light shown forth from the tomb for all.



**Deacon:** Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious

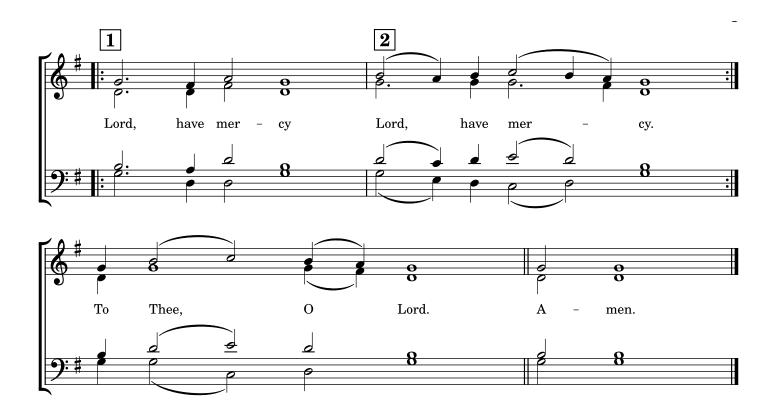
Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend

ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

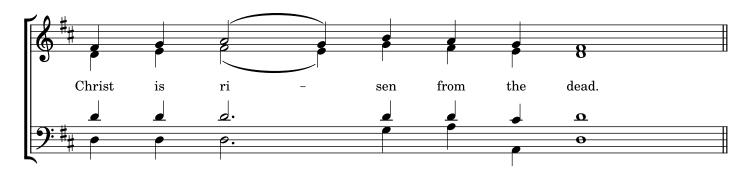
**Priest:** For blessed and glorified be the might of Thy Kingdom, of the Father and of

the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.









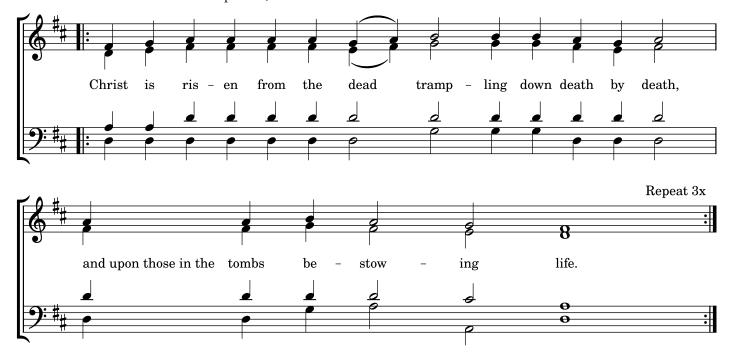
Come on this chosen day of the resurrection, let us partake of the new fruit of the vine. Let us share in the divine rejoicing of the kingdom of Christ, praising Him as God forevermore.

#### Christ is risen from the dead! (same music as above)

Lift up your eyes, O Zion, round about and see: your children like divinely shining stars assemble from the north, the south, the east, and the west to bless Christ in you forevermore.

#### (single chanter sings this) O most holy Trinity, our God: glory to Thee!

Father almighty, Word, and Spirit, one nature in three persons, surpassing essence and divinity. In Thee have we been baptized, and Thee we bless forevermore.



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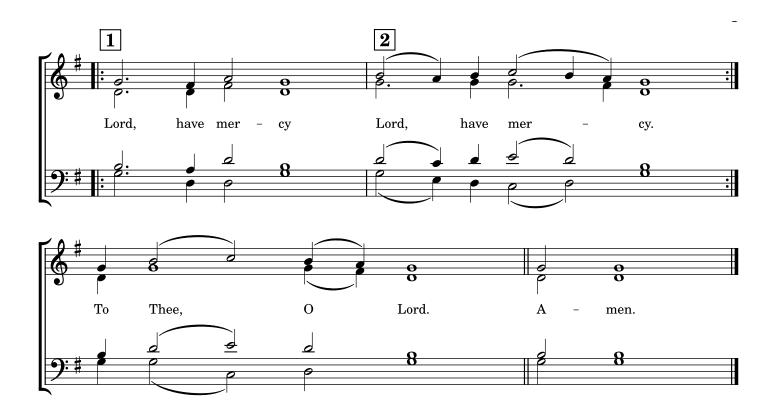
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ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** For blessed is Thy name and glorified is Thy Kingdom of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

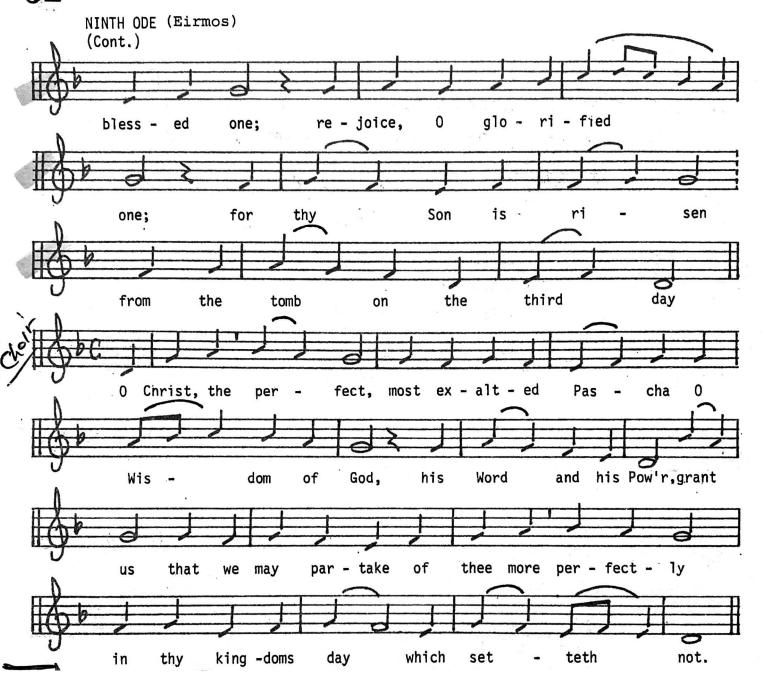












Now sing "The Angel Cried" (next page)



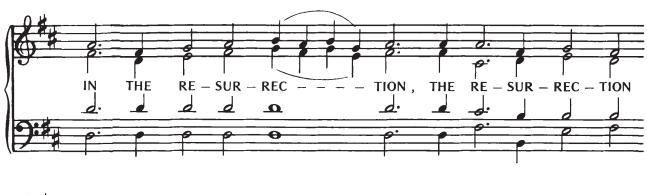


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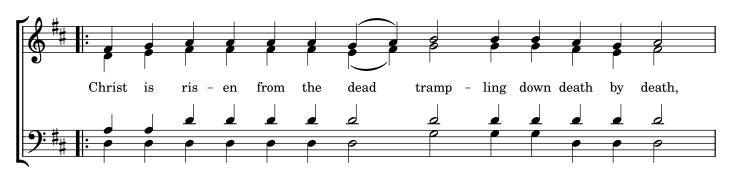
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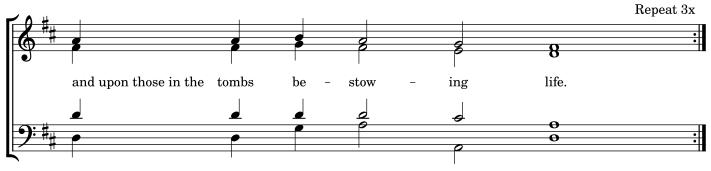






Paschal Troparion (three times)





**Deacon:** Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious

Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend

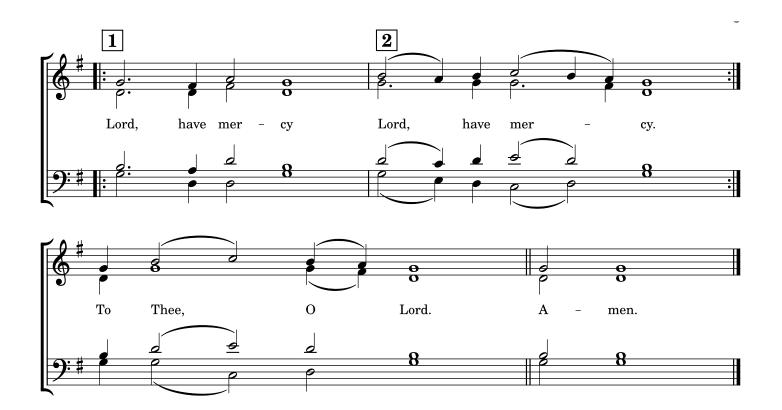
ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** For all the powers of heaven praise Thee, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, to

the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto

ages of ages.

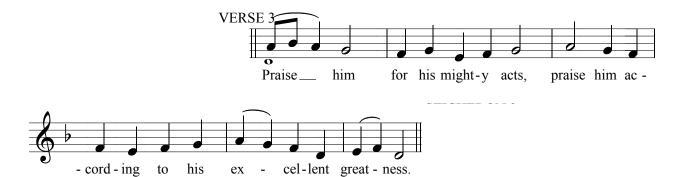




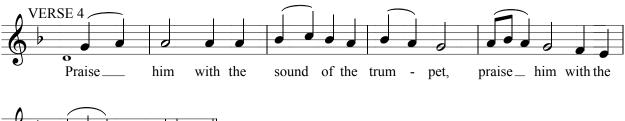
# Praises, Verses and Stichera \* (Ainoi)

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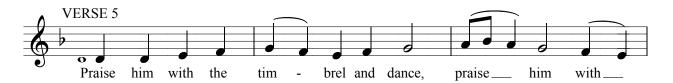


We praise Thy saving suffering, O Christ, and we glorify Thy resurrection!

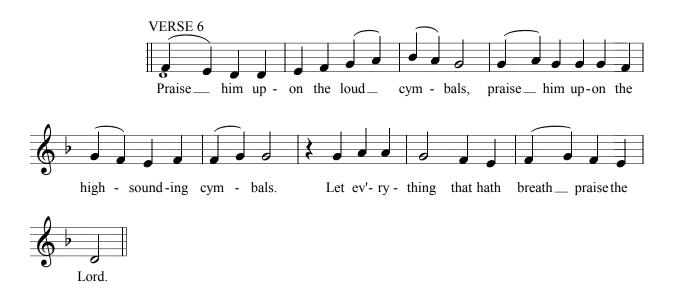




Thou didst endure the cross and destroy death by rising from the dead. Give peace to our life, O Lord, as the almighty one.



Thou didst capture Hell, O Christ, and resurrect man by Thy resurrection. Enable us to praise and glorify Thee in purity of heart.



We glorify Thy Divine condescension and we praise Thee, O Christ. Thou wast born of a virgin yet not separated from the Father. Thou hast suffered as a man and voluntarily endured the cross. Thou hast risen from the tomb, coming as from a bridal chamber to save the world. O Lord, glory to Thee!

#### THE PASCHAL VERSES

(Tone 5)

Let God arise... (music on next page)



















# IV. DIVINE LITURGY

**Deacon:** Father, bless!

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

# THE PASCHAL TROPARION

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those

in the tombs, bestowing life!

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon

those in the tombs, bestowing life! (twice)

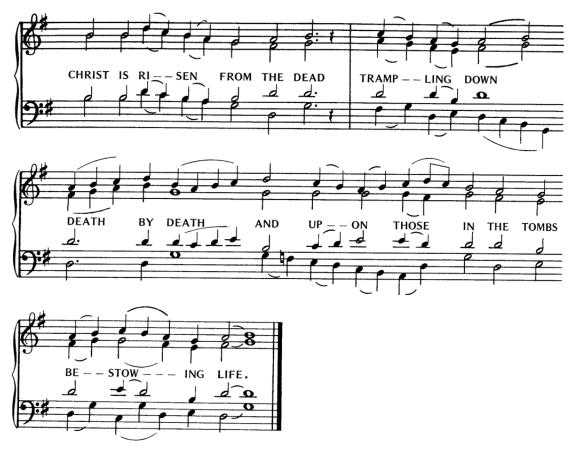
The Priest then intones the following Psalm verses, while the choir sings the above Troparion as a refrain after each one.

• Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, and let them who hate Him flee from before His face.

- As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish away, as wax melts before the fire.
- So let sinners perish at the presence of God; and let the righteous rejoice!
- This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death...

Choir: And upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!



# THE GREAT LITANY

**DEACON:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. (Repeat after each petition.)

**DEACON:** For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

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For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

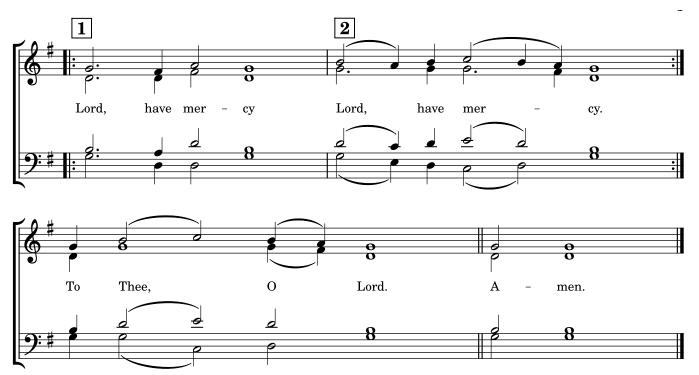
Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON:** Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: O Lord our God, whose might is beyond compare, whose glory is incomprehensible, whose mercy is boundless, and whose love toward mankind is ineffable: O Master, in Thy tender compassion look down upon us and upon this holy house, and grant us and those who pray with us Thy rich mercies and compassion. For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.



# THE FIRST ANTIPHON

**CHOIR:** Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His name, give glory to His praises.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works! Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy name, O Most High.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.



# THE LITTLE LITANY

**DEACON:** Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

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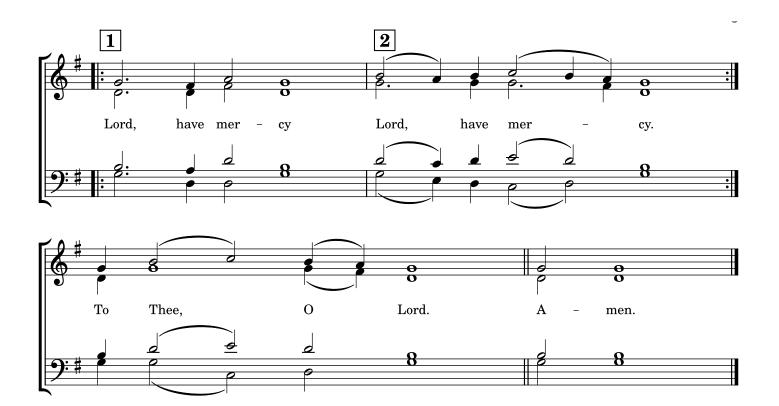
ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

**PRIEST:** O Lord our God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Preserve the

fullness Thy Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house; glorify them in recompense by Thy Divine power; and forsake not us who hope in Thee. For Thine is the might and Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and

unto ages of ages.



# **SECOND ANTIPHON**

(music on next page)

**CHOIR:** 

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia!

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations. Let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God; let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.

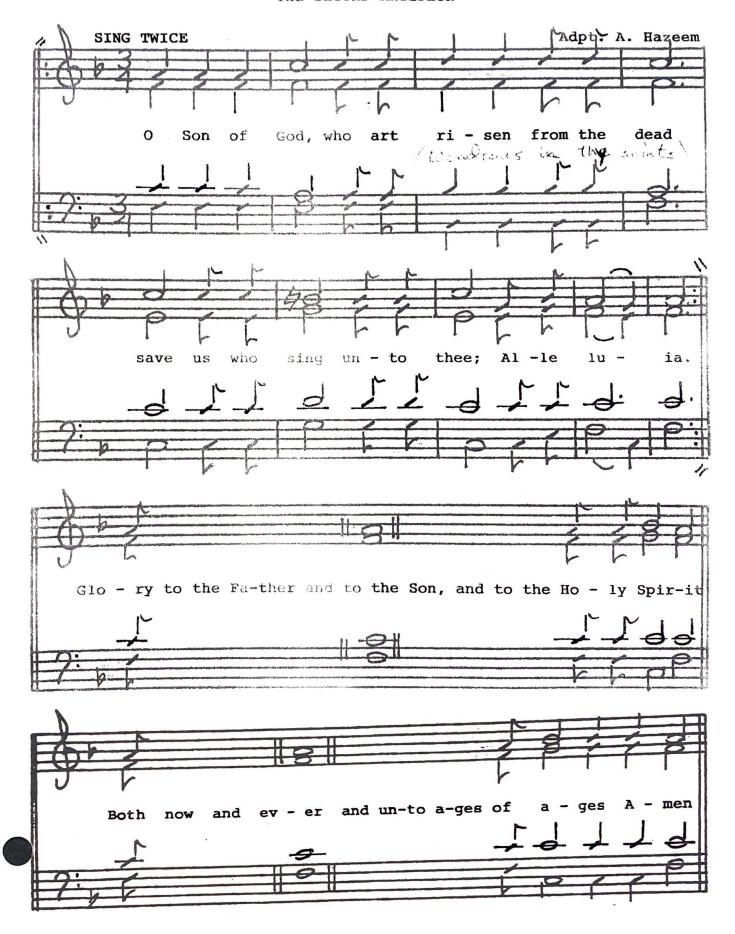
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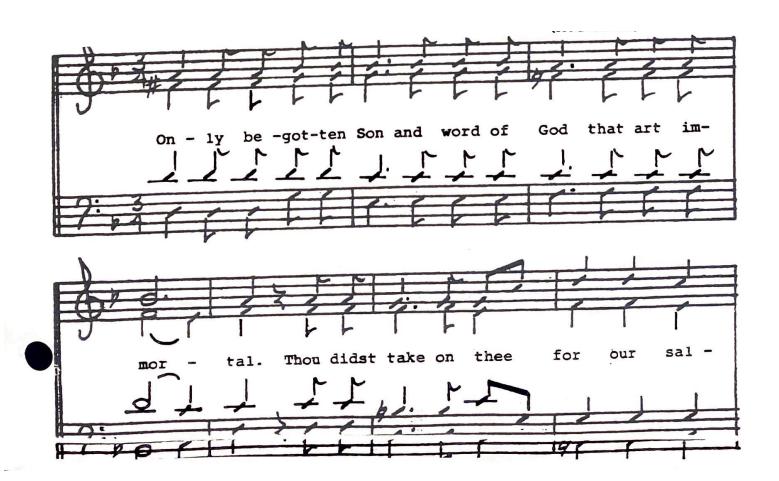
May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

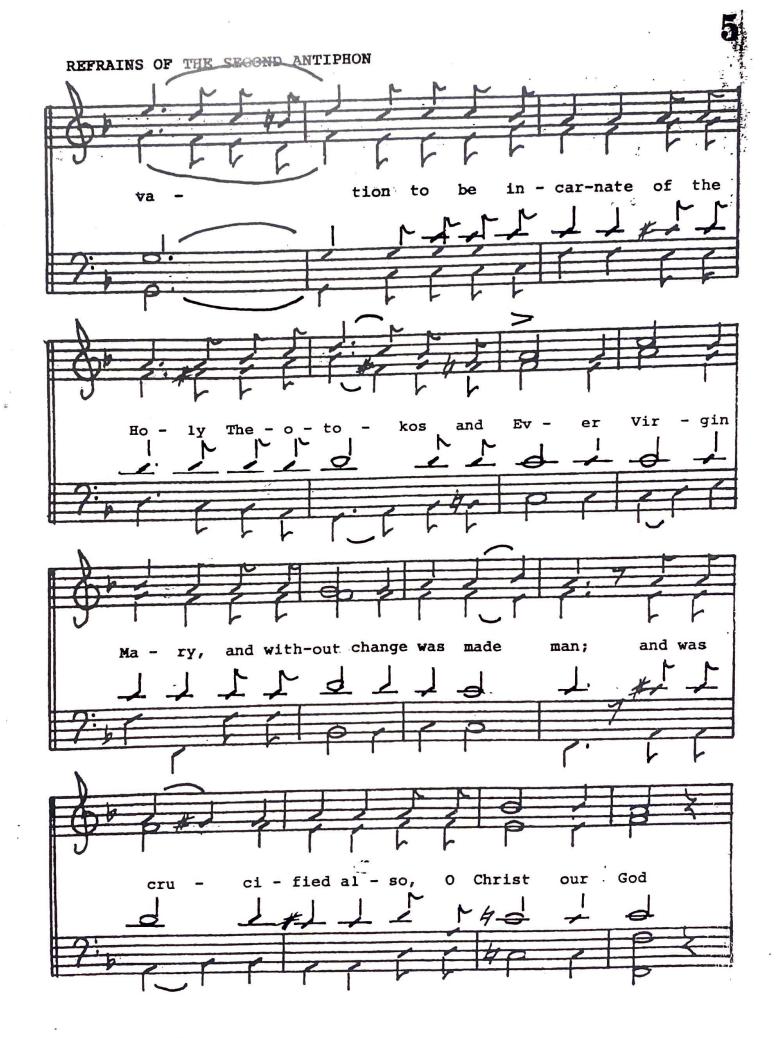
O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and Word of God, who art immortal: Thou didst take on Thee for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and evervirgin Mary, and without change was made man. And was crucified also, O Christ our God, and by Thy death had death subdued; who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit. O Savior, save us!









# THE LITTLE LITANY

**DEACON:** Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON:** Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us O God, by Thy grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

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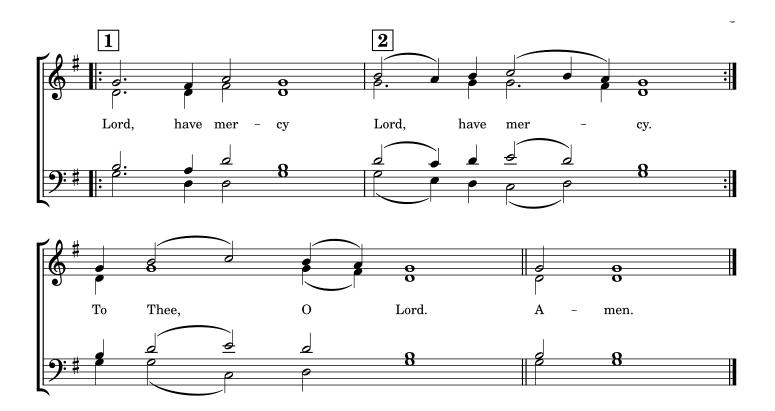
ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: O Thou who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our

common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world the knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. For Thou art a good God who lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now

and ever and unto ages of ages.



# THIRD ANTIPHON and LITTLE ENTRANCE

**CHOIR:** Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, and let them who hate Him flee from before His face.

Christ is risen from the dead...

As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish away, as wax melts before the fire.

Christ is risen from the dead...

So let sinners perish at the presence of God; and let the righteous rejoice!

Christ is risen from the dead...

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

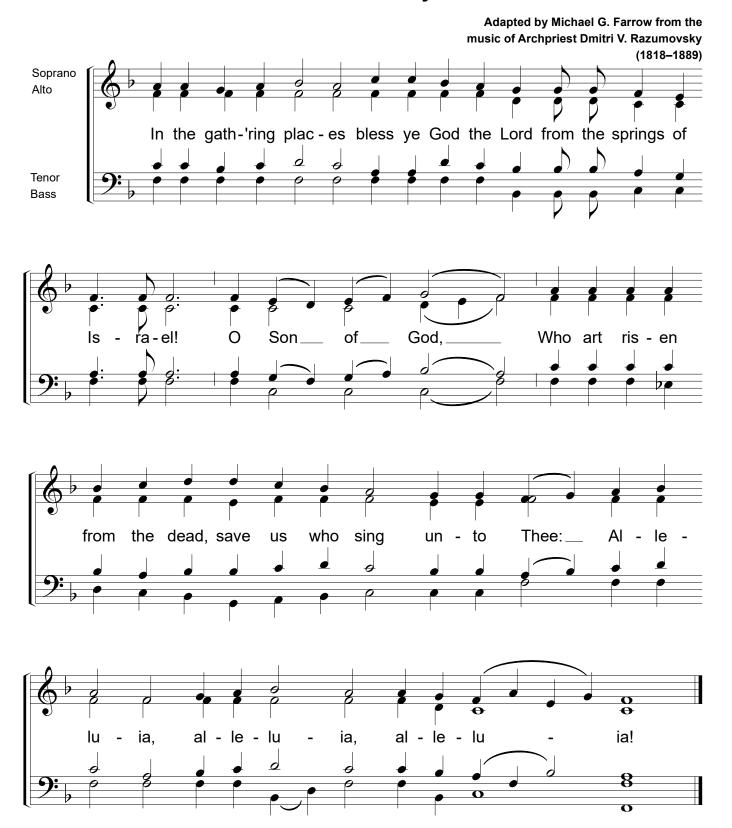
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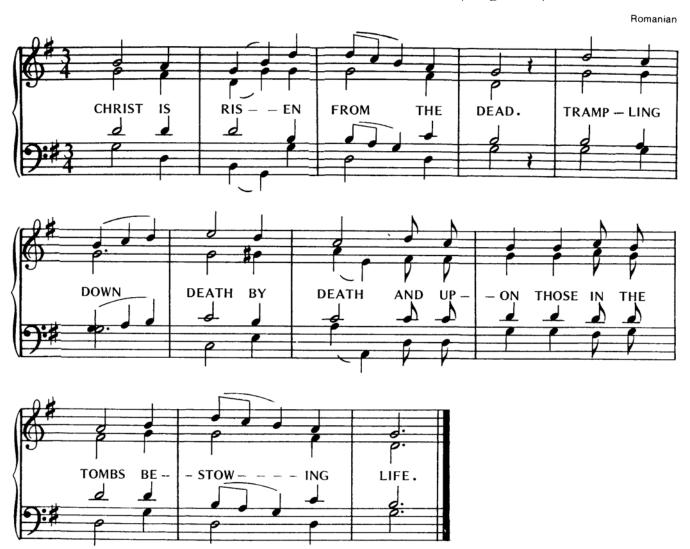
# FROM PASCHA to ASCENSION

#### Psalm 67:27

# **The Entrance Hymn**



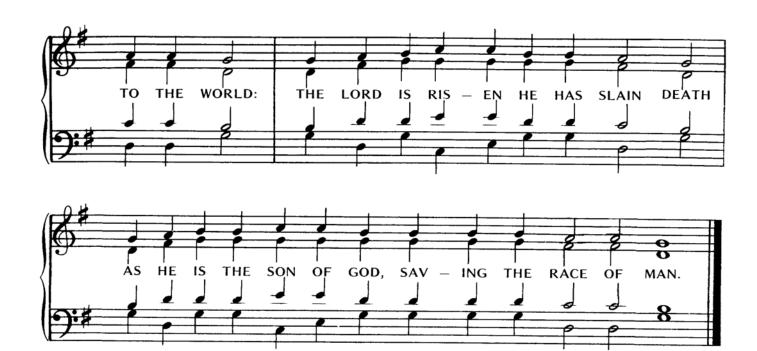
# Paschal Troparion (Sing once)





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# THE TRISAGION

**DEACON:** Let us pray to the Lord.

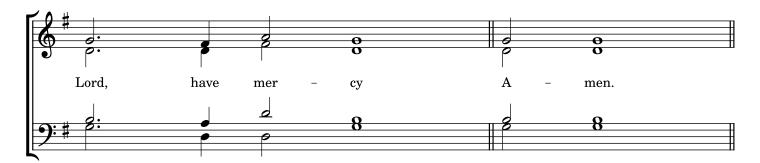
CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** For Holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever...

**DEACON:** ... and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

The deacon incenses the altar, icons, and people from the holy doors



CHOIR: As many as have been baptized... (music on next page)



Performance Notes: May be sung unison, with ison (bass part) or in four parts. Each repetition may build on the last: begin unison, then add ison, then add the tenor and alto on the third repetition.

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# THE EPISTLE READING

**DEACON:** Let us attend!

**READER:** This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein! O

give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.

**DEACON:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)

**DEACON:** Let us attend!

**READER:** In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and

teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

**PRIEST:** Peace be to thee who readest.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



#### THE GOSPEL READING

**DEACON:** Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

**PRIEST:** Peace be to all.

CHOIR: And to thy spirit. (music below)

**DEACON:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:1-17)

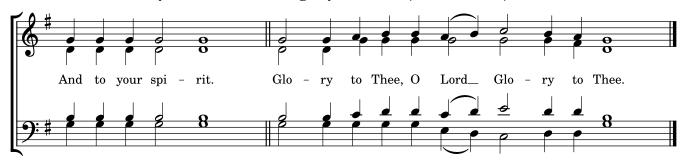
CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee. (music below)

**DEACON:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. John bore witness to Him, and cried, 'This was He of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.' And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord; glory to Thee. (music below)



After the Scripture readings:

- The priest preaches his homily
- The priest reads St. John Chrysostom's Paschal homily
- The choir sings St. John Chrysostom's troparion.



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# LITANY FOR THE CATECHUMENS

This is usually omitted.

**DEACON:** Pray to the Lord, ye catechumens.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. (Repeat after each petition)

**DEACON:** Let us, the faithful, pray for the catechumens, that the Lord will have mercy on

them.

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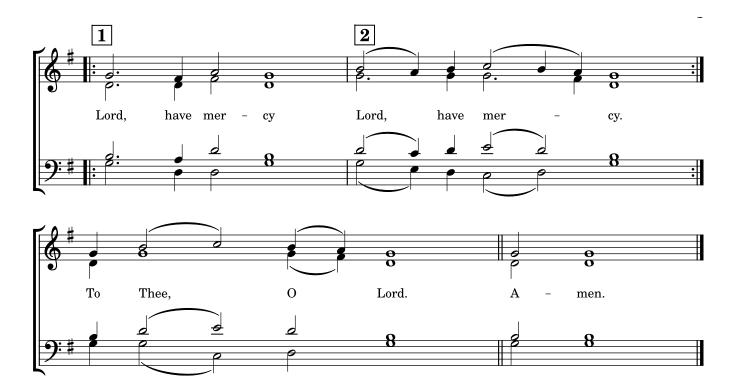
Bow your heads unto the Lord, ye catechumens.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: O Lord our God, who dwellest on high and regardest the humble of heart, who hast sent forth as the salvation of the race of men Thine only-begotten Son, our God, the Lord Jesus Christ: Look down upon Thy servants the catechumens, who have bowed their necks before Thee. Make them worthy in due season of the laver of regeneration, the forgiveness of sins, and the robe of incorruption. Unite them to Thy Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and number them with Thine elect flock, that with us they may glorify Thine all-honorable and

majestic name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and

ever and unto ages of ages.



# PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord God of hosts, who hast made us worthy to stand even now before Thy holy altar and to fall down before Thy compassions for our sins and the ignorance of the people. Receive our supplications, O God; make us worthy to offer unto Thee prayers and supplications and bloodless sacrifices for all Thy people. And enable us, whom Thou hast placed in this Thy ministry, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, blamelessly and without offense, in the pure witness of our conscience, to call upon Thee at all times and in every place, that hearing us Thou mayest show mercy upon us according to the fullness of Thy goodness. For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

**PRIEST:** 

Again and oftentimes we fall down before Thee and beseech Thee, O good one who lovest mankind, that looking down upon our petition Thou wilt cleanse our souls and bodies from every defilement of flesh or spirit, and grant us to stand blamelessly and without condemnation before Thy holy altar. Grant also, O God, to those who pray with us growth in life and faith and spiritual understanding. Grant them always blamelessly to serve Thee with fear and love and to partake without condemnation of Thy holy mysteries and to be accounted worthy of Thy heavenly kingdom...

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us O God, by Thy grace.

Wisdom!

**PRIEST:** That guarded always by Thy might, we may ascribe glory unto Thee: to the

Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

# Cherubic Hymn

Monk Martin



Monastery of St. John, 2009



# THE LITANY OF THE PROTHESIS

**DEACON:** Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

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**DEACON:** That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask the Lord.

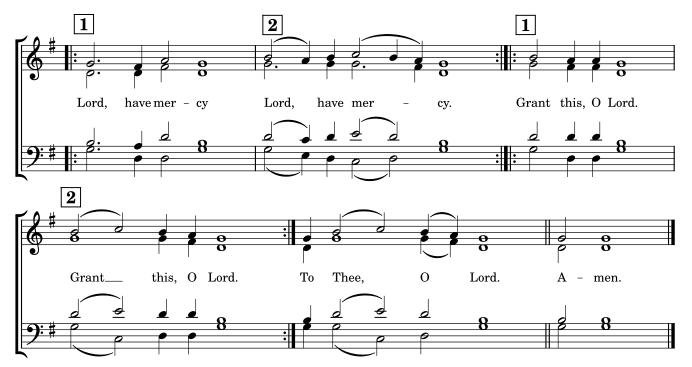
CHOIR: Grant this, O Lord.

...

**DEACON:** Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: O Lord God Almighty, who alone art holy, who dost accept the sacrifice of praise from those who call upon Thee with their whole heart: Receive also the prayer of us sinners, lead us to Thy holy altar, and enable us to offer unto Thee gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our sins and for the errors of the people. And make us worthy to find grace in Thy sight, that our sacrifice may be acceptable unto Thee, and that the good Spirit of Thy grace may rest upon us and upon these gifts here spread forth, and upon all Thy people. Through the compassion of Thine only-begotten Son with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.



# THE SIGN OF PEACE

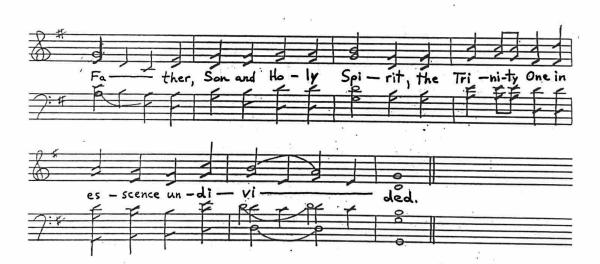
# [All Stand.]

Priest: Peace be to all.

All:



Priest: Let us love one another, that with one accord we may confess:



[The people exchange a handshake or embrace and greet one another with the peace of Christ. After a suitable interval the deacon calls all to attention to make our common confession of faith.]

Priest: Christ is in our midst.

All: He is and ever shall be.

Deacon: The doors! In wisdom let us attend.

# THE CREED

All:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very-God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;

And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father:

And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets;

And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

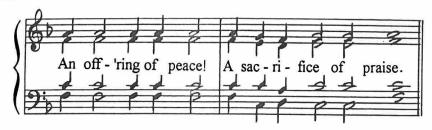
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the Resurrection of the dead,

And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Deacon: Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear! Let us attend, that we may offer the holy offering in peace.

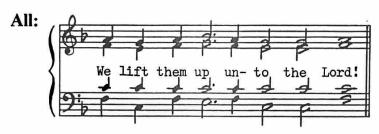
# All:



Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

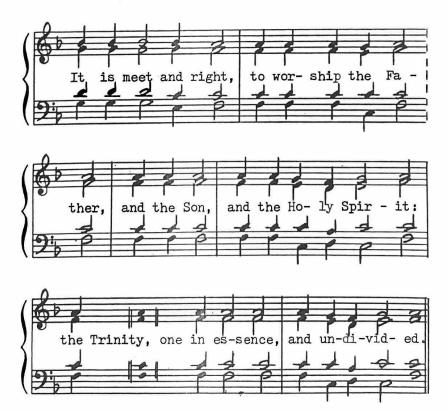


Priest: Let us lift up our hearts.



Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

# All:





Priest: Take! Eat! This is My Body which is broken for you, for the remission of sins.

All: Amen.

Priest: And likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying:

Drink from it all of you! This is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins.

All: Amen.

Priest: Remembering this saving commandment and all that has been done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the sitting at the right hand, and the second and glorious coming:

We offer You Your own, from what is Your own, on behalf of all, and for all.

All:



The people should **not** kneel here (no kneeling during the 40 days of Pascha)

**PRIEST:** Again we offer unto Thee this reasonable and bloodless worship, and beseech

Thee and pray Thee and supplicate Thee: Send down the Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these gifts here spread forth...

The priest makes the sign of the cross over the holy bread with his right hand.

**DEACON:** Bless, Father, the holy bread.

**PRIEST:** And make this bread the precious Body of Thy Christ...

CHOIR: Amen.

The priest makes the sign of the cross over the chalice with his right hand.

**DEACON:** Bless, Father, the holy cup.

**PRIEST:** And that which is in this cup, the precious Blood of Thy Christ...

CHOIR: Amen.

The priest makes the sign of the cross over both with his right hand.

**DEACON:** Bless both, Father.

**PRIEST:** Changing them by Thy Holy Spirit.

CHOIR: Amen, amen, amen.

PRIEST: That to those who shall partake thereof, they may be unto vigilance of soul,

unto forgiveness of sins, unto the communion of Thy Holy Spirit, unto the fulfillment of the Kingdom of Heaven, unto boldness toward Thee, not unto

judgment nor condemnation.

#### THE INTERCESSIONS

**PRIEST:** And again we offer unto Thee this reasonable worship for all those who in faith

have gone before us to their rest: forefathers, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, ascetics, and every righteous spirit made perfect in faith, especially our all-holy, immaculate,

most blessed and glorious lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary.

The priest incenses the consecrated gifts, and blesses the antidoron and offerings.

CHOIR: The Angel cried... (next page)



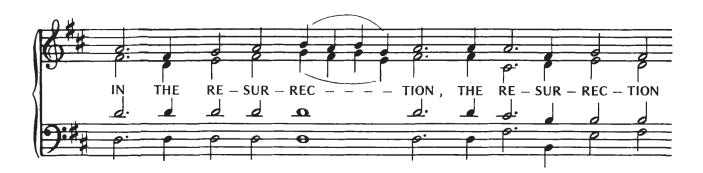


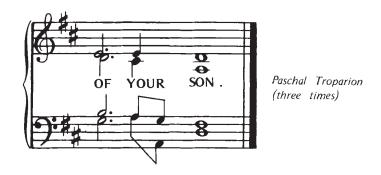
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**PRIEST:** And for the holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; the holy glorious, and all-laudable apostles...

(Louder) Among the first be mindful, O Lord, of our Father Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_, and our Bishop \_\_\_\_\_, whom do Thou grant unto Thy holy churches in peace, safety, honor, health, and length of days, rightly dividing the word of Thy truth.

**DEACON:** And of all those here present, those whom they are remembering and of all mankind.

CHOIR: And of all mankind.

**PRIEST:** Be mindful, O Lord, of this city in which we dwell, and of every city and countryside, and of those who in faith dwell therein.

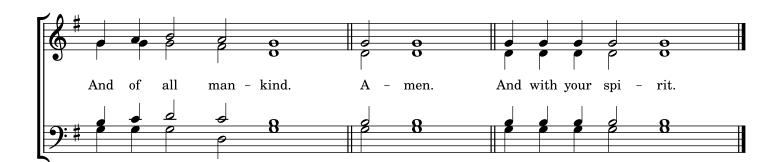
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And grant us with one mouth and one heart to glorify and praise Thine all-honorable and majestic Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

**PRIEST:** The mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be with all of you.

CHOIR: And with your spirit.



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**DEACON:** Having commemorated all the saints: Again and again in peace, let us pray to

the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

. . .

**DEACON:** Asking for the unity of the faith and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us

commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

**PRIEST:** Unto Thee we commend our whole life...And vouchsafe, O Master, that with

boldness and without condemnation we may dare to call upon Thee, the

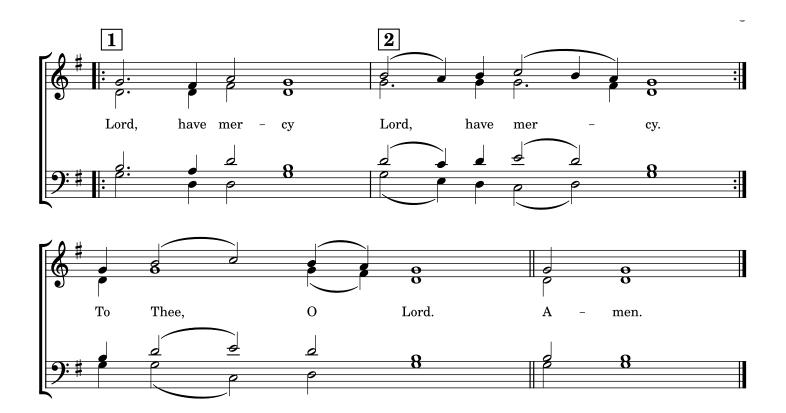
Heavenly God as Father, and to say:

ALL: Our Father...

**PRIEST:** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.



**PRIEST:** Peace be to all.

CHOIR: And to your spirit.

**DEACON:** Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

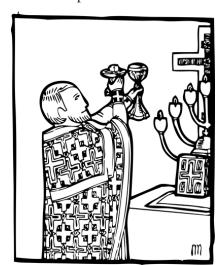
CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

**PRIEST:** We give thanks unto Thee, O King invisible, who by Thy boundless power hast

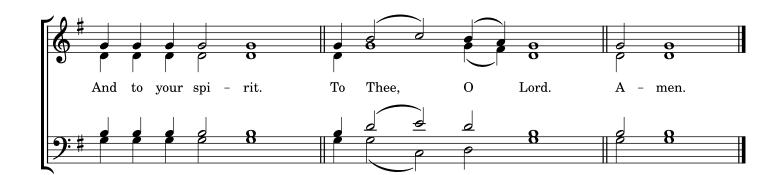
made all things, and in the multitude of Thy mercy hast brought all things from nothing into being. O Master, look down from Heaven upon those who have

bowed their heads unto Thee; for they have not bowed down unto flesh and blood, but to Thee, the fearful God. Therefore, O Master, distribute these gifts here spread forth, unto all of us for good, according to the individual needs of each: voyage with those who sail by sea; journey with those who travel by land and air; and heal the sick, Thou who art the Physician of our souls and bodies.

Through the grace and compassion and love toward mankind of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.



CHOIR: Amen.



### THE ELEVATION

PRIEST: Hear us, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, from Thy holy dwelling-place, and from the throne of the glory Thy kingdom. Come to sanctify us, O Thou who sittest on high with the Father, and art here invisibly present with us; and vouchsafe by Thy mighty hand to impart unto us Thine immaculate Body and precious Blood, and through us unto all the people.

The priest makes three low bows before the altar.

**PRIEST:** O God, be gracious unto me a sinner. (Thrice)

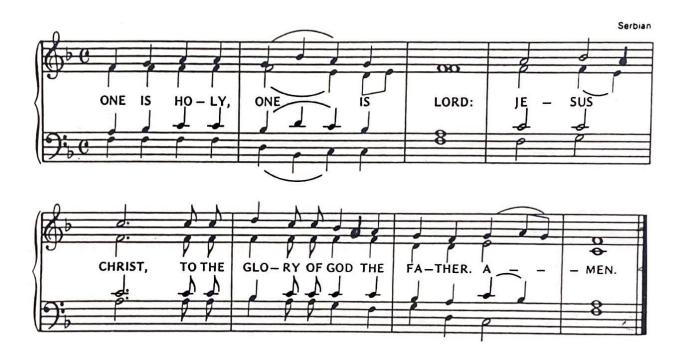
Then the priest takes up the Holy Bread in both hands and elevates it.

**DEACON:** Let us attend!

**PRIEST:** Holy Things are for the holy.

CHOIR: One is Holy, one is Lord: Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the

Father. Amen.



### **HOLY COMMUNION**

The priest and deacon prepare the Body and Blood of our Lord while we recite the following.

ALL: I believe, O Lord, and I confess, that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

And I believe that this is truly Thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly Thine own precious Blood. Wherefore, I pray Thee, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of Thy mysteries to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief will I confess Thee: 'Remember me, O Lord, in Thy kingdom.' Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of Thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto healing of soul and body.

CHOIR: Receive ye the Body of Christ... (next page)

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# FROM PASCHA TO ASCENSION Communion Hymn (2A)



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#### **COMMUNION HYMN VERSES**

- 1. Great is the mystery of Thy Resurrection, O Christ! (from the Pentecostarion)
- 2. From the supper the Immortal One willingly comes to the passion. (Sticheron Idiomelon for Holy Monday)
- 3. Then was Hades, who accounted and demanded of souls, embittered at the encounter. (Catechetical Sermon on the Resurrection of St. John Chrysostom)
- 4. Then was Mary, who annointed and worshipped God before the tomb, made glad. (Based on John 14-18, 20)
- 5. Tell Peter and the other apostles that the Immortal One hath risen from the dead. (Based on Mark 16:7)





### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

- 1. Receive the Body of Christ Serbian Melody
- 2. Let God Arise
- 3. Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ
- 4. Christ is Risen Romanian
- 5. Christ is Risen American Folk Style
- 6. Resurrectional Troparion Tone 1
- 7. Resurrectional Troparion Tone 2
- 8. Resurrectional Troparion Tone 3
- 9. Resurrectional Troparion Tone 4
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- 13. Resurrectional Troparion Tone 8

### The Communion Hymn

























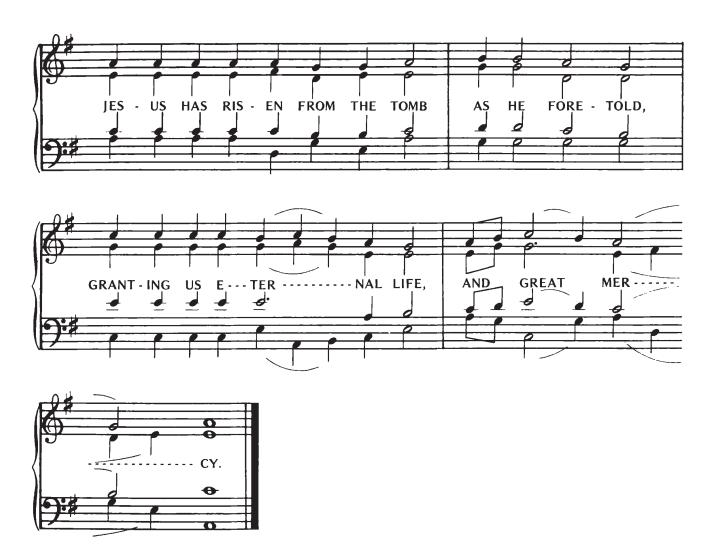
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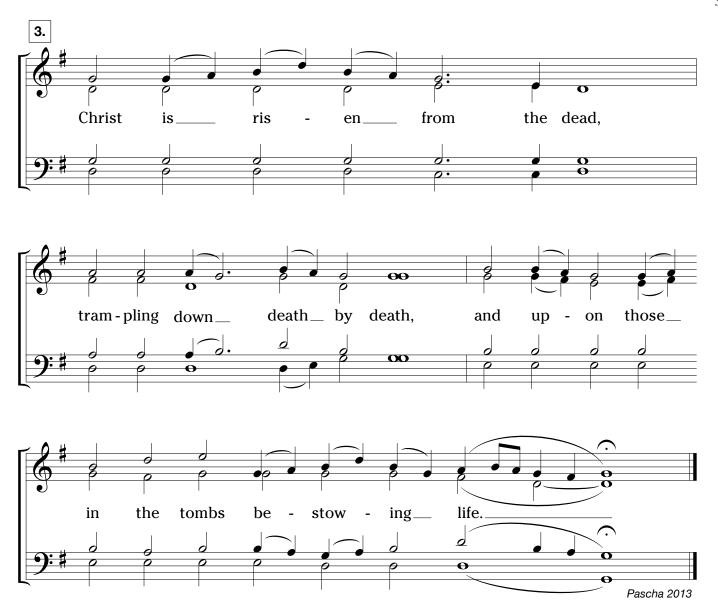
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### Christ Is Risen

(the Troparion of Pascha)





ABOUT THIS COMPOSITION

Father Jon Braun's journey from the Campus Crusade for Christ to the priesthood in the Orthodox Church has been marked by the quest for suitable music in worship. This missionary-minded pastor would exhort church musicians: "Give us music we can pray to!" with the added implication that some styles of music might be better suited for Orthodox worship in America than others. When the present setting of the Paschal Troparion took shape in this composer's mind, based on a pentatonic scale reminiscent of Appalachian folk songs and incorporating the open sonorities of shape-note singing, Father Jon immediately came to mind as the perfect recipient of the dedication. Indeed, a stylistic blending of musical elements that are recognizably "national" and at the same time exhibit tangible "folk" elements resonates in people's hearts in a manner that is entirely appropriate (and traditional) for Orthodox Christian worship.

—Vladimir Morosan









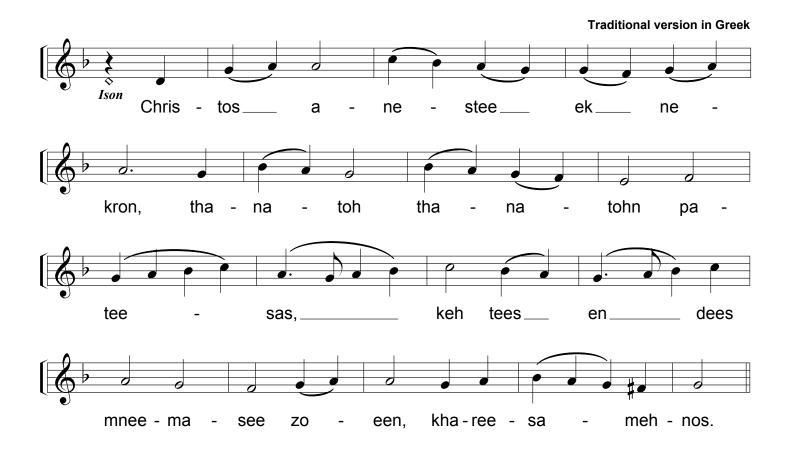








**PRIEST:** O God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!



**PRIEST:** Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let Thy glory be over all the earth. Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen. Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise... (next page)



### THE LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon: Let us attend! Having received the holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, life-giving and awesome mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks to the Lord.

All:



Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

All:



Deacon: Asking that the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

All:



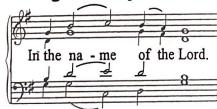
Priest: For You are our sanctification and we give glory to You, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

All:



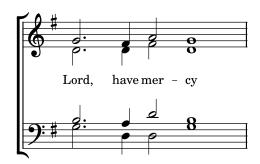
Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

All:



**DEACON:** Let us pray to the Lord.

#### **CHOIR:**



The priest comes and stands before the icon of Christ.

### THE PRAYER BEHIND THE AMBON

**ALL:** 

O Lord, who blesses those who bless Thee, and sanctifies those who put their trust in Thee: Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; preserve the fullness Thy Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house. Glorify them in recompense by Thy Divine power, and forsake us not who hope on Thee. Give peace to Thy world, to Thy churches, to the priests, to all civil authorities, to our armed forces, and to all Thy people: for every good and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from Thee, the Father of lights.

PRIEST:

And unto Thee we ascribe glory, thanksgiving, and worship to the Father and

to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen. Christ is risen... 3x (next page)

### **PASCHAL TROPARION**

(Sing 3 times)



The priest may say the prayers for the blessing of meat, eggs, and cheese before the final dismissal (otherwise, it will be after the service).

### THE DISMISSAL

**DEACON:** Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** The blessing of the Lord and His mercy come upon you through His Divine grace and

love toward mankind, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

**PRIEST:** Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope; glory to Thee!

CHOIR: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever

and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy.

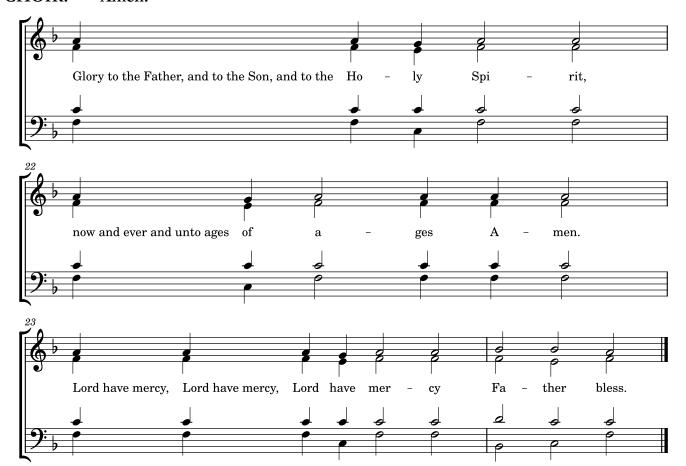
Father, bless.

**PRIEST:** May Christ our true God ...

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon

us and save us.

CHOIR: Amen.

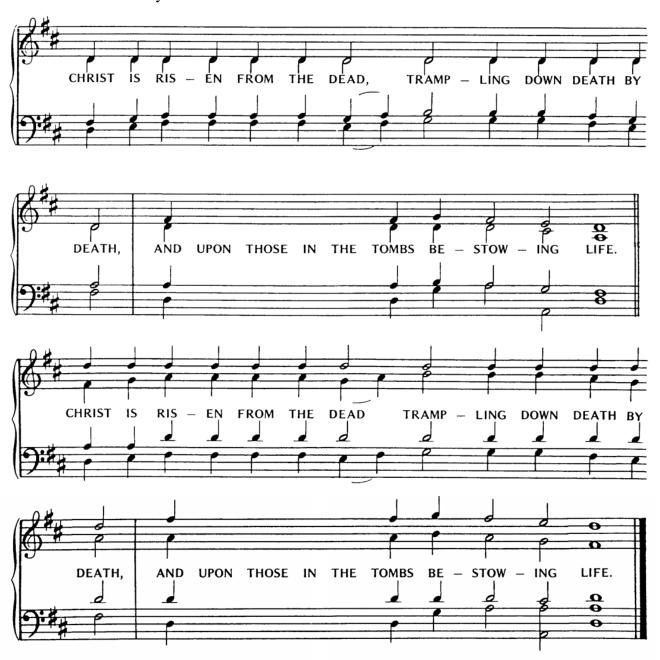


After the Dismissal, as the priest is blessing everyone with the Paschal candle:

**PRIEST:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

CHOIR: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life! (twice)

And unto us He has given eternal life; let us worship His resurrection on the third day.



And unto us... (next page)

