

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

March 11, 2007

Veneration of the Holy Cross

Hymn



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast
2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!
3. Be - fore You cross we bow to - day,
4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day
To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!
And hail You, Christ, our sav - ing Lord.
Who made and saves and sanc - ti - - - fies,

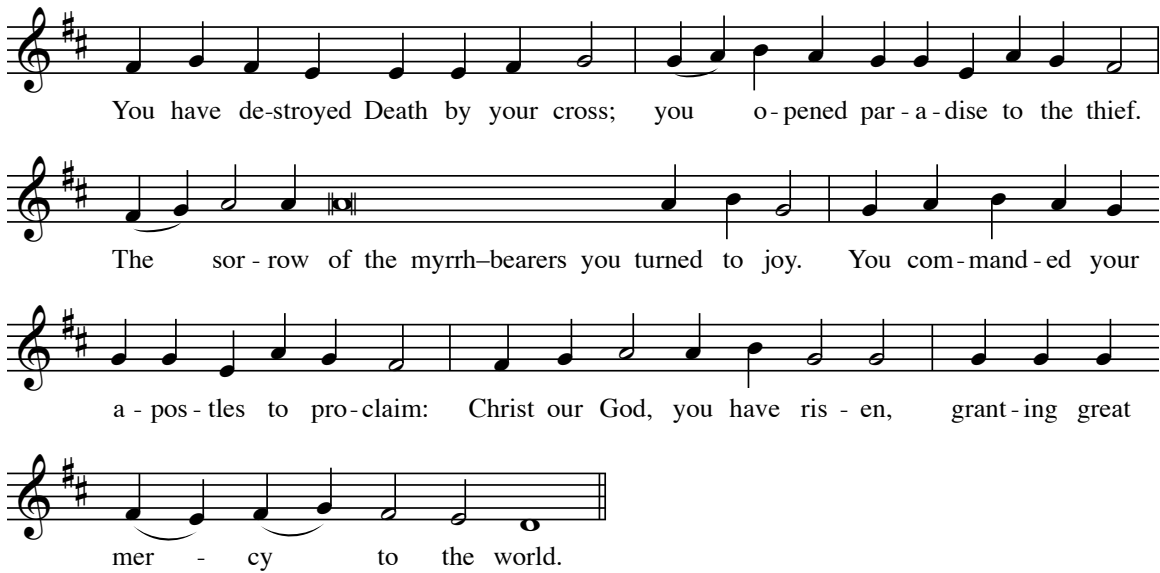


That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,
Let us cast off the weight of sin
With mid - Lent come, we claim Your grace;
All praise in heav - en now is sung,




We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.
And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.
Your peo - ple aid, Your help af - - - ford!
While earth with thanks and love re - - - plies!

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 7



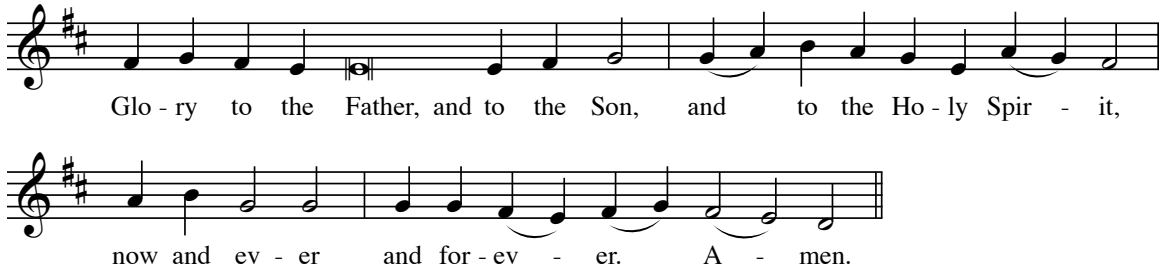
You have de-destroyed Death by your cross; you o-pened par-a-dise to the thief.
The sor-row of the myrrh-bearers you turned to joy. You com-mand-ed your
a-pos-tles to pro-claim: Christ our God, you have ris-en, grant-ing great
mer-cy to the world.

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1



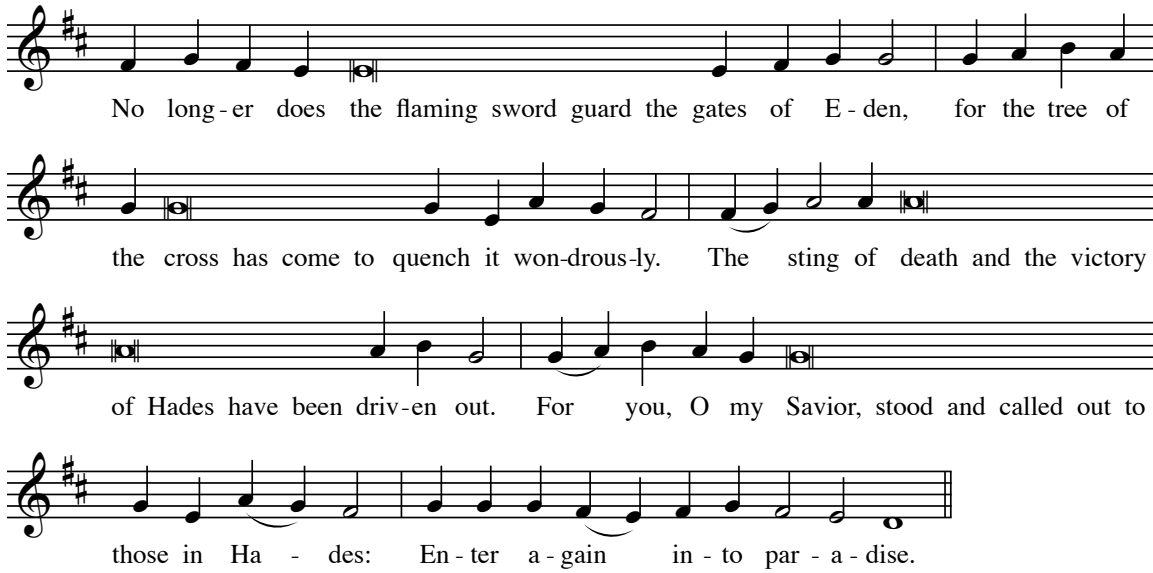
Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in-her-i-tance. Grant vic-to-ry
to your Church o-ver e-vil, and pro-TECT your peo-ple by your cross.

Cantor



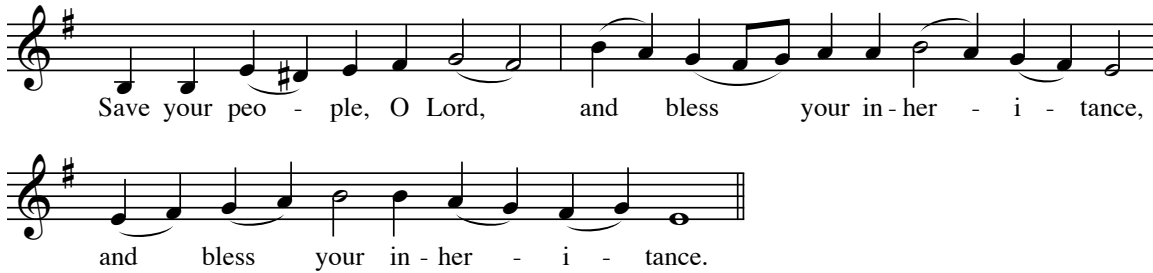
Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it,
now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

Kontakion - Tone 7



No long-er does the flaming sword guard the gates of E-den, for the tree of
the cross has come to quench it won-drous-ly. The sting of death and the victory
of Hades have been driv-en out. For you, O my Savior, stood and called out to
those in Ha - des: En - ter a - gain in - to par - a - dise.

Prokeimenon - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):



Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,
and bless your in - her - i - tance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 73:2,12):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.

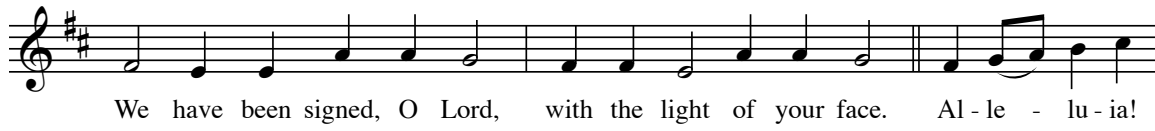
Verse: God is our King from all ages. He has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 4:7):

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We have been signed, O Lord, with the light of your face.



We have been signed, O Lord, with the light of your face. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!