

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

Sunday of the Forefathers

December 16, 2007

Hymn

melody: Mendelssohn



1. Let us now praise fa - mous men, tell their stor - ies
2. Those were hon - ored in their age— priest and mon - arch,
3. These, the god - ly ones, we praise, who en - dured the



once a - gain. Rul - ing king - doms in their might,
proph - et, sage— And have left be - hind a name,
dark - est days, Cov - en - ant - ed, Lord, with You,



known for val - or in men's sight. Those with coun - sel
which their chil - dren e'er can claim. Oth - ers, though, have
and Whose grace has seen them through. All our hymns of



true and wise, those who saw with proph - et's eyes—
run this race, van - ished, leav - ing not a trace,
praise we bring for their stead - fast - ness, O King!

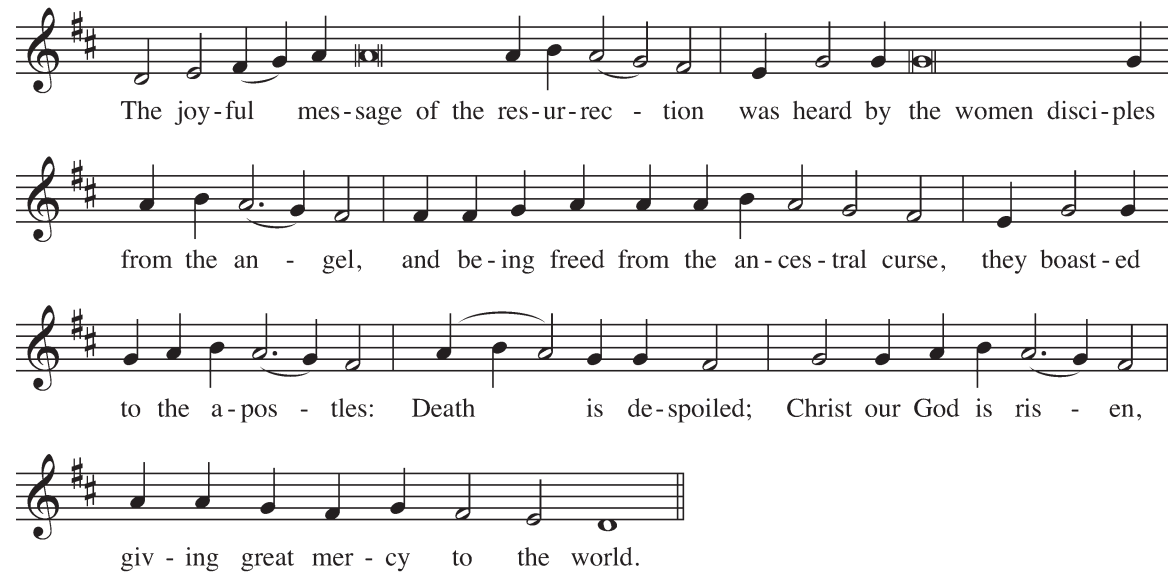


Those who wrote the psalms we sing; those who taught the sage and king.
As if they had nev - er been, they and chil - dren af - ter them.
From their seed, up - on this earth, You have tak - en hum - ble birth.



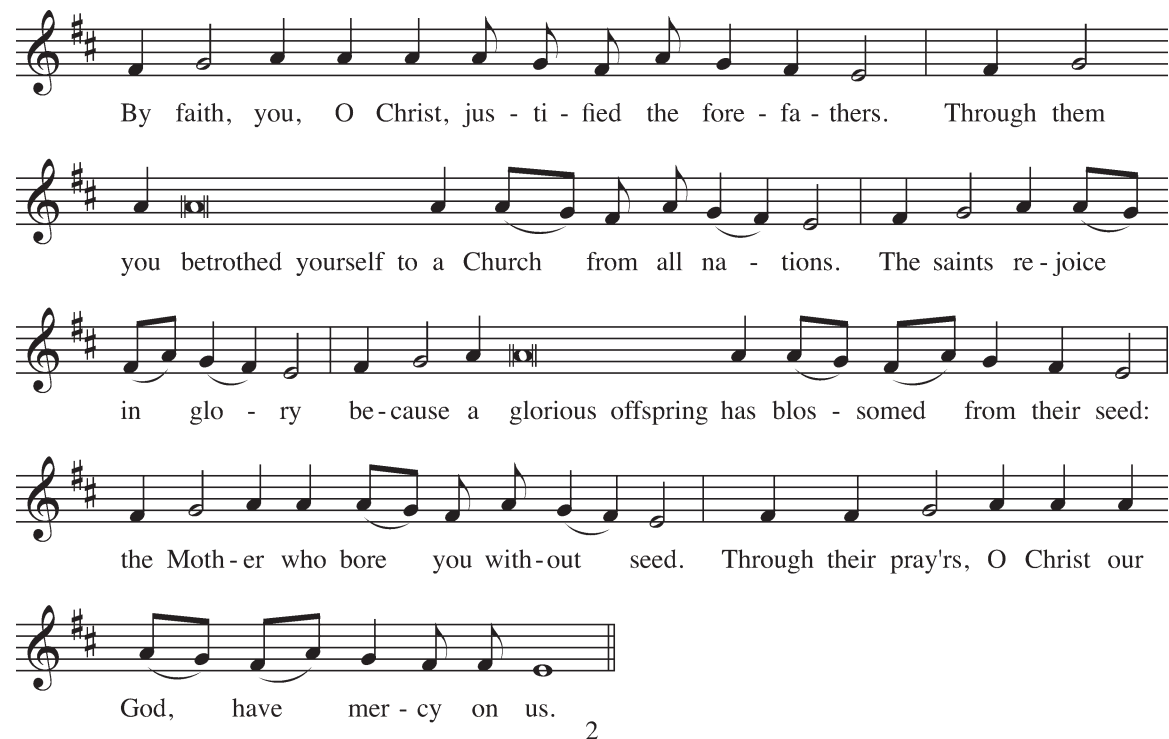
For their gifts and wit - ness, Lord, we sing praise with one ac - cord.

Troparion - Tone 4




The joy-ful mes-sage of the res-ur-rec - tion was heard by the women disci-ples
from the an - gel, and be-ing freed from the an-ces-tral curse, they boast-ed
to the a-pos - tles: Death is de-spoiled; Christ our God is ris - en,
giv - ing great mer - cy to the world.

Troparion of the Forefathers - Tone 2



By faith, you, O Christ, jus - ti - fied the fore - fa - thers. Through them
you betrothed yourself to a Church from all na - tions. The saints re - jice
in glo - ry be-cause a glorious offspring has blos - somed from their seed:
the Moth-er who bore you with-out seed. Through their pray'rs, O Christ our
God, have mer - cy on us.

For the Forefathers (Psalm 32:1):




Re - joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right is fit-ting.

Refrain




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

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 6




You did not wor - ship a man-made im-age, O thrice - bless'd youths. You




armed yourselves with uncreat-ed di - vin - i - ty. You were glo - ri - fied in the



trial by fire. With - stand - ing the flames, you stood and called out:



Has - ten, O compassionate God, and hurry to help us in your mer - cy.



For you can do what - ev - er you will.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):

Bless-ed are you and praise-wor-thy, O Lord, the God of our Fa - thers,
and glo - ri - ous for - ev - er is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 98:6):

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

Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

Verse: They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

Cherubic Hymn

Melody: O kto, kto

Let us who mys - tic - 'ly rep - re - sent the cher - u - bim and sing the
thrice - ho - ly hymn to the life - cre - at - ing, life - cre - at - ing Trin - i - ty
now set a - side all earth - ly cares.
A - men. That we may re - ceive the King of all, in - vis - i - bly es -

cort-ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - - - le - lu - ia.

Anamnesis Acclamation

We praise you, we bless, you, we thank you, thank you, O
Lord, and we pray to you, our God, and we pray to you, our God,
and we pray to you, our God.

Communion Hymn for Sundays (Psalm 148:1):

Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the high - est.
Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!