

Divine Liturgy Propers, December 23, 2007
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Ancestors

Hymn

melody: St. Louis (O Little Town of Bethlehem)



1. O come, you lov - ers of the feasts! With glad - ness let us raise
2. Be - liev - ers, let us praise this day The fa - thers on faith's trek;
3. For Mi - riam, Sar - ah, Ra - chel fair, For Han - nah and for Eve,
4. O Beth - le - hem, pre - pare your - self, O Eph - ra - thah, re - joice!



For Pa - tri - archs and Proph - ets blest A hymn of thank - ful praise!
For Ad - am, E - noch, No - ah and The great Mel - chiz - e - dek!
For all the moth - ers who con - ceived And bore those to be - lieve
The gate of E - den's o - pen wide! Cry out with joy - filled voice!

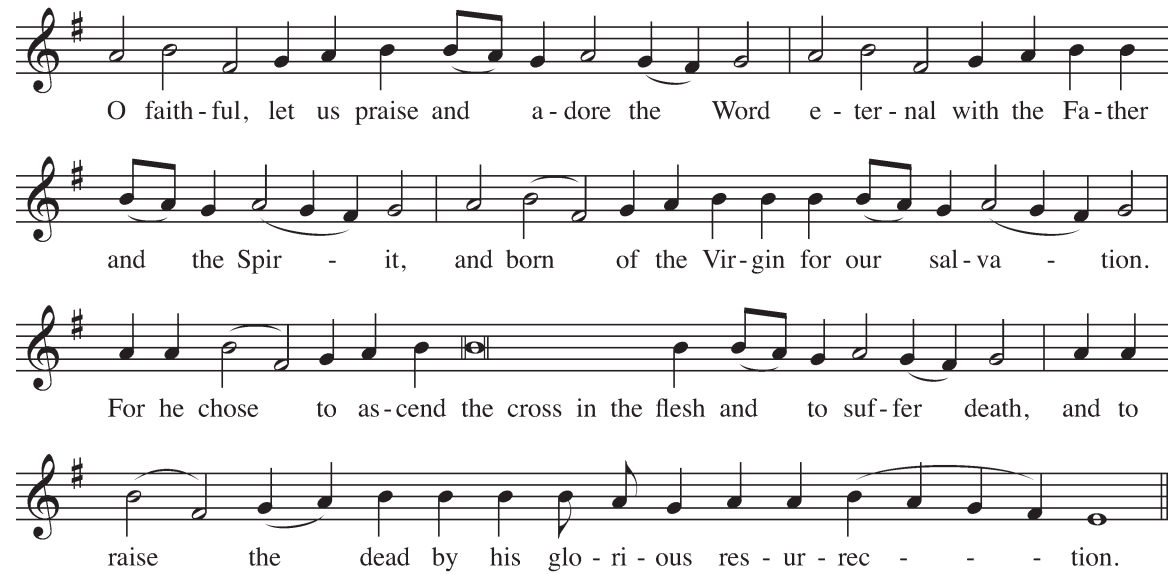


For A - bra - ham and I - saac And Ja - cob and his seed
For proph - ets like I - sai - ah, For Dan - iel and the youths
That God would keep His prom - ise, We give You thanks this day;
Our Christ makes haste to come now And brings us back to grace.



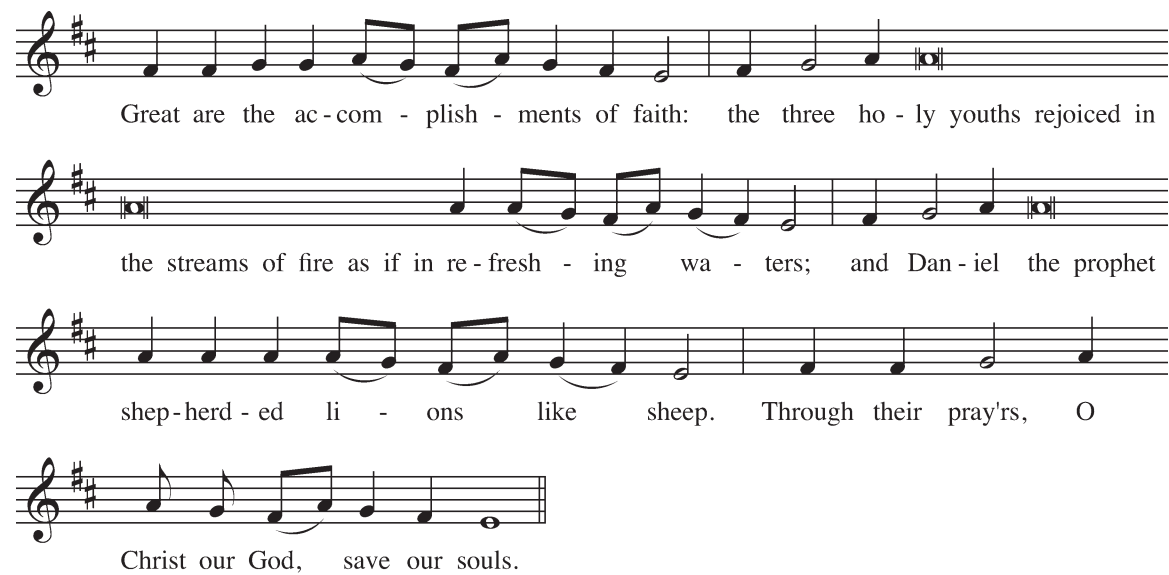
Whose cov - e - nant with God en - dured, We give You praise, in - deed!
Who, in the face of e - vil, still Pro - claimed Your ho - ly truths.
So give us grace, in all our deeds, To serve you, as did they!
Pre - pare your hearts, your homes, your lives! Give Christ the fin - est place!

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 5



O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e-ter-nal with the Fa-ther
and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal-va - tion.
For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf-fer death, and to
raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous res - ur - rec - - - tion.

Troparion of the Ancestors - Tone 2



Great are the ac-com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in
the streams of fire as if in re-fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet
shep-herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O
Christ our God, save our souls.

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 2

As we see the One who holds the world in his hands now wrapped in
swad-dling clothes in Beth-le-hem, let us of-fer our hymns in anticipation to
the one who gave him birth; for with a mother's joy she cra - dles the
Son of God.

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 43:2,8):

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

Verse: O God, we have heard with our own ears;
our fathers have told us the deed you did in their days.

Verse: You saved us from those who oppressed us; and those who hated us you put to shame.

Cherubic Hymn

Melody: O kto, kto

Let us who mys - tic - 'ly rep - re - sent the cher - u - bim and sing the

trice - 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 Sunday (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!

For the Ancestors (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!