

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Commemoration of our Venerable Father John Climacus,
March 2, 2008

Hymn



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast
 2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!
 3. O Mas - ter, as we keep this Fast,
 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!
 We hear the words of good Saint John
 Who made and saves and sanc - ti - - - fies,

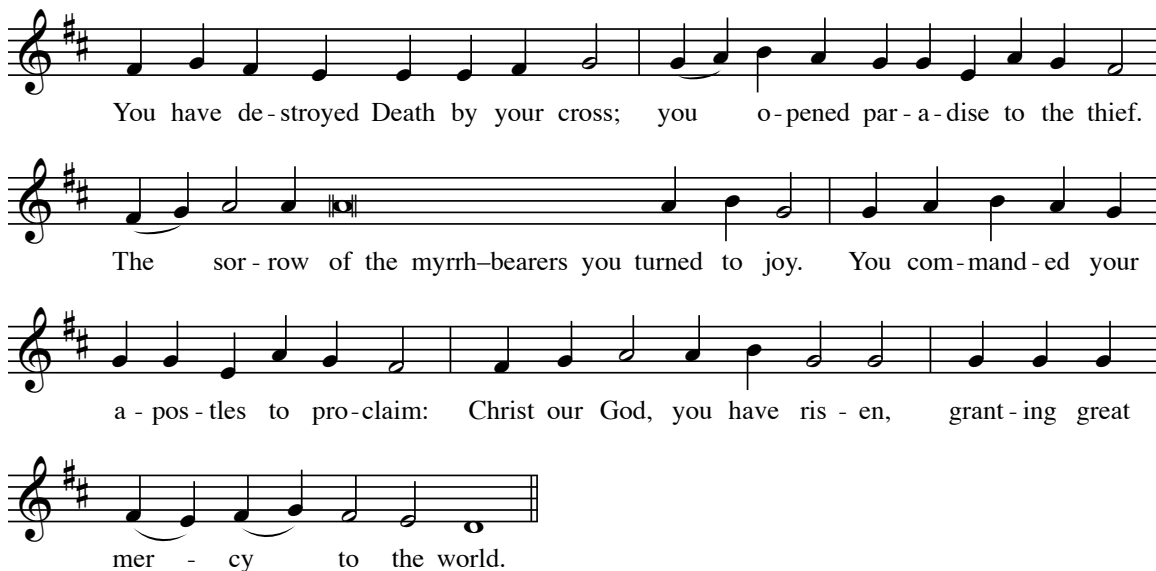


That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,
 Let us cast off the weight of sin
 And climb the lad - der of the cross,
 All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.
 And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.
 Which to Your glo - ry and leads us on.
 While earth with thanks and love re - - - plies!

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 7



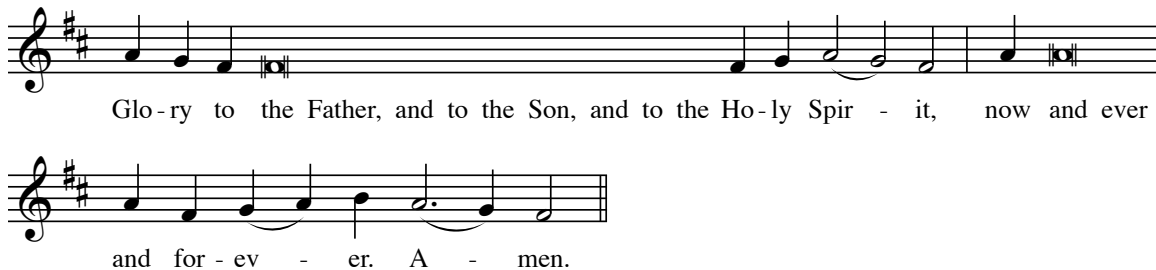
You have de-destroyed Death by your cross; you o-pened par-a-dise to the thief.
The sor-row of the myrrh-bearers you turned to joy. You com-mand-ed your
a-pos-tles to pro-claim: Christ our God, you have ris-en, grant-ing great
mer-cy to the world.

Troparion of John Climacus - Tone 4



O ven-'ra-ble John, we have found your god-ly deeds to be a divine ladder
lead-ing us to heav-en for you were a mod-el of vir-tue.
There-fore, beg Christ our God to save our souls.

Cantor



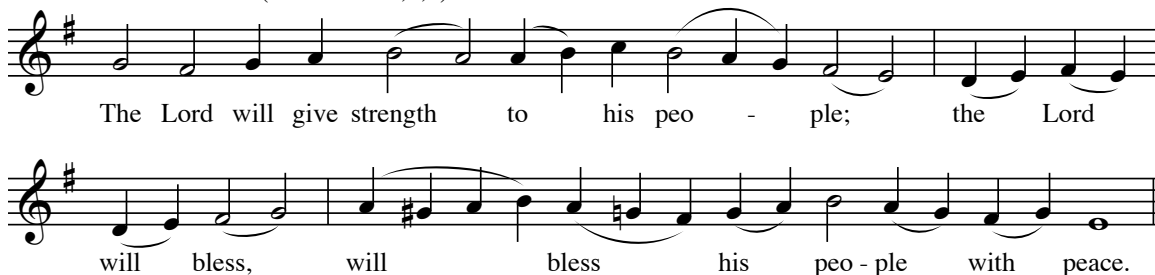
Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it, now and ever
and for-ev-er. A-men.

Kontakion - Tone 4



John, our teach-er and fa - ther, the Lord has raised you to the heights of
self-con-trol, to be a true guid-ing star en-light-en-ing the ends of the earth.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 28:11,1,2):



The Lord will give strength to his peo - ple; the Lord
will bless, will bless his peo - ple with peace.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, you sons of God; bring to the Lord glory and honor.

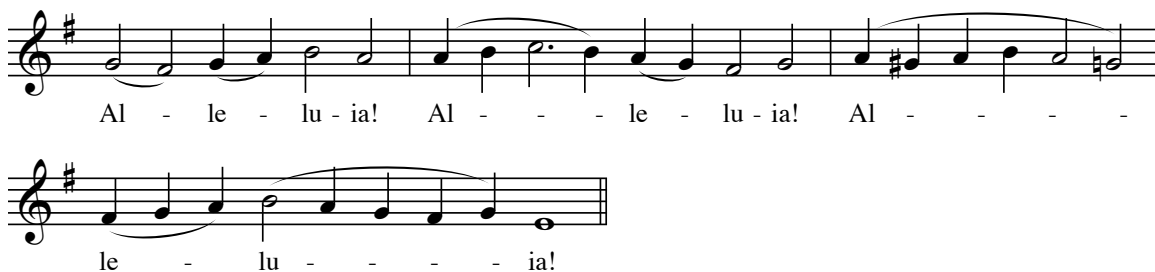
Immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of a Venerable - Tone 8 (Psalm 149:5):



Let the faith - ful re-joice in glo - ry, shout for joy, and take their rest.

Alleluia - Tone 7 (Psalm 91:2,3):



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

Verse: It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Verse: To proclaim your mercy in the morning, and your faithfulness throughout the night.

After the second verse:

Alleluia of a Venerable - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:14):




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

Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn for Sundays (Psalm 148:1):

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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the

Refrain



high - est, praise him in the high - est. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia!

And for a Venerable, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):

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The just man will be re - mem - bered for - ev - er; e - vil news he



will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia!