

**Divine Liturgy Propers, March 15, 2009**  
**Third Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**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 Your 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,

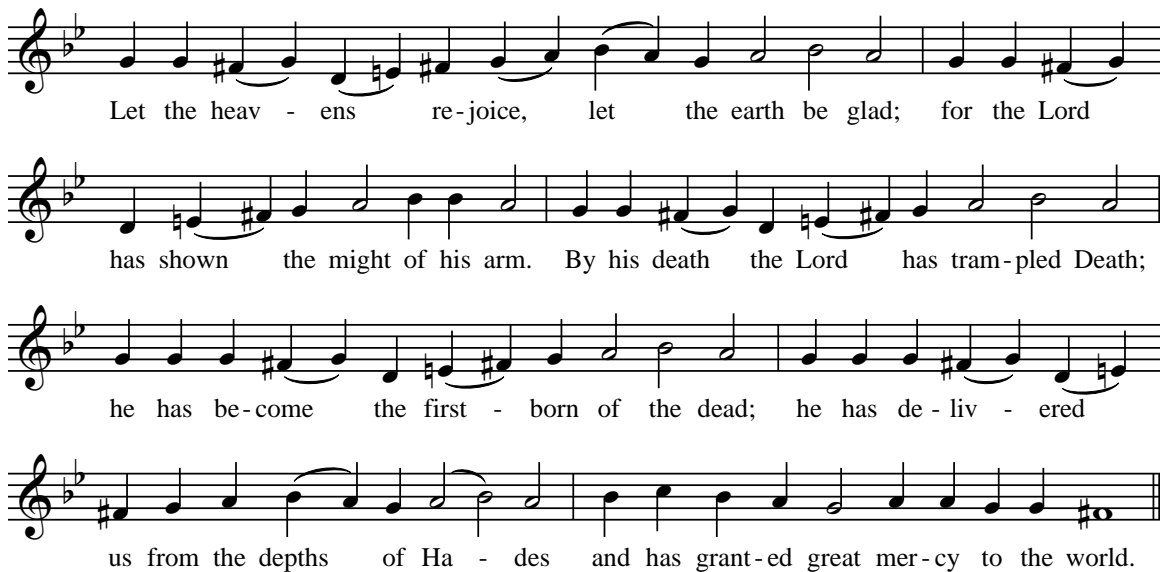


That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,  
 Let us cast off the weight of sin  
 With mid - Lent come, we claim Your grace;  
 All praise in heav - en now is sung,



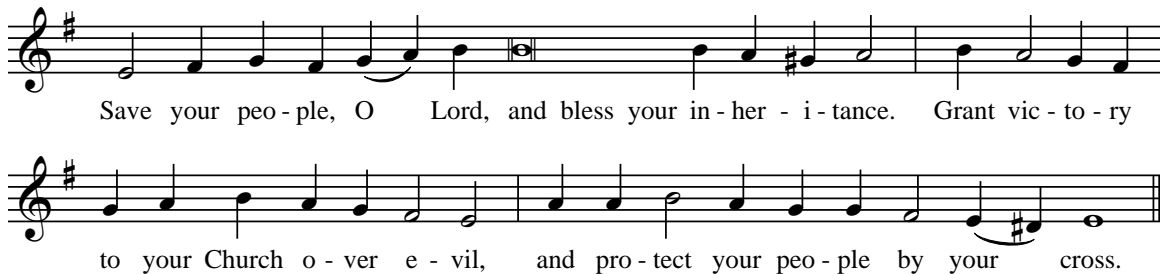
We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.  
 And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.  
 Your peo - ple aid, Your help af - - - ford!  
 While earth with thanks and love re - - - plies!

### Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3



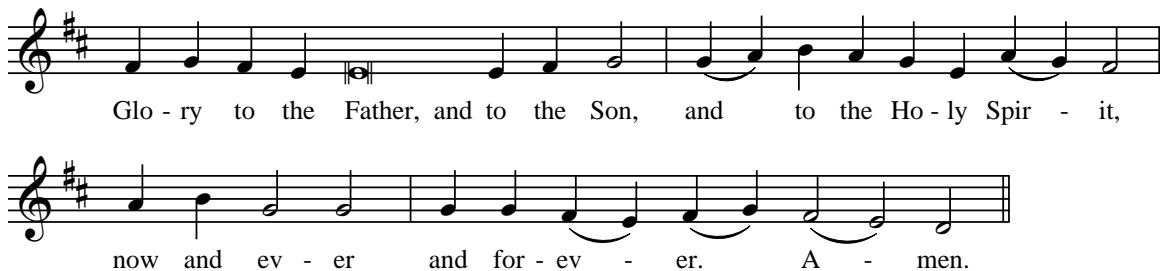
Let the heav - ens re-joyce, let the earth be glad; for the Lord  
has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has tram-pled Death;  
he has be-come the first - born of the dead; he has de - liv - ered  
us from the depths of Ha - des and has grant-ed great mer-cy to the world.

### Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1



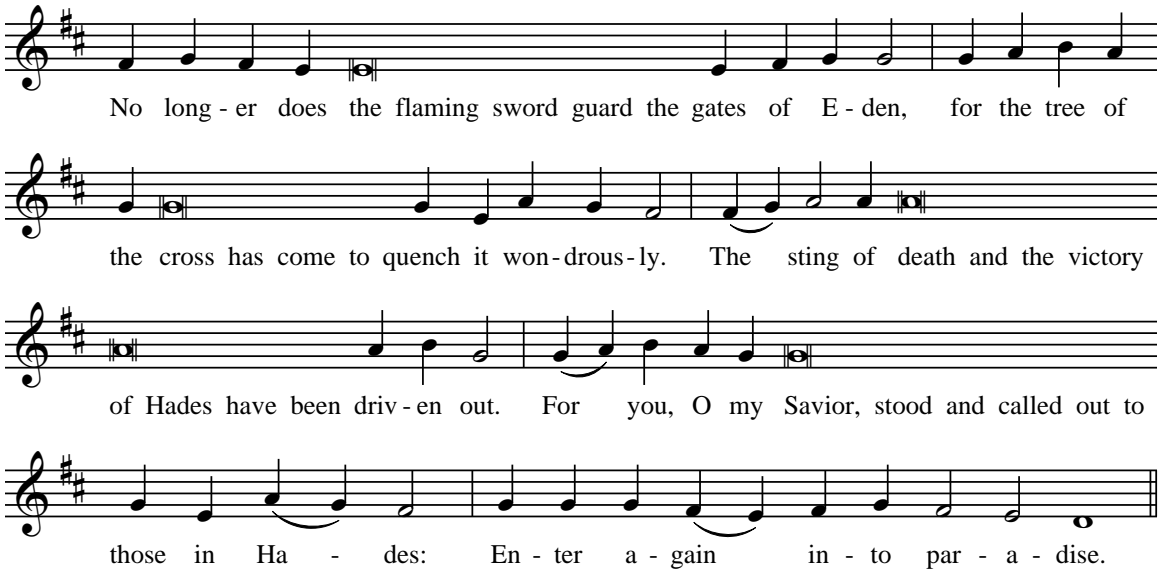
Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in-her-i-tance. Grant vic-to-ry  
to your Church o-ver e-vil, and pro-tect your peo-ple by your cross.

### 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 of the Cross - Tone 7**

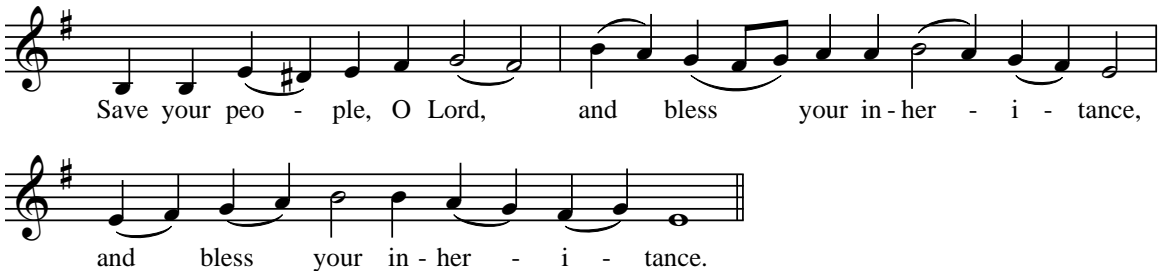


No long - er does the flaming sword guard the gates of E - den, for the tree of  
the cross has come to quench it won - drous - ly. The sting of death and the victory  
of Hades have been driv - en out. For you, O my Savior, stood and called out to  
those in Ha - des: En - ter a - gain in - to par -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

*Instead of "Holy God", the following is sung: (music on pages 32-33)*

We bow to your cross, O Lord, and we glorify your holy resurrection. *(Three times)*  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.  
And we glorify your holy resurrection.  
We bow to your cross, O Lord, and we glorify your holy resurrection.

**Prokeimenon of the Cross – 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 of the Cross - 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 of the Cross** (Psalm 4: 7):

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



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