

Divine Liturgy Propers, May 8, 2011
SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS
Third Paschal Sunday

The holy apostle and evangelist John the Theologian, who, son of Zebedee, with his brother James and Peter was a witness of the transfiguration and also of the passion of the Lord. At the cross he took Mary as his mother, at the command of the dying Lord. In the Gospel and his other writings he shows himself to be a theologian. He was found worthy to contemplate the glory of the incarnate Word, which he saw and proclaimed.

Immediately after the opening blessing, the following is sung once by the priest and then twice by the faithful:

Troparion of Pascha - Special Tone 5

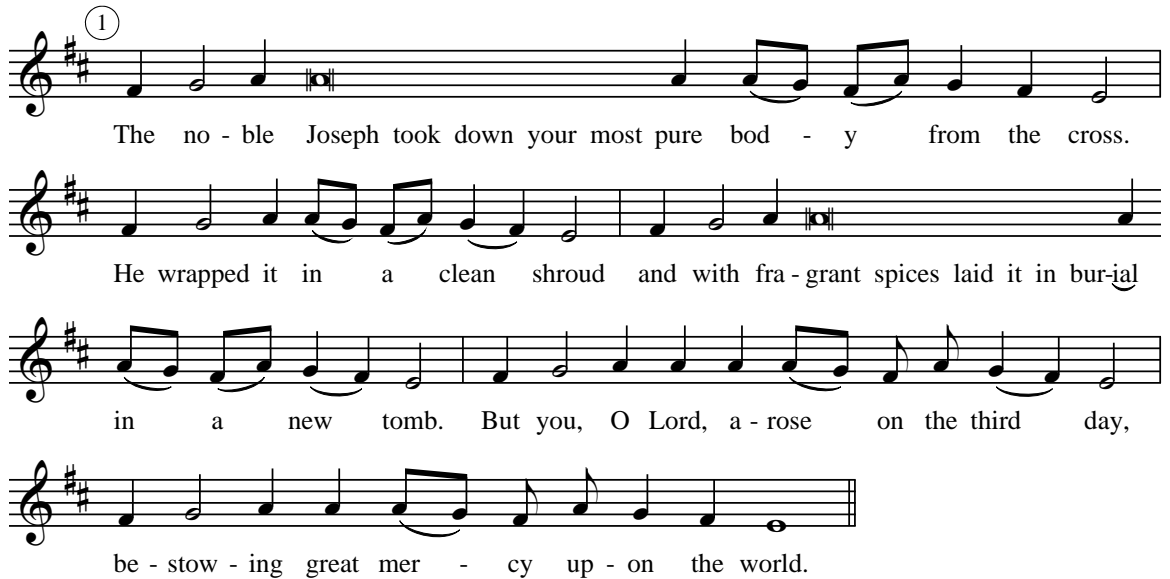
Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram-pled Death;
and to those in the tombs he grant-ed life.

Troparia of the Resurrection - Tone 2:

When you de-scend-ed to death, O Im-mor-tal Life, you de-destroyed
Ha-des by the brilliance of your di - vin-i - ty; and when you raised the dead
from the depths of the earth, all the heav-en - ly pow - ers cried out:
O Giv - er of Life, Christ our God, glo - - ry to you.

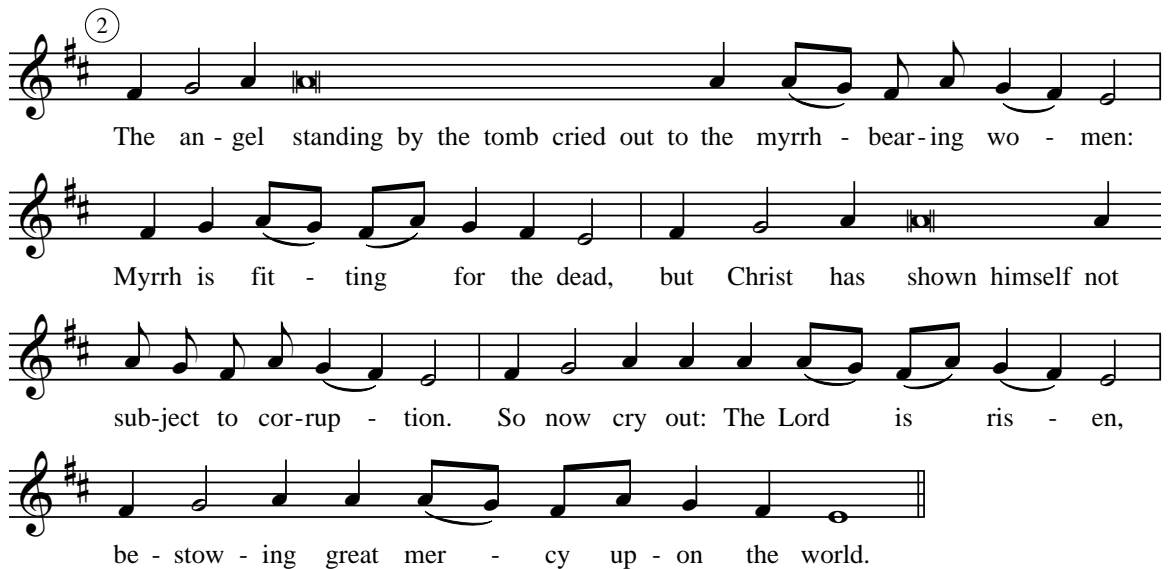
Troparia of the Holy Myrrh-bearers - Tone 2:

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The no - ble Joseph took down your most pure bod - y from the cross.
He wrapped it in a clean shroud and with fra - grant spices laid it in bur - ial
in a new tomb. But you, O Lord, a - rose on the third day,
be - stow - ing great mer - cy up - on the world.

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The an - gel standing by the tomb cried out to the myrrh - bear - ing wo - men:
Myrrh is fit - ting for the dead, but Christ has shown himself not
sub - ject to cor - rup - tion. So now cry out: The Lord is ris - en,
be - stow - ing great mer - cy up - on the world.

Troparion of the holy apostle and evangelist John - Tone 2:



Be - lov - ed a - pos - tle of Christ our God, has - ten to deliver a people that




lacks an - y oth - er de - fense He who ac - cepted that you lay your head



on his breast will al - so ac - cept your pray'r. Pray to Christ, O

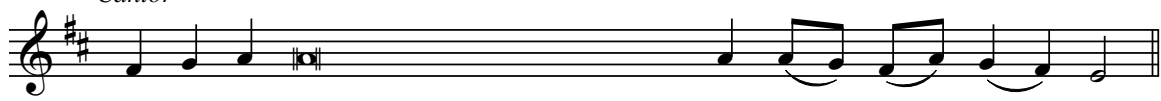


The - o - lo - gian, that he may overcome the darkness of pa - gan



na - tions, and beg that he grant us peace and a - bun - dant mer - cy.

Cantor



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Kontakion of the holy apostle and evangelist John - Tone 2:



O man of purity, who could de - scribe your glo - ry? Man - y are



the miracles and heal - ings you per - form. Since you are a theo - logian



and the be - lov - ed of Christ, in - ter - cede with him for the sal - va - tion



of our souls.



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Myrrh-bearers - Tone 2:



By your res - ur - rec - tion, O Christ our God, you told the myrrhbear-ers to re-joice;



and you stilled the weeping of Eve, the first moth - er. You com-mand-ed



your a - pos - tles to pro-claim: The Sav - ior is ris - en from the tomb.

Prokeimenon of the Myrrh-bearers - 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.
and then immediately:

Prokeimenon of an apostle - Tone 8 (Psalm 18: 5,2):



Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes-sage reach - es



to the ends of the world.

Alleluia of the Myrrh-beareres - Tone 8 (Psalm 84:2,11):



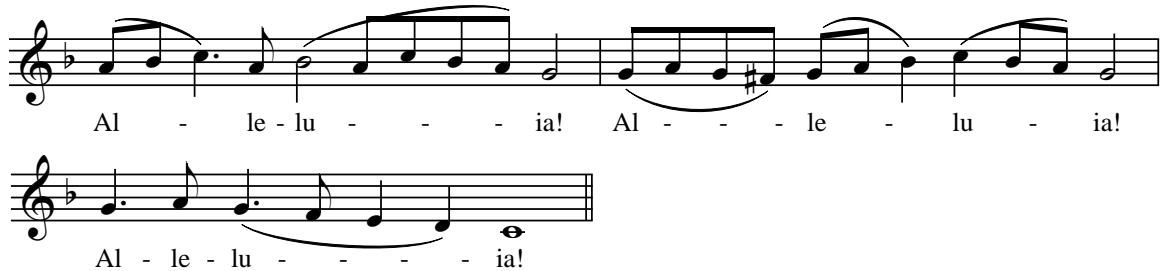
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: You have favored your land, O Lord; you have restored the well-being of Jacob.

Verse: Mercy and truth have met; justice and peace have kissed.

and then immediately:

Alleluia of an apostle - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):



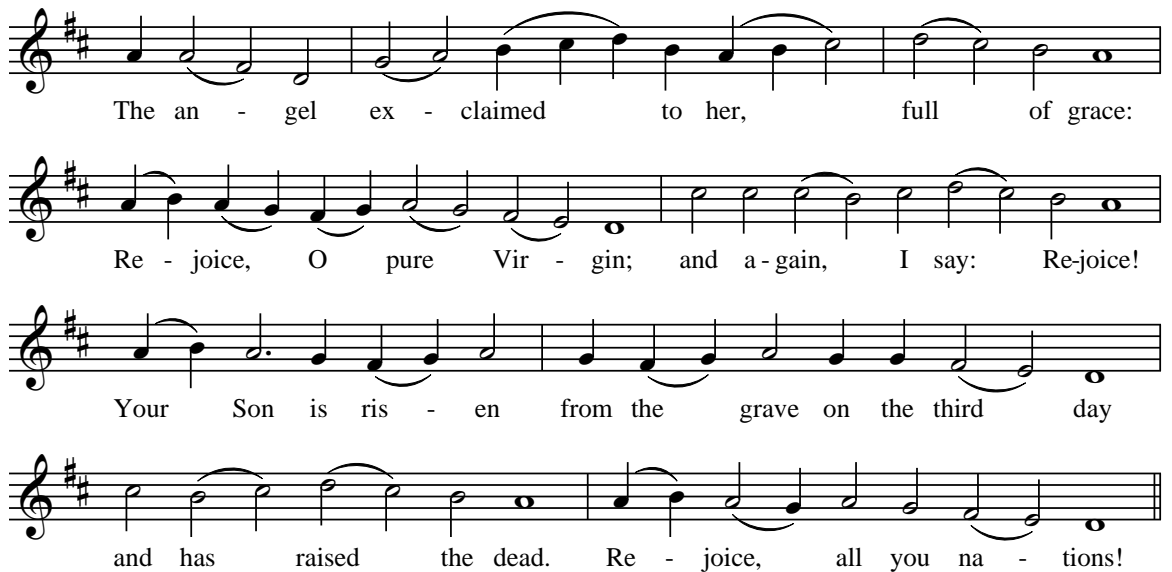
Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

[**Verse:** God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.]

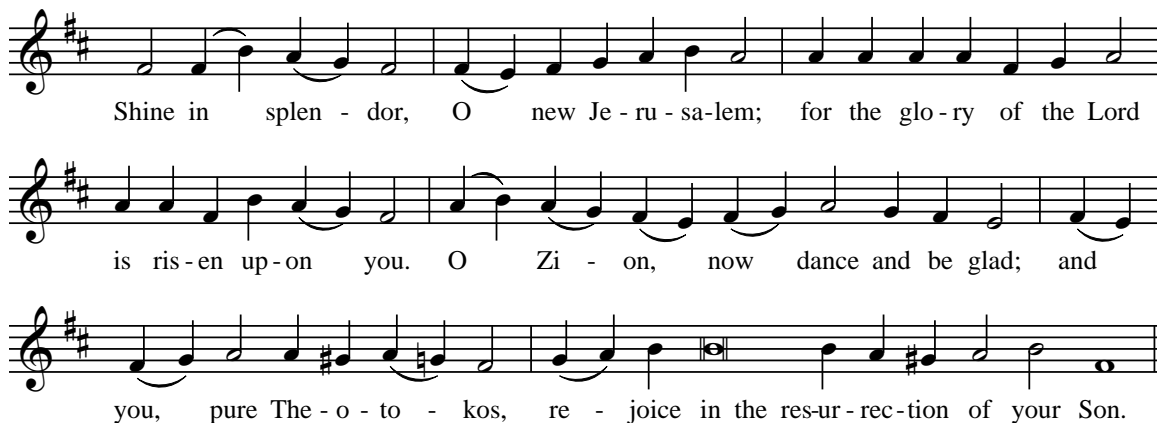
Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification:



The an - gel ex - claimed to her, full of grace:
Re - jice, O pure Vir - gin; and a - gain, I say: Re-joyce!
Your Son is ris - en from the grave on the third day
and has raised the dead. Re - jice, all you na - tions!

Irmos:



Shine in splen - dor, O new Je - ru - sa - lem; for the glo - ry of the Lord
is ris - en up - on you. O Zi - on, now dance and be glad; and
you, pure The - o - to - kos, re - joice in the res - ur - rec - tion of your Son.

Paschal "Our Father" - melody of the Canon of Pascha



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
(Twice) this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Communion Hymn of Pascha: (music found on page 168-169)

Receive the body of Christ; drink the source of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Hymn of Sunday (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78-81)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Hymn of an apostle (Psalm 18:5):

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Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage
rea - ches to the ends of the world! Al - - le - lu - ia!
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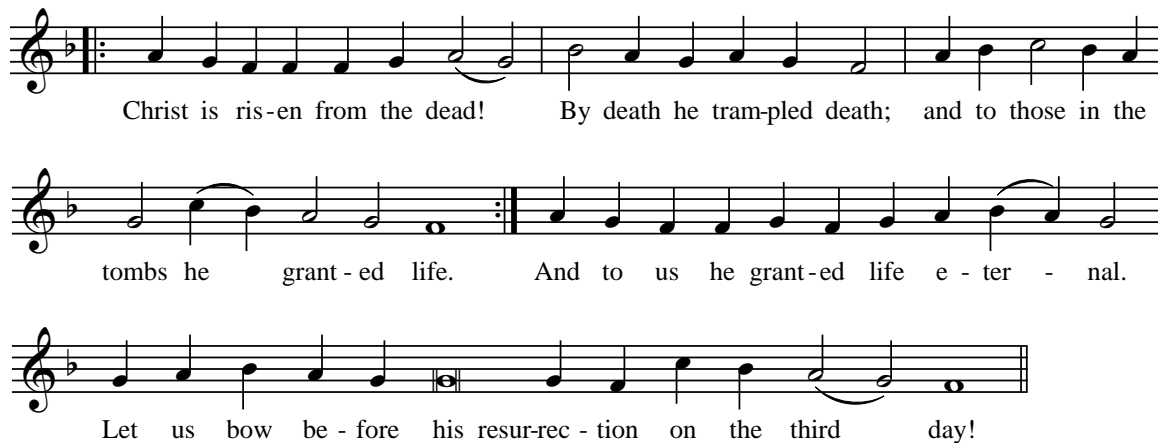
Refrain

The Paschal troparion “Christ is risen from the dead. * By death . . .” is sung once in place of “We have seen the true light; . . .”

At the Dismissal, in place of "Glory to the Father...":

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he tram-pled Death; and to those in the tombs
he grant-ed life. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Give the bles - sing.

After the Dismissal, the celebrant says three times: "Christ is risen!" and the faithful respond each time: "Indeed he is risen!" The celebrant then sings once: "Christ is risen from the dead! By death . . .," and the faithful sing:



Christ is ris-en from the dead! By death he tram-pled death; and to those in the
tombs he grant-ed life. And to us he grant-ed life e - ter - nal.
Let us bow be - fore his resur-rec - tion on the third day!