

7<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Pascha/ Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea/Afterfeast of the Ascension

"Lord I Call..." Tone 6

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
 Hear me, O Lord!  
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 Receive the voice of my prayer,  
 when I call upon You!  
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Let my prayer arise  
 in Your sight as incense,  
 and let the lifting up of my hands  
 be an evening sacrifice!  
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Reader: (Reads text from service book)

Reader: (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,  
 since You are free among the dead,

You ascended the Cross  
 raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//  
 O Almighty Savior, Who drew life from Your own light, have mercy on us!

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Drawing life from Your light, O Almighty Saviour, have mer - cy on us!

*Reader: (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*

Today Christ tramples on death,  
 for He is risen as He said!  
 Let us all sing this song,  
 for He has granted joy to the world:  
 "O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//  
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*Reader: (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

Where shall we sinners flee from You, for You are in all creation?

In heaven You dwell!

In hell You trampled on death!

In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Your hand, O Master!

To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://

"As You rose from the dead, have mercy on us!"

Where shall we sinners flee from You Who are in all cre - a - tion?  
In hea - ven You dwell! In Hades You tram - pled on death!  
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 "O You Who rose from the dead, have mer - cy on us!"

*Reader: (7) In the Same Tone, Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

The Lord has ascended into heaven,  
 that He might send the Comforter to the world.  
 The heavens prepared His throne, and clouds -- His means of ascent.  
 Angels marvel to see a Man high above them.  
 The Father receives Him Whom He holds, co-eternal, in His bosom.  
 The Holy Spirit commands all His Angels:  
 "Lift up your gates, you princes!"  
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 for Christ has gone up to where He was before!"

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*Reader: (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

The Cherubim were amazed at Your Ascension, O Lord,  
 beholding You, the God Who sits enthroned upon them,  
 ascending upon the clouds;  
 and we glorify You, for Your mercy is good.//  
Glory to You!

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*Reader: (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Beholding Your ascension on the holy mountain,  
 O Christ, the brightness of the Father's glory,  
 we hymn the radiant appearance of Your countenance;  
 we worship Your sufferings,  
 we honor Your Resurrection,  
 as we glorify Your glorious Ascension.//  
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*Reader: (4) In the Same Tone, From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

You were begotten from the Father before the Morning Star,  
 but Arius taught wrongfully that You were created:  
 in his ignorance he designated You as a creature,  
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*Reader: (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

O Savior, who has torn Your garment?  
 Who has challenged the unity of the triune Godhead?  
 It is Arius, for he denied that You are equal to the Father.  
 Those who follow him do not believe that God took flesh for our sake,  
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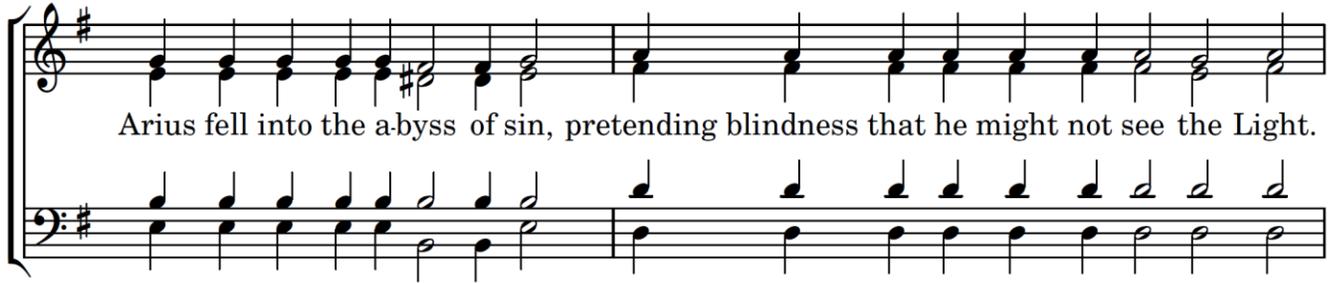
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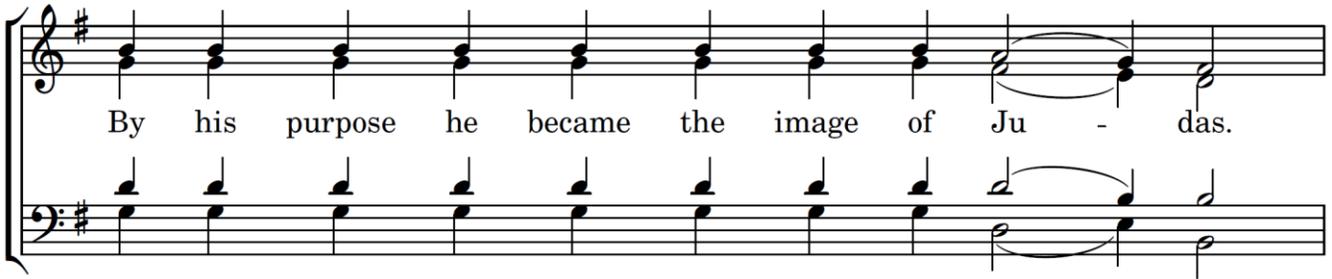
*Reader: (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

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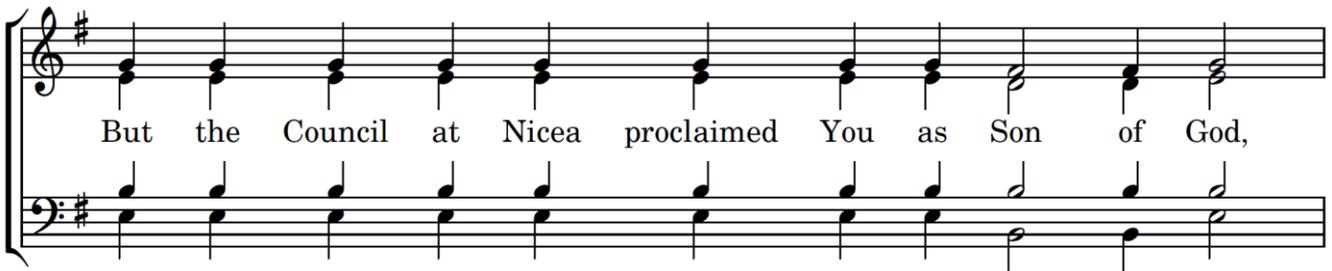
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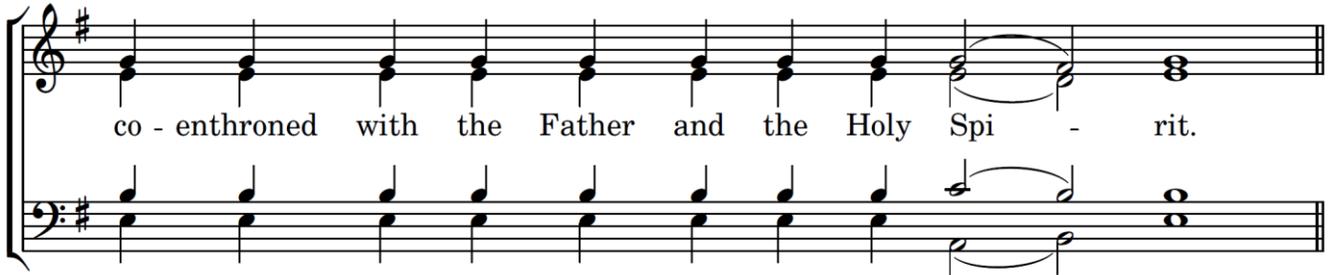
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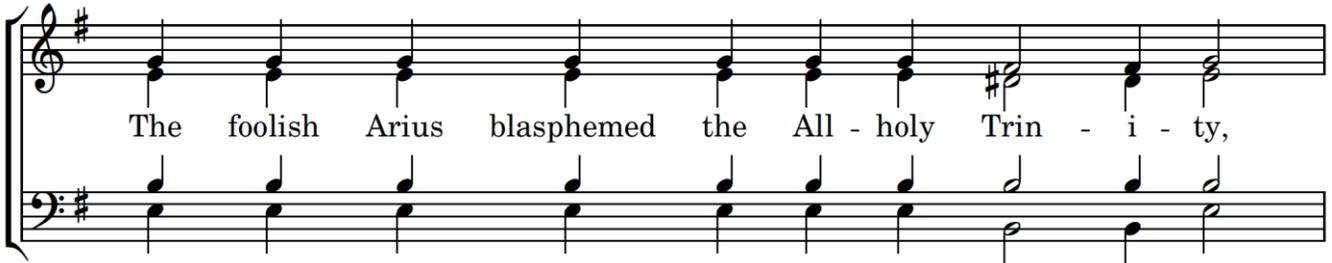
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*Reader: (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

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dividing the Persons into three different unequal substances,  
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*Reader: In the Same Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit,  
 the God-bearing Fathers,  
 who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology,  
 praising the changeless Trinity!  
 They laid low the errors of Arius and upheld the Orthodox Faith!!  
 They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

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*Reader: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?  
 Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?  
 The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,  
 but from you He was ineffably incarnate.  
 God by nature, He became Man for our sake,  
 not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.  
 Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//  
 to have mercy on our souls!

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*Priest:* Wisdom! Let us attend!

*Choir:* O Gladsome Light ...

*Prokeimenon and Three Readings*

### Old Testament Readings

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from the First Book of Moses called Genesis. (*Genesis 14:14-20*)

*Priest:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* When Abram heard that his kinsman Lot had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Ho-bah, north of Damascus. Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people. After his return from the defeat of Che-dor-la-o-mer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Sha-veh (that is, the King's Valley). And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from the Fifth Book of Moses called Deuteronomy. (*Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17*)

*Priest:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.' "At that time I said to you, 'I am not able to bear you by myself. The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven. May the LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you! So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time, 'Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God's. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.'

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*Reader:* Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

### Aposticha – Tone 6

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,  
 the Angels in heaven sing!  
 Enable us on earth//  
 to glorify You in purity of heart!

*Reader:* *The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!*  
 Destroying the gates of hades,  
 breaking the chains of death,  
 You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//  
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Reader: *For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.*

Desiring to return us to Paradise,  
 Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.  
 The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,  
 "Woe to us, O Savior!  
 How do You deign to descend to death?  
 What place can hold Your life bearing body?  
 Come to us as You promised!  
 Take away our wailing and tears!"  
 Then the Angel appeared to them:  
 "Stop your lamentations!  
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 'The Lord is risen,//  
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Reader: *Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!*  
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 by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,  
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Reader: *In the Fourth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*  
 Today we celebrate the annual memory  
 of the God-bearing Fathers who assembled in Nicea.  
 They laid low the godless doctrines of Arius,  
 driving him from the unity of the Catholic Church,  
 and teaching us how to confess the consubstantial and co-eternal Son of God.  
 They expressed this clearly in the Symbol of Faith,  
 and we follow their divine doctrines,  
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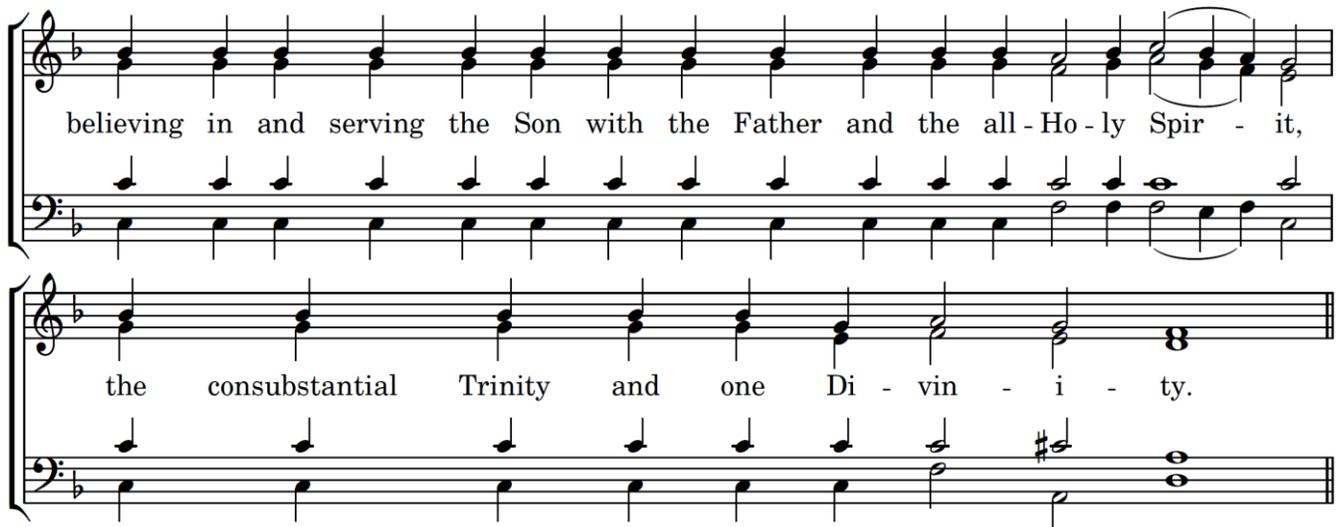
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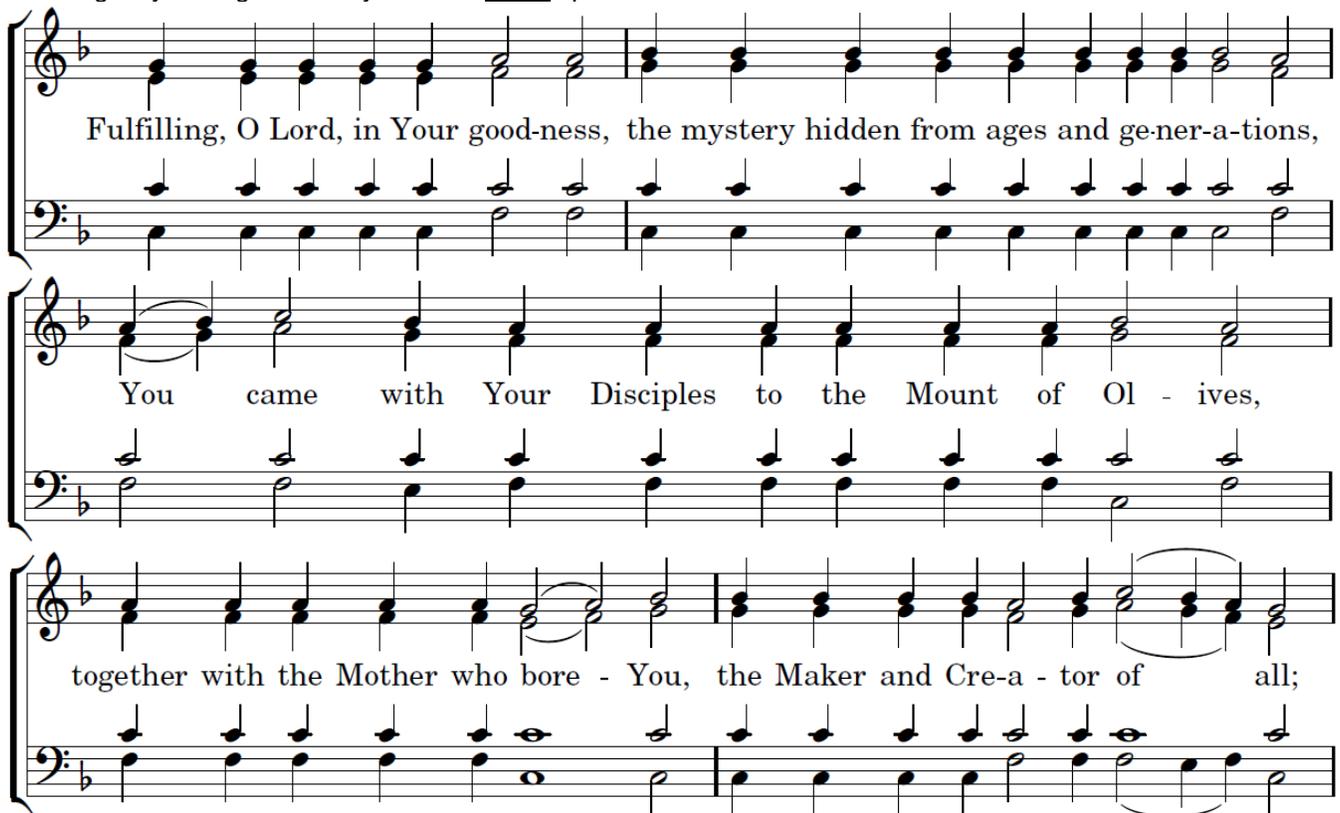
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*Reader: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Fulfilling, O Lord, in Your goodness,  
 the mystery hidden from ages and generations,  
 You came with Your Disciples to the Mount of Olives,  
 together with the Mother who bore You, the Maker and Creator of all;  
 for it was fitting that she who as a mother had been grieved beyond all at Your Passion,  
 should also be filled with exceeding joy at the glory of Your flesh.  
 In this joy we also partake at Your ascent into heaven, O Master,//  
 and we glorify Your great mercy that has come upon us.



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*Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6*

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;  
 the guards became as dead men.  
 Mary stood by Your grave,  
 seeking Your most pure body.  
 You captured hades,  
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 You came to the Virgin, granting life.//  
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O Lord, Who rose from the dead:— Glo - ry to You!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

*Troparion for the Fathers – Tone 8*

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!

You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.

Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//

O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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*Troparion for the Ascension – Tone 4*

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,  
granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.  
Through the blessing, they were assured,  
that You are the Son of God, //  
the Redeemer of the world!

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**(at the Divine Liturgy)**

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*Kontakion for Ascension – Tone 6*

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,  
and united earth to heaven,  
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,  
not being parted from those who love You,  
but remaining with them and crying://  
"I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

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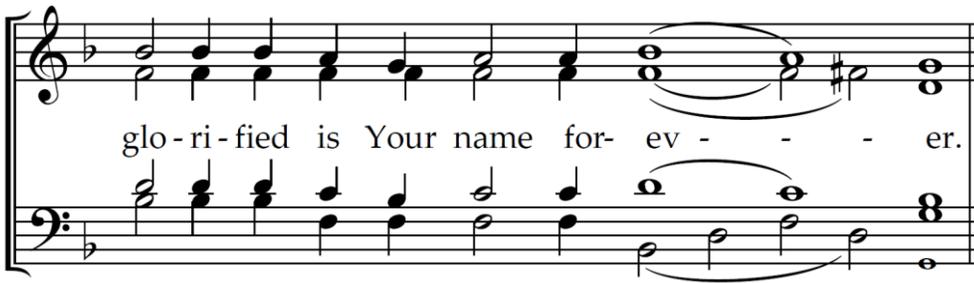
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*Prokeimenon, Tone 4*

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone, the Song of the Three Children: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

*Choir:* Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

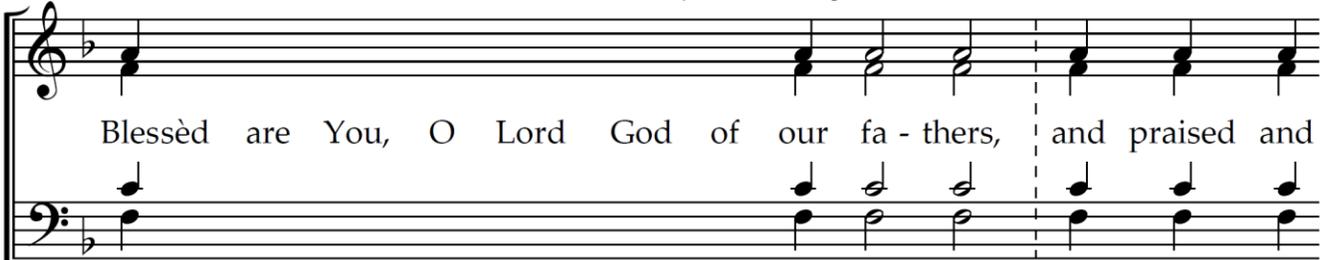
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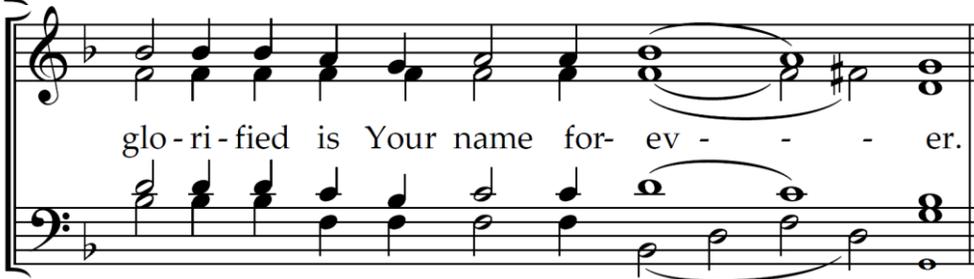
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*Reader:* For You are just in all that You have done for us!

*Choir:* Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!



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*Reader:* Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, ...

*Choir:* ... and praised and glorified is Your name forever!



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### Epistle

44 – Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* In those days, Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus in order not to spend time in Asia because he was in a hurry: if possible, he wanted to be in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

From Miletus, Paul sent a message to Ephesus and called to himself the presbyters of the Church. When they arrived, he told them, "Keep watch over yourselves and over the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers! Be shepherds of the Church of the Lord and of God, which he has purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departure, vicious wolves will enter in among you and they will not spare the flock. From among your own group, men will arise who will speak perverse things in order to draw away the disciples after them.

Therefore, keep watch! Remember that for a period of three years, I did not cease night and day to warn everyone with tears. Now, brethren, I entrust you to God, and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver, or gold, or clothing. You yourselves know that these, my hands, served my needs and those who were with me. In all things, I have given you an example, that by this kind of hard work you should support the weak and remember the word of the Lord Jesus, as he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive!'"

After saying these things, Paul knelt down and prayed with them all.

*Priest:* Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 1

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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### Gospel

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*Priest:* At that time, Jesus, lifting up his eyes to heaven, said, "Father, the time has come! Glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you, even as you gave him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

This is eternal life: that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ.

I have glorified you on the earth! I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do! Now, Father, glorify me with yourself with the glory I had with you before the world existed. I have revealed your Name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me; they have kept your word. Now they have known that all things you have given me are from you. The words you have given me, I have given to them. They have received them and they have known for certain that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them; I do not pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. I am no longer in the world, but these are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them in the world, I protected them in your Name. Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, so that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

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**Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing the following:**

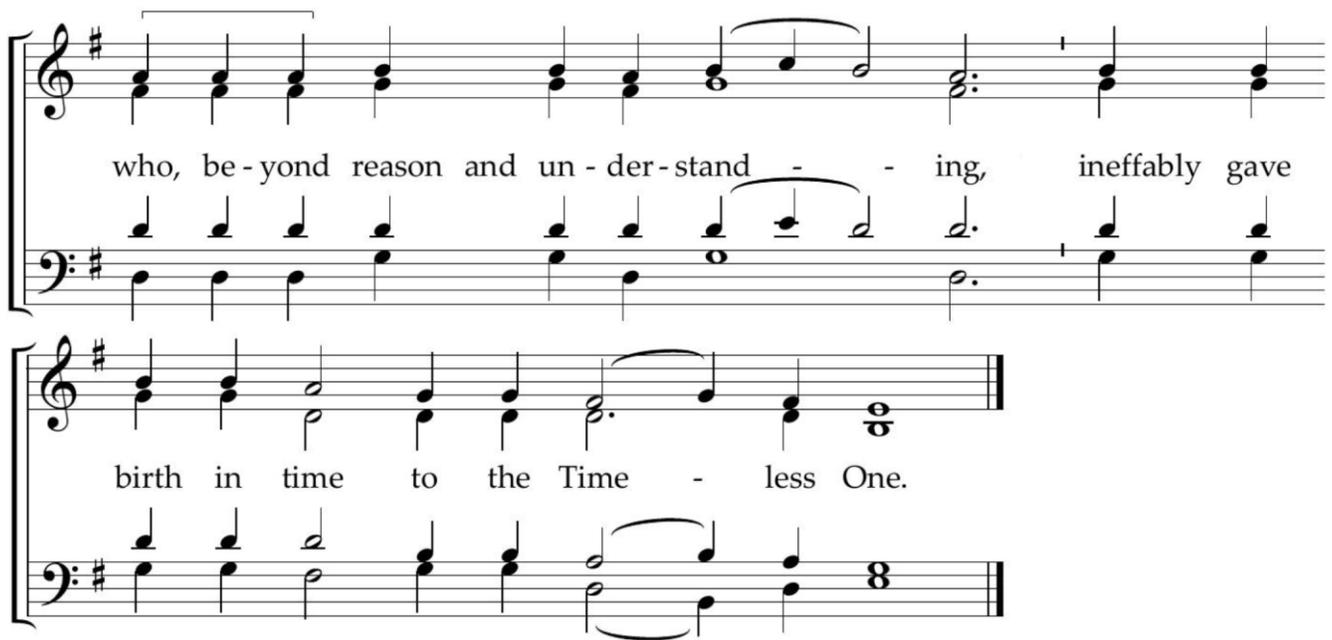
Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify you, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of life, //

Who has ascended from earth to heaven! We the faithful,

with one accord, magnify you the Mother of God,



who, be - yond reason and un - der - stand - - ing, ineffably gave  
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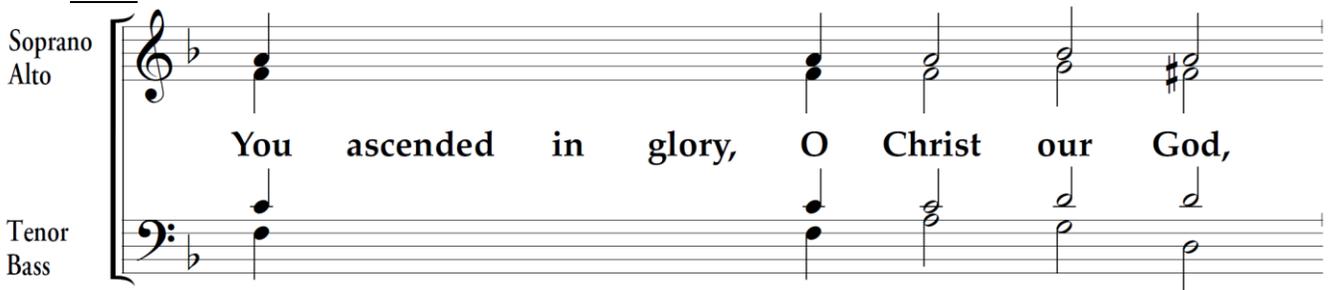
**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

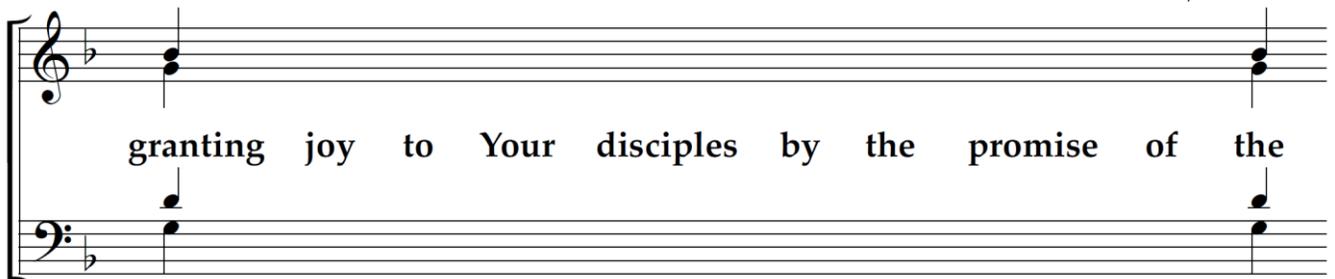
**Instead of "We have seen the True Light,"**

*Troparion for the Ascension – Tone 4*

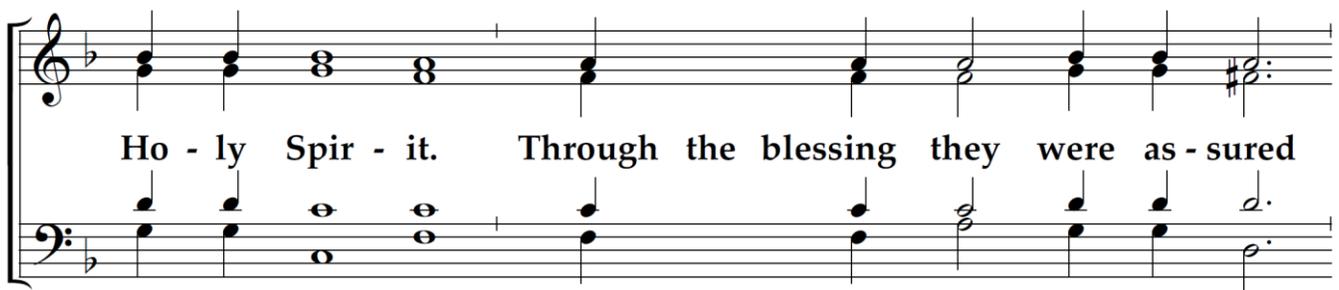
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,  
 granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.  
 Through the blessing, they were assured,  
 that You are the Son of God, //  
 the Redeemer of the world!



Soprano  
 Alto  
 Tenor  
 Bass  
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of the world!