SUNDAY, MAY 12 TONE 2

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha: Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Priest: "Blessed is our God ..."

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen ... " (2 1/2 times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!" (And then the Trisagion – "Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal ...)

# "Lord I Call..." - Tone 2

Reader: In the Second Tone, Lord I call upon You, hear me!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I <u>call</u> upon You!

Let my <u>prayer</u> arise in Your sight as <u>in</u>cense, and <u>let</u> the lifting <u>up</u> of my hands be an evening <u>sac</u>rifice!

Hear me, O Lord!



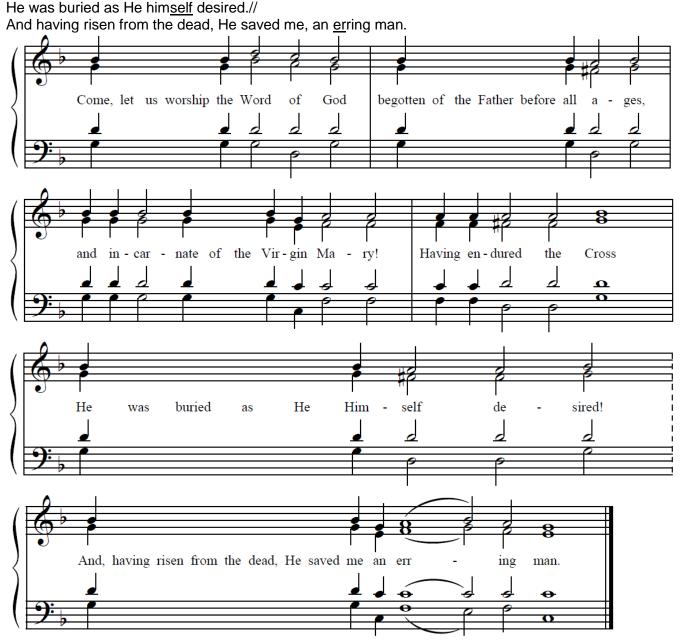


Reader: Reads text from Service Book

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

Tone 2 (for the Resurrection)

Come, let us worship the <u>Word</u> of God begotten of the Father before all <u>ages</u>, and in<u>car</u>nate of the Virgin <u>Mary!</u>
Having en<u>dured</u> the Cross,



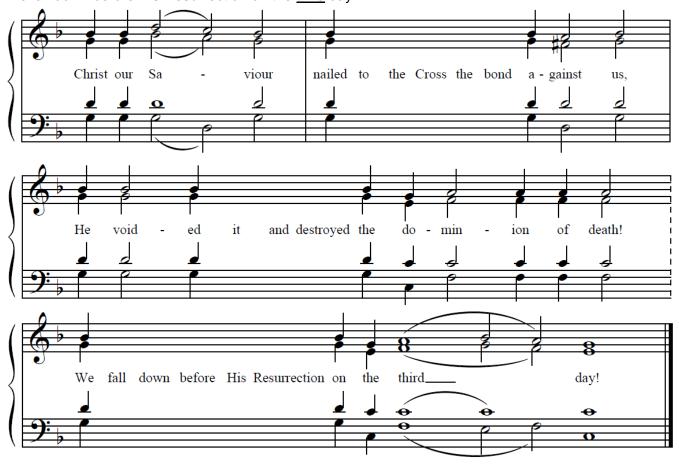
v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

Christ our Savior

nailed to the Cross the bond against us,

He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//

We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.



v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

With the Archangels

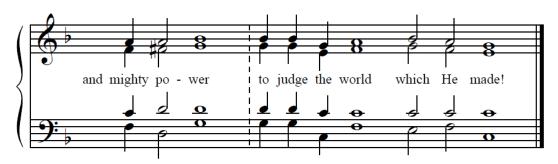
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!

He is our Savior, our Redeemer.

He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//

to judge the world which He made.





v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

The Angel proclaimed You

the crucified and buried Master.

He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay!

He is risen as He said,

for He is almighty."

We worship You, O only immortal One.//

Have mercy on us O Christ, the Giver of life!



v. (6) In the Second Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

#### Tone 2

Early in the morning,

the Myrrhbearing Women brought spices to the tomb of the Lord.

They found the stone unexpectedly rolled away,

and they asked among themselves:

"Where are the seals of the tomb? Where are Pilate's guards?"

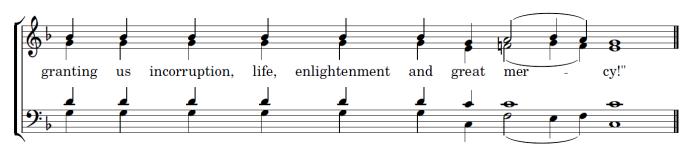
The radiant Angel came to the wondering women and proclaimed to them:

"Why do you seek, with tears, the Life Who gives life to the human race?

Christ our God has risen from the dead as almighty,//

granting us incorruption, life, enlightenment and great mercy!"





v. (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.

O women disciples,

why do you mingle myrrh with tears?

The stone is gone; the tomb is empty.

Behold, corruption destroyed by life!

The seals witness that the guards of the godless have watched in vain.

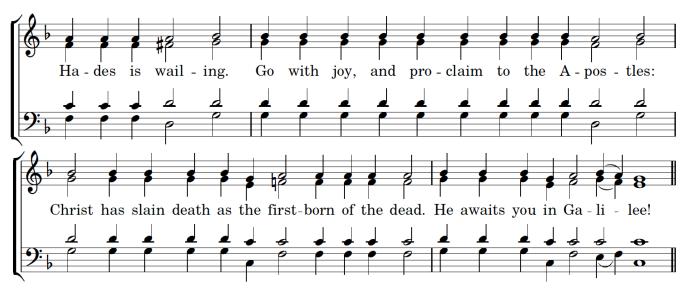
Mortal nature has been saved by the flesh of God.

Hades is wailing.

Go with joy, and proclaim to the Apostles:

"Christ has slain death as the first-born of the dead.//

He awaits you in Galilee!" mingle myrrh O women dis - ci ples, why do you with tears? 0 0 is gone; the tomb is emp-ty. Behold, cor-rup-tion de-stroyed by life! The stone The seals wit-ness that the guards of the god-less have watched in vain. 0 Mortal flesh of God. na ture has been saved by the 0



v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord.

The Myrrhbearers came early to Your tomb, O Christ,

seeking You to anoint Your most pure Body.

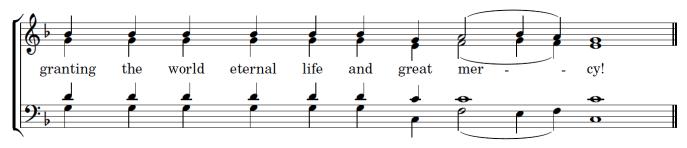
Enlightened by the Angel's words,

they proclaimed joyous tidings to the Apostles:

"The Leader of our salvation has been raised;

He has captured death,//

granting the world eternal life and great mercy!" Christ, The Myrrhbearers came early Your tomb, O to 0 seeking You to anoint Your most pure Bo-dy. En-light-ened by the An-gel's words, proclaimed tidings joyous the A tles: they to pos The Leader of our has been raised; He cap - tured death sal - va - tion has



v. (3) In the First Tone, For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

#### Tone 1

"O Myrrhbearing Women,

why have you come to the grave?

Why do you seek the Living among the dead?//

The Lord is risen, take courage!" cried the Angel.



v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

The women came with fear to the tomb,

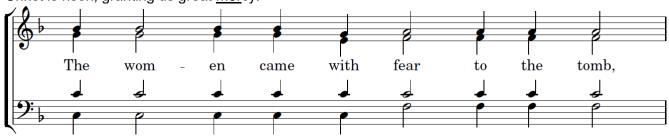
hastening to anoint Your body with sweet spices.

Not finding it, they were perplexed and questioned one another,

as they did not know of Your Resurrection.

But an Angel appeared to them and said://

"Christ is risen, granting us great mercy."





v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb, seeking the Lord.

They saw an Angel, who shone like lightning, sitting on the stone.

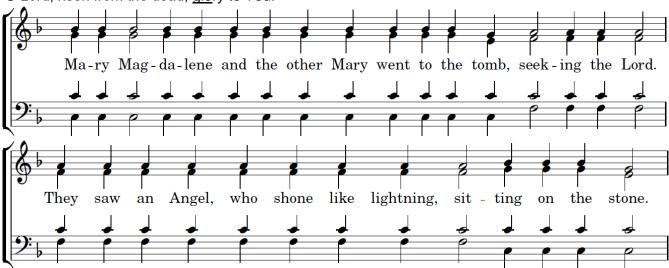
And he said to them: "Why do you seek the Living among the dead?

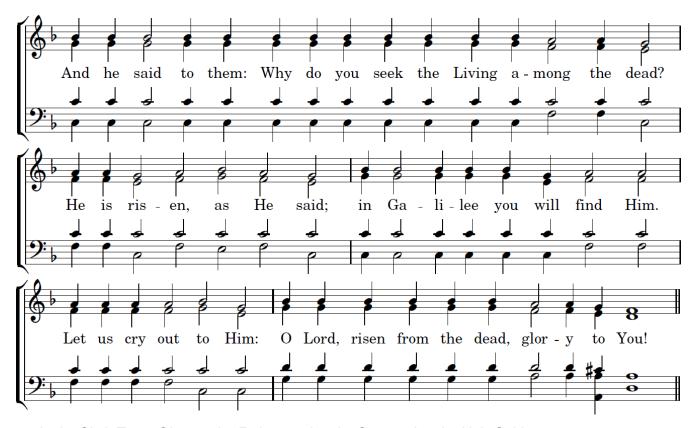
He is risen, as He said;

in Galilee you will find Him."

Let us cry out to Him://

"O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!"





In the Sixth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

#### Tone 6

## (from the Pentecostarion)

The Myrrhbearing Women reached Your tomb

and saw the seals of the tomb broken.

Not finding Your most pure body, they lamented, saying:

"Who has stolen our hope?

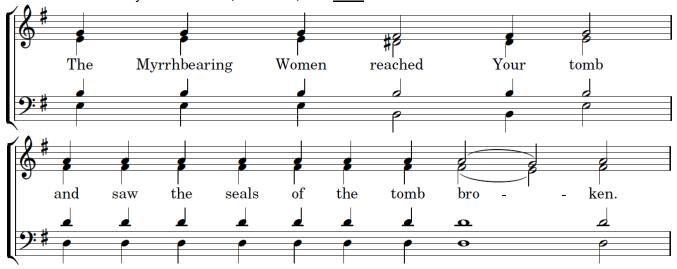
Who has taken the dead One, naked and anointed,

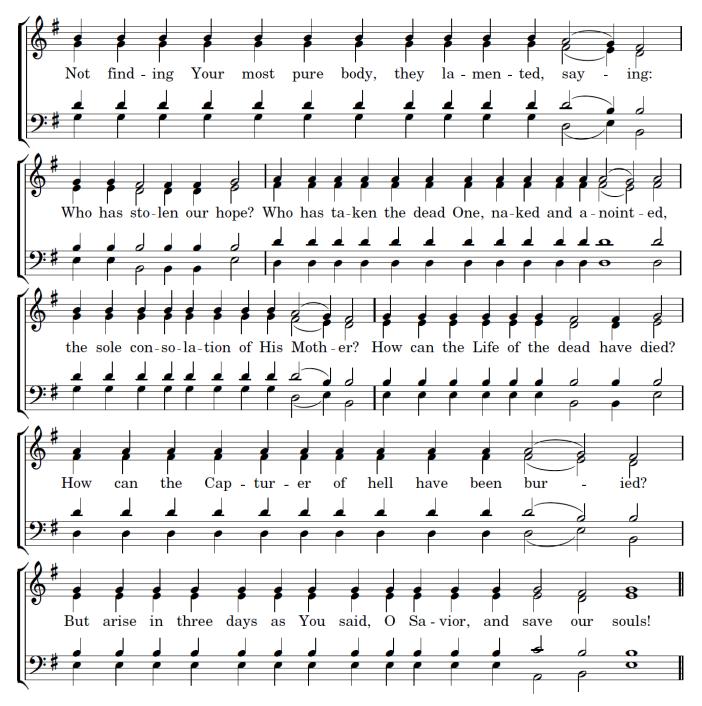
the sole consolation of His Mother?

How can the Life of the dead have died?

How can the Capturer of hell have been buried?//

But arise in three days as You said, O Savior, and save our souls!"





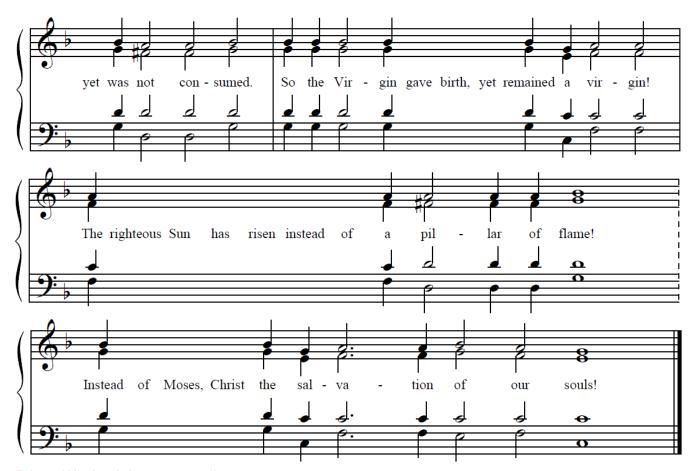
In the Second Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### Tone 2

## (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The shadow of the Law passed when <u>grace</u> came; as the Bush burned, yet was <u>not</u> consumed, so the <u>Virgin</u> gave birth, yet remained a <u>Virgin</u>. Instead of a pillar of flame, the Righteous Sun has <u>risen.</u>// Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.





Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

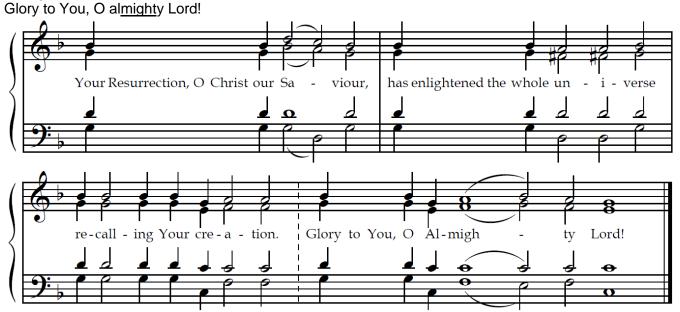
Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

# **Aposticha**

## Tone 2

(for the Resurrection)

Your Resurrection, O Christ our <u>Savior</u>, has enlightened the whole <u>universe</u>, calling <u>back</u> Your creation.//



(Then the Paschal Stichera with their verses from Psalm 67/68, in Tone Five.) Music follows the text.

v: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face!

Today, a sacred Pascha is revealed to us:

- a new and holy Pascha,
- a mystical Pascha,
- a Pascha worthy of veneration,
- a Pascha which is Christ the Redeemer,
- a blameless Pascha,
- a great Pascha,
- a Pascha of the faithful,
- a Pascha which has opened to us the gates of Paradise,//
- a Pascha which sanctifies all the faithful.
  - v: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!

Come from that scene, O women bearers of glad tidings,

and say to Zion:

"Receive from us the glad tidings of joy,

of Christ's Resurrection!

Exult and be glad,

and rejoice, O Jerusalem,

seeing Christ the King, Who comes forth from the tomb//

like a bridegroom in procession!"

v: So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad!

The myrrh-bearing women,

at the break of dawn,

drew near to the tomb of the Life-giver.

There they found an Angel

sitting upon the stone.

He greeted them with these words:

"Why do you seek the Living among the dead?

Why do you mourn the Incorrupt amid corruption?//

Go, proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples!"

v: This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

## Pascha of beauty,

the Pascha of the Lord,

A Pascha worthy of honor has dawned for us.

Oh, Pascha!

Let us embrace each other joyously!

Pascha, ransom from affliction!

For today, as from a bridal chamber,

Christ has shown forth from the tomb,

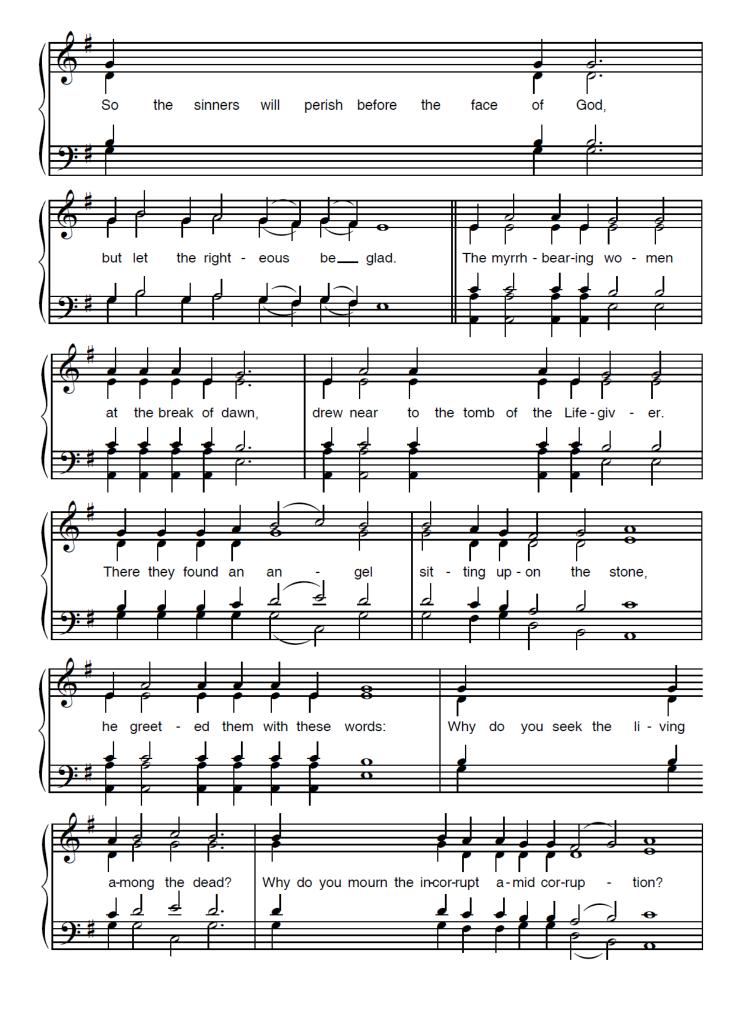
and filled the women with joy saying://

"Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles!"

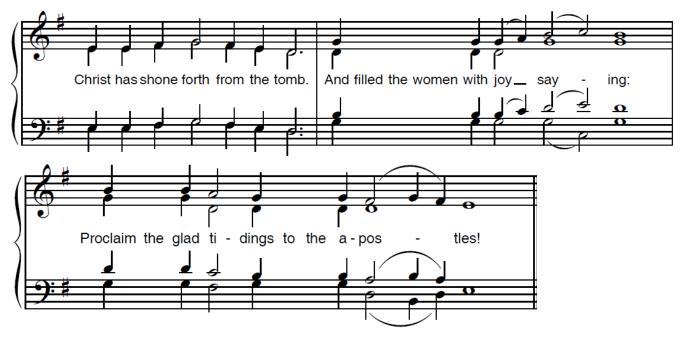












Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

#### Tone 5

(from the Pentecostarion)

Joseph, together with Nicodemus,

took You down from the Tree,

Who <u>clothe</u> Yourself with light as with a <u>gar</u>ment.

He gazed on Your body - dead, naked, and unburied,

and, in grief and tender compassion, he lamented:

"Woe is me, my sweetest Jesus!

A short while ago, the sun beheld You hanging on the Cross,

and it hid itself in darkness.

The earth quaked in fear at the sight.

The <u>veil</u> of the Temple was <u>torn</u> in two.

Lo, now I see You willingly submit to death for our sake.

How shall I bury You, O my God?

How can I wrap You in a shroud?

How can I touch Your most pure body with my hands?

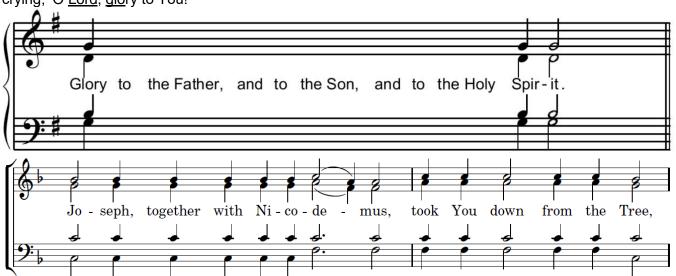
What songs can I sing for Your exodus, O compassionate One?

I magnify Your Passion.

I glorify Your burial,

and Your holy Resurrection,

crying, 'O Lord, glory to You!"





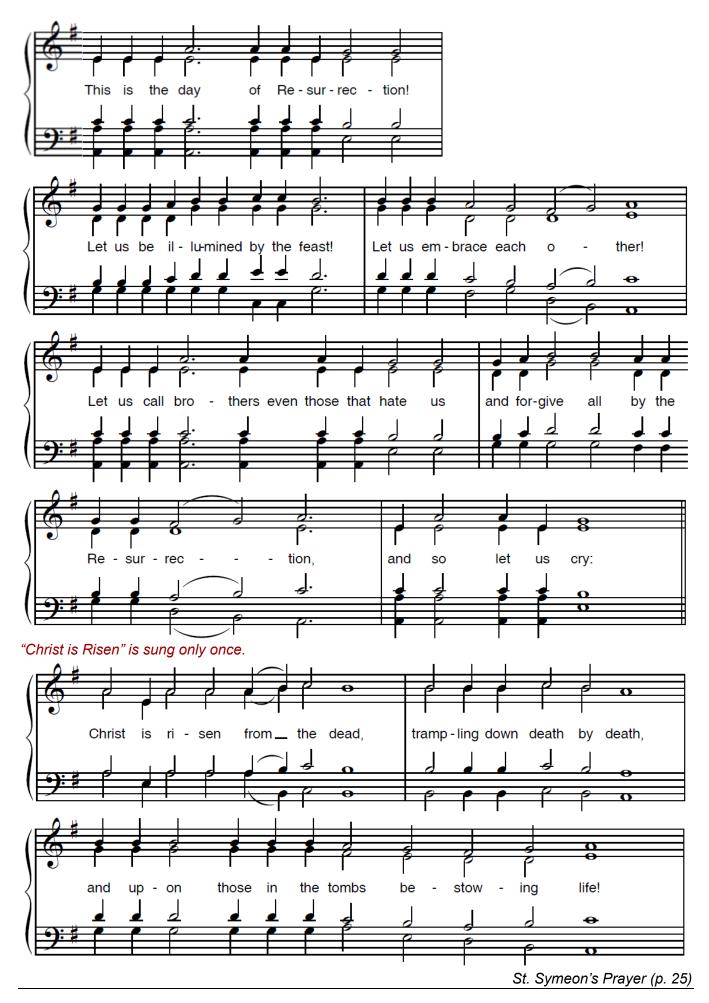


now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

This is the <u>day</u> of resur<u>rec</u>tion! Let us be il<u>lu</u>mined by the feast! Let us em<u>brace</u> each <u>other!</u> Let us call "<u>Brothers</u>" even those that <u>hate</u> us, and for<u>give</u> all by the resur<u>rec</u>tion,// and <u>so</u> let us cry:

"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!" *(once)* 





Tone 2 **Troparion** (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out://

"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

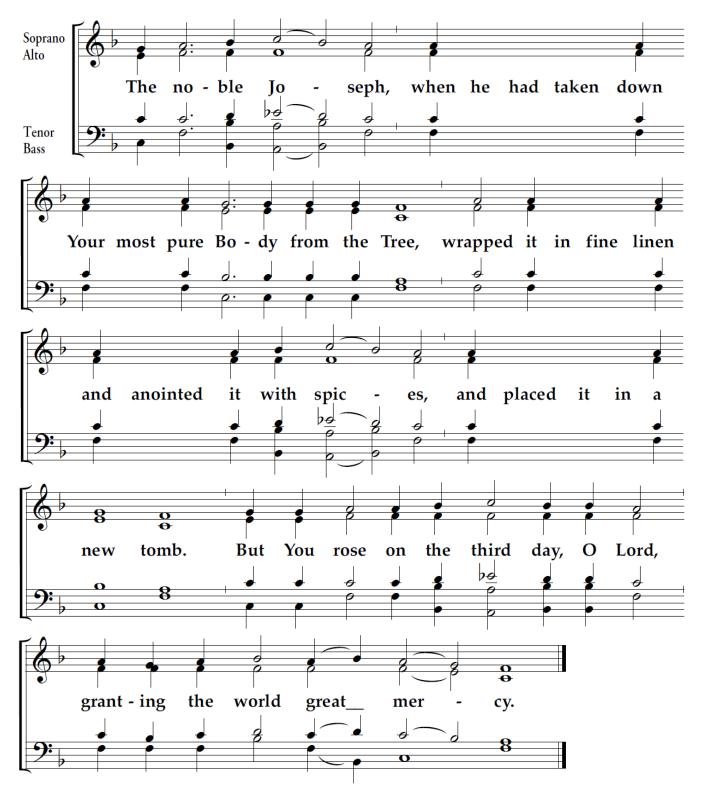


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 2 **Troparion** (from the Pentecostarion)

The noble Joseph,

when he had taken down Your most pure **Body** from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But You rose on the third day, O Lord,// granting the world great mercy.



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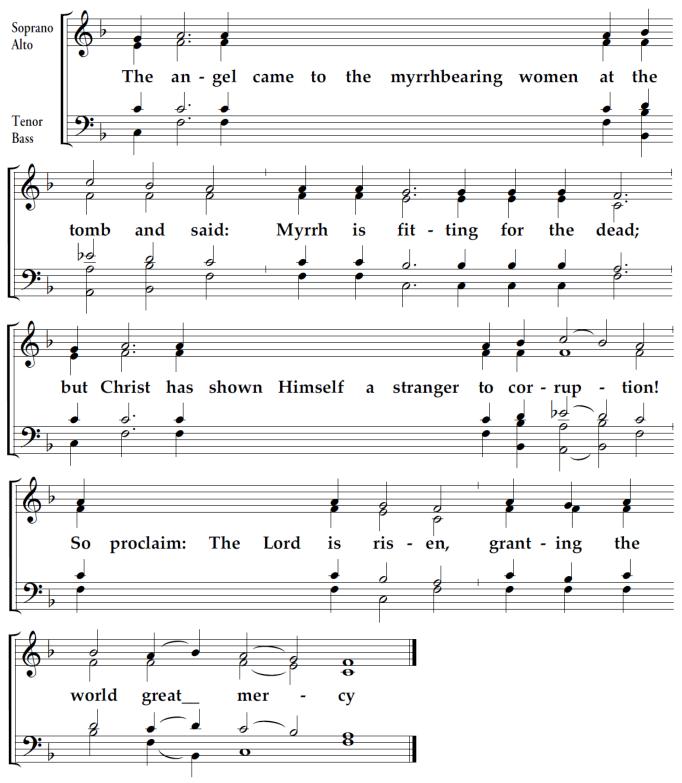
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"Myrrh is fitting for the dead;

but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption!

So proclaim: 'The Lord is <u>ris</u>en,//

granting the world great mercy."



Then, the dismissal (p. 26)

# (at the Divine Liturgy)

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom ... "

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen from the dead ..." (2 ½ times) Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

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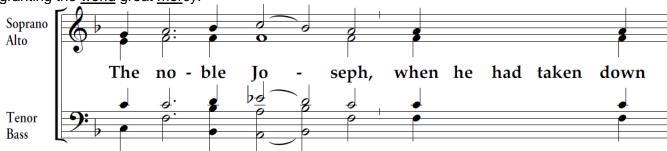
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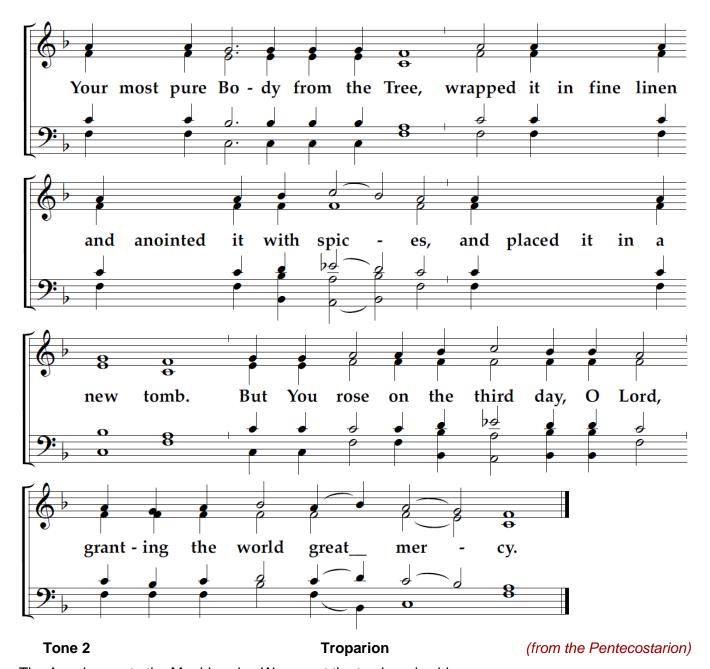
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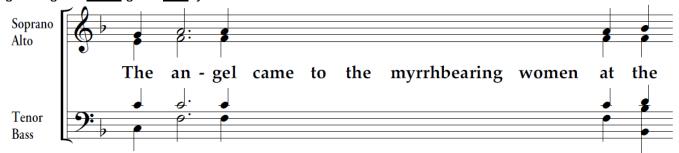


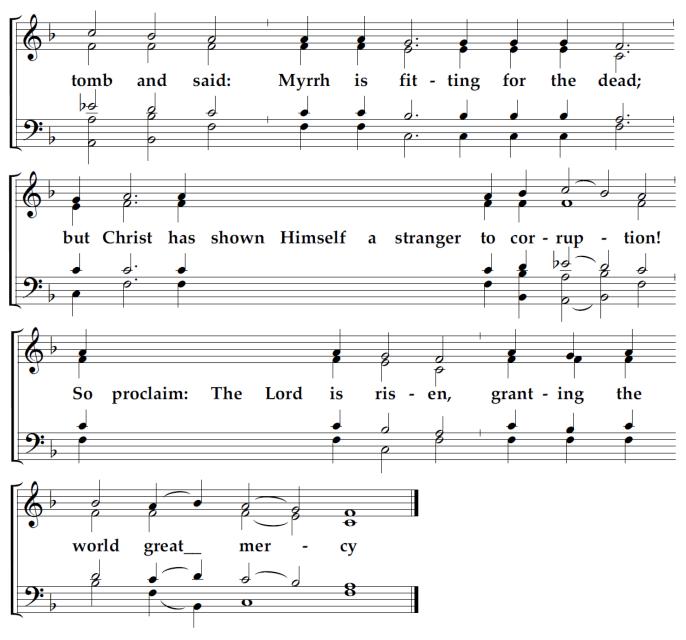
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So proclaim: 'The Lord is <u>risen</u>,// granting the <u>world</u> great <u>mer</u>cy.'"





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

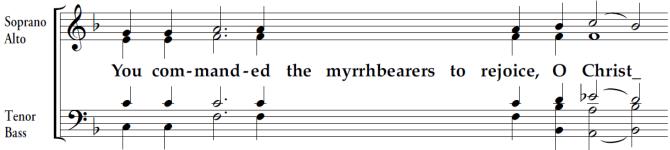
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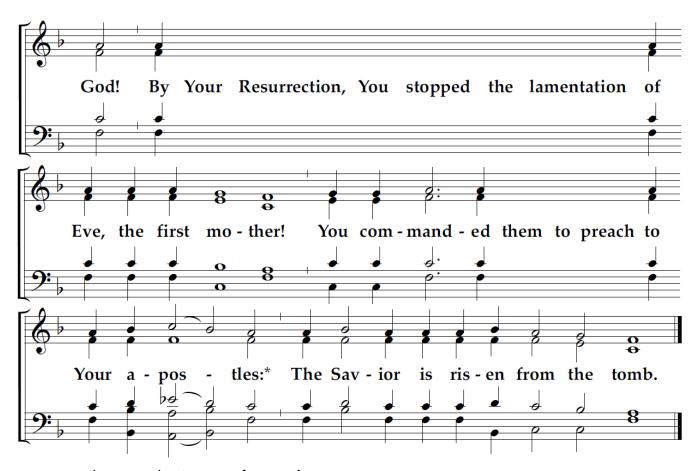
You commanded the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God.

By Your Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first mother.

You commanded them to preach to Your Apostles://

"The <u>Savior</u> is <u>ris</u>en from the tomb!"





now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

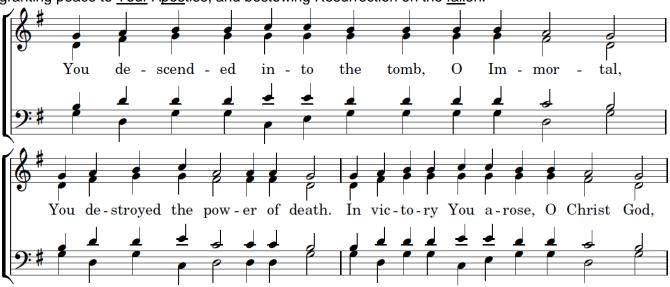
You descended  $\underline{in}$ to the  $\underline{tomb}$ , O  $\underline{Immor}$ tal,

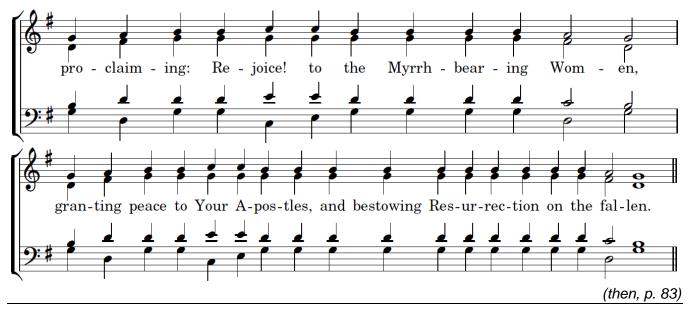
You destroyed the power of death.

In victory You arose, O Christ God,

proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women,//

granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.





Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Priest: Let us attend! † Peace be unto all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon in the 6<sup>th</sup> Tone, O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

*Choir:* O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

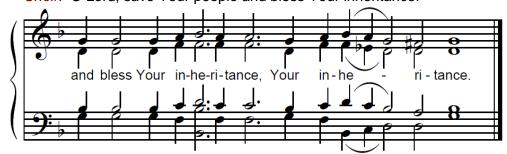


Reader: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! Choir: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!



Reader: O Lord, save Your people ...

Choir: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!



Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

**Reader:** In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, a complaint arose from the Hellenists against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily service of food distribution.

The Twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not appropriate for us to abandon the word of God in order to serve tables. Therefore, select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will appoint them over this necessary task and devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

These words pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. Thus, the word of God spread and the number of disciples greatly multiplied in Jerusalem, and a large number of Jews became obedient to the faith.

Priest: † Peace be to you.

Alleluia, Tone 8

Priest: Peace be to you!

Reader: And to your spirit. In the 8th Tone, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: O Lord, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Mercy and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: (69) – Mark 15:43-16:8

*Priest:* The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: At that time, Joseph of Arimathea (a prominent council member who was also looking for the Kingdom of God), came forward. He boldly went in to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate wondered if Jesus was already dead. Calling the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus had been dead for a long time. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Accordingly, Joseph bought fine linen, took Jesus down and wrapped him in the linen cloth. Having placed him in a tomb which had been cut out of a rock, he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Joses, saw where Jesus had been laid. When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices in order to come and anoint him. Very early on the first day of the week, they arrived at the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone was already rolled back, although it was extremely large. Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is not here! Behold, the place where they laid him! But go, tell his disciples and Peter. 'He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you." They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

**Sermon** (then p. 89)

# (Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

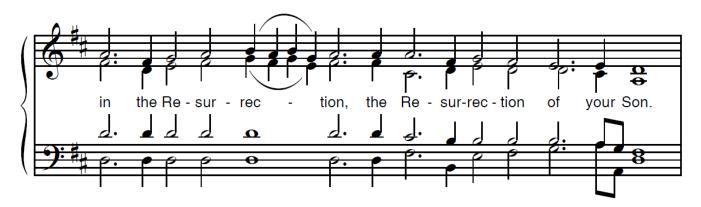
The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice, your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead." Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on you!

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son! The an cried gel to the 0  $\mathbf{o}$ .  $\mathbf{o}$ θ, Re - joice, Re - joice, full O pure Vir of grace: ó O· A-gain Your Son I say ri - sen joice! is re Ó 0 Θ from His tomb. With Him-self three days in the Ω re-joice, O ye He has raised all the dead. Re - joice, Ω





# **Communion Hymns**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### Before the communion:

Priest: "In the fear of God ..."

Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord ... "

#### After the communion:

Priest: "O Lord, save Your people ... "

Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead ... " (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light ...)

Priest: "Always, now and ever ..."
Choir: "Let our mouths be filled ..."

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to You, O Christ ...," and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead...." (thrice).

The Priest gives the Dismissal.

## Then, the Choir:

And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day.