"Lord I Call..." - Tone 8

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

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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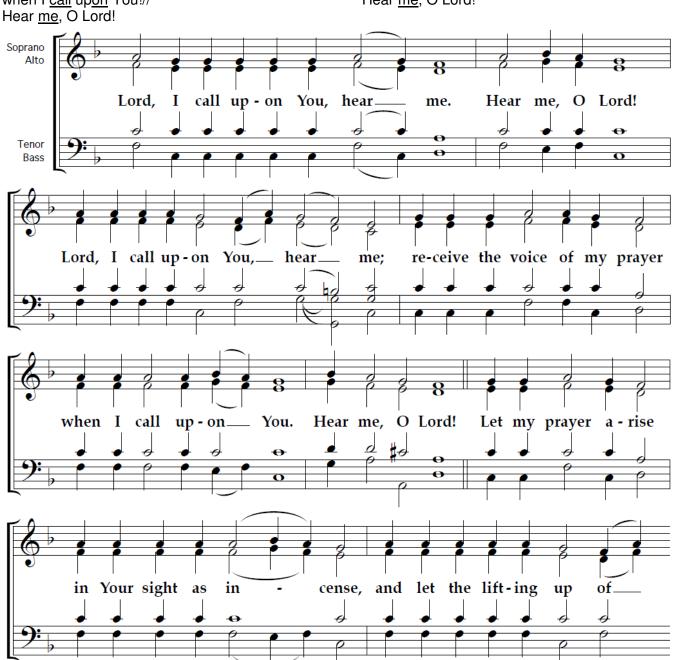
Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Let my prayer arise in Your sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!





Reader: (Reads text from service book)

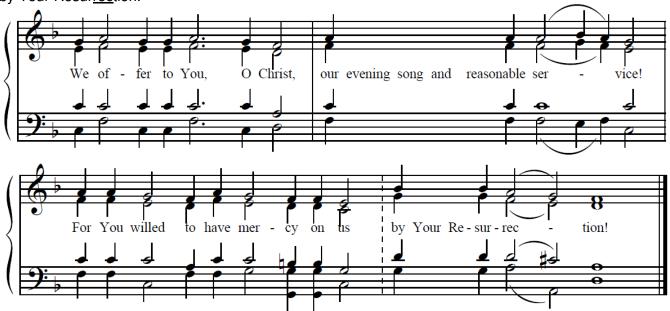
v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

We offer to You, O Christ,

our evening song and reasonable service,

for You willed to have mercy on us//

by Your Resurrection.

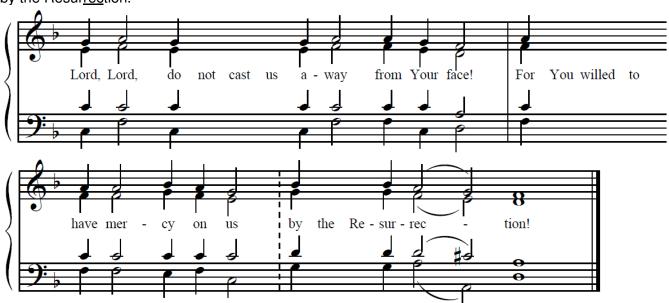


v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Your face!

For You willed to have mercy on us//

by the Resurrection.



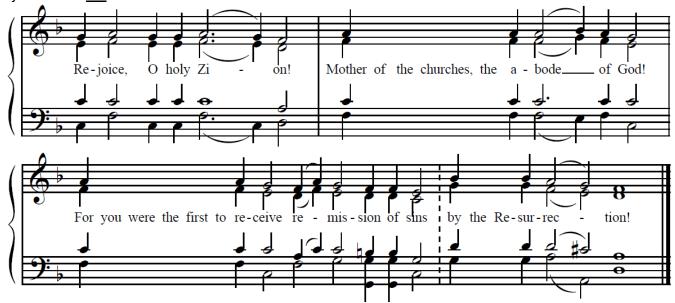
v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Rejoice, holy Zion!

Mother of the churches, the abode of God!

For you were the first to receive remission of sins//

by the Resurrection.



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

The Word of God the Father,

begotten before the ages,

in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin

and endured crucifixion unto death.

He has saved mortal man//

by His Resurrection.



Tone 6 (for the Feast) (Having placed all their hope)

Revealing to you the pre-eternal counsel,

Gabriel came and stood before you, O Maiden,

and greeting you, he said:

"Rejoice, earth that has not been sown!

Rejoice, burning bush that remains unconsumed!

Rejoice, unsearchable depth!

Rejoice, bridge that leads to Heaven!

Rejoice, ladder raised on high that Jacob saw!

Rejoice, divine jar of manna!

Rejoice, deliverance from the curse!

Rejoice, restoration of Adam;//

the Lord is with you!"





v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

"You appear to me in the form of a man,"

said the undefiled Maid to the chief of the <u>Heav</u>enly Hosts.

"How then do you speak to me of things that pass man's power?

You have said that God shall be with me

and shall take up His dwelling in my womb.

How shall I become the spacious habitation

and the holy place of Him Who rides upon the Cherubim?

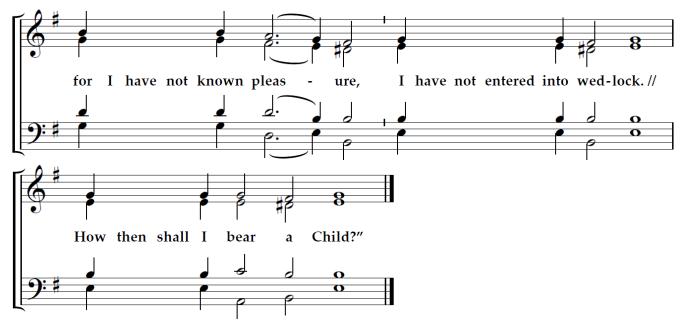
Do not deceive me with trickery;

for I have not known pleasure,

I have not entered into wedlock.//

How then shall I bear a Child?"





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

Then the bodiless Angel replied:

"When God so wills, the order of nature is overcome,

and what is beyond man comes to pass.

Believe that my sayings are true,

O all-holy and immaculate Lady!"

And she cried aloud:

"Let it be to me according to your word,

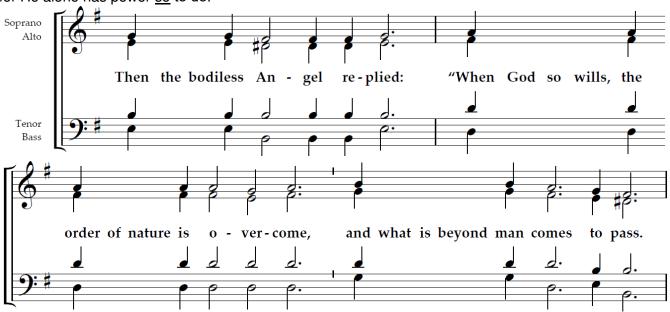
and I shall bear Him Who is without flesh!

He shall borrow flesh from me,

that through this union of <u>nat</u>ures

He may lead man up to his ancient glory,//

for He alone has power so to do."





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

<u>Ga</u>briel, the greatest of the <u>spi</u>ritual powers,

shining with heavenly brightness,

who with the hosts on high gazes upon the light of the Threefold Sun,

came to the Virgin and announced to her the good news of the divine and <u>awe</u>some <u>mys</u>tery,// and he intercedes for our souls.



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

The great <u>mys</u>tery till then unknown to the <u>ang</u>els

and hidden from all eternity

has been confided to you alone, O Gabriel;

and you have come to Nazareth and entrusted it to her who alone is pure.//



v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Gabriel, ever <u>filled</u> with light, who do the will and fulfill the

who do the will and fulfill the commands of the Ruler of All,

Leader of the angels, most excellent,

preserve those who honor you with love,//

and pray that our souls be granted peace and great mercy!



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

Tone 6

(for the Feast, by John the Monk)

The Archangel Gabriel was sent from heaven,

to announce to the Virgin the good news of her conceiving.

And coming to Nazareth, he was filled with wonder at the miracle,

and reasoned with<u>in</u> himself:

"How is it that He Who dwells on high,

Whom none can comprehend, is to be born of a Virgin?

How is He, Whose throne is Heaven and Whose footstool is the earth,

to be contained in the womb of a woman?

He upon Whom the six-winged Seraphim and the many-eyed Cherubim are not \underline{a} ble to gaze is well-pleased to be made flesh from her at a $\underline{\sin}$ gle word.

It is the Word of God Who is to come.

Why then do I hesitate, and not say to the Maiden:

'Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Rejoice, pure Virgin!

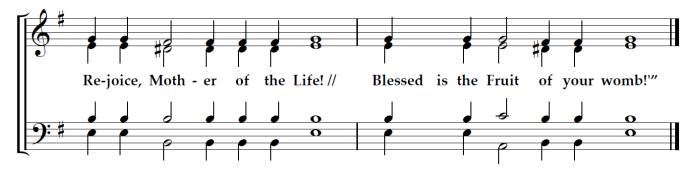
Rejoice, Bride without Bridegroom!

Rejoice, Mother of the Life!//

Blessed is the Fruit of your womb!"







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

Tone 8 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The King of heaven, because of His love for man,

appeared on earth and dwelt with men.

He took flesh from the pure Virgin

and after assuming it, He came forth from her.

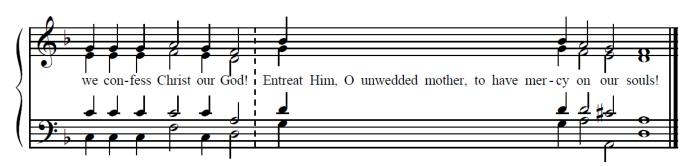
The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.

Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,

we confess Christ our God!//

Entreat him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls!





Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

Aposticha - Tone 8

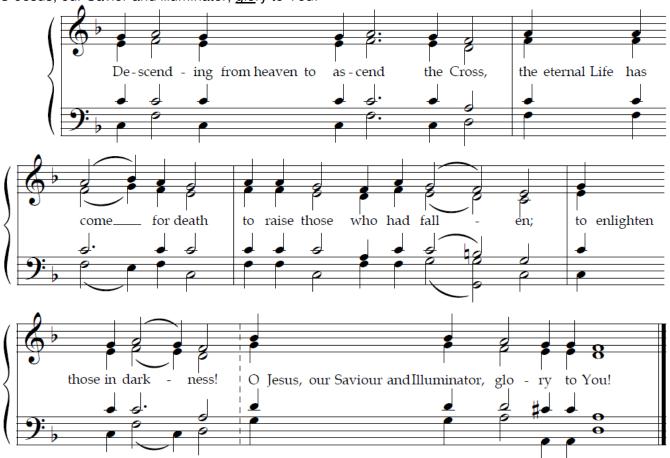
Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,

the Eternal Life has come for death

to raise those who had fallen;

to enlighten those in darkness.//

O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to You!



v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.

He accepted the human body and soul,

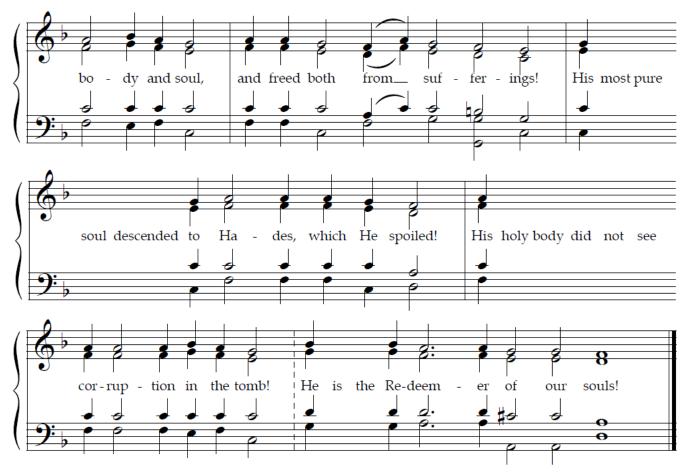
and freed both from sufferings.

His most pure soul descended to <u>Ha</u>des, which He spoiled.

His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//

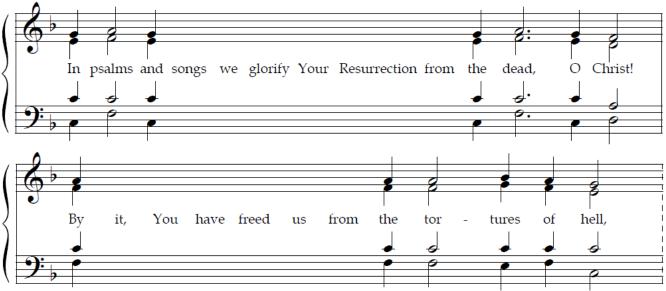
He is the Redeemer of our souls.

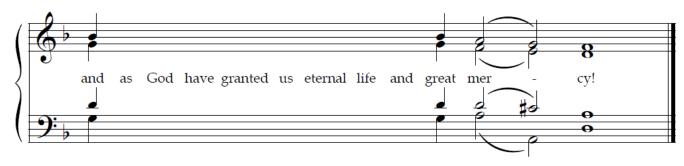




v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

In <u>psalms</u> and songs we glorify Your Resurrection from the <u>dead</u>, O Christ. By it, You have freed us from the <u>tor</u>tures of hell// and as God have granted us eternal life and great $\underline{\text{mer}}$ cy.





v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,

by Your suffering on the Cross You have gained passionlessness for me.

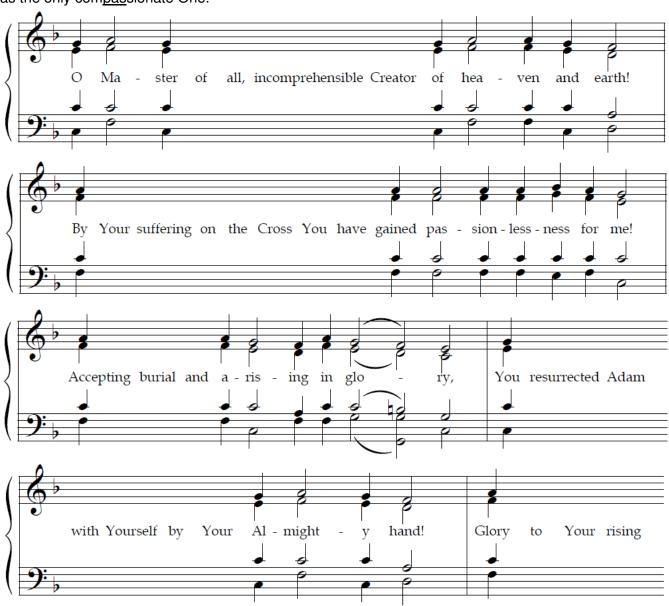
Accepting burial and arising in glory,

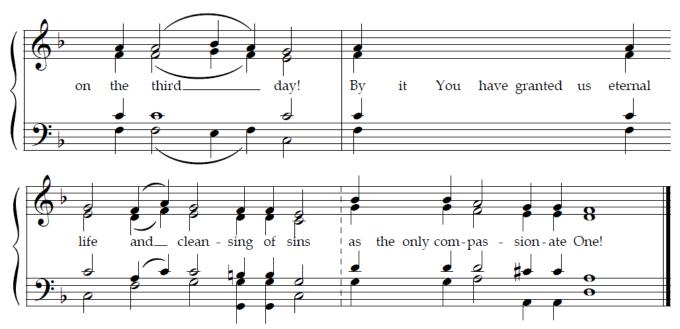
You resurrected Adam with Yourself by Your almighty hand.

Glory to Your rising on the third day!

By it You have granted us eternal <u>life</u> and <u>cleansing</u> of sins//

as the only compassionate One.





Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4 (for the Feast, by Andrew of Jerusalem)

Today the good tidings of joy are proclaimed,

today is the festival of the Virgin;

things below are joined together with things on high.

Adam is made new;

Eve is freed from the primal grief;

and by the deification of the human nature that the Lord assumed,

the tabernacle of our substance has become a temple of God.

Oh, what a mystery!

The manner of His emptying cannot be known;

the manner of His conception is beyond speech.

An angel ministers at the miracle; a virginal womb receives the Son;

the Holy Spirit is sent down; the Father on high is well pleased,

and according to their common counsel, a reconciliation is brought to pass

in which and through which we are saved.

For this reason let us unite our song with Gabriel's,

crying aloud to the Virgin:

"Rejoice, O Lady Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

From you is our salvation, Christ our God,

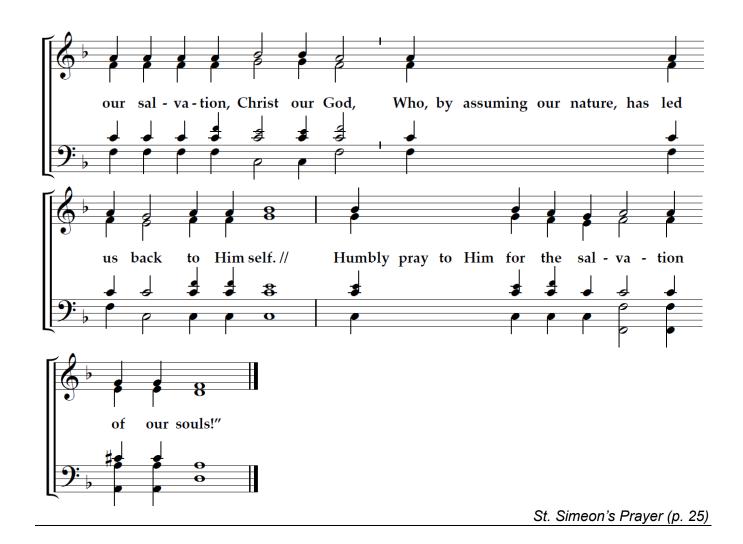
Who, by assuming our nature, has led us back to Himself.//

Humbly pray to Him for the salvation of our souls!"









Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion - Tone 8)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!

You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!



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

Tone 4 Troparion (Archangel)

(Troparion for the Archangel – Tone 4)

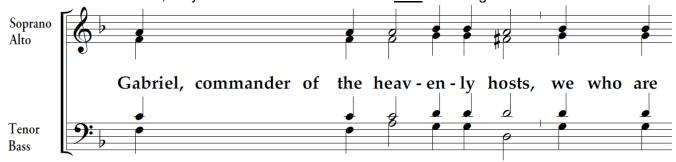
Gabriel, Commander of the heavenly hosts,

we who are unworthy be<u>seech</u> you:

by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,

and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you://

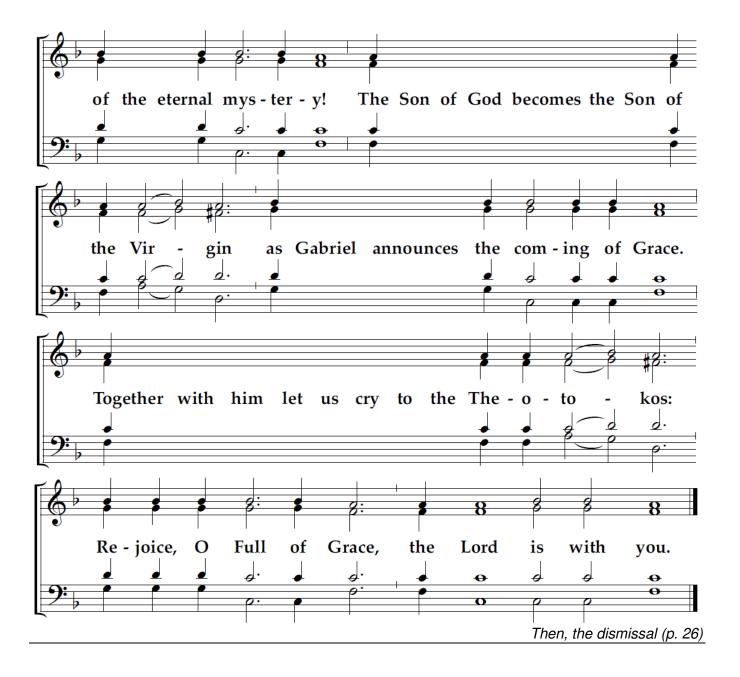
"Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commander of the Powers on high!"





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

Tone 4 **Troparion** (Feast) (Troparion for Annunciation – Tone 4) Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery! The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, O Full of Grace,// the Lord is with you!" Soprano Alto Today is the beginning of our sal-va - tion, the revelation Tenor Bass



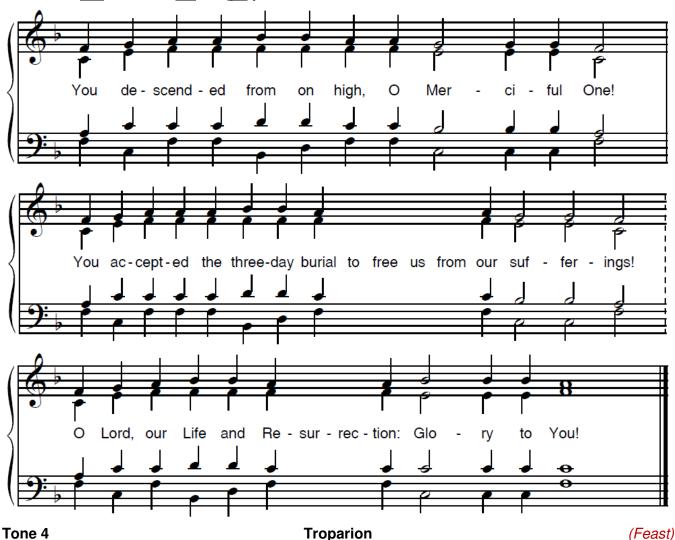
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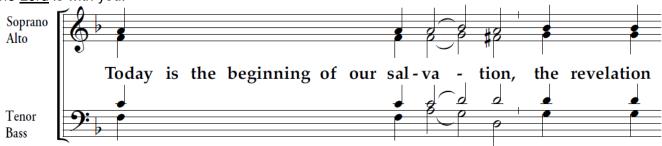
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin

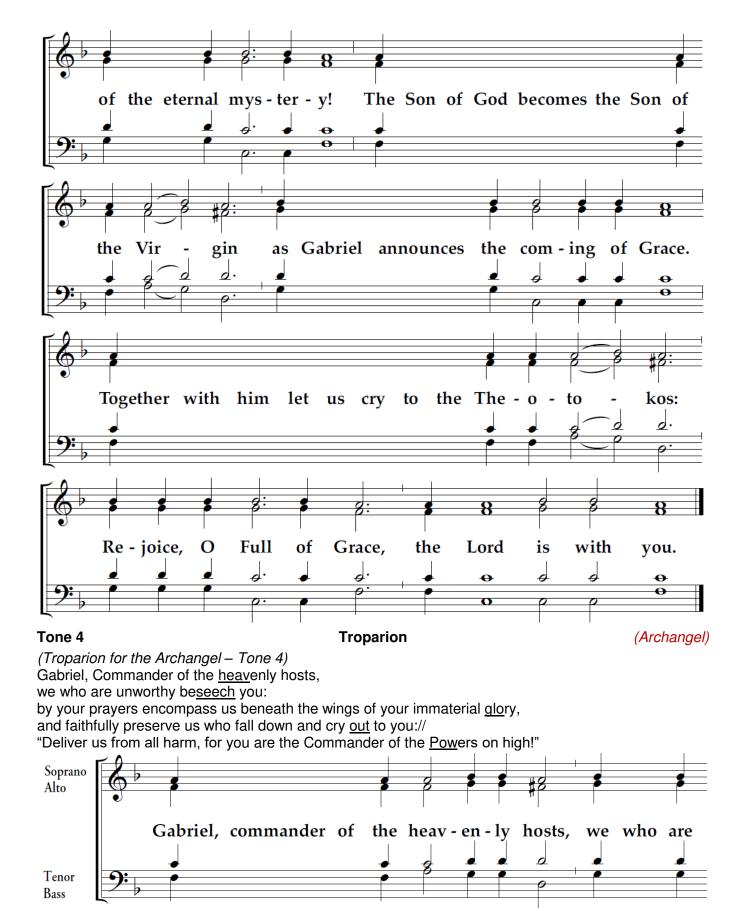
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Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos:

"Rejoice, O Full of Grace,//

the Lord is with you!"





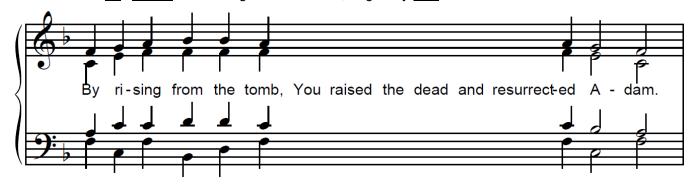


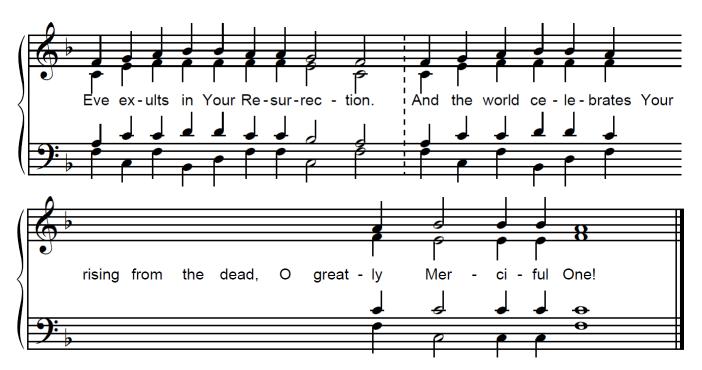
(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 8)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.

Eve exults in Your Resurrection,

and the world <u>celebrates</u> Your rising from the dead, O greatly <u>Mer</u>ciful One!



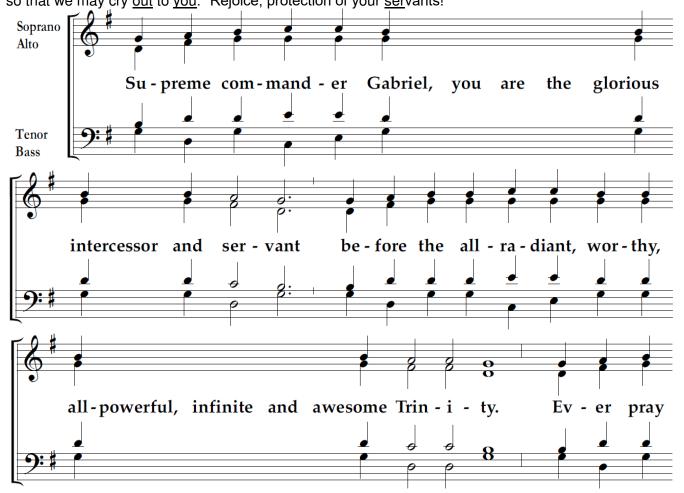


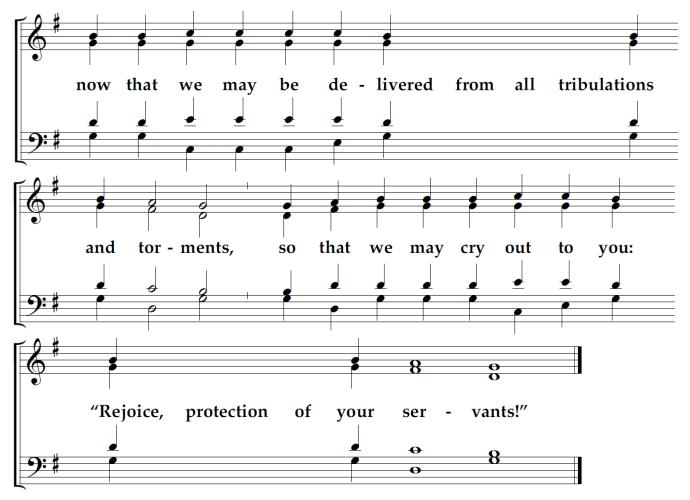
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 8 Kontakion (Archangel)

(Kontakion for the Archangel – Tone 8)

Supreme Commander Gabriel, you are the glorious intercessor and <u>ser</u>vant before the all-<u>ra</u>diant, <u>wor</u>thy, all-powerful, infinite and awesome <u>Trin</u>ity. Ever pray now that <u>we</u> may be delivered from all tribulations and <u>torments</u>,// so that we may cry <u>out</u> to <u>you</u>: "Rejoice, protection of your <u>ser</u>vants!"





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

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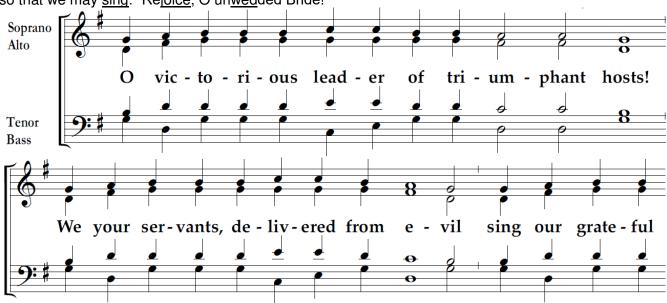
O victorious <u>leader of triumphant hosts!</u>

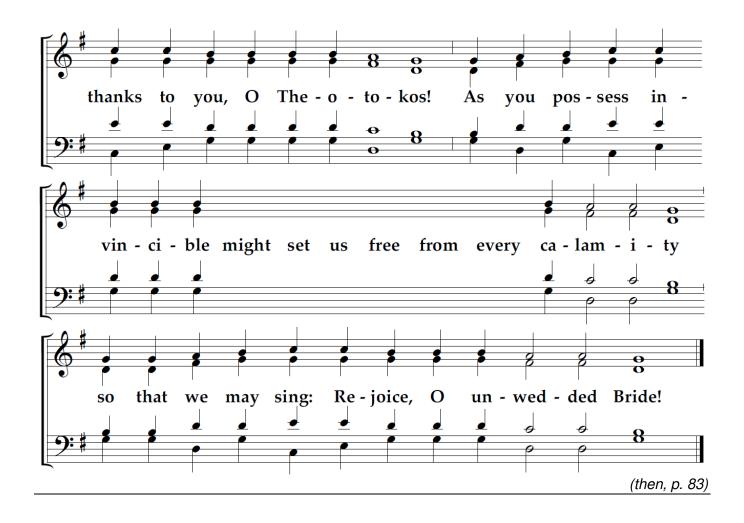
We, your servants delivered from evil

sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos.

As you possess invincible might set us free from every calamity//

so that we may sing: "Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!"





Prokeimenon, Tone 8

Deacon: Let us attend! Priest: † Peace to all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

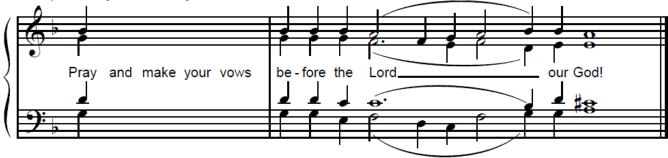
Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 8th Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

People: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!



Reader: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

People: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!!



Reader: In the Fourth Tone, From day to day / proclaim the salvation of our God!

People: From day to day / proclaim the salvation of our God!



Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (314) Hebrews 6:13-20 and (306) Hebrews 2:11-18 (*Feast*)

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he could swear by no one greater, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless and multiply you." Thus, having patiently endured, Abraham obtained the promise.

For humans indeed swear by someone greater, and in every dispute they have, the oath is final to get things settled. In this way, being determined to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable nature of his purpose, God intervened with an oath. And so, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, may we have a strong encouragement, since we have sought refuge and taken hold of the hope set before us. We have this hope as an anchor of the soul, a hope which is both sure and solid. It reaches beyond the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Brothers and sisters, both the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one; for this reason, he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying:

I will declare your Name to my brethren.

In the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.

Again:

I will put my trust in him,

and:

Behold, here I am with the children whom God has given me.

Since the children have shared in the same flesh and blood, he likewise shared the same human nature, so that through death he might bring to nothing the one who had the power of death – the devil – and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to life-long slavery.

Certainly, Jesus did not take on the nature of angels, but that of Abraham's seed. For this reason, he had to be made like his brethren in all things, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, able to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Moreover, since he himself suffered and was tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 8

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 8th Tone: Alleluia! Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a

joyful noise to God our Savior! *People:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of

praise!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the 1st Tone, He descends like rain upon the fleece, like raindrops that water the earth.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (40) Mark 9:17-31 and (3) Luke 1:24-38 (Annunciation) Page 201 and 350

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

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

Priest: At that time, a man came and knelt before Jesus, saying, "Teacher, I brought you my son who has a mute spirit. Wherever the spirit seizes him, it throws him to the ground and my son foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they were not able."

Jesus answered him, "Unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to me."

They brought the son to him, and when he saw Jesus, the spirit immediately convulsed the boy who fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. "Often, it has thrown him both into the fire and into water, in order to destroy him. But if you are able to do anything, have compassion on us and help us!"

Jesus said to the man, "If you are able! All things are possible to the one who believes!"

Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears, "I believe! Help my unbelief!"

When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!"

The spirit cried out, convulsed greatly, and came out of the boy. He became as dead, so much that many said, "He is dead!" But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him up; and the boy stood up.

When Jesus entered into the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" He answered, "This kind can come out by nothing, except by prayer and fasting."

They left that place and passed through Galilee, and Jesus did not want anyone to know it. He was teaching his disciples and told them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and when he is killed, he will rise again on the third day."

In those days Zacharias' wife Elizabeth conceived, and she hid herself five months, saying: "The Lord has done this to me in the days when he looked at me, in order to take away my disgrace among men."

Now in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, full of grace! The Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women!"

But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at his saying and considered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and you will call his name 'Jesus.' He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. And of his Kingdom there shall be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be happening to me, since I do not know a man?"

The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one who is born will be called the Son of God. Behold, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age and this is the sixth month of her pregnancy for her who was called barren. For nothing shall be impossible with God."

Mary said, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."

And the angel departed from her.

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

Sermon (then p. 89)

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

The Hymn to the Theotokos

O earth, announce good tidings of great joy: O heavens, praise the glory of God!

Since she is a living Ark of God

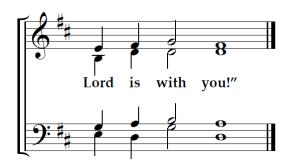
let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.

But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,

praising her in joy with the angel's song:

"Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"





Alternate Version: (Canon, Tone 6)

Receive O earth the glad tidings of great joy: Praise O heavens, the glory of God!

As you are a living Temple of God

Let no impure hand touch you, O Theotokos

But let the lips of all believers sing,

Constantly magnifying you in joy

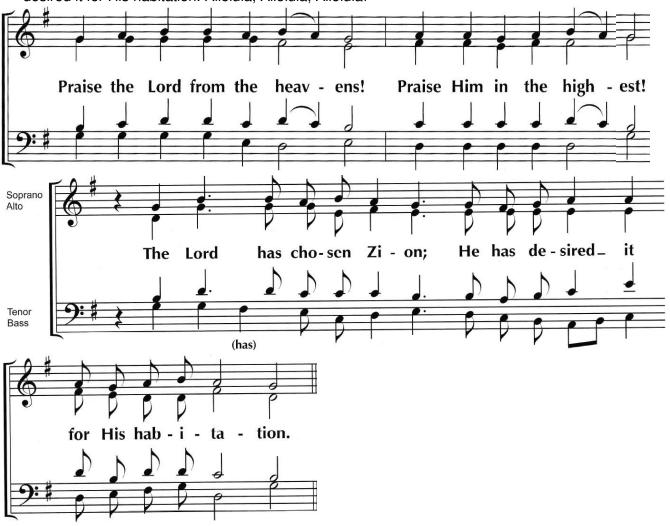
With the angelic salutation:

Truly you are above all creatures, O Pure One!



Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



- 1. This is my resting place for ever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
- 2. I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- 3. Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.
- 4. There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for mine anointed.
- 5. His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon himself his crown will shed its luster.

