TONE 2 The Holy, Glorious, and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul

"Lord I Call..." - Tone 2

Reader: In the Second Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me! Lord, I call upon You, hear me! Let my prayer arise Hear me, O Lord! in Your sight as incense, Lord, I call upon You, hear me! and let the lifting up of my hands Receive the voice of my prayer, be an evening sacrifice!// when I call upon You!// Hear me, O Lord! Hear me, O Lord! Hear me, O Lord! call upon You, Lord. Lord. Ι hear. mę Hear me O Ω 0 0 0 8 call upon You, hear Lord, I. me. Receive the voice of my prayer Ω 0 6 () 8 pon You. 0 Lord. when call me u ear θ 6 θ A Ο the lifting prayer iη Your sight aş iŋ and let Т a rise cense m 0 0 0 Ο of my hands be an evening sac - ri - fice. Hear me. Lord. up Ω 0 0 θ θ 6 0 A \mathbf{O}

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, He was buried as He himself desired.//

And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.



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!

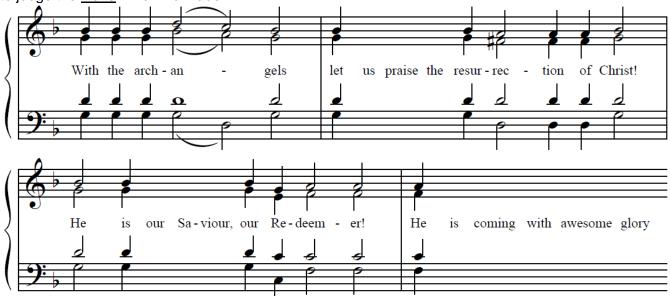
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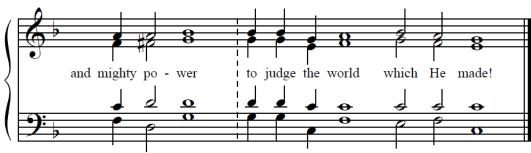
let us praise the Resur<u>rec</u>tion of Christ!

<u>He</u> is our Savior, our Re<u>deem</u>er.

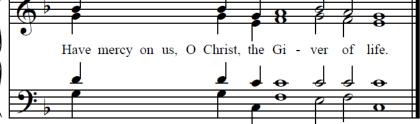
He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//

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! The angel pro - claimed_ _You the crucified and buried Ma-ster. He told the women: "Come 0 0 0 0 8 place the where He lay! He is ri - sen He said see as 0 0 Ω Ο We for He is Al-migh ty." wor _ ship You, O only Im - mor tal One. 0 6

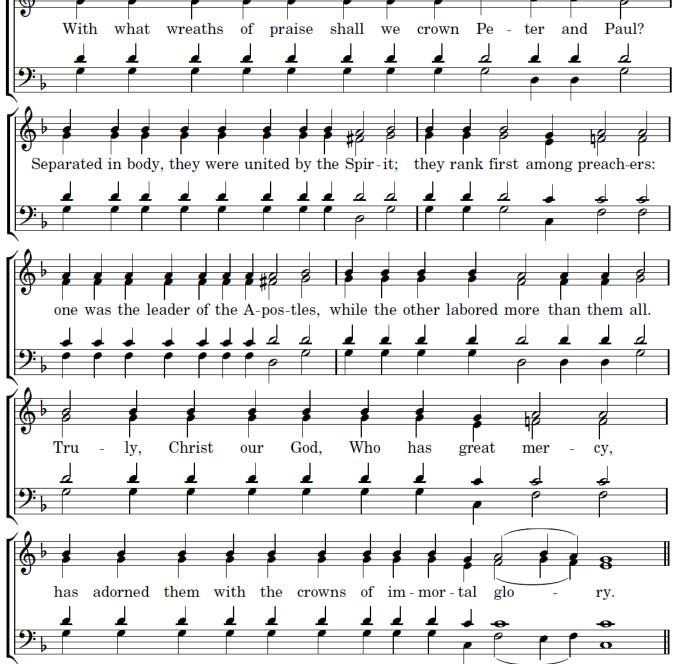


v. (6) In the Same Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

Tone 2

(Note: Melody in Alto)

With what wreaths of praise shall we crown <u>Pe</u>ter and Paul? Separated in body, they were united by the <u>Spirit</u>; they rank <u>first</u> among <u>preach</u>ers: one was the leader of the A<u>pos</u>tles, while the other labored <u>more</u> than them all. <u>Truly</u>, Christ our God, Who has great <u>mercy</u>,// has adorned them with the crowns of immortal <u>glo</u>ry.



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.

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v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord! How shall we worthily sing hymns to honor Peter and Paul?

Their hands were filled with grace and truth;

their feet carried them to the ends of the earth, preaching the Gospel of peace.

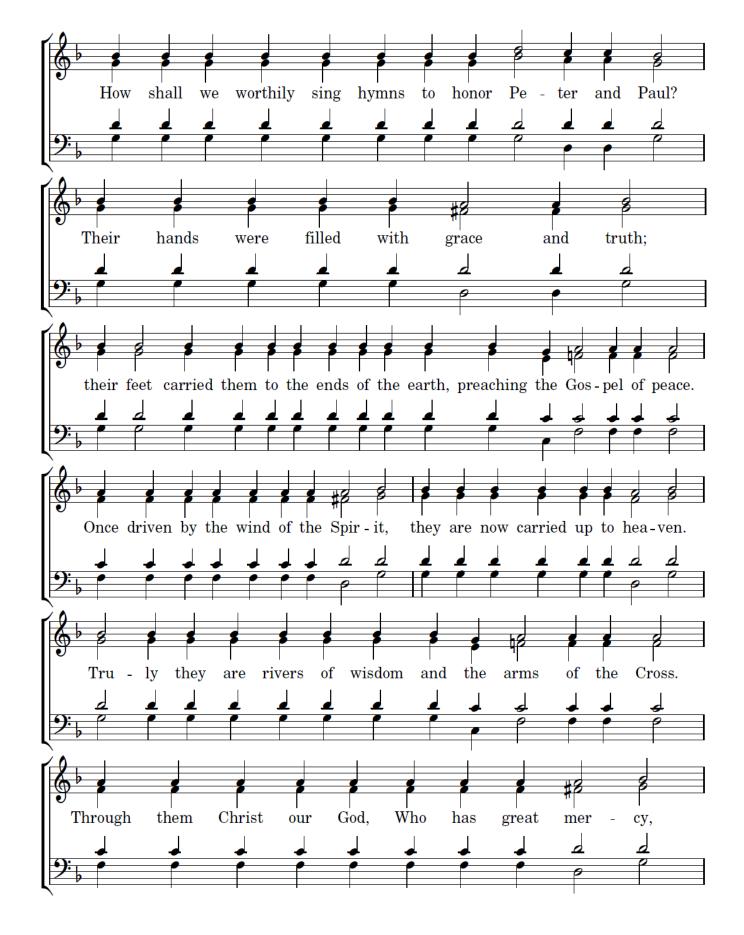
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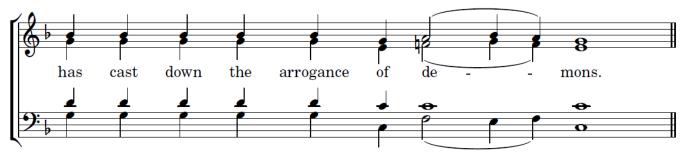
they are now carried up to heaven.

Truly they are rivers of wisdom and the arms of the Cross.

Through them Christ our God, Who has great mercy,//

has cast down the arrogance of <u>demons</u>.





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

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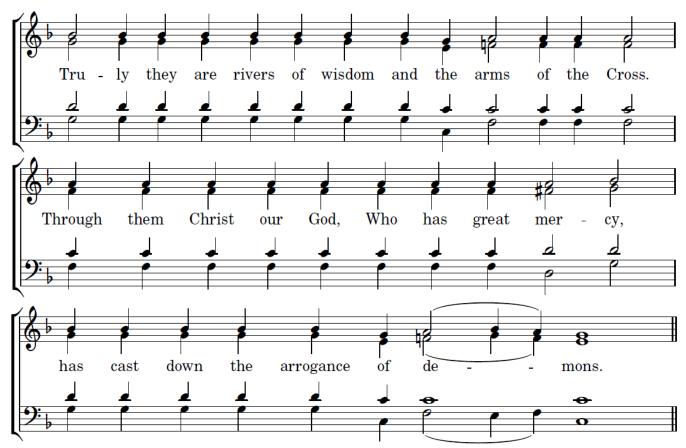
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v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

With what spiritual songs shall we praise Peter and Paul?

They have silenced the sharp tongues of the godless.

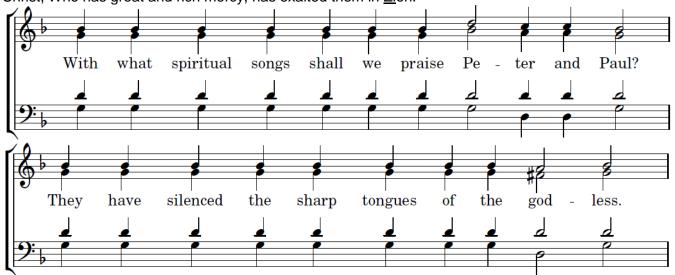
They are <u>awe</u>some swords of the <u>Spirit</u>.

They are the a<u>dorn</u>ment of Rome;

they have nourished the whole world with the Word of God.

They are the living tablets of the New Testament written by the hand of God.//

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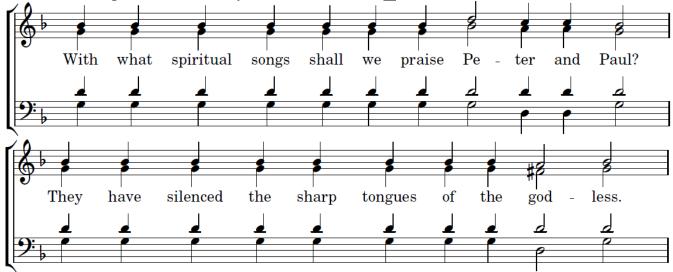
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In the Fourth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 4(for the Apostles, by John the Monk)

Three times Christ asked Peter: "Do you love me?"

In this way Christ set aright the threefold denial.

Therefore Simon cried out to the One Who sees all hidden things:

"Lord, You know all things, You understand all things.

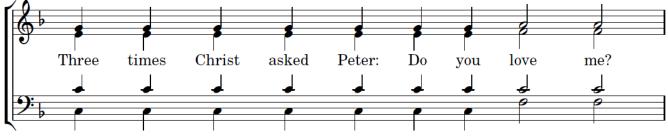
You know that I love You!"

Then the Savior said to him:

"Feed my sheep, feed my chosen ones,

feed my lambs, whom I have acquired for salvation by My own blood!"//

O blessed Apostle, pray that He may grant us great mercy!





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>Virg</u>in gave birth, yet remained a <u>Virg</u>in. The righteous Sun has risen instead of a <u>pillar</u> of flame// Instead of Moses, Christ, the Sal<u>va</u>tion of our souls.



Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First Catholic Epistle of Peter. *(1 Peter 1:3-9) Deacon:* Let us attend!

Reader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that does not fade away. It is reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are protected through faith for a salvation which is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, although for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials. This way, may the demonstration of your faith (which is more precious than gold that perishes even though it is tested by fire) be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ! Even though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with unspeakable joy and glory. And so you are receiving the result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Reader: My Beloved, prepare your minds for action; be sober and set your hope fully on the grace that is brought to you by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Be children of obedience and do not conform yourselves to your former lusts as in the days of your ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, you yourselves should also be holy in every aspect of your life, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." If you call on him who judges without discrimination according to everyone's work as Father, spend your lives as exiles here on earth, in reverent fear. Know that it was not with corruptible things (such as silver or gold) that you were redeemed from the useless way of life handed down to you by your forefathers. Instead, it was with the precious blood of a blameless and pure lamb, the blood of Christ!

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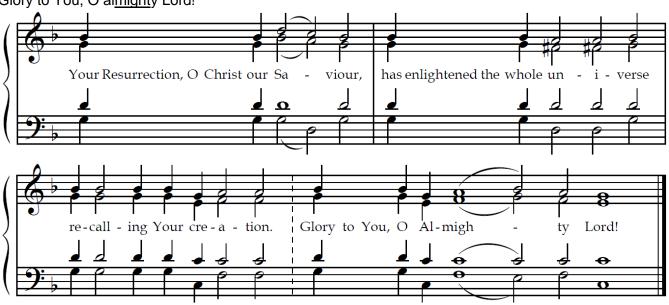
Reader: My beloved, I beg you as exiles and pilgrims in this world to abstain from carnal lusts which are at war against the soul. Live righteous lives among the nations so that if people accuse you of being evildoers, they may, by your good works which they see, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore, for the Lord's sake, submit yourselves to every human institution: to the emperor as supreme law-giver, or to governors as commissioned by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God: that by doing good you should silence the ignorance of those who are foolish. Be free, but do not use your freedom as a cloak of wickedness, but rather as bondservants of God.

Honor everyone. Love the family of brethren. Fear God. Honor the king. Slaves, be in subjection to your masters with full reverence, not only to the good and kind, but also to the wicked. Truly, it is worthy of praise if someone endures pain and suffers unjustly because of conscience toward God. But what glory is there if when you sin, you patiently endure a beating? However, if you patiently endure suffering when you do good, this is worthy of praise with God. You were called to this, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example so that you should follow in his steps. Yet he did not sin, "neither was deceit found in his mouth" and when he was cursed, he did not curse back. When he suffered, he did not threaten, but committed himself to the one who judges righteously. In his body, he bore in himself our sins on the tree, so that having died to sins, we might live to righteousness.

Then, Litany of Fervent Supplication (p. 18)

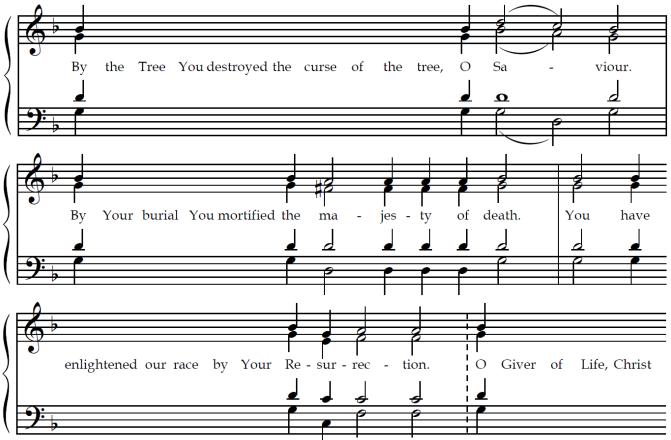
Aposticha – Tone 2

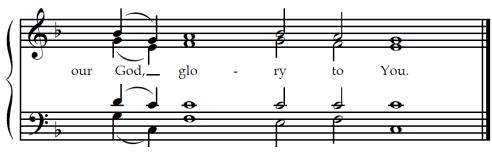
Your Resurrection, O Christ our <u>Sav</u>ior, has enlightened the whole <u>universe</u>, re<u>calling Your creation.//</u> Glory to You, O almighty Lord!



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

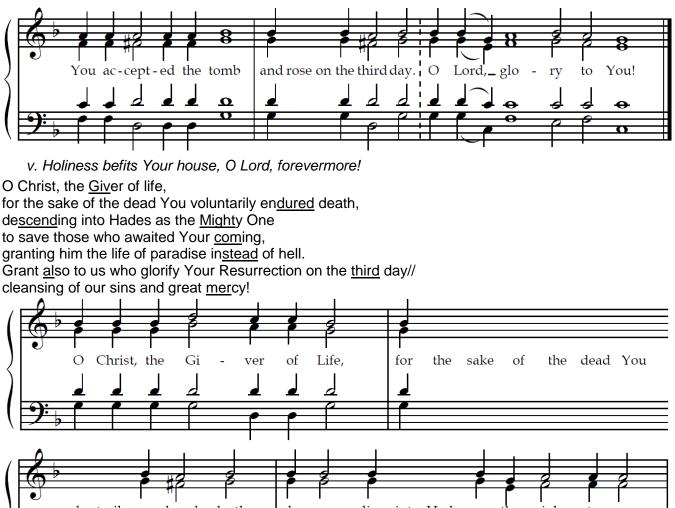
By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree O <u>Sa</u>vior, By Your burial You mortified the <u>mai</u>esty of death. <u>You</u> have enlightened our race by Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion.// O Giver of life, Christ our God, <u>glo</u>ry to You!



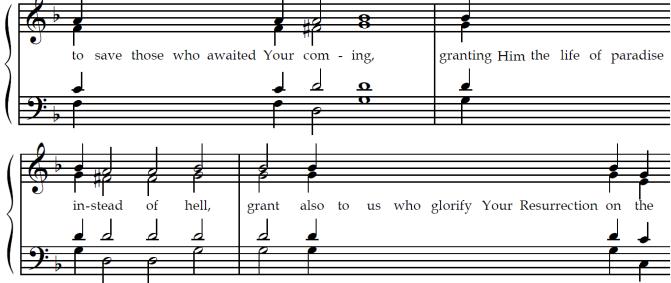


v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ, You restored the beauty of Your creatures. The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with a spear. The Hebrews not knowing Your power asked that Your tomb might be sealed, but through the mercy of Your compassions, You accepted the tomb and rose on the third day!// O Lord, <u>alory</u> to You! When You were seen nailed to the Cross, Ο Christ, You restored the 0 0 beauty of Your crea - tures. The sol - diers showed their inhumanity when 0 0 d they pierced Your side with a spear. The Hebrews, not knowing Your ро wer, 0 0 asked that Your tomb might be sealed, but through the mercy of Your com-pas - sions, 0 ð 0









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

Tone 6(for the Apostles, by Ephrem of Karia)

A joyful feast dawns upon the earth today:

the memorial of <u>Pe</u>ter and Paul,

the wise leaders of the Apostles.

Let Rome rejoice and be glad with us!

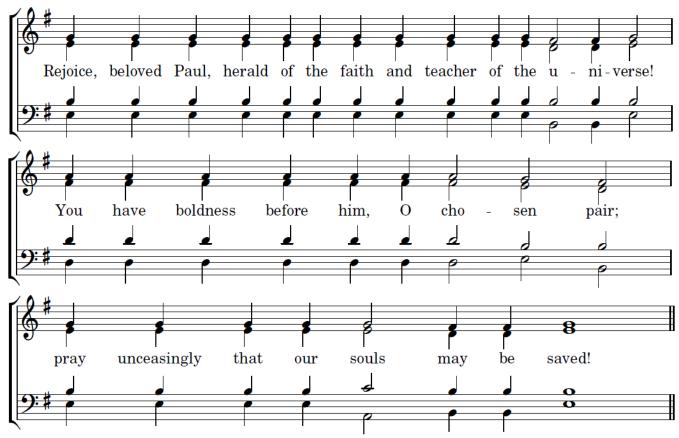
Let us keep feast, O brethren, in <u>songs</u> and hymns! Rejoice, Apostle Peter, true friend of Christ our God!

Rejoice, beloved Paul, herald of the faith and teacher of the universe!

You have boldness before him, O chosen pair;//

pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!





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

Tone 6

(Theotokion)

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

was born of you, O most pure Virgin.

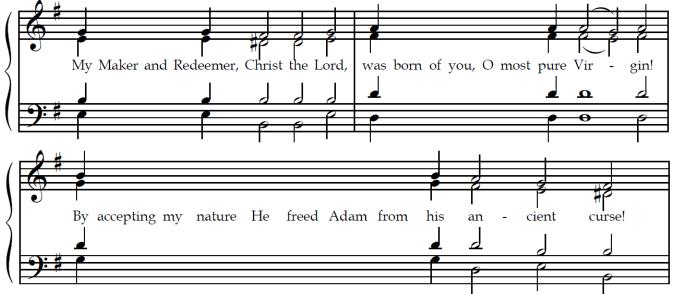
By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his <u>an</u>cient curse.

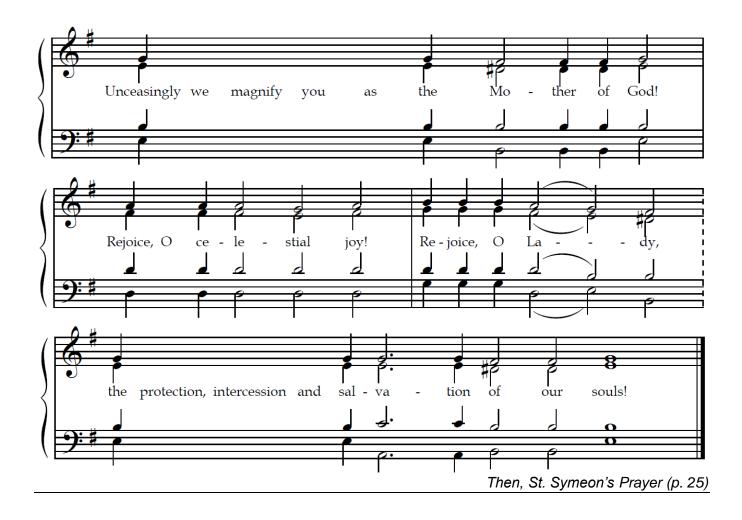
Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!

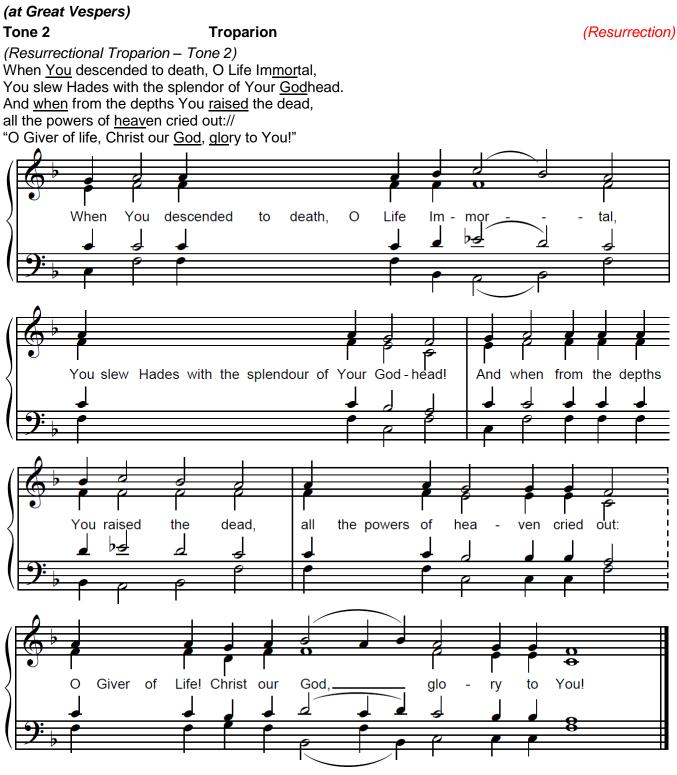
Rejoice, O ce<u>les</u>tial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!







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

(Apostles)

Tone 4Troparion(Troparion for the Apostles – Tone 4)First-enthroned of the Apostles,
and teachers of the universe:
entreat the Master of all
to grant peace to the world,//
and to our souls great mercy!



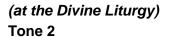
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Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

(Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 4) The mystery of all eternity, unknown even by angels, through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth: God incarnate by union without confusion. He voluntarily accepted the <u>Cross</u> for us, by which He resurrected the first-created man,// saving our <u>souls</u> from death.







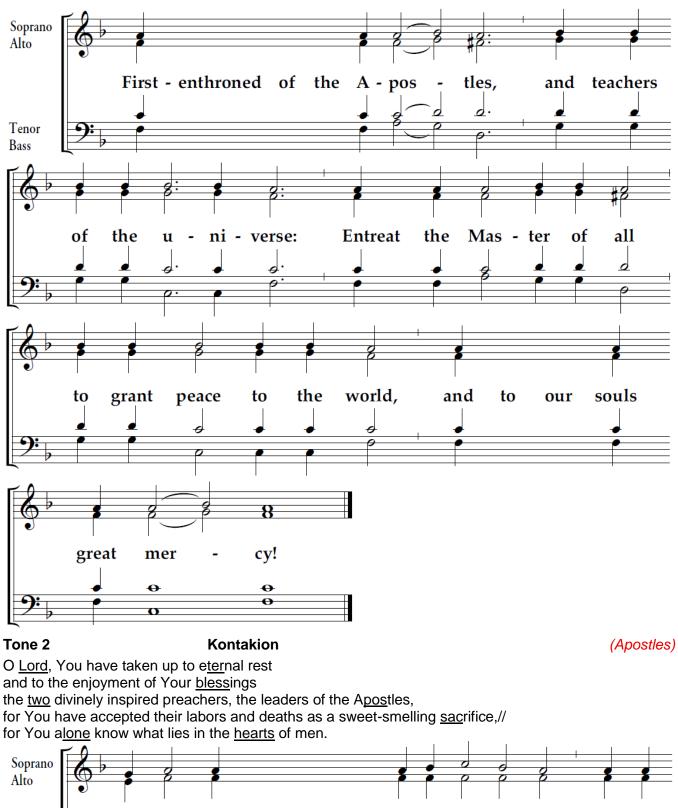
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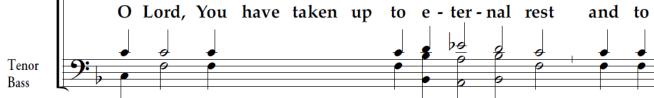


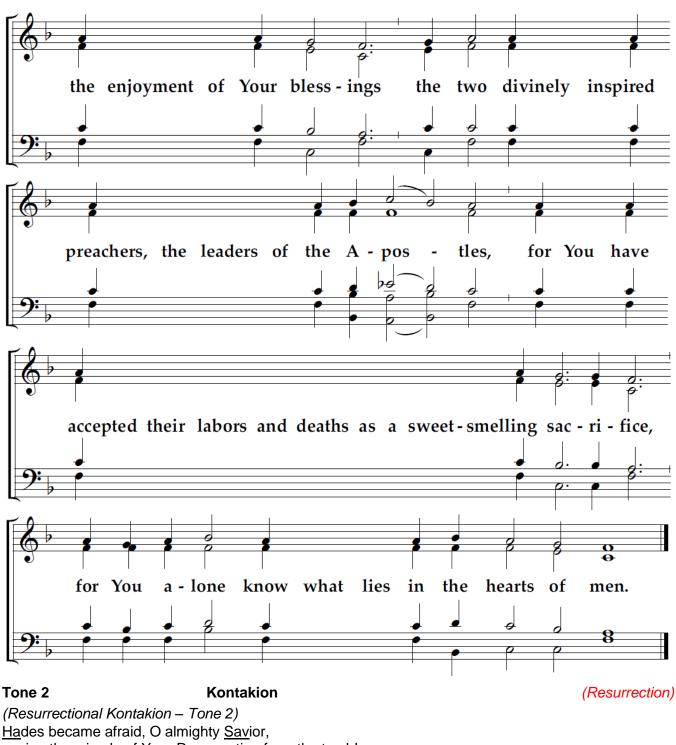
(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2) When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"



(Troparion for the Apostles – Tone 4) First-enthroned of the Apostles, and teachers of the <u>u</u>niverse: entreat the <u>Mas</u>ter of all to grant <u>peace</u> to the world,// and to our souls great <u>mer</u>cy!



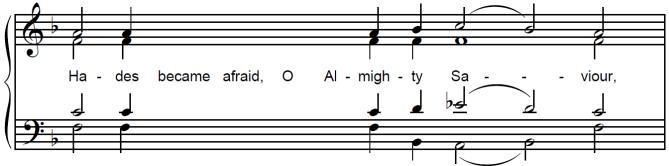


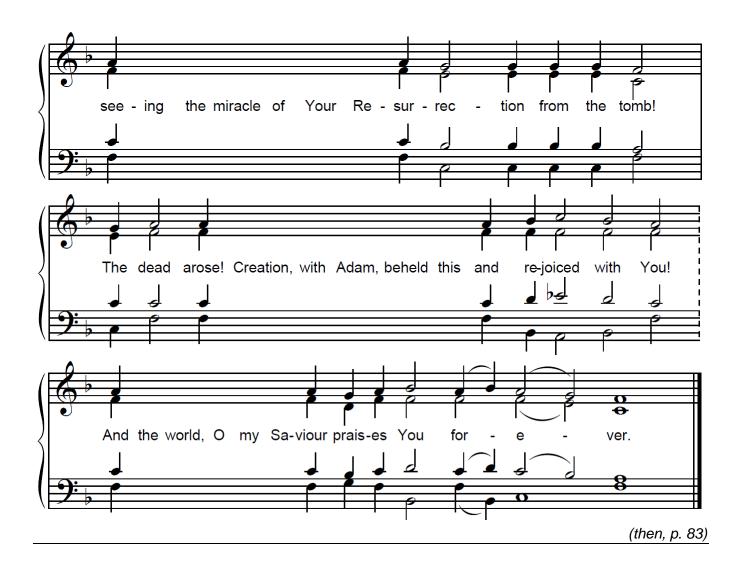


seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!

The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,//

and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.





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Prokeimenon, Tone 2

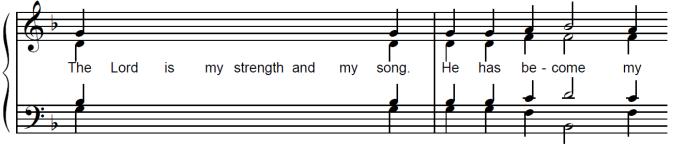
Deacon: Let us attend! Priest: † Peace to all!

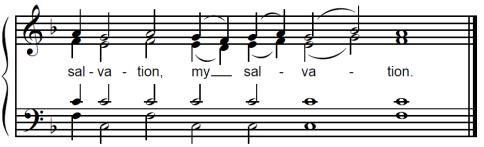
Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

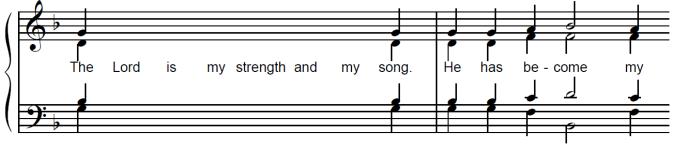
People: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation, my salvation.

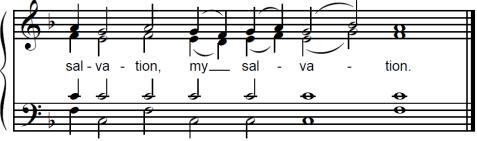




Reader: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

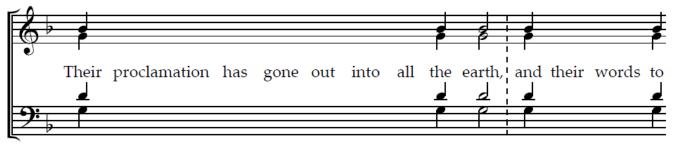
People: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation, my salvation.





Reader: In the Eighth Tone, Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Choir: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!





Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (88) Romans 5: 1-10 and (193) 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 (Apostles)

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God!

Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, one will hardly die for someone righteous, but perhaps for a righteous person someone would even dare to die. But God entrusts his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Even more so then, since we are now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from wrath through him! For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more shall we be saved by his life!

Brothers and sisters, if anyone is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am bold as well. Are they Hebrews? So am I! Are they Israelites? So am I! Are they Abraham's seed? So am I! Are they Christ's servants? I am even more so (I speak as a fool)! I was in far more labors, beaten countless times, far more often in prisons, and often close to death.

Five times, I was beaten with stripes (forty times minus one) from the Jews. Three times, I was beaten with rods. Once, I received a stoning. Three times, I suffered shipwreck and was for a night and a day in the open sea. I have been in travels often, in danger from rivers, robbers, from my countrymen, from the Gentiles; in danger in the city, in the wilderness, at sea, among false brothers; in toil and hardship, in vigils often, in hunger and thirst, often fasting, and in cold and nakedness.

Besides those things which are external, there is something that comes upon me daily: anxiety for all the Churches. If anyone is weak, do I not feel weak too? If anyone stumbles, do I not burn with indignation? But if I must boast, I will boast about those things that have to do with my weakness. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who is blessed unto the ages, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor of King Aretas guarded the city, desiring to arrest me. But I was let down in a basket along the wall through a window, and this is how I escaped from his hands.

Without a doubt, it is not profitable for me to boast, but I will now discuss visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up into the third heaven (whether it was in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows). Yes, I know such a man (whether in the body, or outside of the body, I do not know; God knows), how he was caught up into Paradise, and heard ineffable words, which it is not lawful for anyone to utter. On behalf of such a person, I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in my weaknesses. If my intention is to boast, I will not be foolish: I will speak the truth. But now, I shall stop, so that no one may think more of me than what is seen in me or heard from me. Because of the tremendous greatness of these revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan that torments me, so that I would not be too exalted. Concerning this thing, I begged the Lord three times that it might depart from me, but he replied to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." And so, it is with joy that I would rather find glory in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: God is glorified in the council of the saints.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (18) Matthew 6:22-33 and (67) Matthew 16:13-19 (Apostles)

Pages 60 and 370

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

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

Priest: The Lord said, The lamp of the body is the eye! If therefore your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, wondering what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? See the birds of the sky: they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns. Your heavenly Father feeds them! Are you not of much more value than they?

Which of you, by being anxious, can add one moment to his lifespan?

Why then are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not toil or spin, yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these! But if God clothes the grass of the field which today exists and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, you of little faith?

Therefore, do not be anxious, saying: 'What will we eat?' 'What will we drink?' or, 'What will we wear?' It is the Gentiles who seek after all these things, but your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

At that time, when Jesus arrived in the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked a question to his disciples, saying, "Who do people say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Jesus then said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. I also tell you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

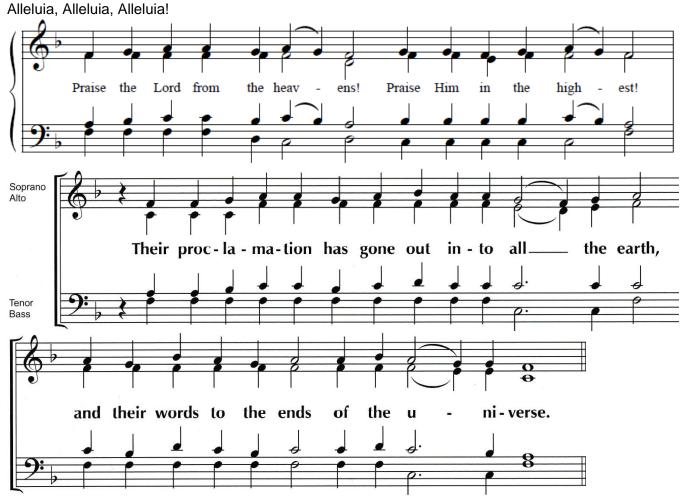
Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Sermon	(then p. 89)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Once)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Repeat as needed, with verses)



- 1. The heavens are telling the glory of Cod; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.
- 2. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
- 3. In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber.
- 4. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
- 5. The precepts of the Lord are right rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
- 6. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

