

Service for the Removal of the Burial Shroud from the Tomb

(This service is held just before Resurrection Matins. The Priest, fully vested in white, goes before the Tomb and begins:)

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and forever.

Response: Amen.

Priest: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us!

R: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us!

Priest: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us!

R: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

R: O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; O Lord, cleanse us of our sins; O Master, forgive us our transgressions; O Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Priest: Lord have mercy. (three times)

R: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

R: Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever:

R: Amen.

Priest: Lord have mercy. (six times)

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Priest: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Priest: O Come, let us adore God our King. (*reverence*)

R: O Come, let us adore Christ, our King and our God. (*reverence*)

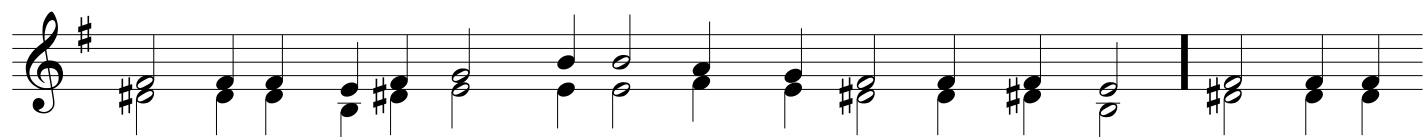
Priest: O Come, let us adore and bow down to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, our King and our God. (*reverence*)

Psalm 50

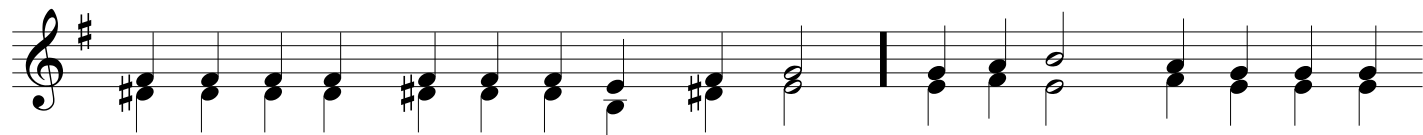
Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create a clean heart in me, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation. And my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give You a burnt offering, You would not be pleased with it. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then You will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

Canon of Holy Saturday Ode 9


Do not mourn for Me, O Mo - ther, when you see in the tomb the Son Whom
you conceived in your womb with - out seed! For I will rise and be glo - ri - fied!
And as God I will end-less - ly ex - alt with glo - ry those who ex - tol
you with faith and love. Glory to Your Ho-ly Bu - ri-al, O Lord!



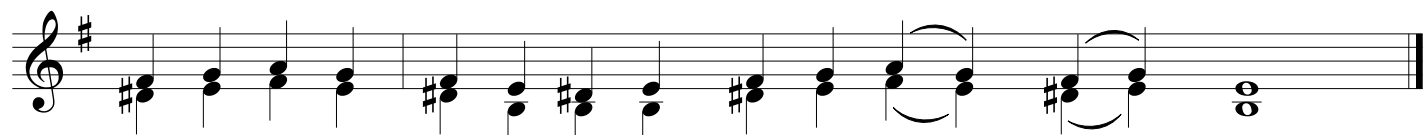
O my e - ter-nal Son, because of Your mar - ve - lous birth, I es-caped



all pains of la - bor and was tru - ly blessed. Now be-hold - ing You my Son



and my God, dead and help - less, a ter - ri - ble sword has pierced my heart.




But a - rise, so that I may be mag - ni - fied in You.



Glory to Your Ho-ly Bu - ri-al, O Lord! By My own free will, O Mo - ther,



the earth has hid-den Me. But the kee - per of the gates of Ha-des trem - bles,



see - ing that I am clothed in robes of ven - geance. For I have conquered with



My Cross, and as God I will rise a - gain and mag - ni - fy you.

(read)

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

Let all creation rejoice, and let all men on earth be glad, for hell and the enemy have been conquered. Let the women with myrrh and spices meet Me. For I have redeemed Adam and Eve with her children, and on the third day, I will arise again.

Litany

P/D: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we pray to You: hear us and have mercy.

R: Lord have mercy. (3)

P/D: We also pray for the protection of this city and every city, village and country from famine, destruction, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion and civil war; and that our good and loving God may be merciful, gracious and favorably disposed, and that He may turn aside His anger against us and free us from His righteous indignation and have mercy on us.

R: Lord have mercy. (3)

P: Hear us, O God our Saviour, the Hope of all the ends of the earth and of those far out at sea! Have compassion on us, O Master, and have mercy on us. For You are a merciful God and You love mankind, and we give glory to You: to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

R: Amen.

Dismissal

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to You!

R: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Father, bless us!

Priest: May Christ our true God, Who for us men and for our salvation was willingly laid in the Tomb in the flesh, through the prayers of the Most-holy Theotokos and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, for He is gracious and He loves mankind.

R: Amen.

The Noble Joseph - Tropar Tone 2

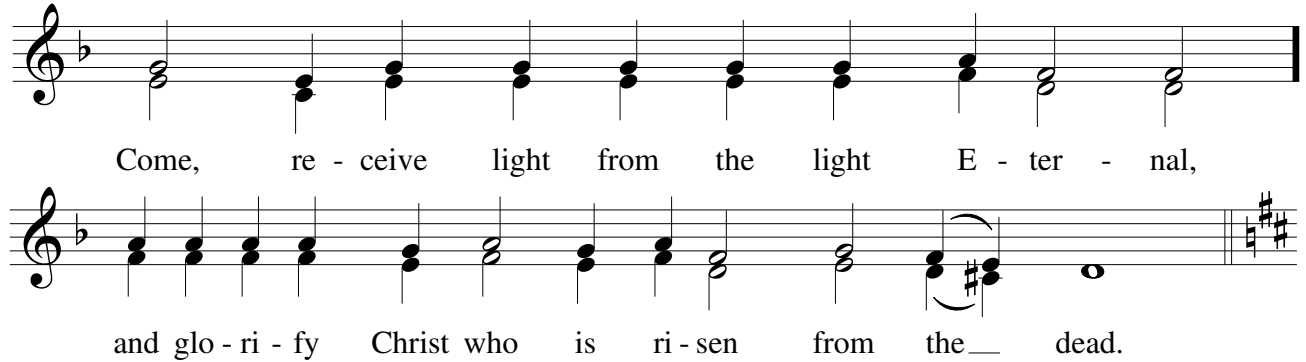
The no - ble Jo - seph,
ha - ving ta - ken Your most pure Bo - dy down from the Cross,
wrapped it in a clean shroud and an-noin-ted it with frag - rant spi - ces
and laid it in a new tomb.

As the following hymn is sung in Resurrection Tone 2, the priest removes the Holy Shroud from the Tomb and places it on the Holy Altar, where it will remain for 40 days until the Feast of Ascension.

When You sub - mit - ted to death, O Im - mor - tal Life,
You made death pow - er - less by the ra - di - ance of Your Di - vin - i - ty.
When You raised the dead from the depths of the earth,
all the hea - ven - ly pow - ers ex - claimed:
"O Giv - er of Life, Christ our God: Glo - ry to You!"

RESURRECTION MATINS

After the Burial Shroud has been taken to the Altar, the Priest comes out of the sanctuary, carrying a lighted candle. In some churches, it is customary for the Priest to pass this "light" to the Faithful, as the following hymn is sung:



Come, re - ceive light from the light E - ter - nal,
and glo - ri - fy Christ who is ri - sen from the__ dead.

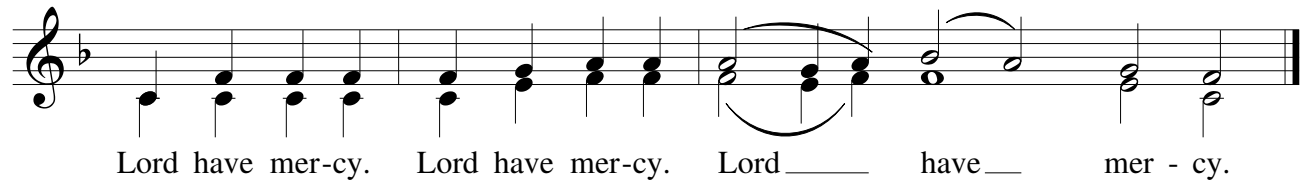
At this time the procession around the church takes place. The following hymn is sung repeatedly during the procession:



Your re-sur-rec - tion, O Christ, our Sa-viour, the an-gels in hea - ven__ sing.
En - a - ble us__ on__ earth to glori-fy__ You with a pure__ heart.

The procession stops before the closed doors of the church.

Priest: That we may be considered worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, in peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy. Lord__ have__ mer - cy.

Priest: Peace be unto all!

R:



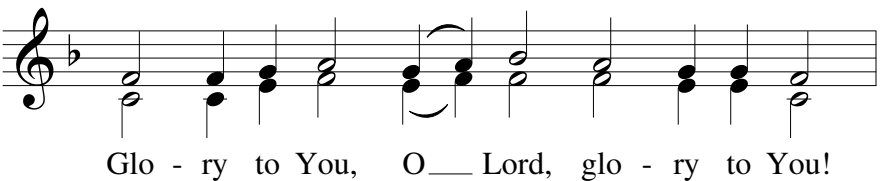
Priest: Wisdom, let us be attentive as we listen to the Holy Gospel, the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

R:



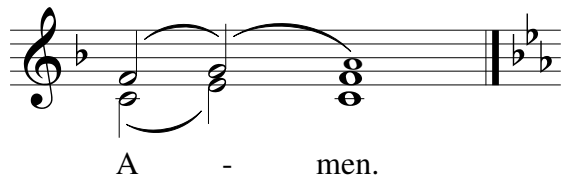
Priest: BE ATTENTIVE: Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Mother of James, and Salome, bought spices that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, where the sun had just risen. And they were saying to one another: “Who will roll the stone back from the entrance of the tomb for us?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back, for it was very large. But on entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them: “Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He goes before you into Galilee; there you will see Him as He told you.” And they departed and fled from the tomb, for fear and trembling had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

R:

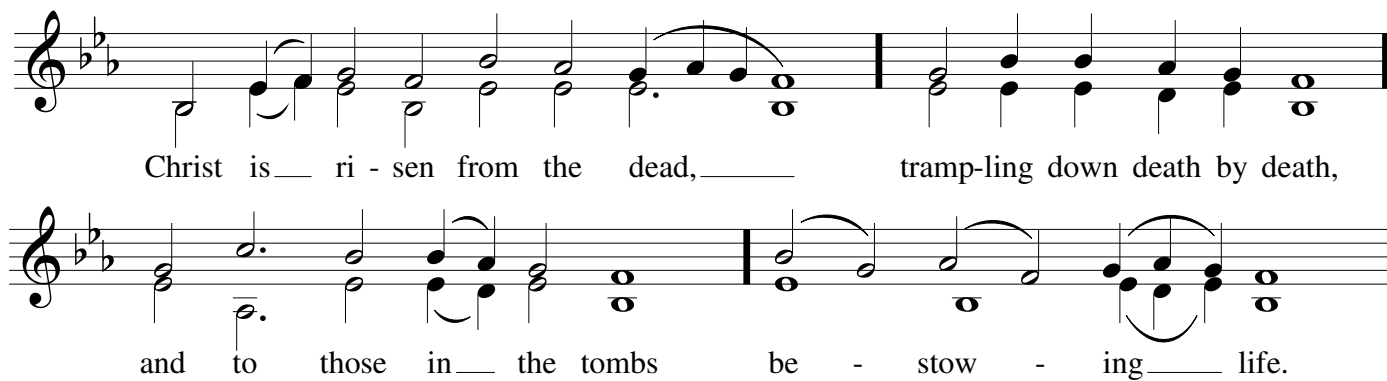


Priest: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity, always, now and ever and forever.

R:



The Paschal Tropar is sung the first time by the priest and then twice by all:

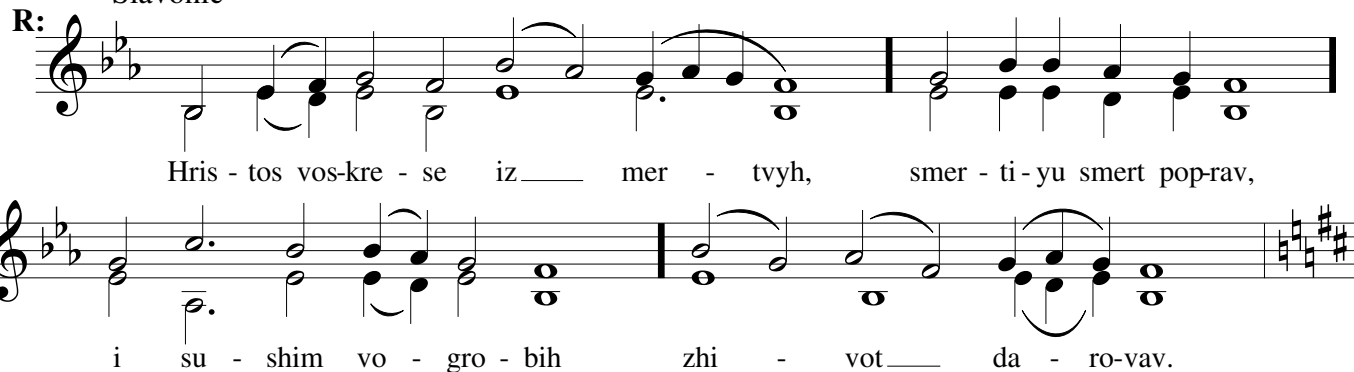


Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tramp - ling down death by death,
and to those in the tombs be - stow - ing life.

Priest: Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Slavonic

R:



Hris - tos vos - kre - se iz mer - tvyh, smer - ti - yu smert pop - rav,
i su - shim vo - gro - bih zhi - vot da - ro - vav.

Priest: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before a fire.

Greek



Khri - stos a ne - sti ek - ne kron, Tha - na - to
Tha - na - ton pa - ti - sas Kei tis - en - tis
mni - ma - si zo - in ka - ri - sa me nos.

Priest: So let the wicked perish at the Presence of God, and let the righteous ones rejoice.

R: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

R: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

R: Amen.

Priest: CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH.

The Priest blesses the Church Entrance with the Cross, and the doors are opened. As the procession re-enters the church, the Faithful conclude the singing of the Paschal Tropar:

R: AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.

The Priest and Deacon return to the Sanctuary for the continuation of Resurrection Matins.

THE GREAT LITANY(SIT)

Priest: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R: #1

Lord _____ have mer - cy.

Priest: For the peace that comes from heaven above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

R: #2

Lord _____ have mer - cy.

Priest: For peace throughout the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God and for the union of them all, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For this holy church and for those who enter it with faith, devoutness and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For our Ecumenical Patriarch _____, the Archbishop of Constantinople, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For our Most Reverend Metropolitan _____, for our esteemed priesthood, for the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For the honorable government of our country and all civil authorities, and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For this city, and for every city, village and country, and for those who with faith dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For healthful seasons, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For those who travel by land, by sea, by air, for the sick, the suffering, for those who are held in captivity, and for their safety and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath and want, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us O God, by Your grace.

R: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our ever holy, ever pure, ever blessed and glorious Lady, the Birthgiver of God and ever-Virgin Mary, together with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

R:

To You, O Lord.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains four measures of music: a quarter note G4, a half note A4-B4, a quarter note C5, and a half note D5. The lyrics 'To You, O Lord.' are written below the notes.

Priest: For to You are due all glory, honor and adoration, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

R:

A - men.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains three measures of music: a half note G4, a half note A4-B4, and a whole note C5. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the notes.

(The Faithful may now stand.)

THE PASCHAL CANON

*The Priest or the Deacon censes the altar only, before proceeding to cense all of the icons on the icon screen from the Amvon. He then censes the faithful as he walks down the center aisle, exchanging the Paschal greeting: **Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!** This censing is done during each ode.*

FIRST ODE

This is the day of Re-sur-rec - tion. Be il - lu-mined, O peo - ple.
 Pas - cha, the Pas-cha of the Lord. From death__ un - to life;
 and from earth un - to hea-ven. O Christ our God has led__ us,
 as we sing a hymn of vic - to - ry. Christ is ri - sen from the dead.

The musical notation for the First Ode consists of four staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The music is primarily homophonic, with chords moving in parallel motion. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by hyphens and some phrases separated by double lines (e.g., 'From death__ un - to life;').

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 Revised 4/24/13*

Let us pu - ri - fy our sen - ses: and we shall be - hold Christ with the
in - ac - ces - si - ble light of the re - sur - rec - tion and we shall
hear Him clear - ly bid - ding us to re - joice as we sing a
hymn of vic - to - ry. Christ is ri - sen from the dead.
Let the hea - vens re - joice in a worth - y way; and let the earth be glad
and let all crea - a - tion vi - si - ble and in - vi - si - ble
keep the ce - le - brat - ion, for Christ our e - ter - nal joy is ri - sen.

The Small Litany (*SIT*)

P/D: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

P/D: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God by Your grace.

R: Lord have mercy.

P/D: Commemorating our ever, holy, ever pure, ever blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

R: To You, O Lord.

P: For Yours is the majesty, and Yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R: Amen.

STAND

Third Ode

Come, let us drink a new drink, not mi - ra - cu - lous - ly drawn forth
from a bar - ren rock, but from the foun - tain of in - cor - rup - tion;
spring - ing from the tomb of Christ, in whom we find our strength.
Christ is ri - sen from the dead.
This day all things are filled with light; heaven and earth and the lo - wer regions.
Let all cre - a - tion ce - le - brate the re - sur - rec - tion of Christ

in Whom we find our strength. Christ is ri - sen from the dead.

Yes - ter day, O Christ I was bu - ried with You. To - day I

a - rise with your a ris - ing. Yes - ter - day I was cru - ci - fied

with You. Glo - ri - fy me, O Sa - viour with You in your king - dom.

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R: Amen.

STAND

Special Hymn (Hypakoe)

Be - fore — dawn Ma - ry came with the wo - men
and found the stone rolled a - way from the — tomb.
And they — heard from the — an - gel: He a - bides in
life e - ver - last - ing. Why seek — Him a - mong the
dead as if He were — a man? Be-hold the bur - i - al — shroud!
Go and — pro-claim to the world: The Lord is ri - sen and has con -
quered — death. For He — is the Son of God and He is the
Sa - viour of man - - - kind.

FOURTH ODE

The in - spi - red pro - phet Ha - bak - kuk now stands with us
on di-vine watch, like a shin-ing an - gel clear - ly — say - ing:

The world is saved to - day, for Christ is ri - sen;
 as all po - wer - ful. Christ is ri - sen from the dead.
 Christ ap - peared to us, as a male child born of a vir - gin
 and as man He is called the Lamb with - out blem - ish.
 For He tas - ted no de - file - ment. He is our Pas - cha
 and as our true God, He is called per - fect. Christ is ri - sen from the dead.
 Dav - id the fore - fa - ther of the Lord leaped and danced for joy
 be - fore the sym - bol - ic ark. Let us now the ho - ly peo - ple of God
 see - ing the ful - fill - ment of all sym - bols re - joi - ce hum - bly
 for Christ has ri - sen as all - pow - er ful!

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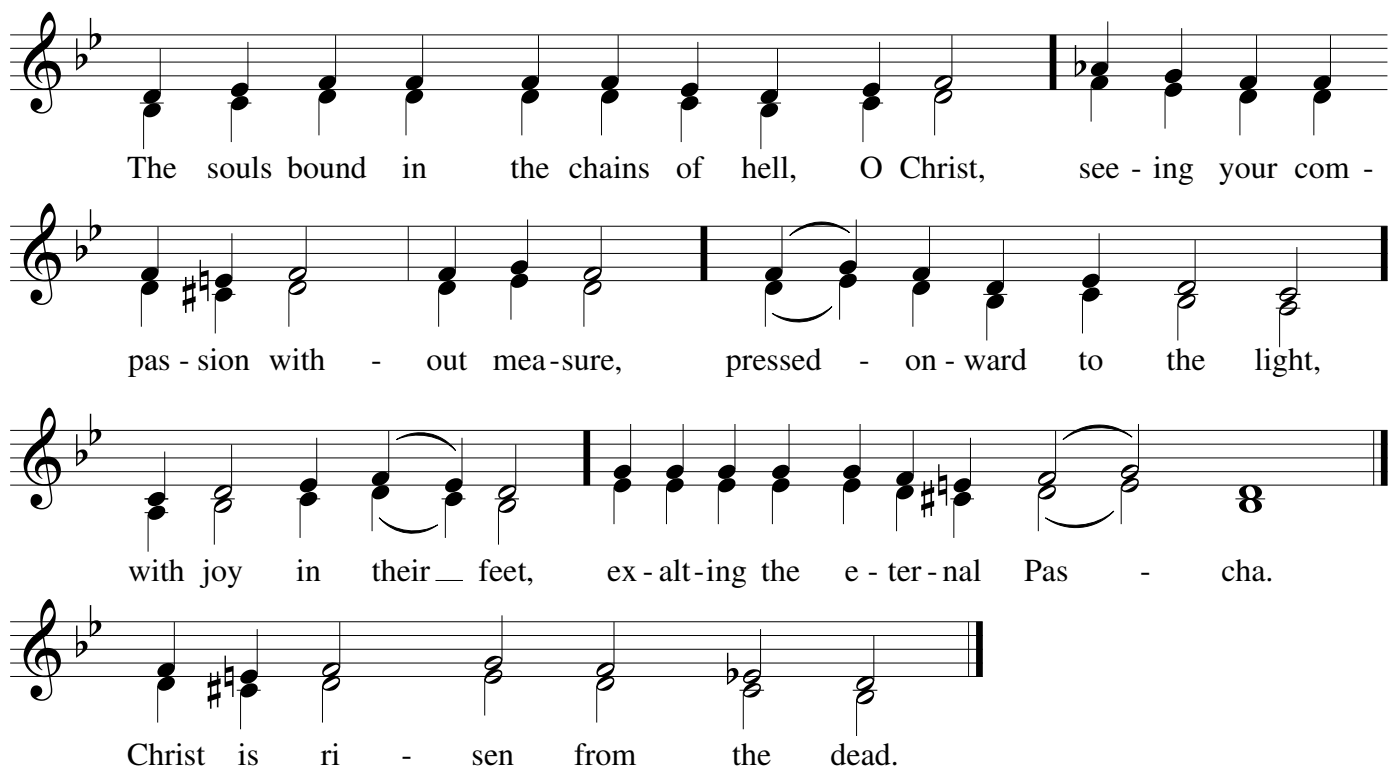
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R: Amen.

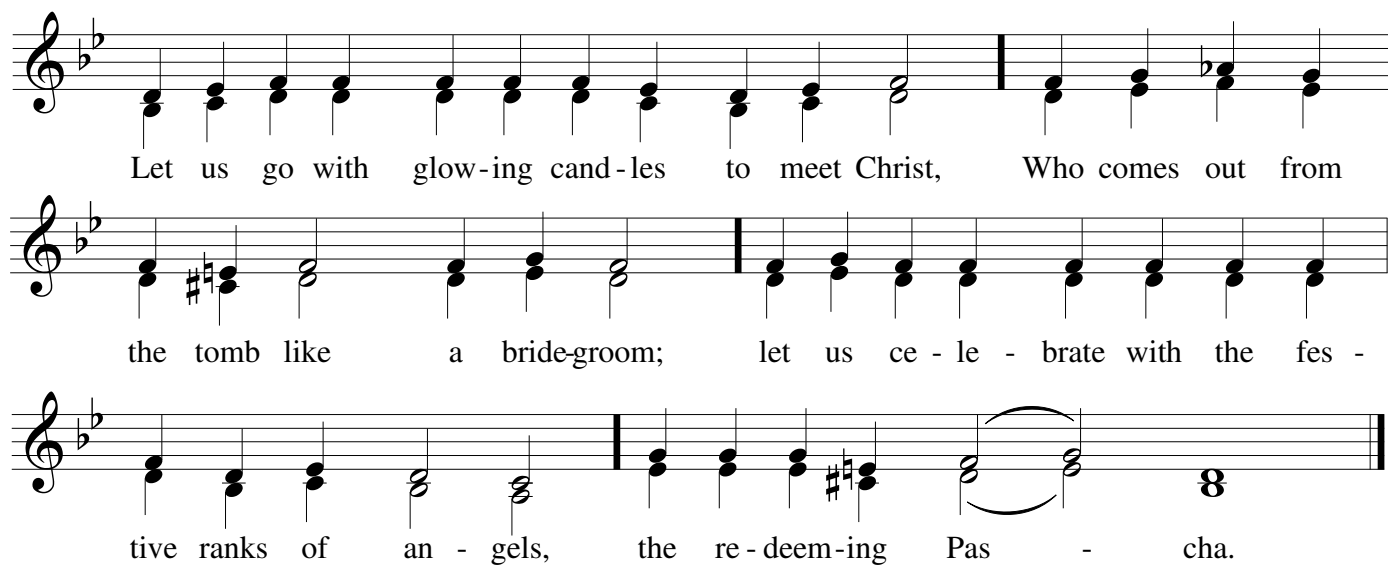
STAND

FIFTH ODE

Let us a - rise in the ear - ly dawn and in stead of
myrrh bring a hymn to the Mas-ter; and we shall see Christ the sun of
Right-eous - ness, — Who cause - es life to dawn for all.
Christ is ri - sen from the dead.



The souls bound in the chains of hell, O Christ, see - ing your com -
 pas - sion with - out mea - sure, pressed - on - ward to the light,
 with joy in their feet, ex - alt - ing the e - ter - nal Pas - cha.
 Christ is ri - sen from the dead.



Let us go with glow - ing cand - les to meet Christ, Who comes out from
 the tomb like a bride - groom; let us ce - le - brate with the fes -
 tive ranks of an - gels, the re - deem - ing Pas - cha.

The Small Litany (SIT)

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R: Lord have mercy.

P/D: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God by Your grace.

R: Lord have mercy.

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R: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For Yours is the majesty, and Yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R: Amen.

STAND

SIXTH ODE

You de-scend-ed in - to the depths of the earth, and shat-tered the
e - ter-nal bars; which held fast those who were cap-tive, O Christ
and on the third day as Jo-nah in the whale,
You a-rose from the tomb. Christ is ri - sen from the dead.
Hav-ing kept the seals in-tact, O Christ, You a-rose from the tomb,

just as You did not de - file the womb of the vir - gin by

your birth and you have o - pened the gates of par - a - dise to us.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead.

O my Sa - viour, while as God, You vol - un - ta - ri - ly of - fered Your - self

as a liv - ing sac - ri - fice to the Fa - ther. You raised up

A - dam, the fa - ther of our race, when You a - rose from the tomb.

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R: Amen.

STAND

KONDAK (Tone 8)

The musical score consists of six staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a style that uses a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, often with a dotted half note at the end of phrases. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "You des - cen - ded in - to the grave, O Im - mor - tal one, yet You dest - royed the pow - er of death. As Con - que - ror You a - rose, O Christ God, say - ing to the myrrh - bea - ring wo - men, "Re - joice!" gran - ting peace to Your A - pos - tles, and of - fer - ing re - sur - rec - tion to the fa - llen."

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As Con - que - ror You a - rose, O Christ God,
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gran - ting peace to Your A - pos - tles,
and of - fer - ing re - sur - rec - tion to the fa - llen.


IKOS

R: Before the dawn, the myrrh-bearing women sought, as those who seek the day, their Sun, who was before the sun, yet had descended to the grave, and they cried to each other: O friends, come let us anoint with spices His life-bearing yet buried body, the flesh which raised fallen Adam and now lies in the tomb. Let us assemble and, like the Wise Men, let us hasten and let us worship. Let us bring myrrh as a gift to Him Who is wrapped now, not in swaddling clothes, but in a shroud. Let us lament and cry: Arise, O Master, and bestow resurrection on the fallen.


Priest: Having beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection; for You are our God, and we know no other than You; we call on Your name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate Christ's holy resurrection. For, behold, through the Cross joy has come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, praising His resurrection, for by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death.

HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION

(Tone 6 Samohlasen Melody)




Je - sus has ris - en from the tomb, as He fore - told

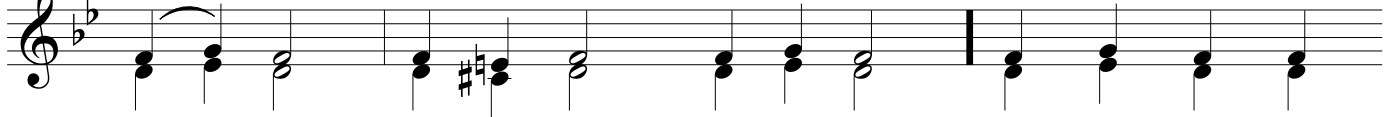


grant - ing us e - ter - nal life, and great mer - cy.

SEVENTH ODE



He who saved the three young men in the fur-nace, be-came in -



car - nate, suf - fered as a mor - tal, and through suf - fer -

ing clothed mor - tal - i - ty with the beau - ty of in - cor - rup - tion.

He a-lone is bless - ed and most-glor-i - ous: the God of our fa - thers.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead.

The god-ly wo - men ran af - ter You with myrrh, but Him whom they

tear-ful - ly sought as dead, they joy-ful - ly a-dored as the liv - ing God,

and they an-nounced to your dis - cip - les, O Christ, the glad tid - ings

of the mys - ti - cal Pas - cha. Christ is ri - sen from the dead.

Tru - ly wor - thy of tri - umph ant ce - le - bra - tion

is this ho - ly, ra - di - ant and sav - ing night. It her - alds the

glo - ri - ous re - sur - rec - tion, on which the light e - ter - nal
 shone forth bo - di - ly, from the tomb up - on all man - kind.

The Small Litany (SIT)

P/D: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

P/D: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God by Your grace.

R: Lord have mercy.

P/D: Commemorating our ever, holy, ever pure, ever blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

R: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For Yours is the majesty, and Yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R: Amen.

STAND

EIGHTH ODE

This is the ho - ly, cho - sen day; the first of sab - baths;
 Lord and King, the Feast of feasts; and the tri - umph of

tri - umphs. Let us bless Christ on this day for - e - ver more.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead.

Come, let us par - take of the fruit of the new vine, of joy di - vine,

on this chosen day of the re - sur - rec - tion, and of the king - dom of — Christ,

praising Him as God for - e - ver more. Christ is ri - sen from the dead.

Lift up your eye, O Zi - on and see: your child - ren like di - vine - ly

shin - ning - stars as - semb - le from the North, - the South, the

East and the - West to bless Christ in you for - e - ver more.

O Most Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty, our God, glo - ry to You!

Fa-ther, Al-might - y, the Word and Spi-rit, u - ni - ted in three per - sons;
 sur-pass-ing di - vi - ni - ty and es - sence; in You we have been bap - tized,
 and we shall bless You through - out all a - ges.

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R: Amen.

STAND

NINTH ODE

(The priest now censens the sanctuary, icon screen, and proceed down the center aisle, censening the faithful on either side.)



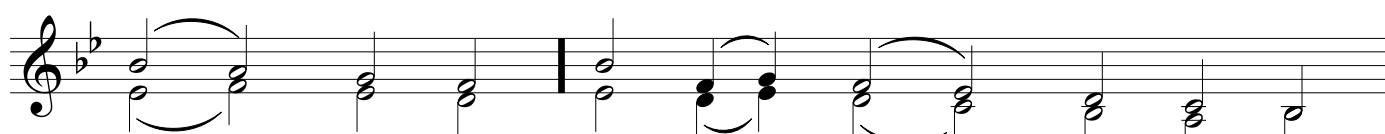
The an - gel ex - claimed__ to__ her,__ Full__ of Grace,



Re-joyce O pure__ Vir - gin. A-gain I__ say,__ Re-joyce,



your Son is ri-sen from His three days in the tomb, and He has raised



all__ the dead. Let all__ peo - ple re - joice!"



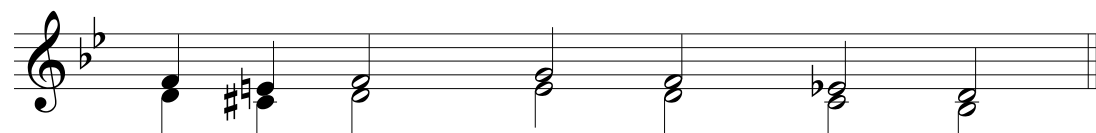
O shine, O - shine, - O - new Je - ru - sa - lem, for the glo-ry of the Lord



is ri-sen up on - you. O - Zi - on sing wth joy - and re - joice.



And you, pure mo - ther of God, re-joyce in the re-sur-rec-tion of your Son.



Christ is ri - sen from the dead.



O Di - vine__ One! O__ Dear-est One! O Sweet-est Voice



that has pro - mised to be with__ us, to the end



of the world, O Christ, and hold-ing fast this prom-ise as an an-chor



of hope, we the faith - ful re - joice!



Christ is ri - sen from the dead.



O Christ the__ Pas - cha, the Great and the Ho-li-est! O Wis - dom, Word and pow -



er of__ God. Grant__ that__ we may more per - fect - ly par -



take of__ You; in the nev - er end-ing day of__ your king - dom!

The Small Litany (*SIT*)

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R: Amen.

STAND

THE SONG OF LIGHT

Ha - ving slept in the flesh as a mor - tal
O King and Lord, You a-rose on the
third day. You raised A - dam from cor-rup - tion,
and a - bo - lished death. Pas - cha of

in - cor - rup - tion, the sal - va - tion of the world.

THE PRAISES (Tone 1)

Let ev - ery - thing that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

For to You, O God is due a song of praise.

Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His hosts!

For to You, O God, is due a song of praise.

Cantor verse

Praise Him for His mighty powers;

praise Him for His exceeding greatness!

O Christ, we praise Your re - deem - ing pass - ion,

and we glo - ri - fy Your re - sur - rec - tion.

Cantor verse

Praise Him with tim - brel and dance, praise Him with strings and pipe.

By Your re-sur-rec-tion, O Christ, You have con - quered the A - byss

and You have lift - ed up man. Make us wor - thy

to praise and glo - ri - fy You with a pure heart.

Cantor verse

Praise Him with good sound-ing cym-bals; praise Him with clash - ing cym-bals!

Let e - very - thing that breathes praise the Lord.

We give glo - ry to Your di - vine plan of sal - va - tion, O Christ,
 and we sing praise to You. For e - ven in Your vir - gin -
 birth, You re - mained as God; You suf - fered as a man will - ing - ly en -
 dur - ing the cross. You a - rose from the grave to save the world.
 You are filled with love for us like a groom new - ly wed.
 O Lord, glo - ry to You!

Paschal Verses

(The Faithful come forward to venerate the Cross and then return to their pews.)

Priest: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

To - day the sac - red Pas - cha is re - vealed to us.
 Ho - ly and New Pas - cha, the Mys - ti - cal Pas - cha,

the Pas - cha which is Christ the Re - deem - er,
 Spot - less Pas - cha, The Great Pas - cha, the Pascha of
 the faith - ful, the Pascha which is the key to the gates of par - a - dise,
 the Pascha which sanc-ti-fies all the faith - ful.

Priest: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before a fire.

O wo-men, be the her - alds of good news,
 and tell what you saw, tell of the vi - sion and say to Zi - on,
 ac - cept the good news of joy from us;
 news that Christ has ri - sen. Ex - ult and cel - e - brate,
 and re-joyce O Jer - u - sa - lem, see - ing Christ the King com - ing

from the__ tomb like_____ a__ Bride - groom.

Priest: So let the wicked perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous ones rejoice.

The myrrh-bear - ing wo - men ar-rived just be - fore the dawn at

the tomb of the Life - gi - ver,

and found an an - gel seat - ed up - on the stone,

who spoke these words to them: "Why do you seek the liv-ing a - mong the dead?"

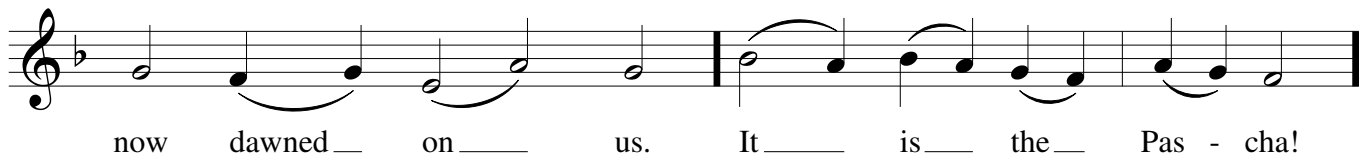
Why do you mourn the in-cor - rup-ti-ble a - mong those sub - ject to de - cay?

Go an-ounce the good news to__ His dis - ci - ples.

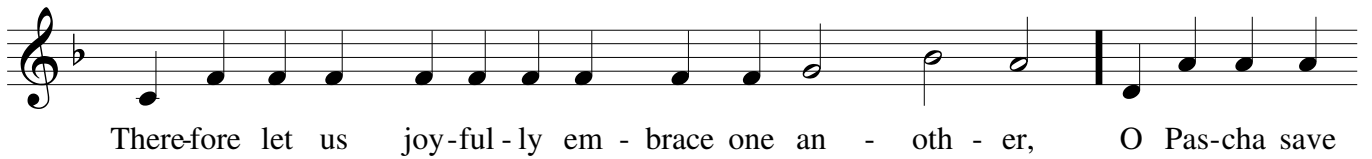
Priest: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pas - cha de - light - ful, Pas - cha of the Lord,

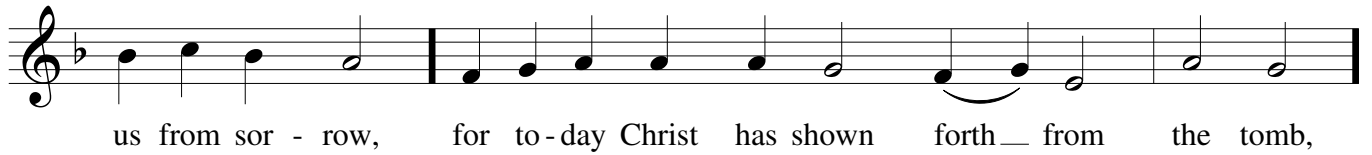
Pas - cha, most honor - ed Pas - cha



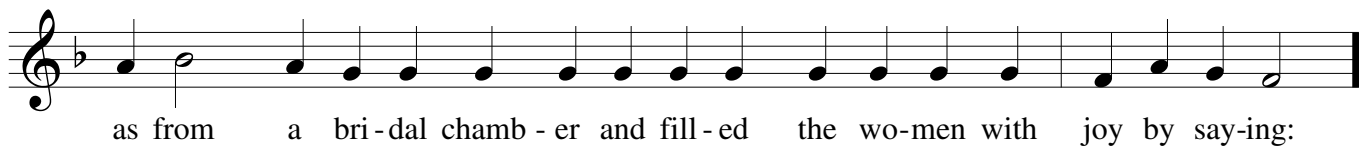
now dawned on us. It is the Pas - cha!



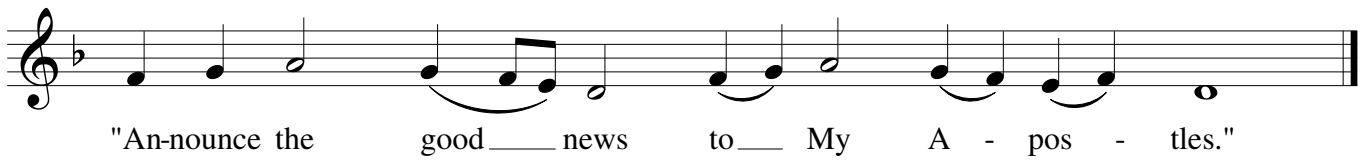
Therefore let us joy-ful-ly embrace one another, O Pas-cha save



us from sorrow, for today Christ has shown forth from the tomb,

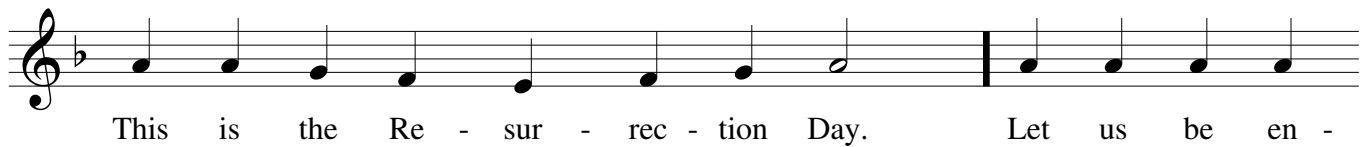


as from a bridal chamber and filled the women with joy by saying:



"Announce the good news to My Apostles."

Priest: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen



This is the Resurrection Day. Let us be en -



lightened by this feast, and let us embrace one another,



Let us call "brothers" even those who hate us,



and in the Resurrection, forgive everything and let us sing.

Christ is - ri - sen from the dead, - tramp - ling down death by death,
and to those in - the tombs be - stow - ing - life.

SIT

THE RESURRECTION HOMILY of St. John Chrysostom

Let all pious men and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast; let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord; let those who have borne the burden of Lent now receive their pay, and those who have toiled since the first hour, let them now receive their due reward; let any who came after the third hour be grateful to join in the feast, and those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being too late, for the Lord is gracious and He receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes on the eleventh hour as well as to him who has toiled since the first: yes, He has pity on the last and He serves the first; He rewards the one and is generous to the other; he repays the deed and praises the effort. Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward; you rich and you poor, dance together; you sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day; you who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today. The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith; all of you receive the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed; let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave; let no one fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free: He has destroyed it by enduring it, He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom, He has angered it by allowing it in the nether world.” Hades is angered because it is frustrated, it is angered because it has been mocked, it is angered because it has been destroyed, it is angered because it has been reduced to naught, it is angered because it is now captive. It seized a body, and, lo! it discovered God; it seized earth, and, behold! it encountered heaven, it seized the visible, and was overcome by the invisible. O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished, Christ is risen and the demons are cast down, Christ is risen and the angels rejoice, Christ is risen and life is freed, Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead: for Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GREAT DISMISSAL (STAND)

Priest: Wisdom!

R: Father, bless us!

Priest: Christ our existing God, is blessed now and ever and forever.

R: Amen. Establish, O God, the Holy Orthodox Faith and Orthodox Christians, now and ever and forever.

Priest: O most holy Birthgiver of God, save us!

R: O shine, O shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. O Zion, sing with joy and rejoice. And you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the Resurrection of your Son.

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ our God, our Hope, glory to You! CHRIST IS RISEN!

R: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.

Lord have mercy. (3) Father, bless us!

Priest: May Christ, Who is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life: our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

R: Amen.

*RAISING THE CROSS, THE PRIEST EXCLAIMS THREE TIMES:
CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!*

*THE FAITHFUL RESPOND EACH TIME:
INDEED HE IS RISEN! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!*

