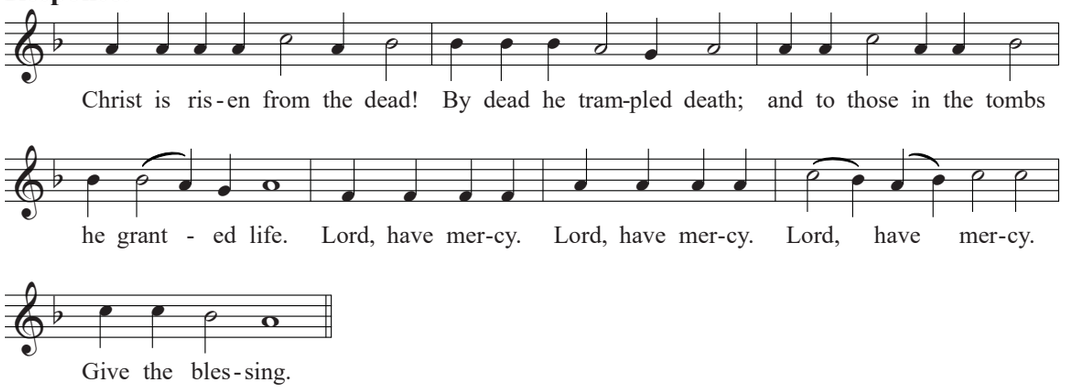
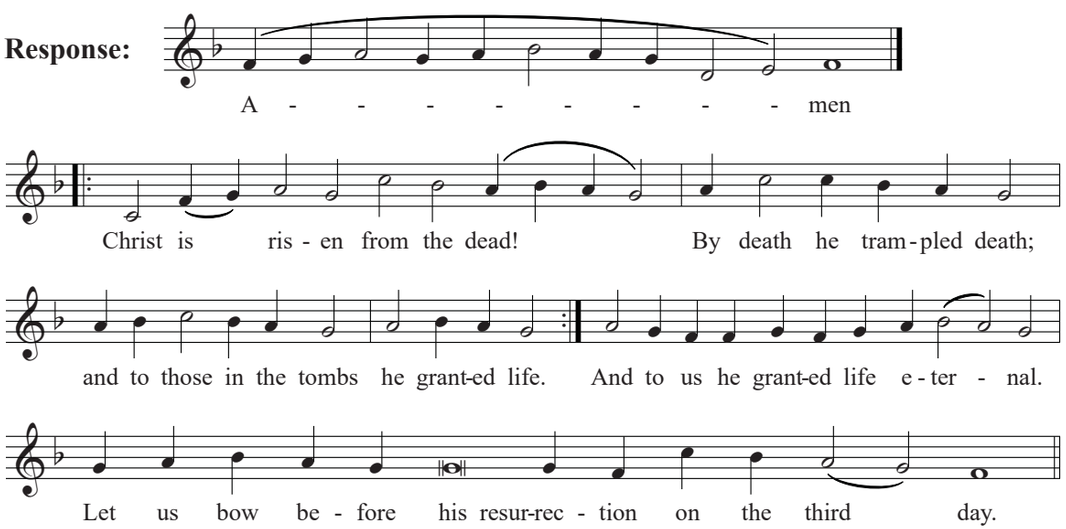
Celebrant: Glory to you, O Christ our God, our hope; glory to you!

Response:



Celebrant: May Christ our true God, risen from the dead, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother, through the might of the precious & life-creating Cross, through the prayers of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy _____ (patron of this Church), and of the holy _____ (commemorated this day), and through the prayers of all the saints; for he is gracious and loves us all.

Response:



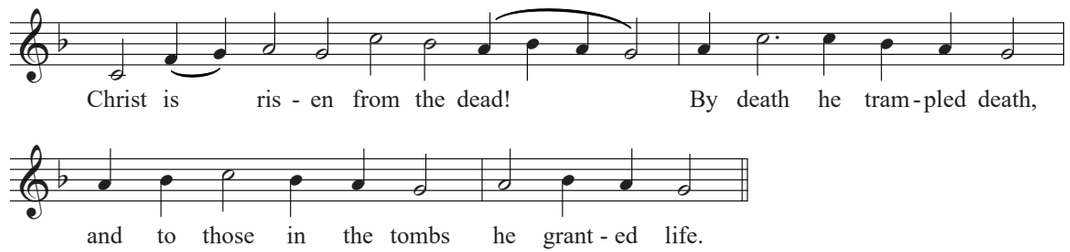
After the Dismissal, the third Gospel Stanza is sung, p. 56.

Matins Propers
Sunday of the Paralytic

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After "Glory to the holy, consubstantial…Amen" the following is sung, once by the celebrant and twice by the faithful:

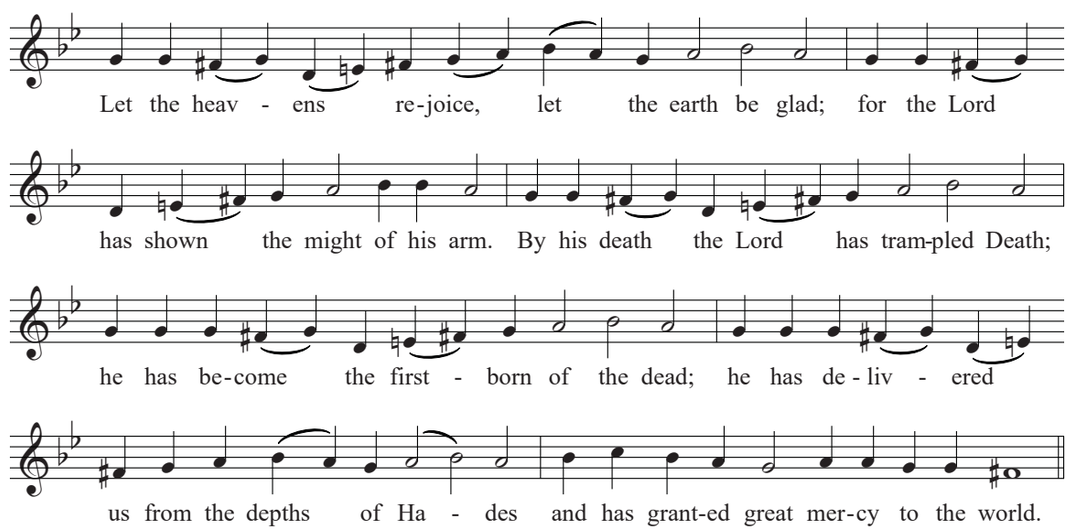
Troparion - *Special Tone 5*



The service continues with the Hexapsalmos, and the Litany of Peace.

"The Lord is God", Tone 3, p. 130.
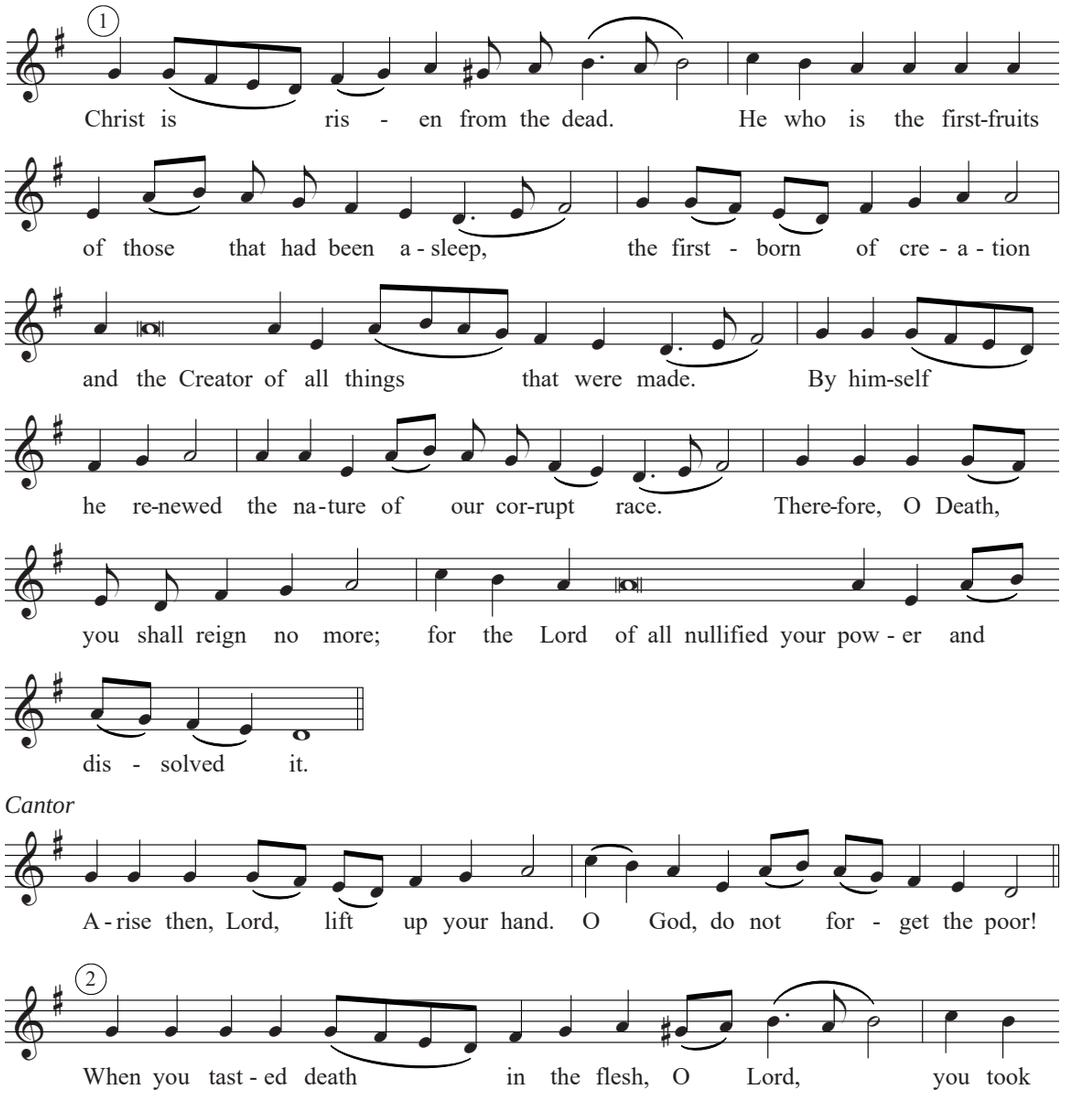
Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 3 (sung twice)*
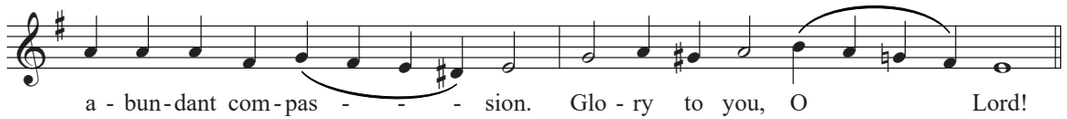


Cantor: Glory…now and ever

Festal Theotokion, Tone 3, p.131.

Sessional Hymn 1 - *Tone 3 podoben: Krasot'i d'ivstva*
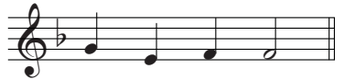




Theotokion for normal Sundays, p. 40
Great Doxology p. 41
Troparion "Today salvation has come to the world…", p. 44
Litany of Supplication, p.45
Prayer over Bowed Heads, p. 47

Paschal Dismissal

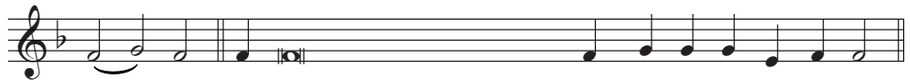
Deacon: Wisdom!

Response:



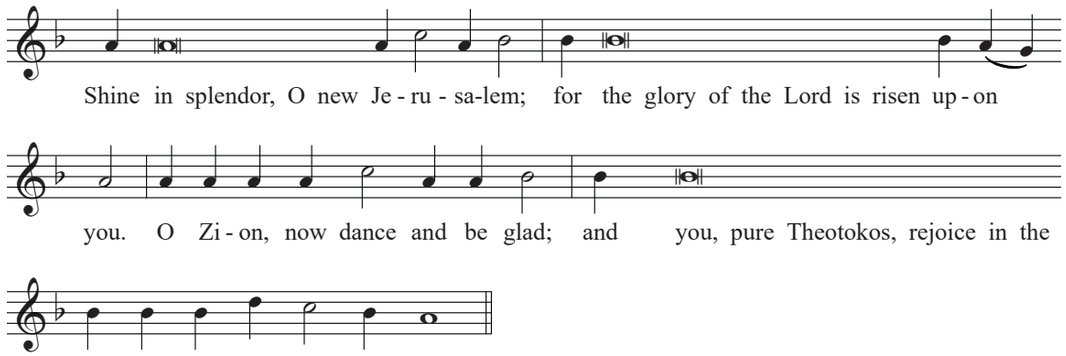
Celebrant: Blessed is Christ our God, the One-Who-Is, always, now and ever and forever.

Response:



Celebrant: O most holy Theotokos, save us!

Response:





Small Litany, page 36.
"Holy is the Lord our God," Tone 3, p. 154.

Hymn of Light

You, O King and Lord, have fallen asleep in the flesh as a mortal man, but on the third day you arose. You have raised Adam from his corruption and made Death powerless. You are the Pasch of incorruption. You are the salvation of the world.

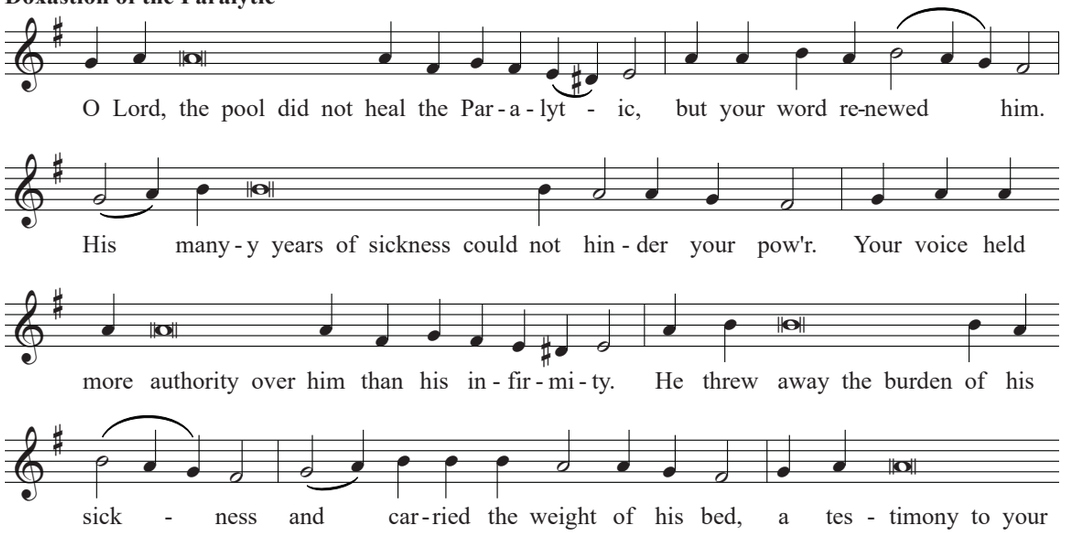
Glory…now and ever…

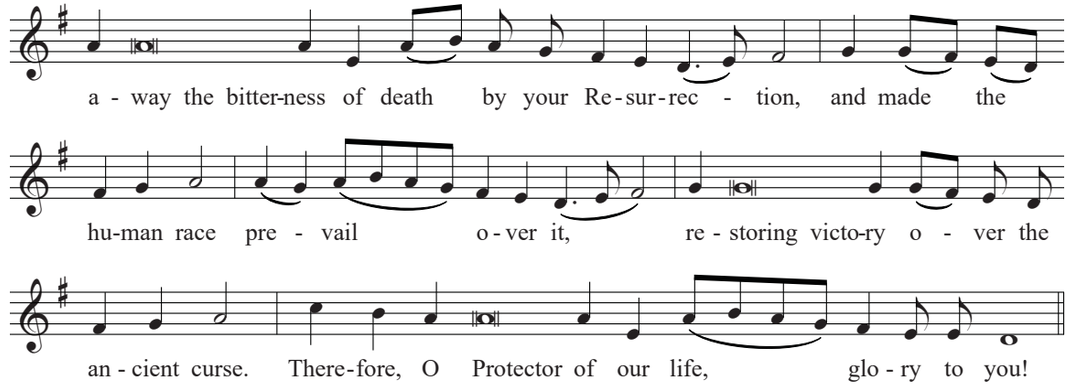
The Lover of us all and all-compassionate Lord came to the pool of Bethesda. There he found a man paralyzed from his youth; he healed his infirmity and said to him: Take up our mat and go your way. Walk in the path of righteousness.

The Psalms of Praise are sung in Tone 3, p. 154, concluding with:

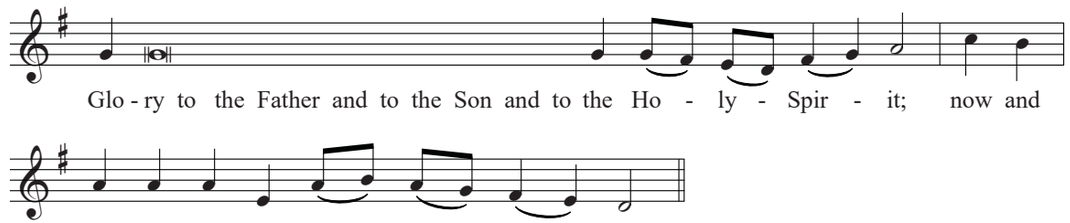
Cantor: *(Tone 8)* Glory…

Doxastion of the Paralytic *Tone 8*

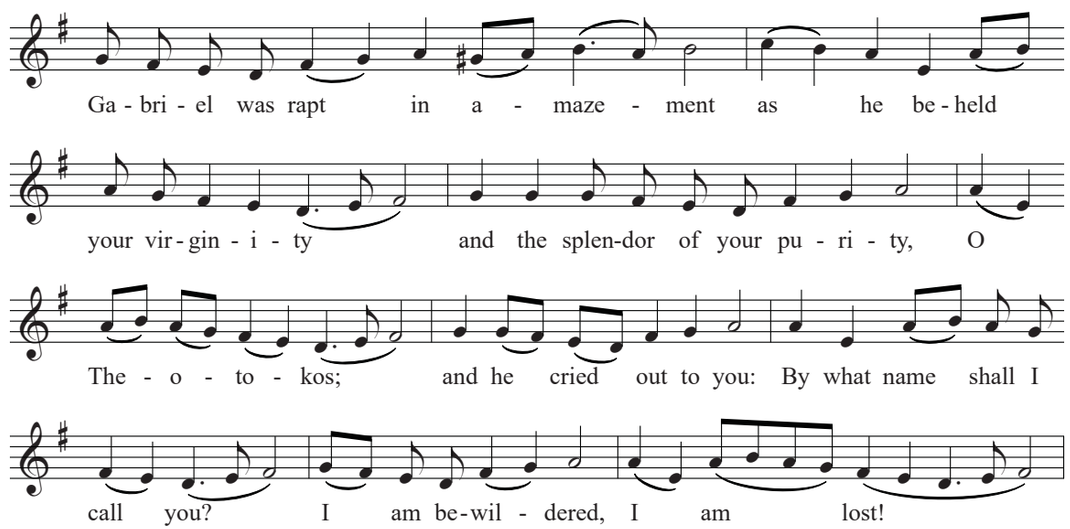


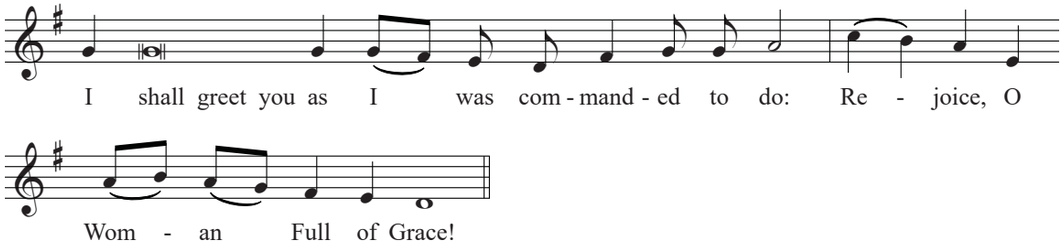


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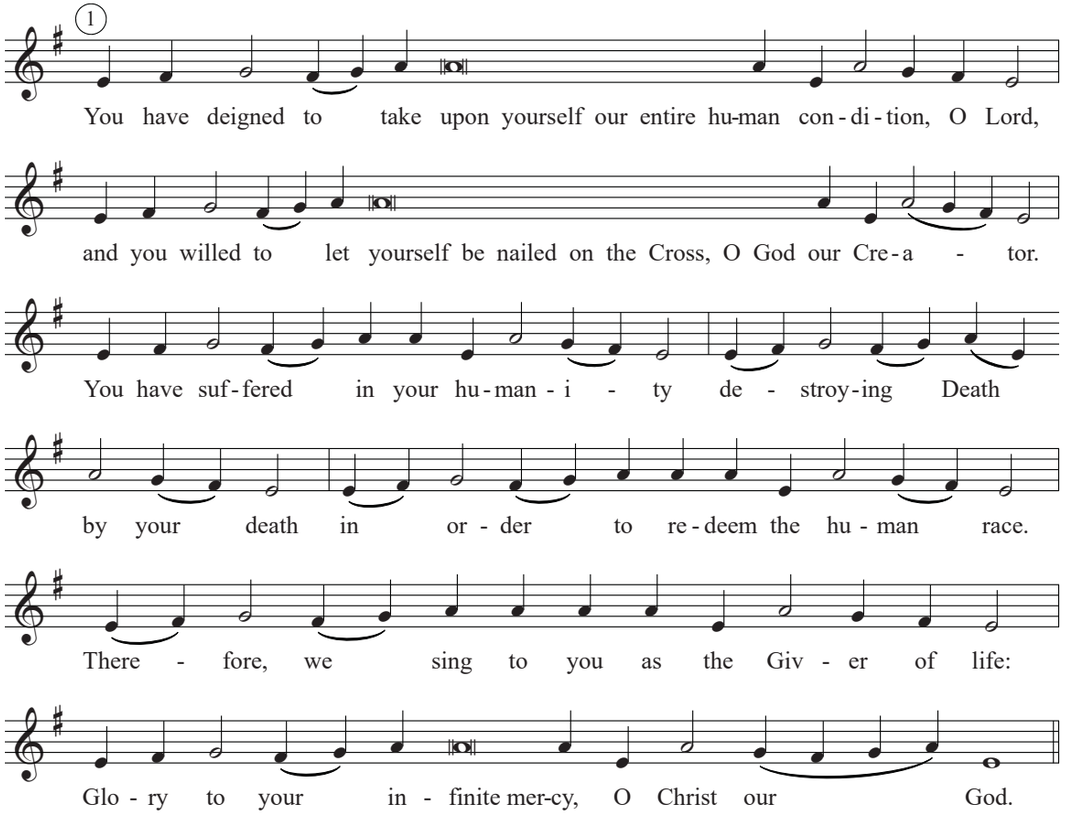


Theotokion





Sessional Hymn 2 - *Tone 3 Kontakion*

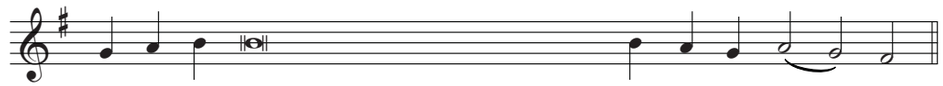


Cantor: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will recount all your wonders.
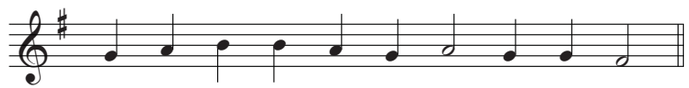
The women approached the tomb, mixing groans and tears with the spices they carried; and they learned of the glorious Resurrection of Christ which we, the faithful, celebrate, exalting in the joy of our hearts. *Refrain*

The bodily strength listened to your command, O Christ, and the Paralytic of long ago showed that he was ready to walk, and he carried the pallet on which he had lain for many years, and in his joy, O christ, he glorified your power. *Refrain*

O Leader, present in a majestic way before the great unsetting Light, ask him to give light to our souls and give peace to our life which is always threatened by the snares and menaces of the serpent.
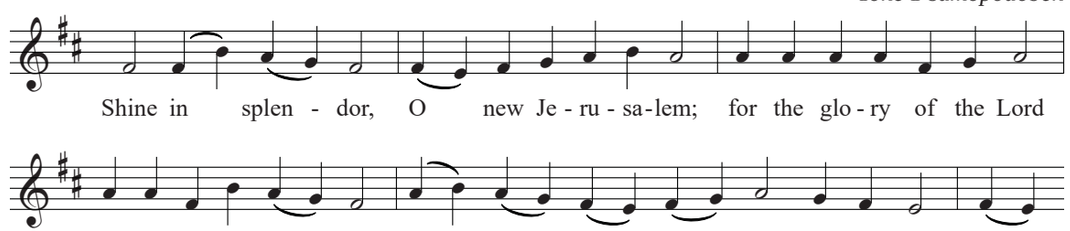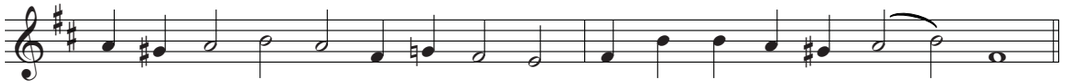


O Trinity, fullness of light and life, I glorify you in piety; O eternal Father, O Word of God, and Holy Spirit, indivisible majesty in three persons, divinity without confusion, whom we glorify with the angels: Holy, holy, holy are you, O Lord our God.



Your womb has become a bearer of brightness, for from it came forth the great Sun which is Christ. Through him the world was illumined with joy; through him was driven out the darkness of sin. Therefore, we praise as the source of all good, the divine Spouse and the all-immaculate Virgin.

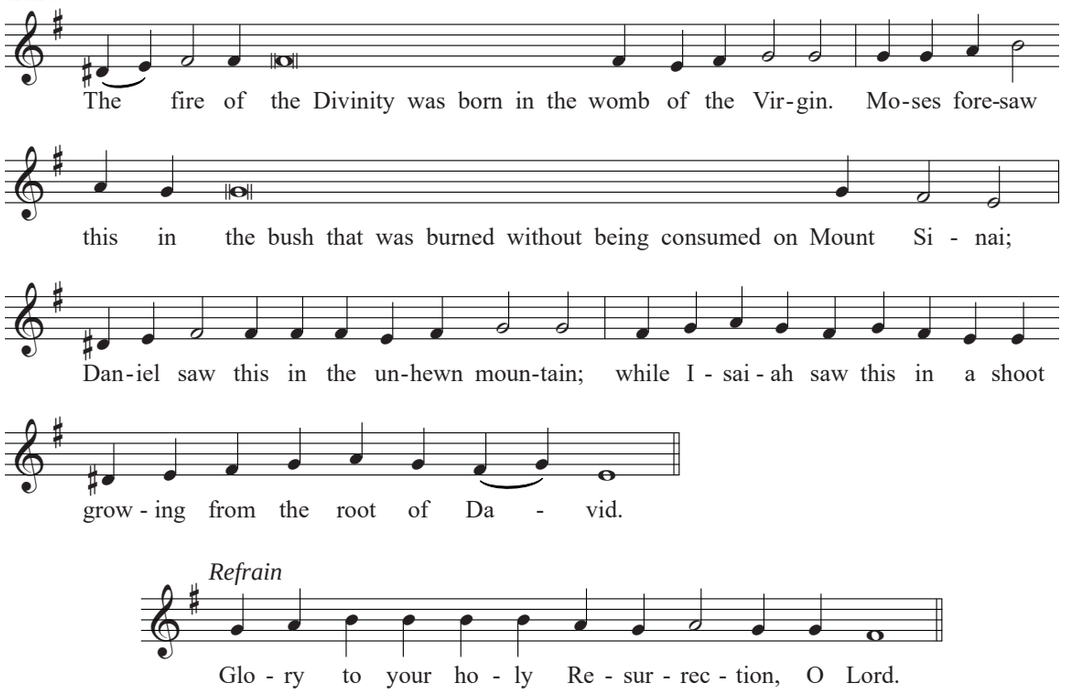
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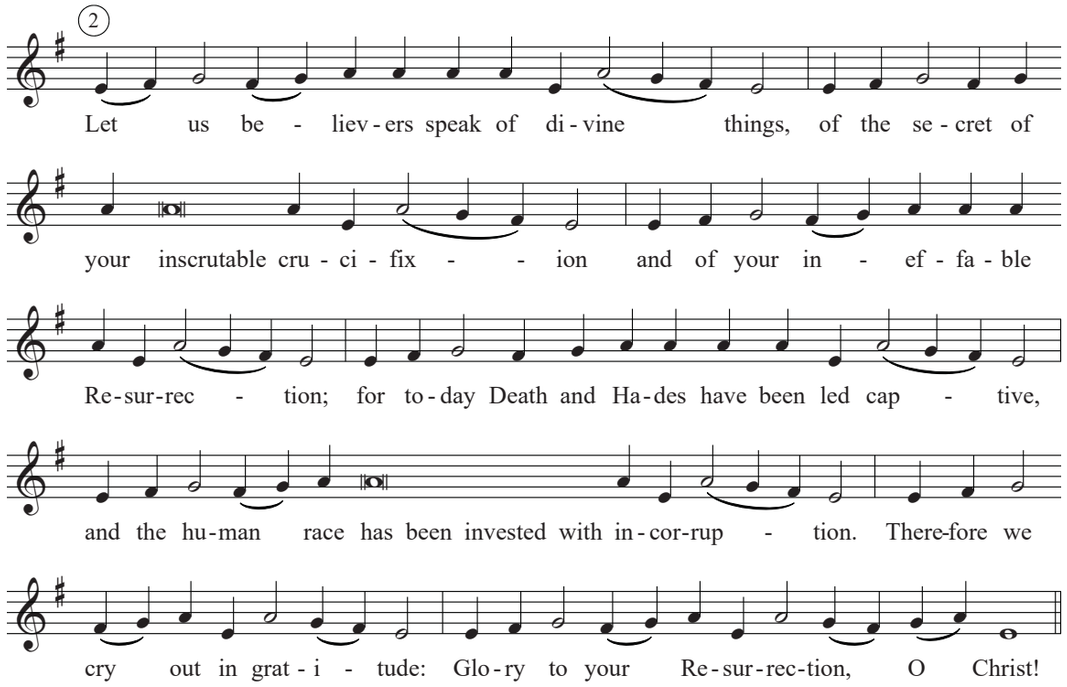
*The Canticle of the Theotokos is **not** sung.*

Ode 9
Irmos *Tone 6*



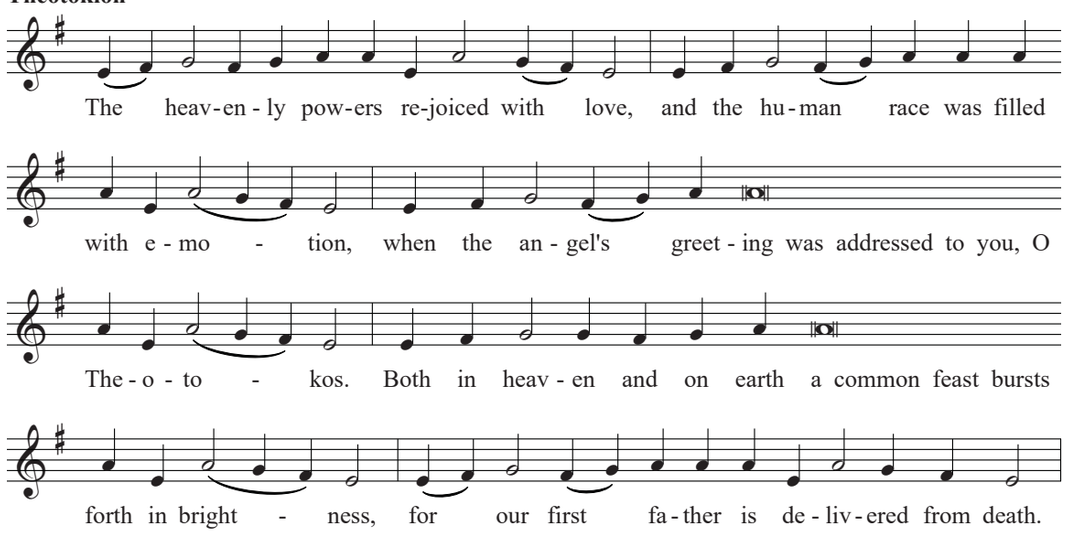
When you were lifted on the Cross, O Jesus, you lifted up all with you. By your own will you were buried in a tomb and raised up all the dead from their tombs. They praise your infinite might, your ineffable power, and unconquerable majesty. *Refrain*

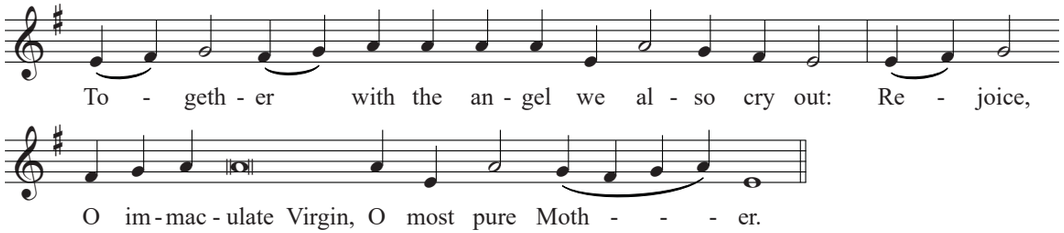
Beautiful as a bridegfroom fromt he bridal chamber, you rose from the grave, O Word shining with glory. You destroyed the darkness of Hades and freed those held captive there, as they sang with one voice: Glory to your Resurrection, O Lord. *Refrain*



Cantor: Glory…now and ever…

Theotokion

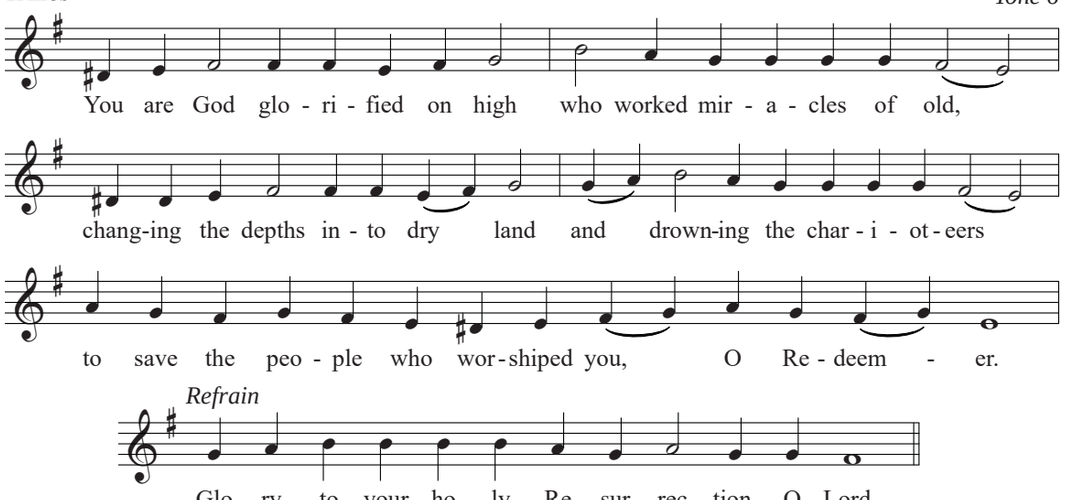




The service continues with Psalm 118 and "Hosts of Angels", p. 18.
Hypakoe and Gradual Hymns, Tone 3, p. 135.
Prokeimenon, Tone 2, p. 137.
Preparation for the Gospel, p. 24.
The fourth Resurrectin Gospel: Luke 24: 1-2.
"Having beheld the Resurrection", Psalm 50, and stichera after Psalm 50, p. 26.

Canon

Ode 1
Irmos *Tone 6*



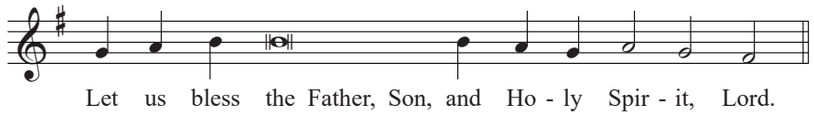
O only King who works wonders, you worked miracles of old; you went on the Cross willingly, O God of goodness, and by death destroyed Death to give us life. *Refrain*

O faithful people, rejoice today in honor of the risen Christ. Vanquished Hades promptly frees its ancient captives who sing of God's wondrous deeds. R*efrain*
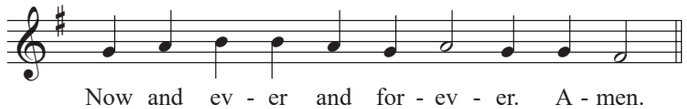
An angel appeared, saying: O myrrh-bearers, run and hasten to the apostles; announce that the Master is risen. O wonder! The Lord is risen, and with him the dead who from the ages have fallen asleep. *Refrain*

The Paralytic who had lain for many years cried out: Have pity on my misery, O Redeemer. And Christ ordered him to rise, to take up his pallet, and walk as he needed. *Refrain*

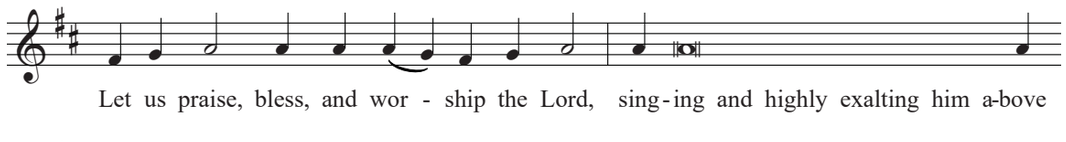
O great prince of the bodiless angels, O leader of the powers of heaven, with them pray for the forgiveness of our sins, the conversion of our life, and the enjoyment of eternal happiness.
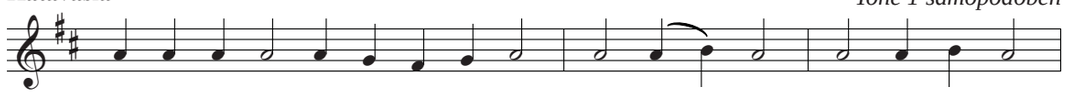


O indivisible and three-personed Divinity which no hand has created, O eternal Father, Son of God, and Holy Spirit, we sing to you with one voice a holy hymn in company with the Seraphim.
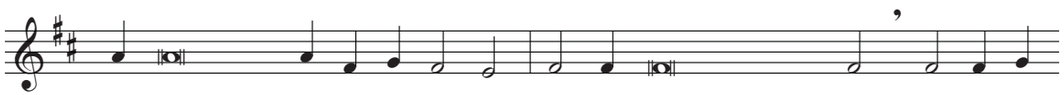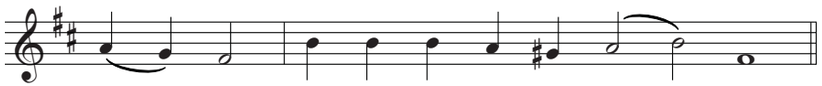


O Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, the holy prophet Isaiah recognized in you the book written by the hand of the Father, the timeless Word saving from error those who sing to you with sacred hymns.



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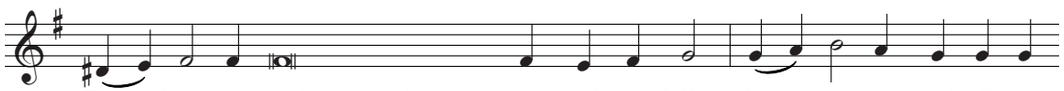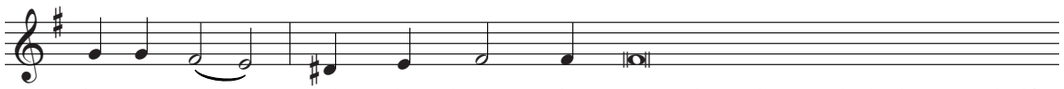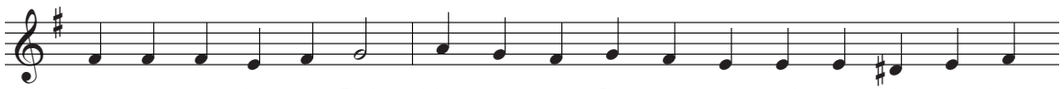






Ode 8

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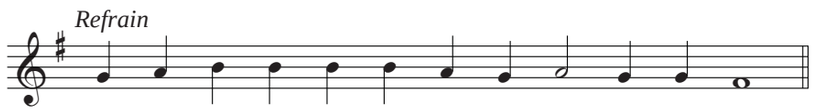








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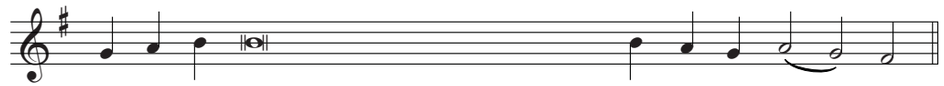
The veil was torn when you were crucified, O Savior, and Death gave up all the mortals which it had swallowed. Hades was stripped when it saw your descent into its depths. *Refrain*

O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory now? You have been put to death by the risen King; you have been brought to nothing; you reign no more, for the mighty God has delivered your captives. *Refrain*

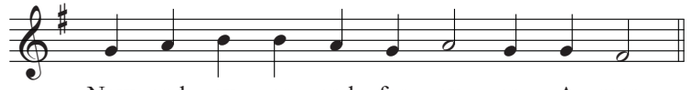
O Christ, who by your word and divine majesty, once cured the Paralytic Man and made him take up his pallet, although he had been ill for a very long time, cure also my soul so grievously distressed. *Refrain*

Once in the pool at the Sheepgate an angel descended from time to time, healing one person at a time; but Christ now purifies an innumerable multitude by divine baptism. *Refrain*

O mighty Prince of the angels on high, leader of the heavenly servants, protect and keep safe from all danger the faithful gathered in your Church to sing hymns and to praise the Lord.
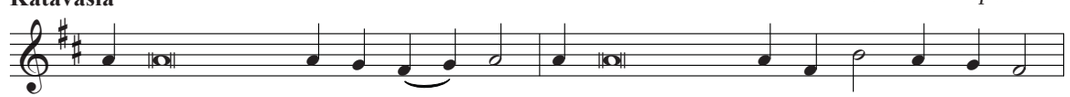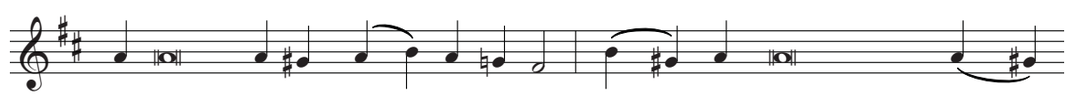


With the bodiless angels we sing without ceasing of the three persons of the timeless God, of the Father, the Word, and the Spirit, to whom belongs the kingdom and undivided power.
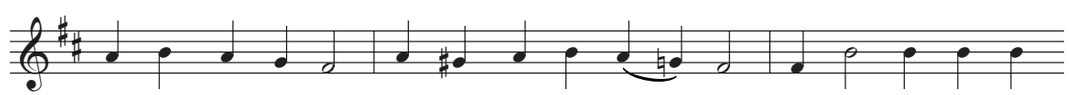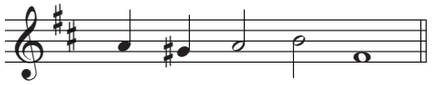


O pure Virgin, grant to your faithful people, who unceasingly venerate you in faith, to escape all dangers that threaten them, from invasion and civil war, from the sword of the impious and all kinds of evil.

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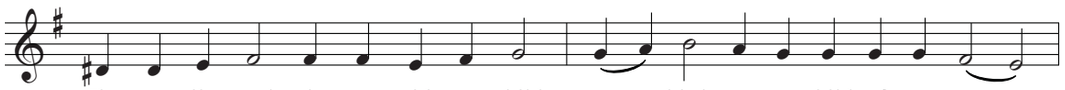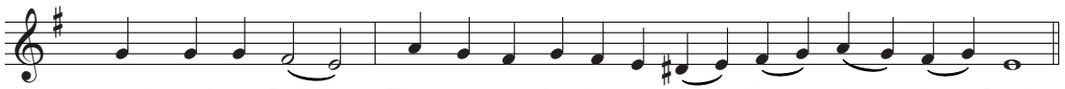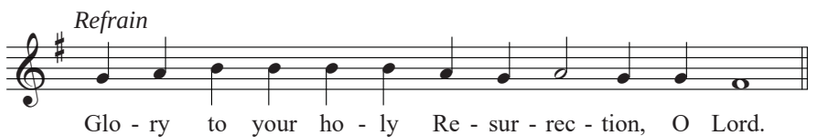






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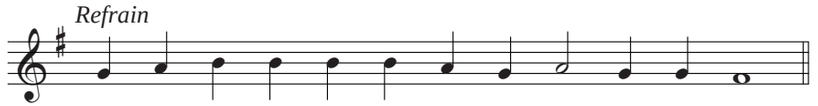








Seeing you hanging on the Cross, the sun refused its rays, O Word; the earth trembled everywhere; the dead rose from the tomb when you dies, O all-powerful God. *Refrain*

When you entered with your soul into the depths of the earth, O Savior, Hades was forced to give up the souls which it held, and they sang a hymn of thanksgiving to your power, O Lord. *Refrain*

For many years, my soul has cruelly suffered, O God of goodness; cure it as you did the Paralytic, that I may walk in the ways that you invite those who love your name. *Refrain*

Holy Archangel of God, intercede together with the Powers on high for those who sing to you in faith. Save us, guard us, and protect us, who are assailed by the passions of this life.

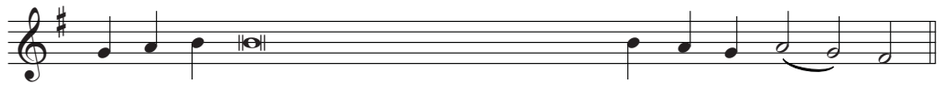


When it saw you hanging on the Cross, the sun held back its light, unable to give light to the world, when you wished to lie down, O King of all, to enlighten the nations. *Refrain*
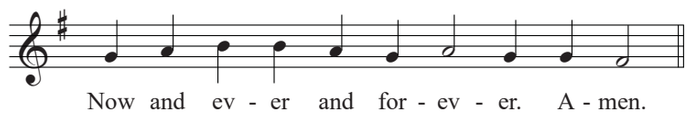
Why do you seek among the dead the One who has life? He is risen; he is no longer in the tomb, an angel brilliant with light once told the myrrh-bearers. *Refrain*

For many years a man had lain upon his bed; by your word you cured him and cried out: O Paralytic, rise up and take your pallet; walk and proclaim the marvels of God. *Refrain*

O Michael, the archangel of the Lord, be the guide of the faithful gathered in your holy temple to praise God; and by the strength of your intercession, be their refuge against all adversity.
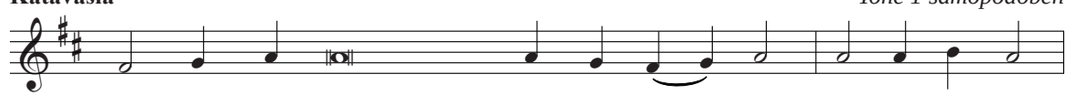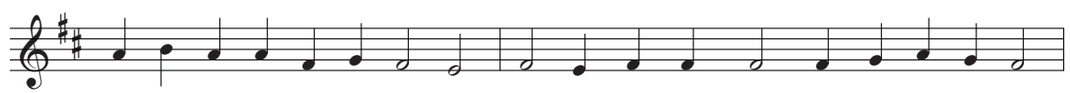


O holy Trinity, save us from all danger, the faithful who sing to you unceasingly, for you are the Master and God of all; and make us able to share in the inheritance of eternal good.



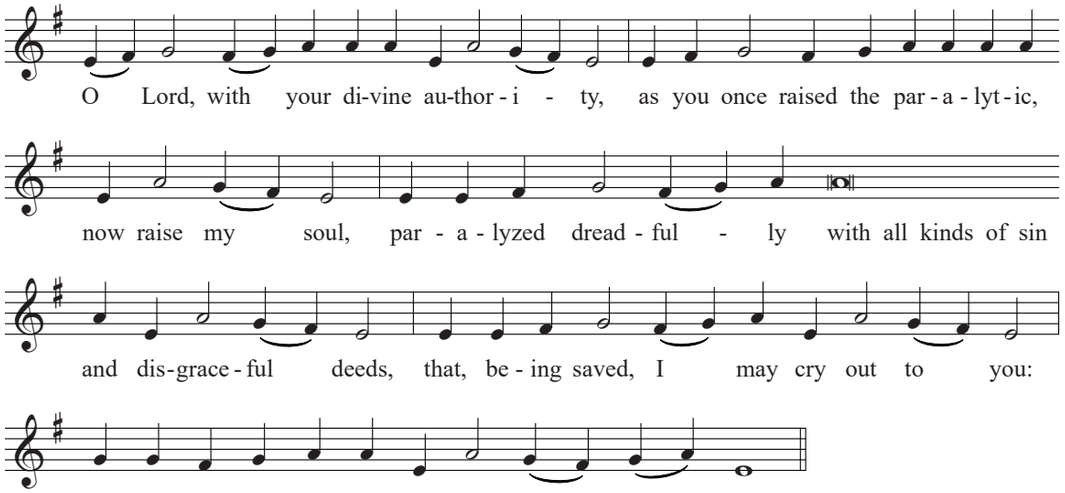
You remained a virgin when you gave birth without seed to him begotten by the Father before all ages; this is a miracle which surpasses understanding, and for which we extol you.

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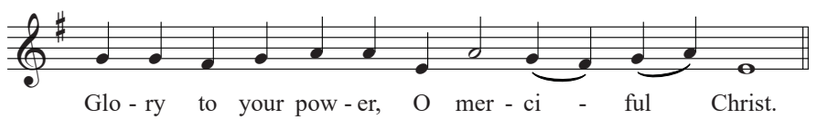




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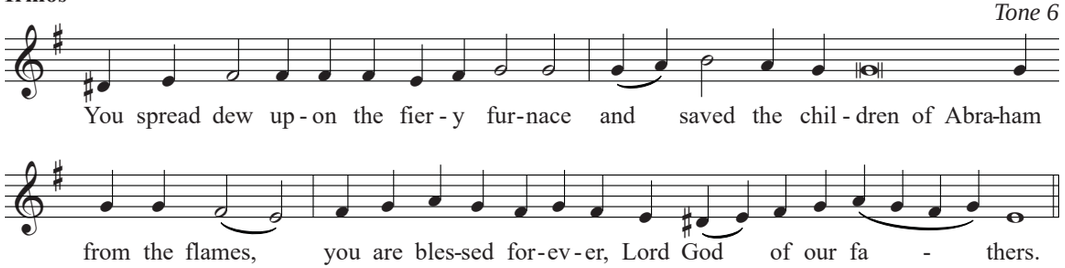


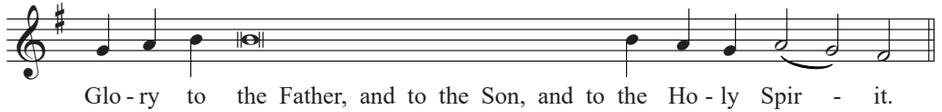
Ikos O Lord Jesus, eternal with your divine Father, you hold the whole world in your hands and share sovereign power with the Spirit. You appeared in the flesh, curing illness and driving out passions. You gave sight to the blind; you raised the Paralytic by your divine word and commanded him to walk and take his pallet on his shoulders. With him we celebrate and sing to you:
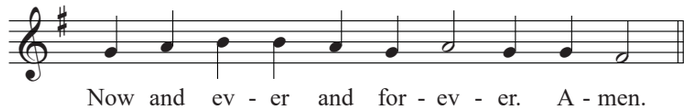


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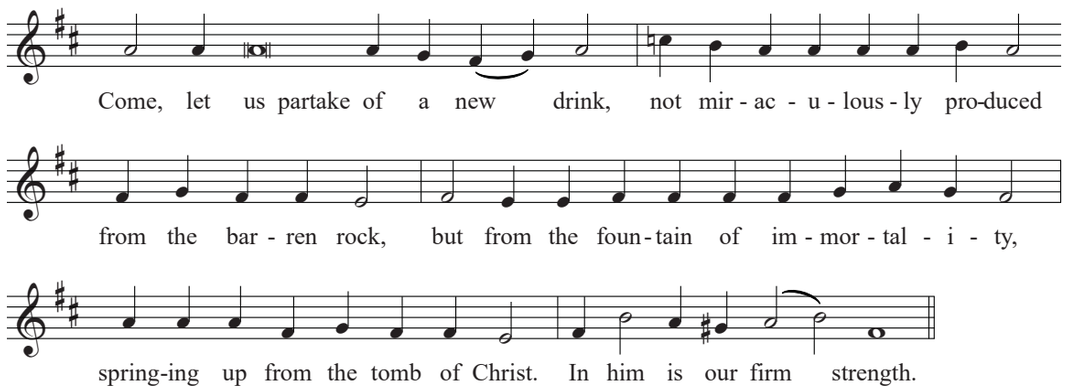


Let us glorify God and praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, glorified by all the heavenly powers, who with fear sing to the one divinity: Holy, holy, holy are you, O God our Savior.



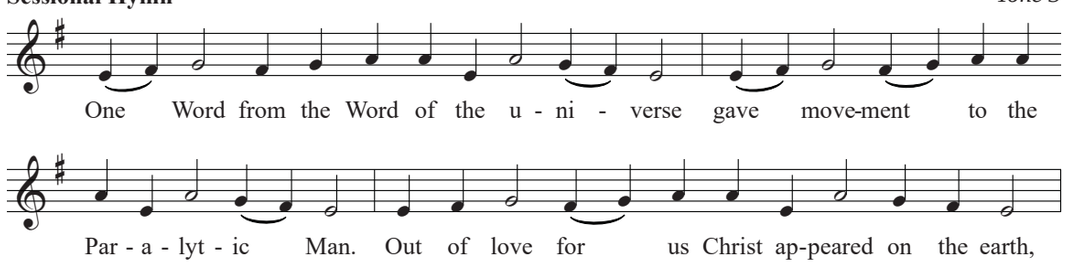
The manner of your conception was without seed, and your birthgiving surpassed all understanding, an astonishing deed, a wondrous miracle, praised by angels and glorified by mortals, O our Lady, the immaculate Virgin Mary.

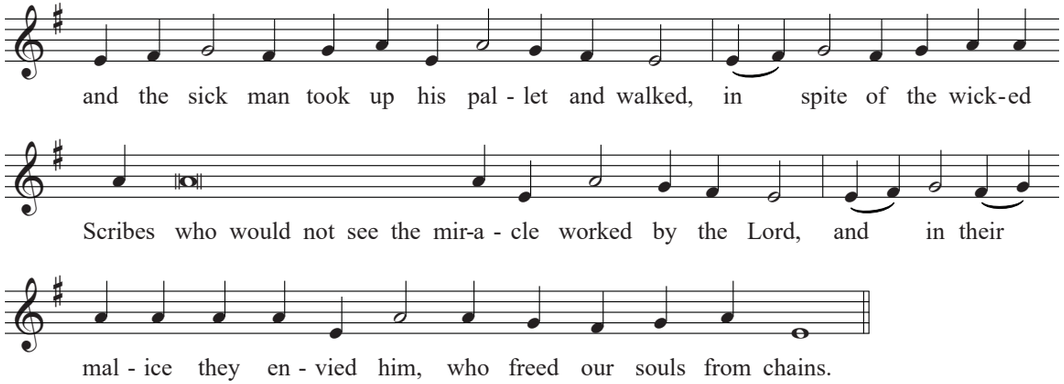
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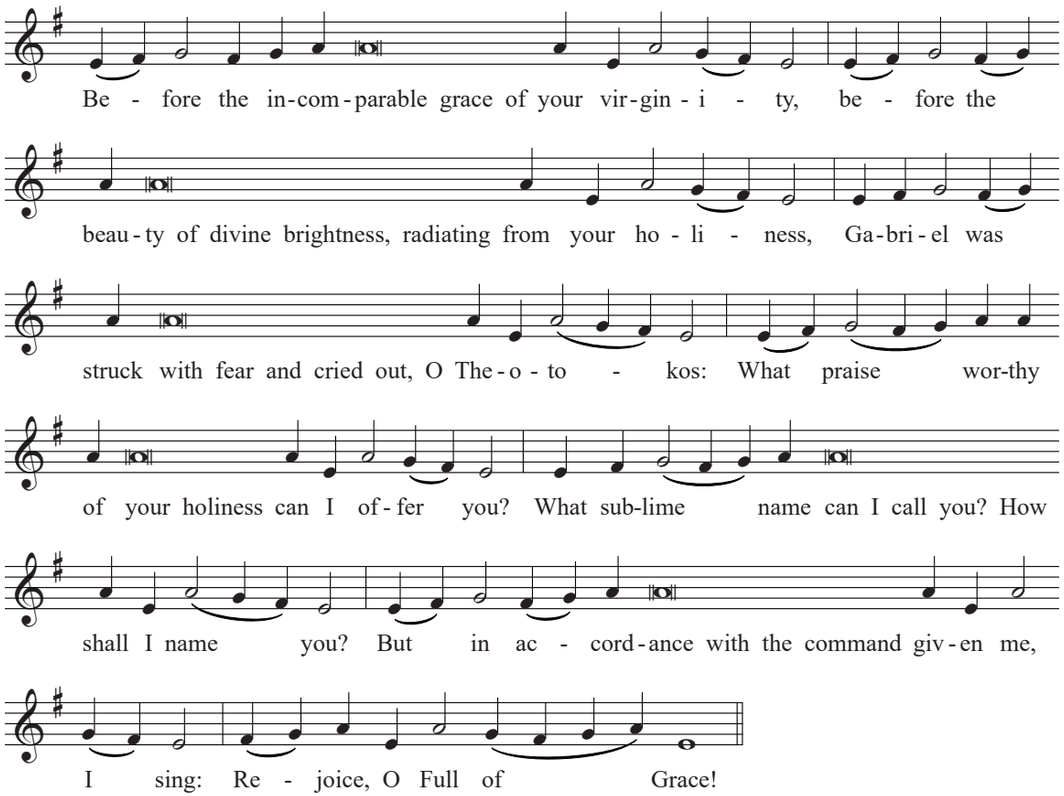
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Sessional Hymn *Tone 3*





Cantor: Glory…now and ever…

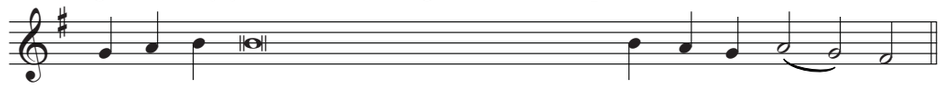


When Hades met you in the depths, it was shaken and had to give up its prisoners, who never cease singing, O Savior God, of your wondrous Resurrection. *Refrain*
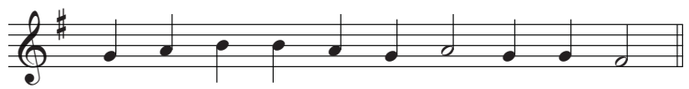
When the disciples of the Lord saw Christ rise from the tomb, they worshipped the Life of the whole world with joyful hearts, full of enthusiasm and love. *Refrain*

The man who for many years laid upon a bed in pain, was cured by your word, O Source of life; and he glorified your infinite mercy. *Refrain*

O Michael, the great prince of angels, standing before the throne of the Lord, be present also among us, and by your intercession guide us on the paths of life.

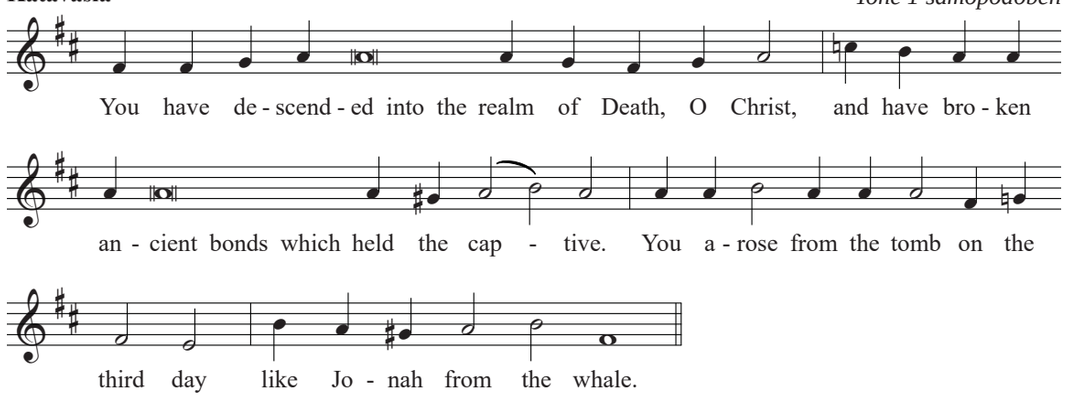


I sing of the Trinity in three persons; I proclaim the unity of nature of the eternal Father, of the only Son, and of the divine Spirit, the Supreme God venerated by the powers of heaven.



He who holds the whole world in his hands was carried in your arms, O virgin Mother; and in his tender love he snatches us by his hands from the influence of the Evil One who holds us captive.

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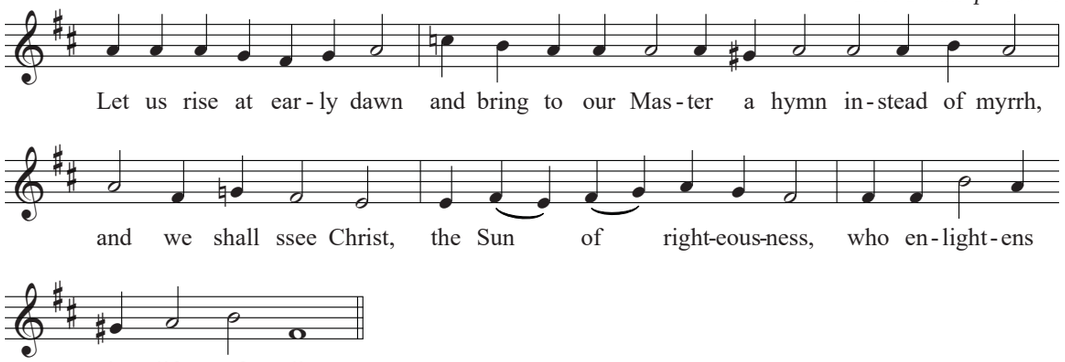


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O Virgin, you conceived without seed, and we sing of your motherhood beyond understanding which made you the Mother of the Creator, and we call you blessed and we extol you.

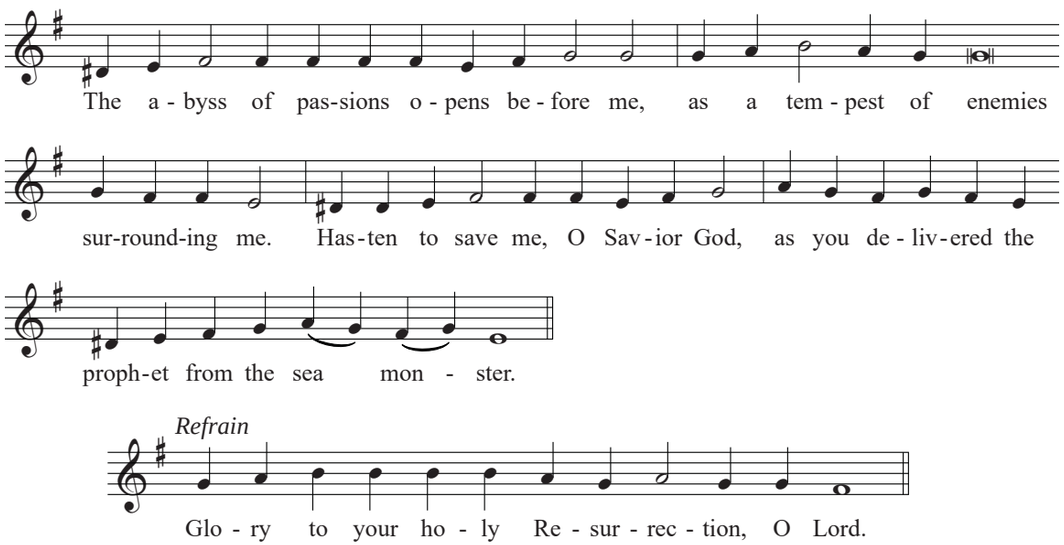
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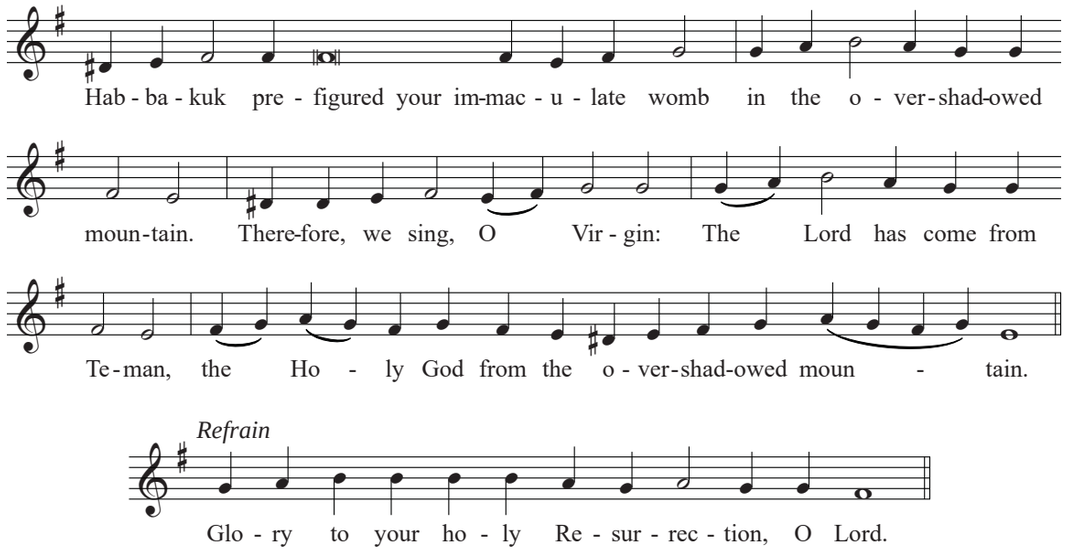
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Willingly you were lifted on the Cross; you were buried in the sepulcher as dead, O Christ; you gave life to the dead in Hades; and you rose as God all-powerful. *Refrain*

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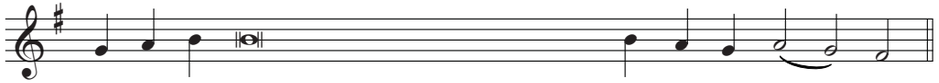
The people inflamed by envy nailed you on the Cross, O Lord, but you destroyed the captivity of Death, and in your power you rose from the tomb, raising the world with you. *Refrain*

O women, why do you seek to anoint with myrrh the inexhaustible perfume? For the angel clothed in white said to the myrrh-bearers: He is risen from the tomb, and his sweet fragrance fills the whole world. *Refrain*
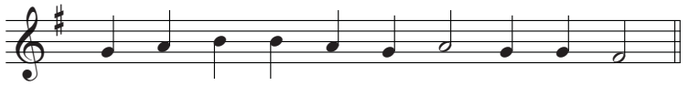
O Lord, you bore the image of a servant. You appeared in your compassion beyond understanding. O Word, you cured the man who suffered for many years and ordered him to take up his pallet. *Refrain*

From time to time an angel of the Lord came to stir up the waters of the pool of the Sheepgate. One man recovered his health, but now an infinite number are saved through baptism. *Refrain*

Great prince of angels and guide of the wandering, Archangel of the Lord, present now with us, carry the prayer of all to our only Lord and Creator.
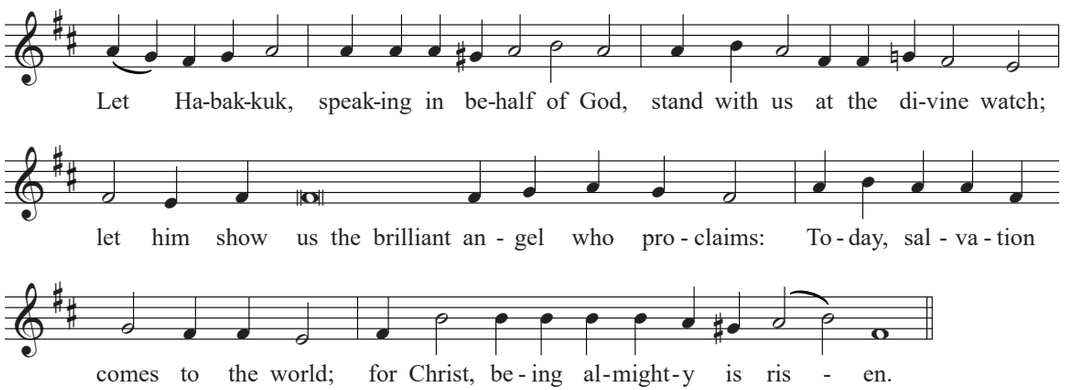


The holy Trinity is one in nature, in which we distinguish three persons: the Father, beyond that which is, the Son, eternal with him, and the Holy Spirit, the all-powerful Lord.



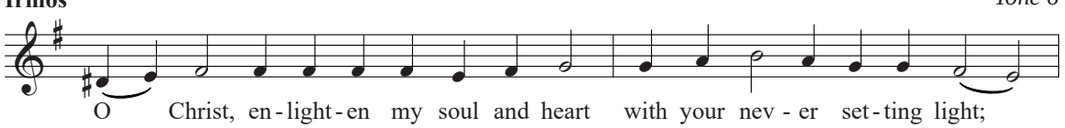
O pure Virgin, how do you nurse the eternal One? How do you bring into the world an infant older than the first man? How do you carry in your arms, as a Son, the One who is carried on the shoulders of the Cherubim?
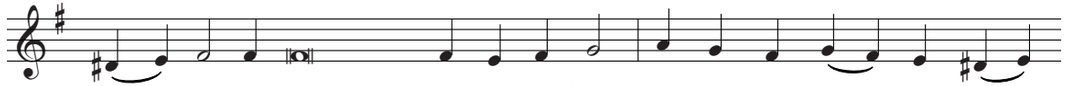
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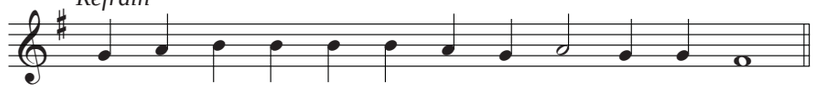
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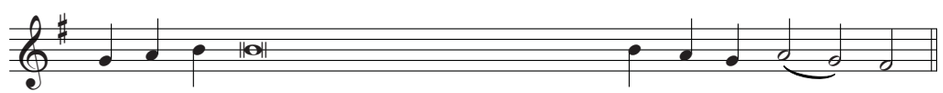
Lifted on the wood of the Cross, you lifted up the whole world with you. By your descent to Hades, O God, you raised up the dead from all ages. *Refrain*

Christ is risen as he promised. He emptied the kingdom of Hades; then he showed himself to the apostles, giving them a share of the eternal joy. *Refrain*

A brilliant angel dressed in white appeared to the women and said: Do not cry, for our Life is risen, giving life to those in the graves. *Refrain*

O Christ, cure my soul as you once cured the Paralytic Man, for it is under the influence of evil and sin. Guide me that I may walk in your paths. *Refrain*

O Michael, the great prince of angels, save the people gathered in your Church today, for they proclaim the wonders of God.


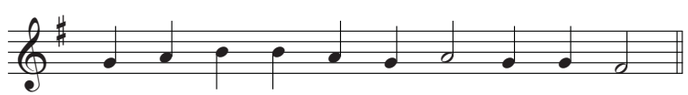
O faithful, we see the Trinity in three persons receiving the same worship; we proclaim the unity in nature of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

