The Divine Liturgy in the Paschal Season

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The Divine Liturgies of our Holy Fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great

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Introduction

Christ is risen!

This booklet, containing the Divine Liturgy of our holy father John Chrysostom, is intended for use during the entire season of Pascha.

Because there are two different usages during that season, this book is consistent by presenting any "options" in the following way.

OPTION ONE: to be used on Pascha itself and through Bright Saturday inclusive.

OPTION TWO: to be used from Thomas Sunday through the Leavetaking of Pascha inclusive (that is, until the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday).

All parishioners are reminded that, during the time between Pascha and Pentecost (also known as the Great Fifty Days), there is NO KNEELING, either for private prayer or during the Divine Liturgy.

The Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father John Chrysostom

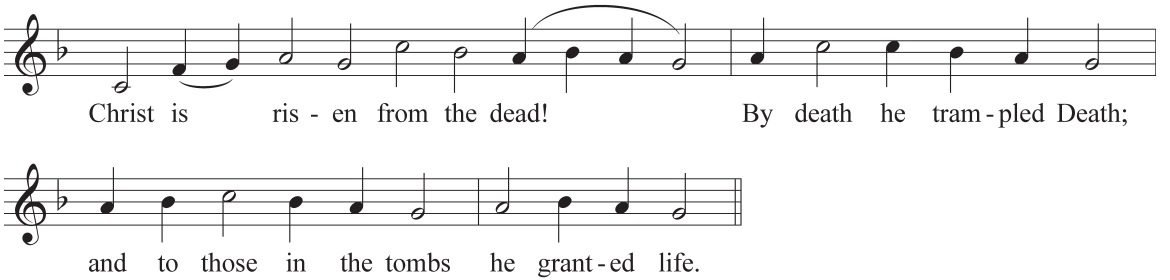
Deacon: Reverend Father, give the blessing.

Celebrant: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



The following Troparion is sung once by the Celebrant and twice by the people:



The faithful may SIT as the Litany of Peace begins:

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

Response:



Deacon: For peace from on high and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Response:



Deacon: For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy Churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: For our holy father, Benedict, pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For our most reverend metropolitan, *(Name)*, for our God-loving bishop, *(Name)*, for the venerable presbyterate, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: For our government and for all in the service of our country, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For this city, for every city, community, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For those who travel by sea, air, and land, for the sick, the suffering, the captive and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

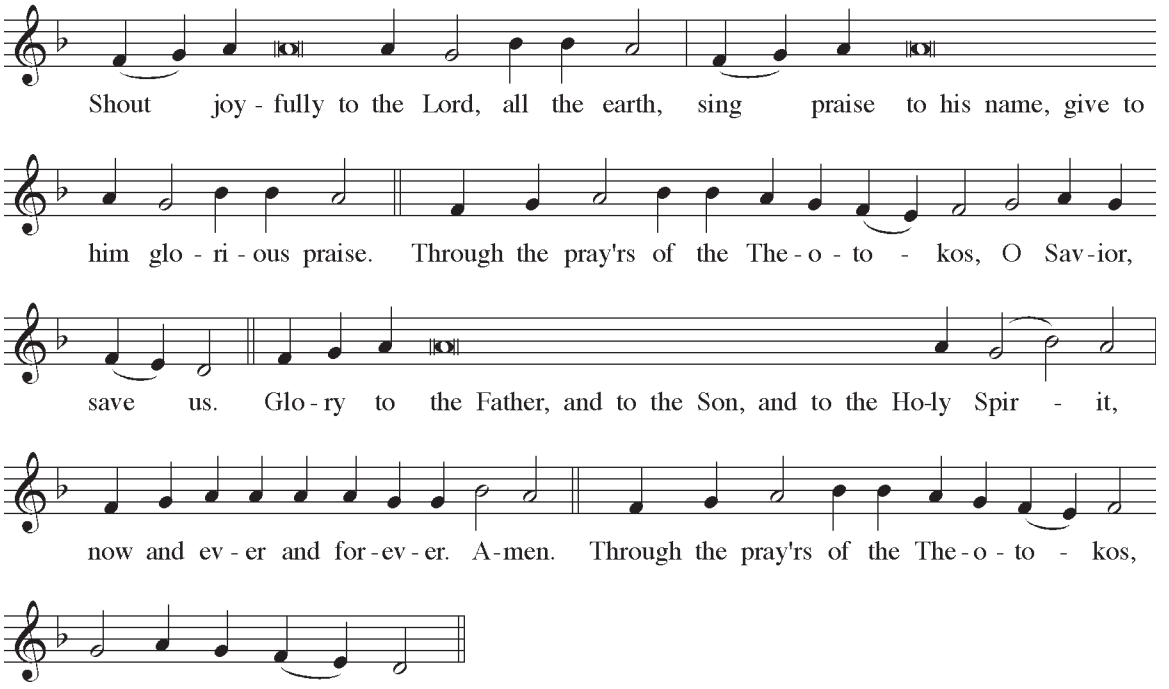
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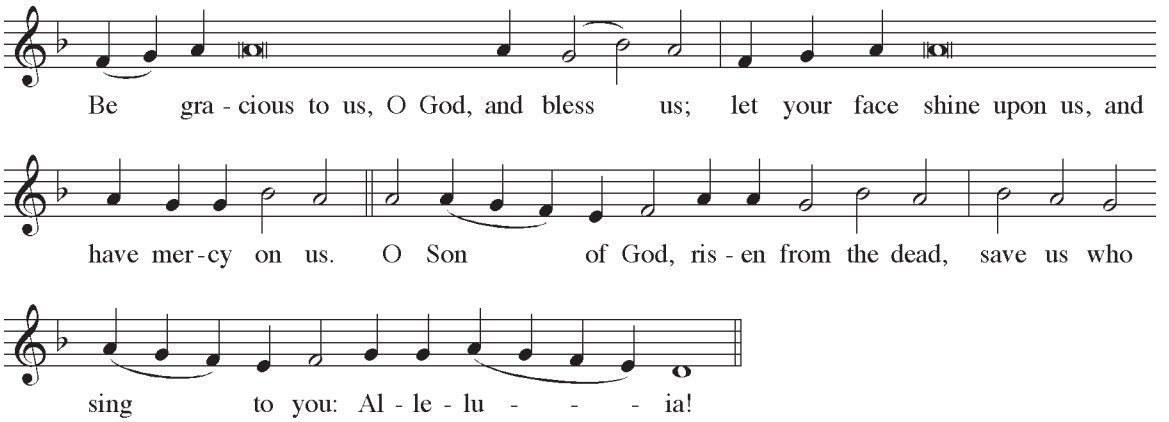
The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: For to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, honor, and worship, now and ever and forever.

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2):

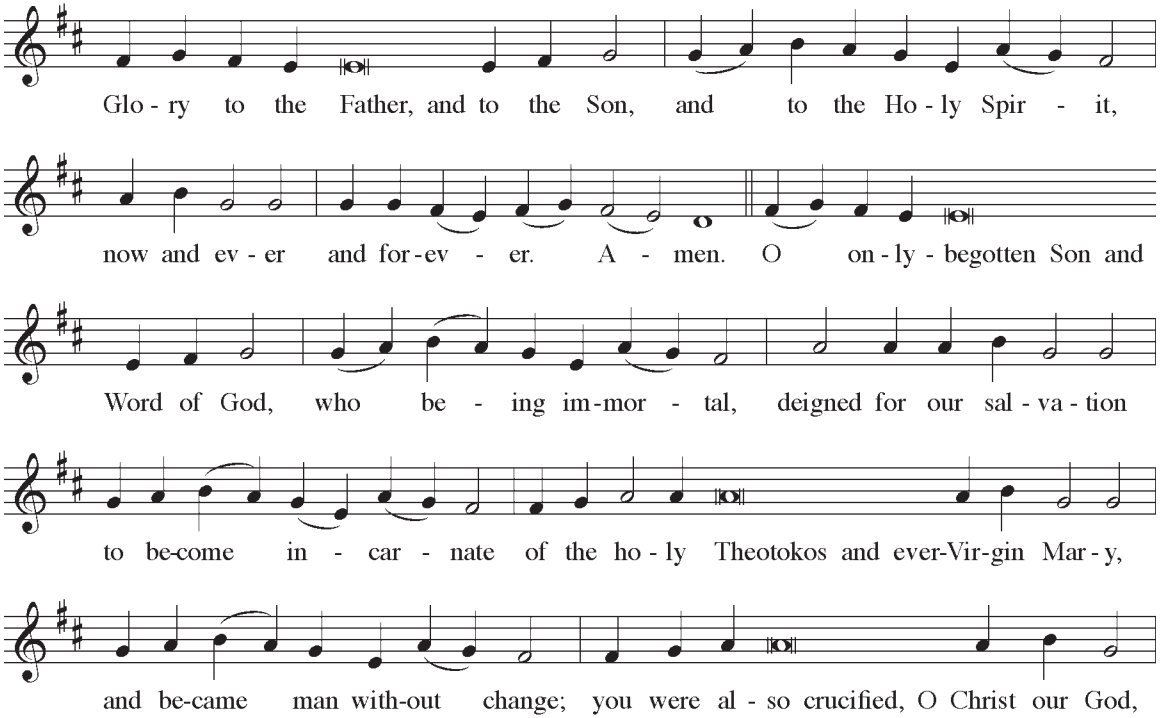


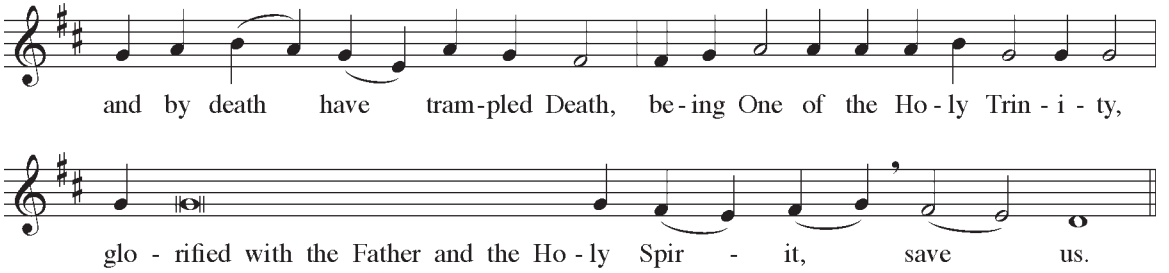
Second Antiphon (Psalm 66:2):



The faithful STAND as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation:

Hymn of the Incarnation



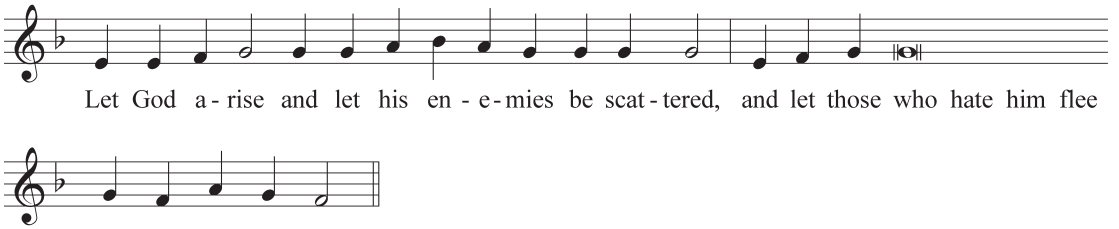


The Third Antiphon follows, while the Little Entrance with the holy gospel book is made through the northern door and the holy doors.

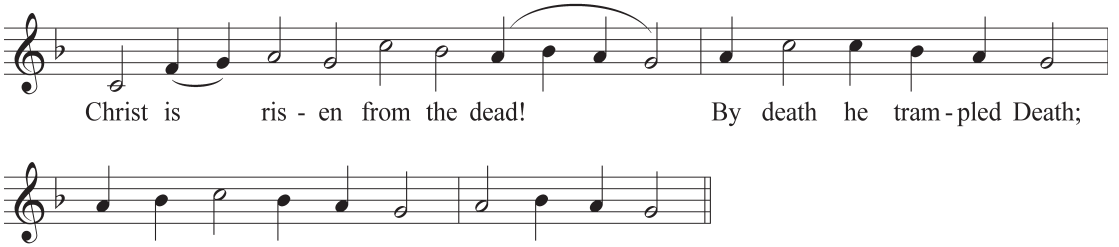
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Third Antiphon of Pascha (Psalm 67:2,3,4):

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Response:



Cantor:



Response: Christ is risen…

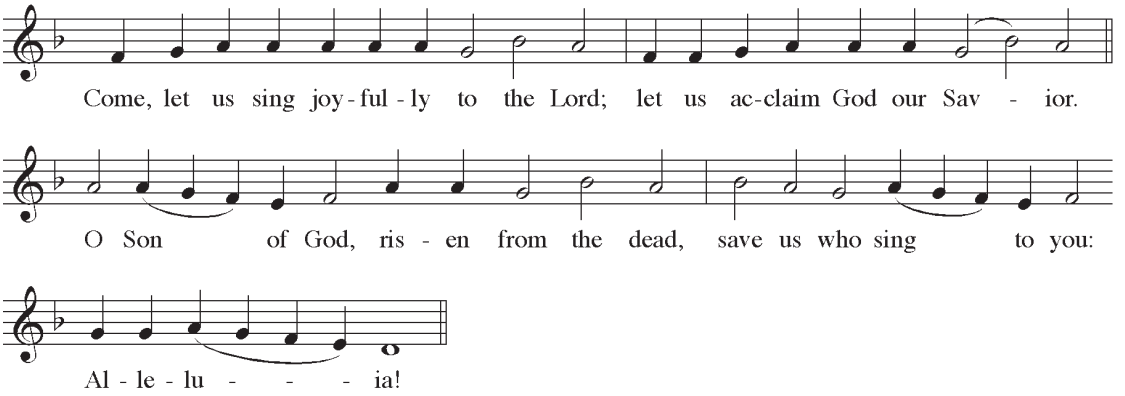
Cantor:



Response: Christ is risen…

Option 2:

Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1)



Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The clergy and servers enter the sanctuary as the Third Antiphon continues with the Entrance Hymn.

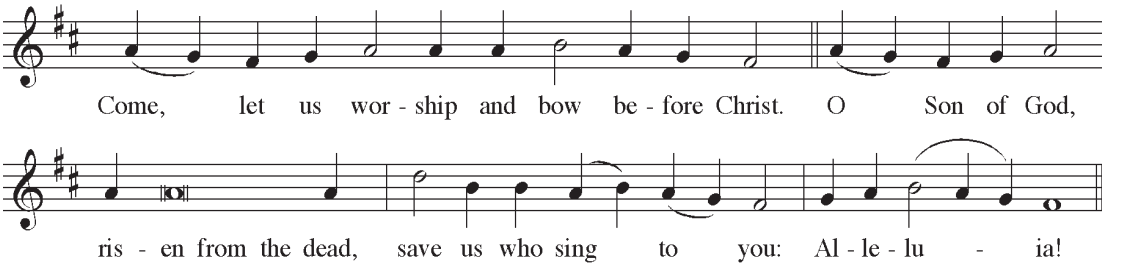
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Entrance Hymn of Pascha - *Special melody* (Psalm 67:27):



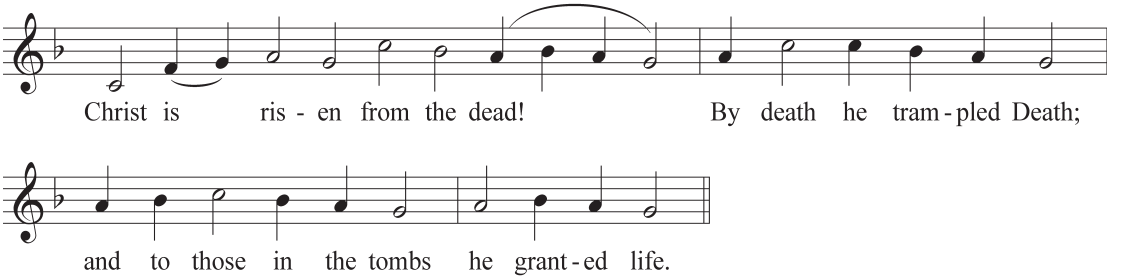
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Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):

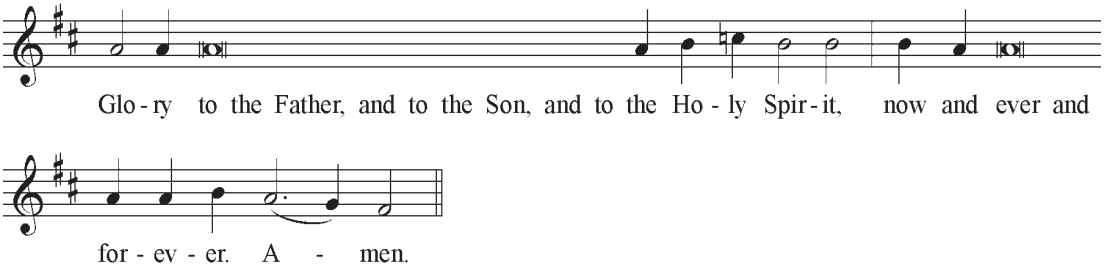


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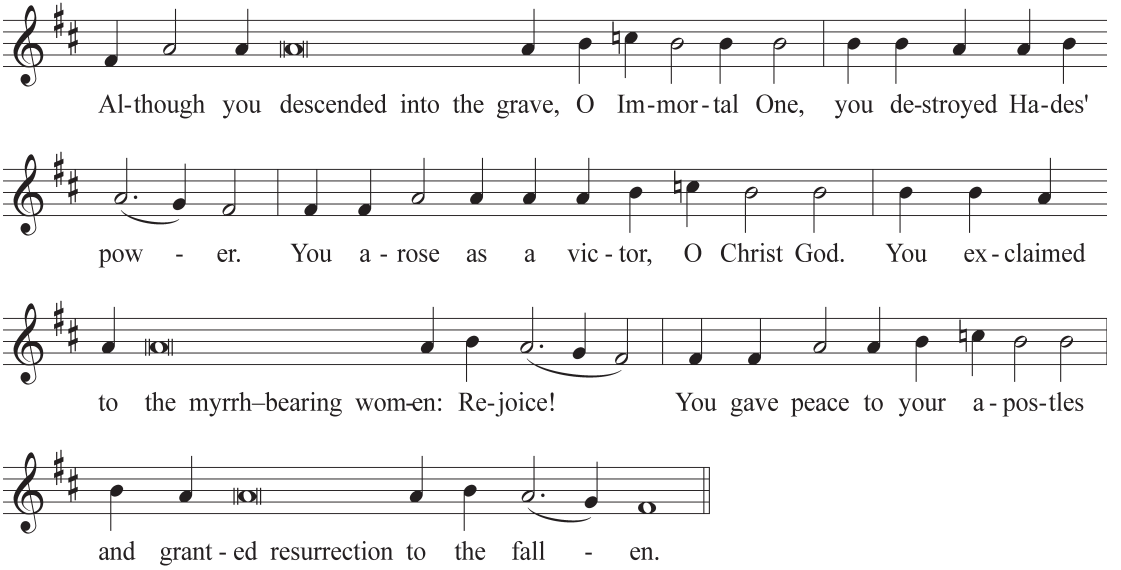
Troparion of Pascha - *Special Tone 5***:**



Cantor:



Kontakion of Pascha - *Tone 8*



Option 2:

The proper Troparia and Kontakia are found on the following pages in the ***Divine Liturgies*** *book:*

Thomas Sunday: pp 175 - 176
Sunday of the Myrrhbearers: pp 177 - 180

Sunday of the Paralytic: pp 181 - 182
Mid-Pentecost: pp 183-184
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: pp 186 - 187
Sunday of the Man Born Blind: pp 189 - 190

Celebrant: For you are holy, our God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever

Deacon: And forever.

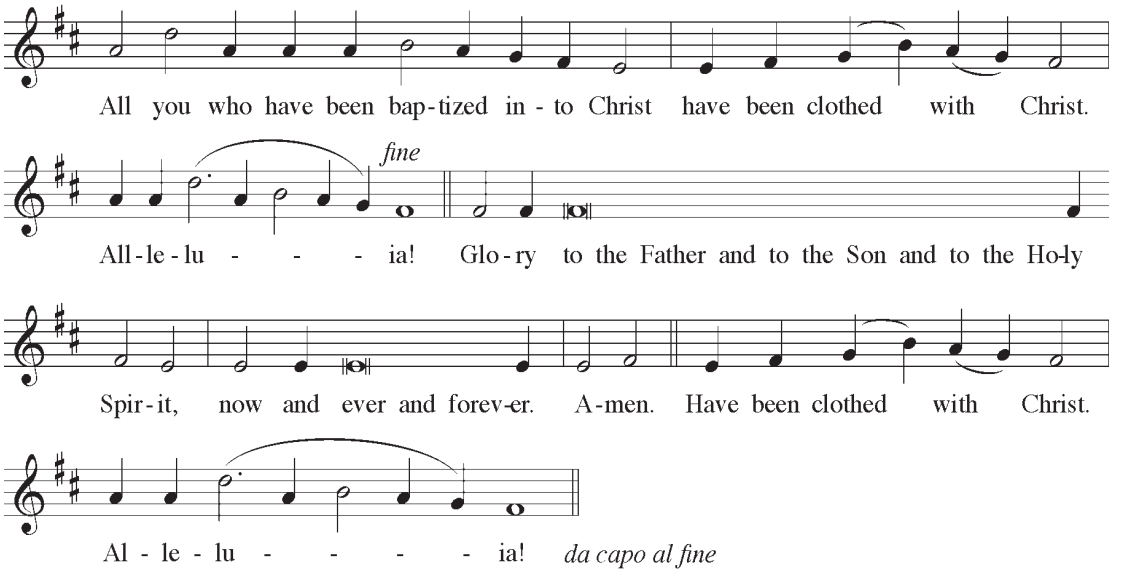
Response:



The faithful STAND for the Thrice-holy Hymn.

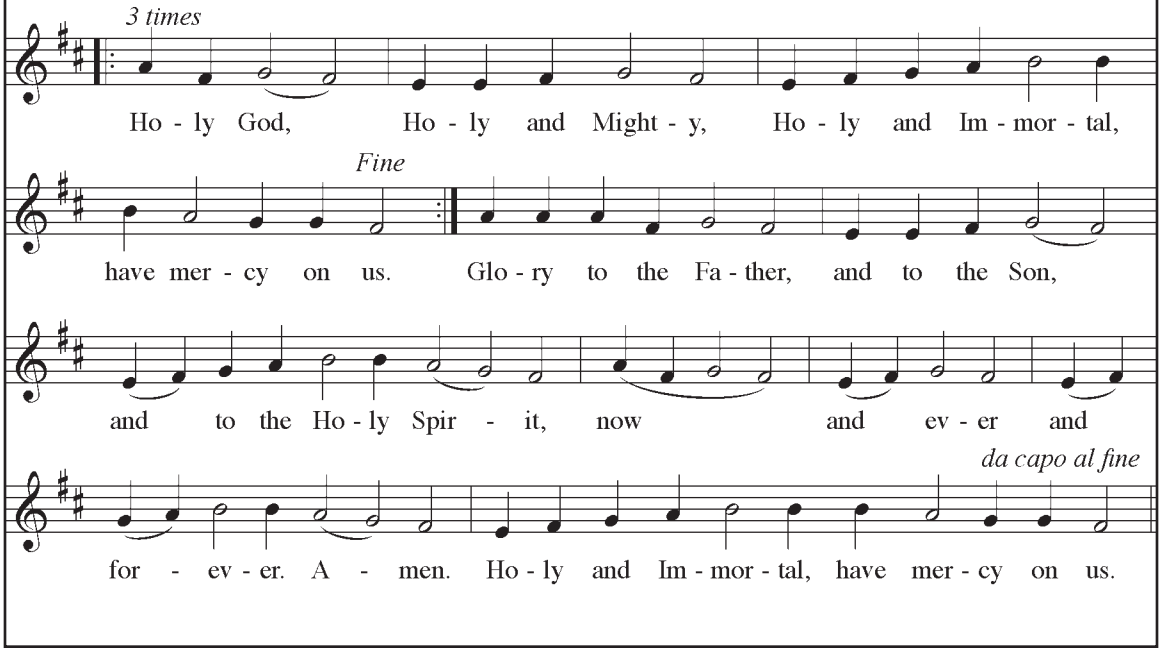
Option 1:

All you who have been baptized



Option 2:

Thrice-holy Hymn



Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon

Option 1:

Prokeimenon of Pascha - *Tone 8* (Psalm 117:24,1):



Deacon: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

All repeat the Prokeimenon.

Option 2:

The proper Prokeimena are found on the following pages in the ***Divine Liturgies*** *book:*

Bright Monday: p 172
Bright Tuesday: p 172
Bright Wednesday: p. 173
Bright Thursday: p 173
Bright Friday: p. 172
Bright Saturday: p 174
Thomas Sunday: p 176
Sunday of the Myrrhbearers: p 180
Sunday of the Paralytic: p 182
Mid-Pentecost: p 184
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: p 188
Sunday of the Man Born Blind: p 190

Deacon: Wisdom!

Lector: A reading from the Epistle…

Deacon: Let us be attentive.

Lector: [Epistle]

Celebrant: Peace be to you, reader.

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Alleluia

Option 1:

Alleluia of Pascha - *Tone 4* (Psalm 101:14,20):



***Verse*:** You will arise and have mercy on Zion.
***Verse*:** From heaven the Lord looked down upon the earth.

Option 2:

The proper Alleluias are found on the following pages in the ***Divine Liturgies*** *book:*

Bright Monday: p 172
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Sunday of the Man Born Blind: p 190

The holy gospel book is incensed along with the faithful.

Deacon: Reverend Father, bless the proclaimer of the Gospel of the holy apostle and evangelist *(Name)*.

Celebrant: May God, through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostle and evangelist *(Name),* grant that you proclaim the word with great power for the fulfillment of the Gospel of his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Celebrant: Wisdom! Let us stand and listen to the holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

Response:



Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to *(Name)*.

Response:



Celebrant: Let us be attentive!

Deacon: [Gospel]

Response:



The faithful SIT during the homily
and may also sit during the Litany of Fervent Supplication which follows:

Deacon: Let us all say with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say:

Response:



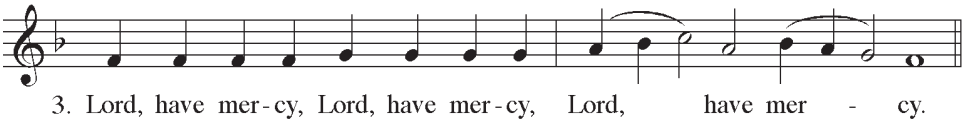
Deacon: O Lord almighty, God of our fathers, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

Response:



Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy,
we pray you, hear and have mercy.

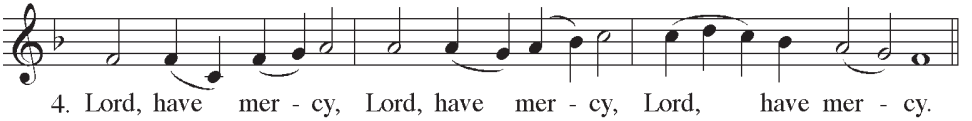
Response:



Deacon: Again we pray for our holy father, *(Name),* pope of Rome, and for our

most reverend metropolitan, *(Name),* for our God-loving bishop, *(Name),* for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Response:



Deacon: Again we pray for our government and for all in the service of our country.

Response: Lord, have mercy. *(three times, using response 4.)*

Deacon: Again we pray for the people here present who await your great and abundant mercy, for those who show us mercy, and for all Christians of the true faith.

Response: Lord, have mercy. *(three times, using response 3.)*

Celebrant: For you are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

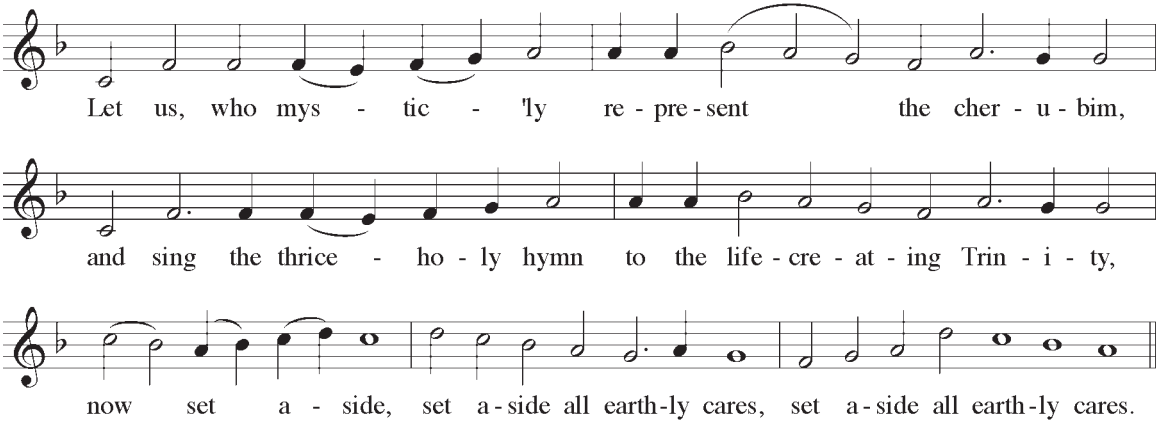
Response:



The faithful STAND following the Litany of Fervent Supplication.

Cherubic Hymn

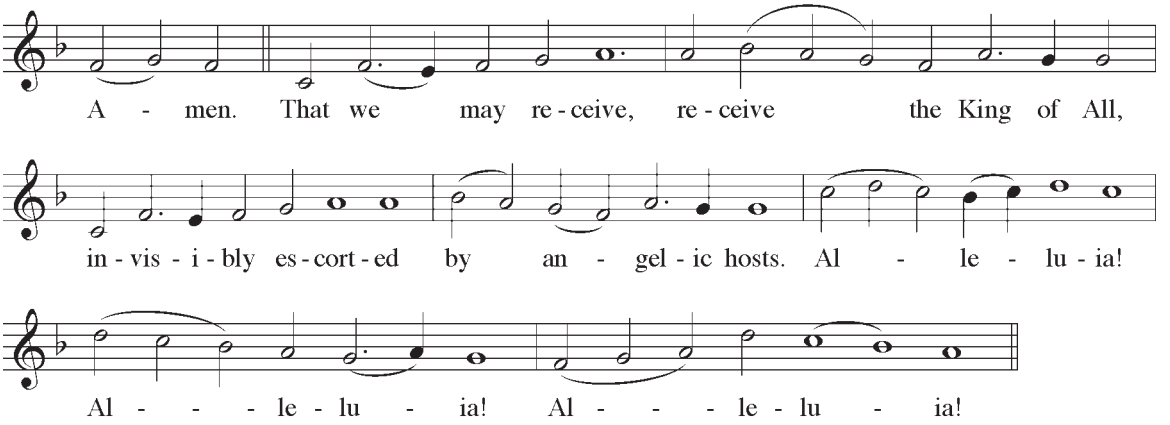
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Deacon: May the Lord God remember in his kingdom all you Christians of the true faith, always, now and ever and forever.

Celebrant: May the Lord God remember in his kingdom … now and ever and forever.

Response:



Deacon: For the precious gifts placed before us, let us pray to the Lord.

Response:



The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: Grant this through the mercies of your only-begotten Son with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



Before the profession of the Symbol of Faith,
the assembly is invited to be reconciled with one another:

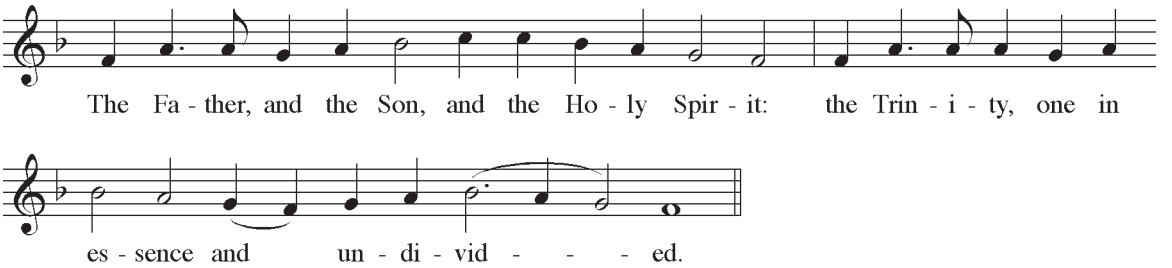
Celebrant: Peace be to all.

Response:



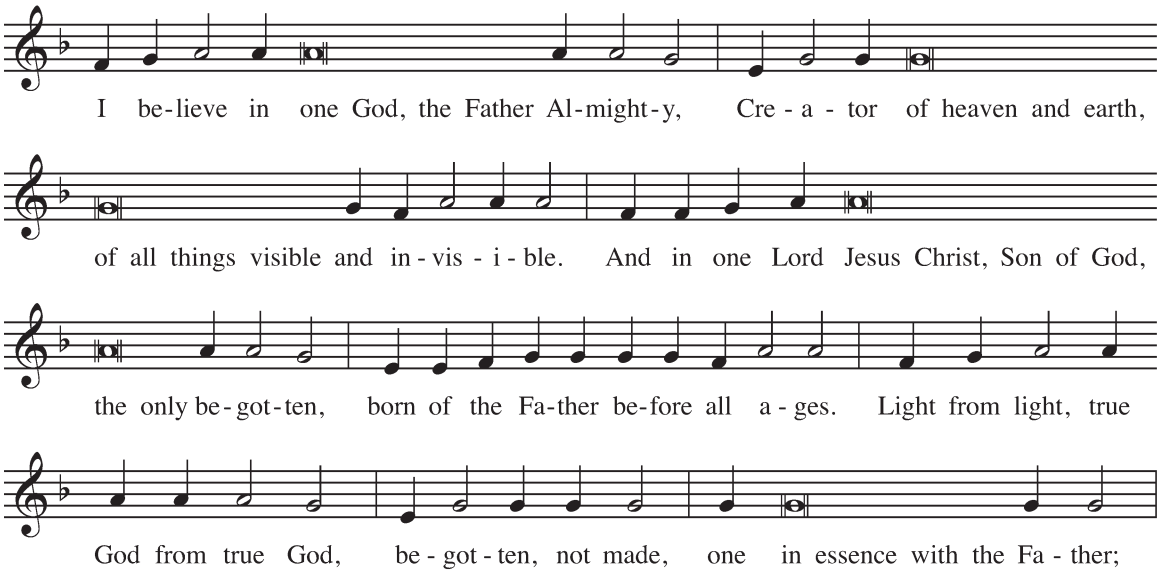
Celebrant: Let us love one another that with one mind we may profess.

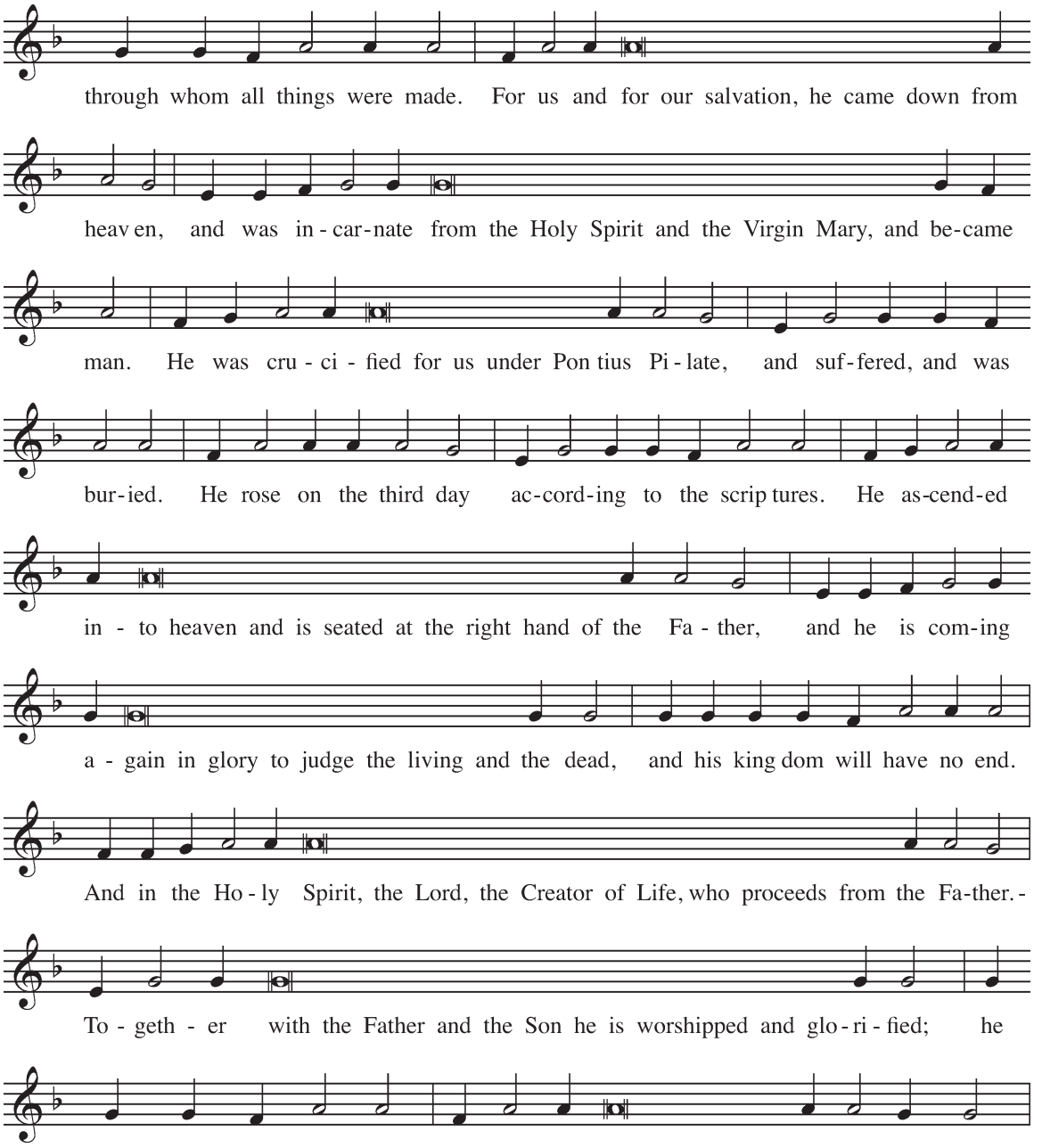
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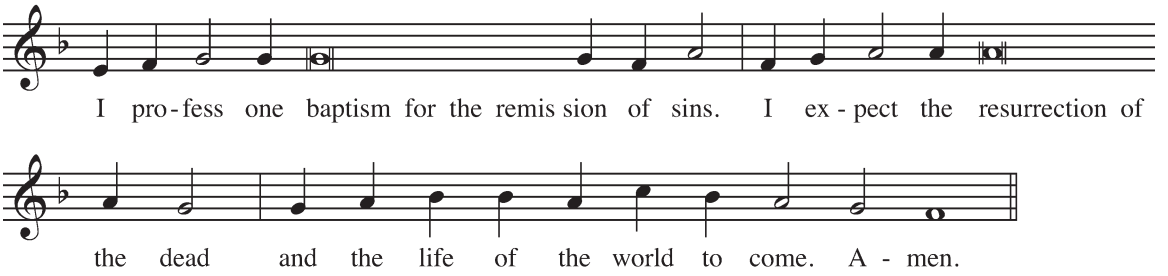


Deacon: [The doors! The doors!] In wisdom let us be attentive!

Symbol of Faith




through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heav en, and was in - car - nate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and be - came
man. He was cru - ci - fied for us under Pon tius Pi - late, and suf - fered, and was
bur - ied. He rose on the third day ac - cord - ing to the scrip tures. He as - cend - ed
in - to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther, and he is com - ing
a - gain in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his king dom will have no end.
And in the Ho - ly Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of Life, who proceeds from the Fa - ther. -
To - geth - er with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glo - ri - fied; he
spoke through the proph - ets. In one, ho - ly, catholic, and a po - stol - ic Church.



Anaphora

Deacon: Let us stand aright, let us stand in awe, let us be attentive to offer the holy Anaphora in peace.

Response:



Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Response:



Celebrant: Let us lift up our hearts.

Response:



Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

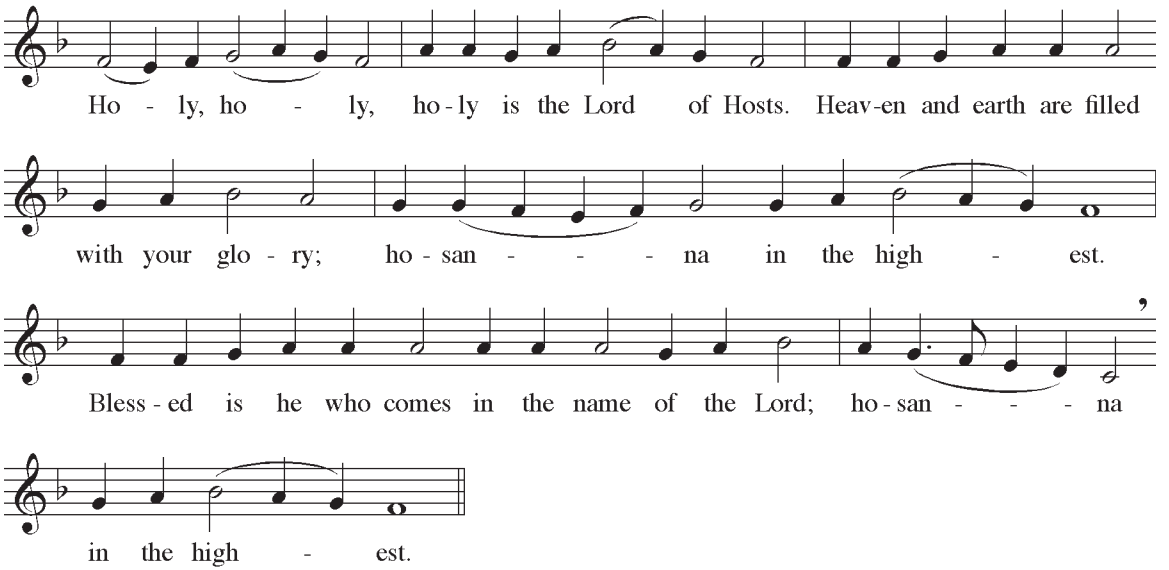
Response:



The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: Singing, shouting, crying aloud, and saying the triumphal hymn:

The proper liturgucal posture is to stand.



The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you for the remission of sins.

All make a profound bow.

Response:



The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: Drink of this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.

All make a profound bow.

Response:

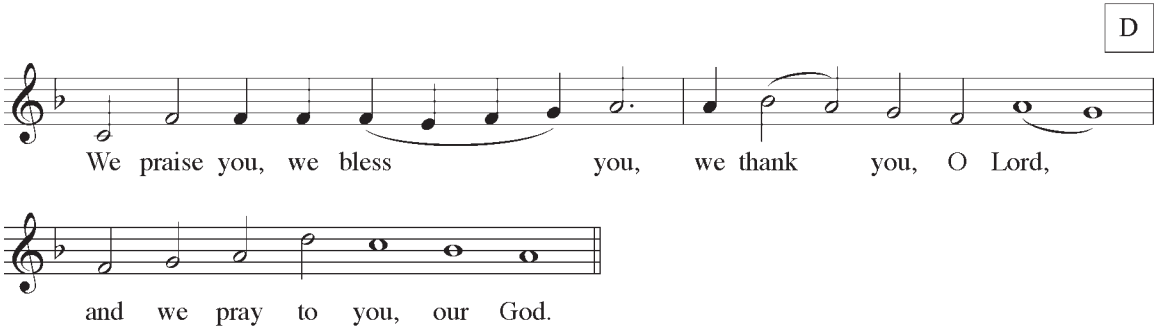


The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: Offering you your own from your own always and everywhere.

All bow reverently and sing:

Anamnesis Acclamation

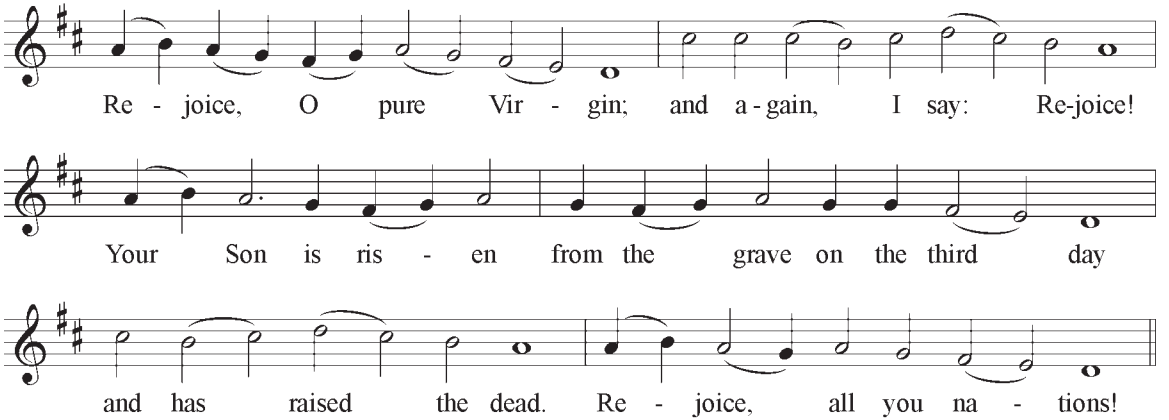


The celebrant prays the Epiklesis, invoking the Holy Spirit upon the gifts and the faithful.
The clergy and faithful make a profound bow.
The celebrant then offers incense on behalf of all saints and all the faithful departed.
Beginning the commemorations, he prays, concluding:

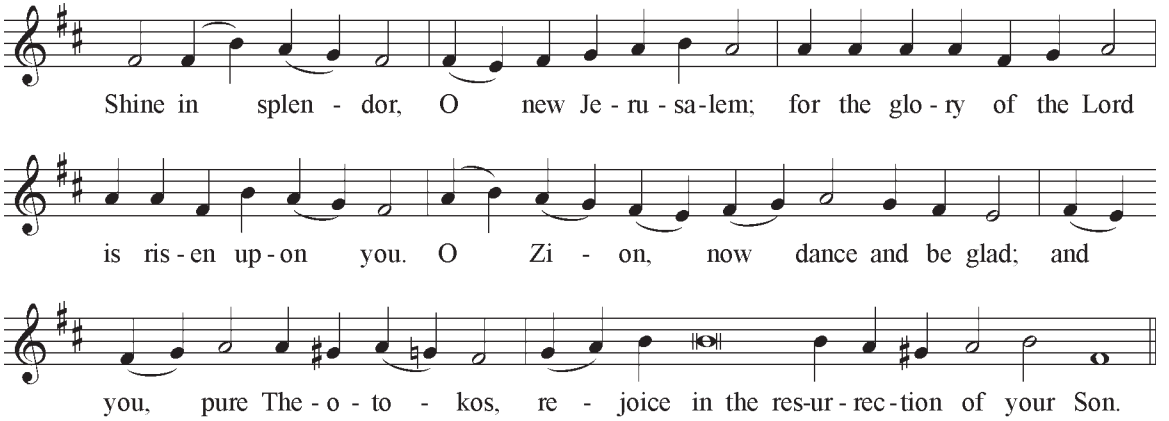
Celebrant: . . . our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

Magnification





Irmos



The Irmos for Mid-Pentecost and for the Leave-taking of Pascha is found on page 185

The clergy commemorate the living.

Celebrant: Among the first, O Lord, remember our holy father *(Name),* pope of Rome, our most reverend metropolitan *(Name),* our God-loving bishop *(Name)*; preserve them for your holy churches in peace, safety, honor, and health for many years as they faithfully impart the word of your truth.

Response:



The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: And grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and praise your most honored and magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



Preparation for Communion

Celebrant: May the mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be with all of you.

Response:



Deacon: Now that we have commemorated all the saints, again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Response:



Deacon: For the precious gifts offered and consecrated, that our God who loves us all may receive them on his holy, heavenly, and mystical altar as an aroma of spiritual fragrance, and send down upon us in return his divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

Response:



Deacon: Asking for unity in the faith and for communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

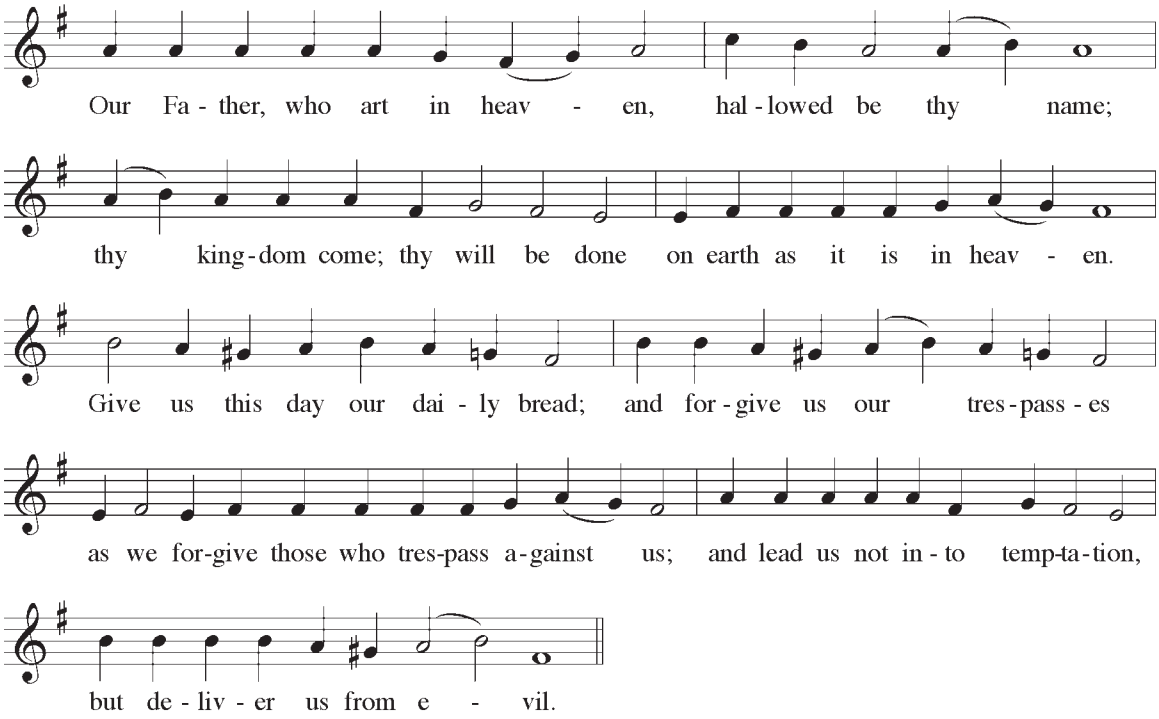
Response:



The celebrant prays, concluding with the introduction to the Lord's Prayer:

Celebrant: And make us worthy, O Lord God of heaven, that we may with confidence and without condemnation dare call you "Father" and say:

Paschal "Our Father" - *melody of the Canon of Pascha*



Celebrant: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



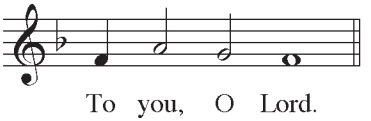
Celebrant: Peace be to all.

Response:



Deacon: Bow your heads to the Lord.

Response:



The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: Through the grace, the mercies, and the loving-kindness of your only-begotten Son with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.

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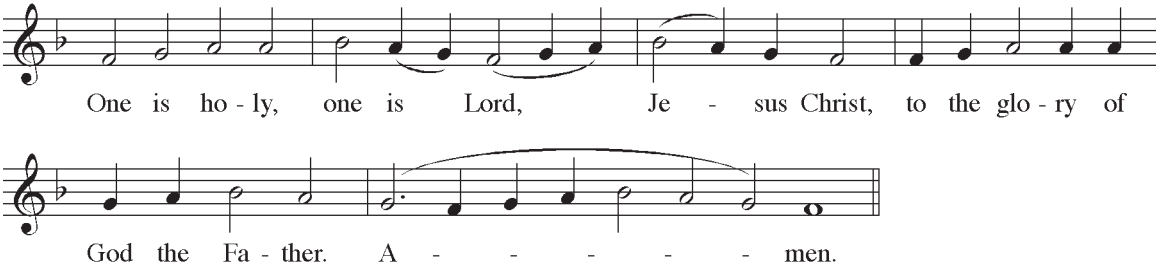


Communion

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Holy gifts to holy people!

Response:



The proper liturgical posture is to stand.

The celebrant breaks the holy lamb into four parts in the form of a cross, uniting one portion with the precious blood.

All pray together:

All: O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first.

Accept me today as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God; for I will not reveal your Mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I profess you:

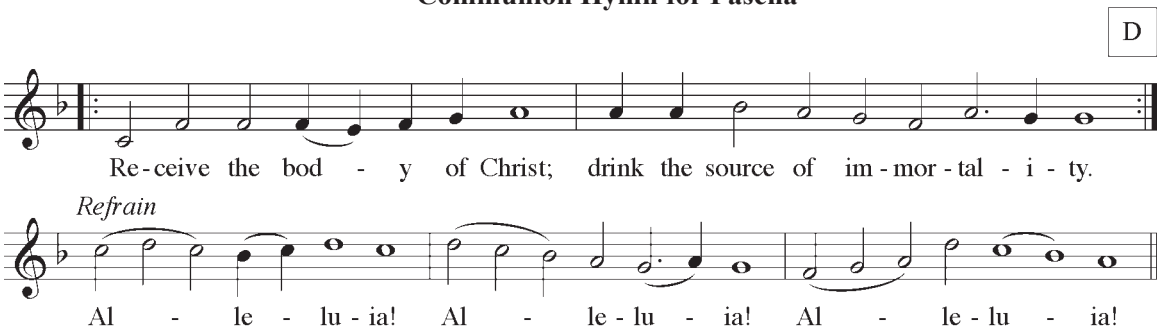
Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.
Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom.
Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

May the partaking of your holy Mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgement or condemnation, but for the healing of soul and body.

O Lord, I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious body, and your life-giving blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

O God, be merciful to me a sinner.
O God, cleanse me of my sins, and have mercy on me.
O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

Communion Hymn for Pascha

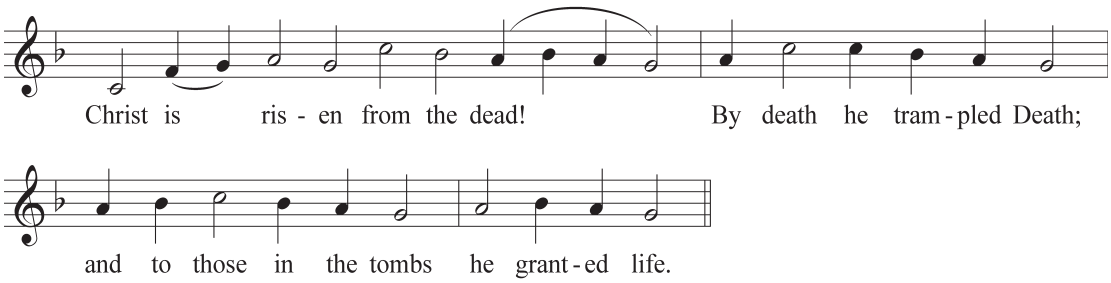


Additional Communion Hymns are found on the following pages of the ***Divine Liturgies*** *book:*

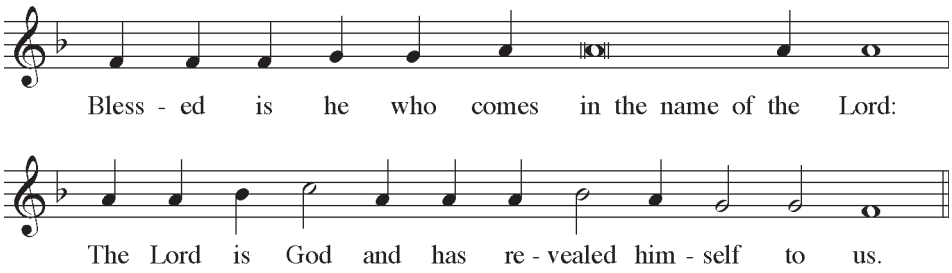
Thomas Sunday: pp 175 - 176
Sunday of the Myrrhbearers: pp 177 - 180
Sunday of the Paralytic: pp 181 - 182
Mid-Pentecost: pp 183-184
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: pp 186 - 187
Sunday of the Man Born Blind: pp 189 - 190

Deacon: Approach with fear of God and with faith.

Option 1:



Option 2:



The body and blood of our Lord are administered on a small spoon.
Communicants approach close to the priest or deacon and remain standing.

The communicants say nothing.

They open the mouth widely without extending the tongue
and close the mouth only after the spoon has been withdrawn.

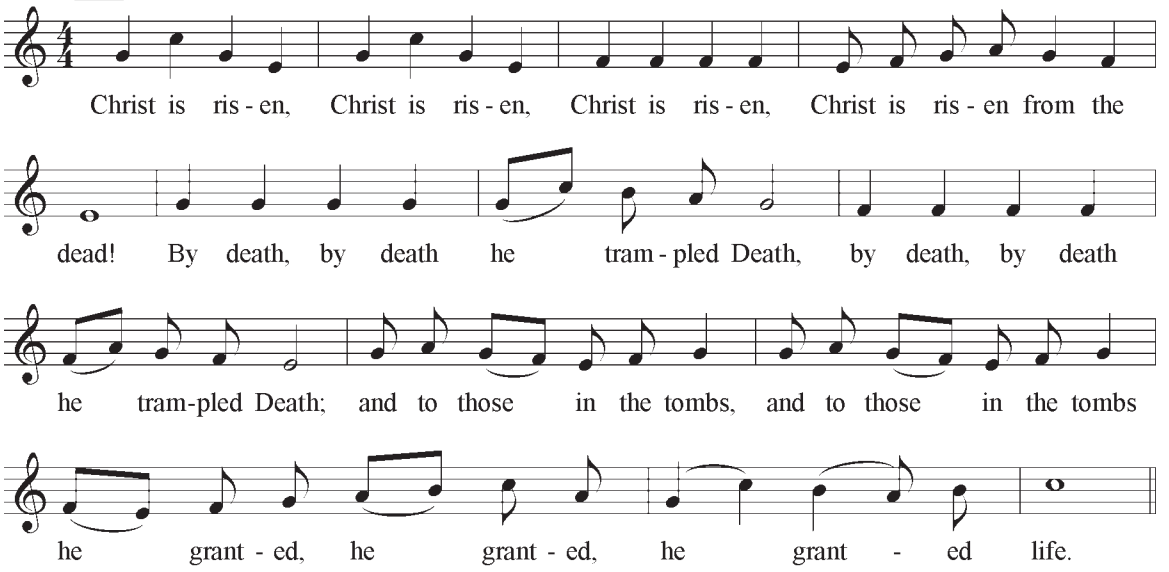
The faithful may REMAIN STANDING
while others are receiving holy communion.

When Holy Communion has been distributed,
the celebrant blesses with the chalice:

Celebrant: Save your people, O God, and bless your inheritance.

Response:

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The celebrant incenses the holy gifts.

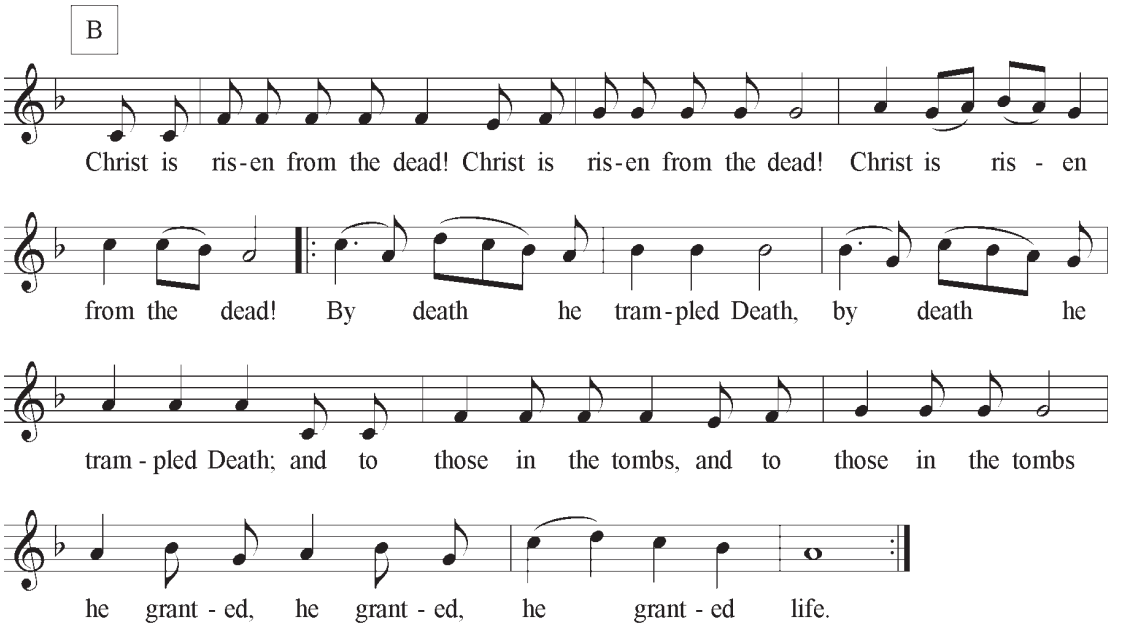
Celebrant: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and forever.

Response:

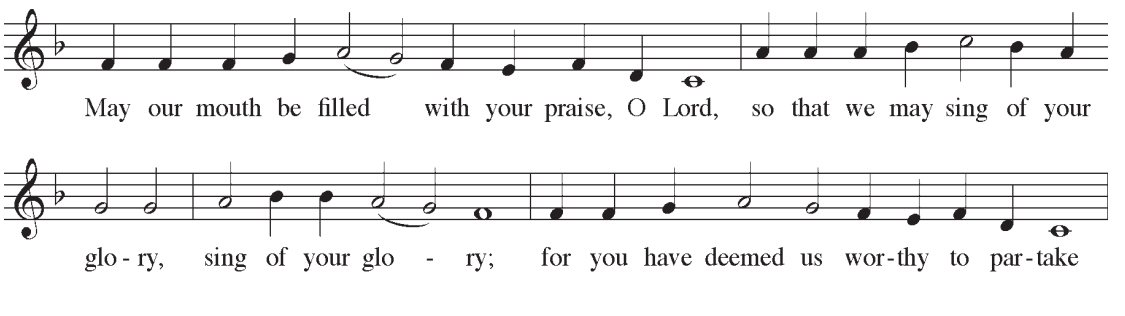


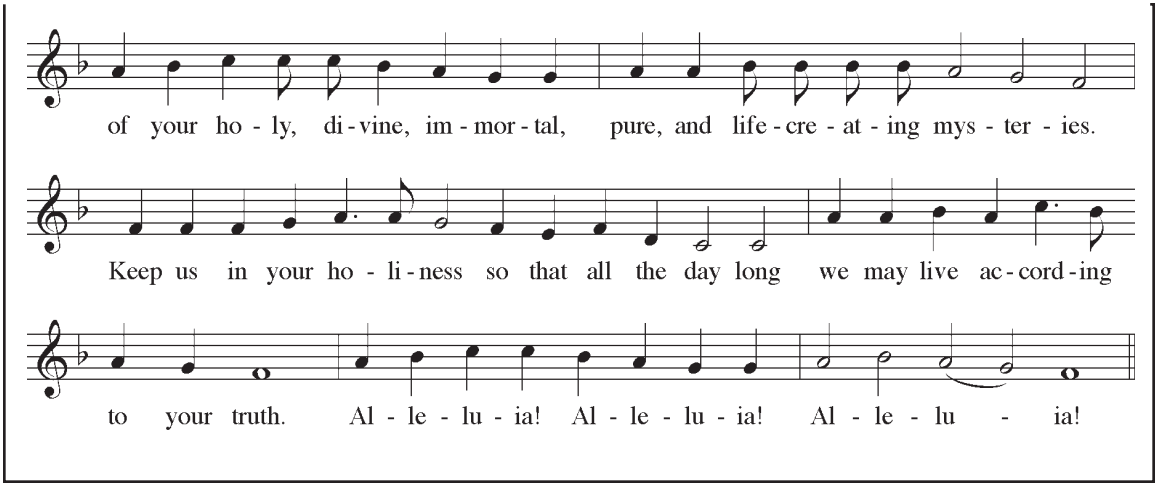
The holy gifts are brought to the table of preparation.
The faithful sing:

Option 1:



Option 2:





Deacon: Arise! Now that we have received the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, life-creating, and awesome mysteries of Christ, let us worthily thank the Lord.

Response:



The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: For you are our sanctification, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

Response:



Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Response:

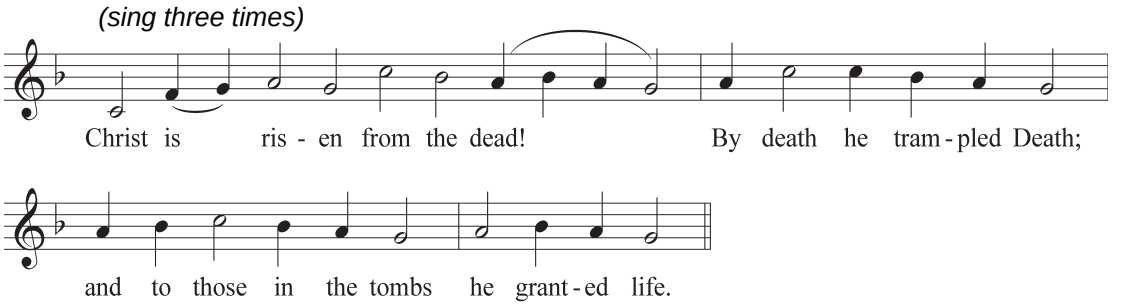


The celebrant, going before the ambon and facing East, intones the Ambon Prayer.

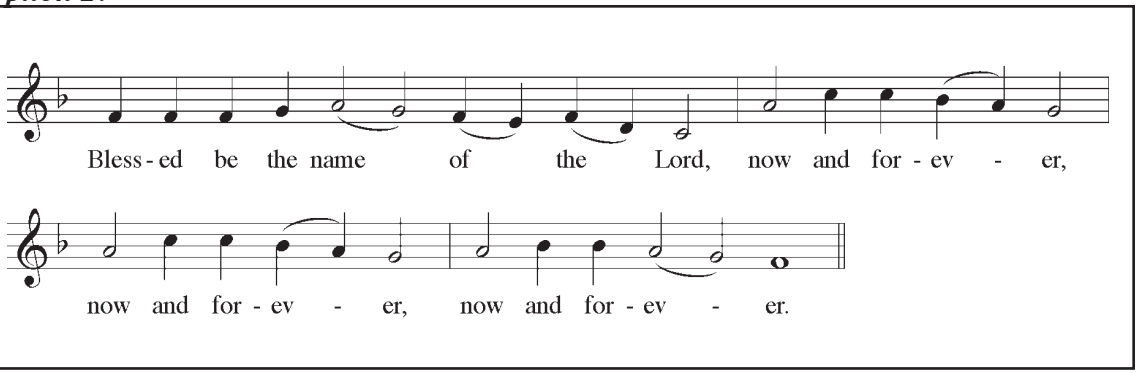
Response:



Option 1:



Option 2:



Celebrant: The blessing of the Lord be upon you through his grace and loving kindness, always, now and ever and forever.

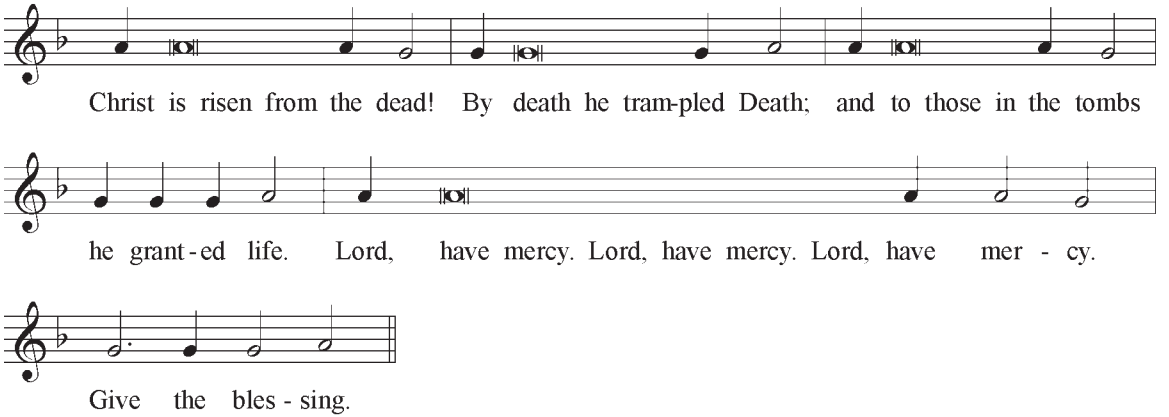
Response:



Dismissal

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

Response:



Facing the faithful, the celebrant intones the Prayer of Dismissal.

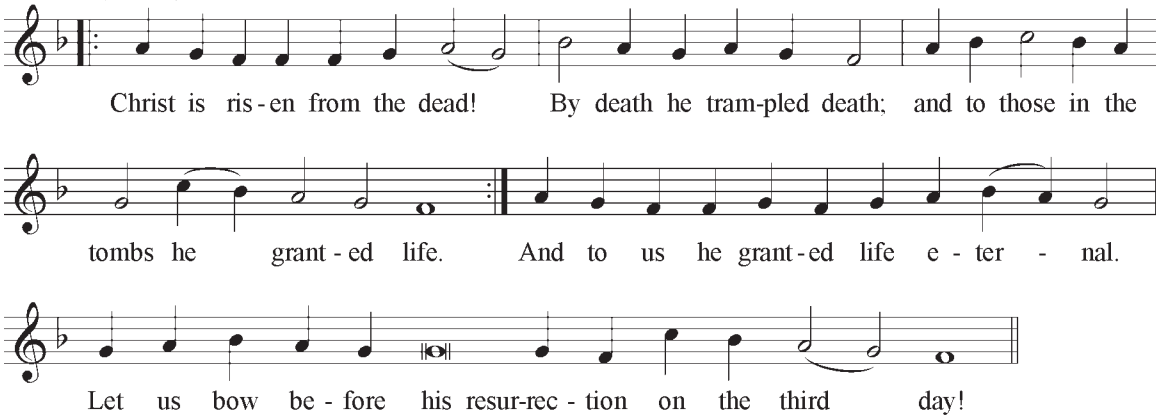
Celebrant: May Christ our true God…for Christ is good and loves us all.

Response:



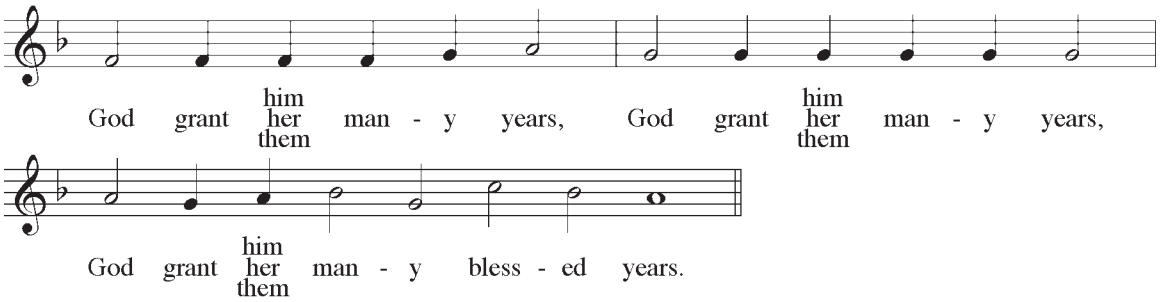
After the Dismissal, the celebrant says three times: **"Christ is risen!"** *and the faithful respond each time*: **"Indeed he is risen!"** *The celebrant then sings once:* **"Christ is risen from the dead! * By death . . .,"** *and the faithful sing:*

(Twice)



On more festive liturgical occasions, the deacon or celebrant, facing the faithful, intones the chant for long life:

To *(Name/s),* grant, O Lord, many years.



Added only after the final intonation for long life:

