### **PASCHA SERVICES**

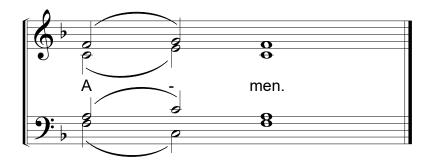
### Service for the Removal of the Burial Shroud from the Tomb

(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.

All:



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

All: 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!

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

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

**All:** 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)

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

Priest: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

**All:** 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 the evil one.

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.

All: Amen.

**Priest: Lord have mercy.** (six times)

All: Lord have mercy. (six times)

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

All: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

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

**All:** 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 Ito 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.

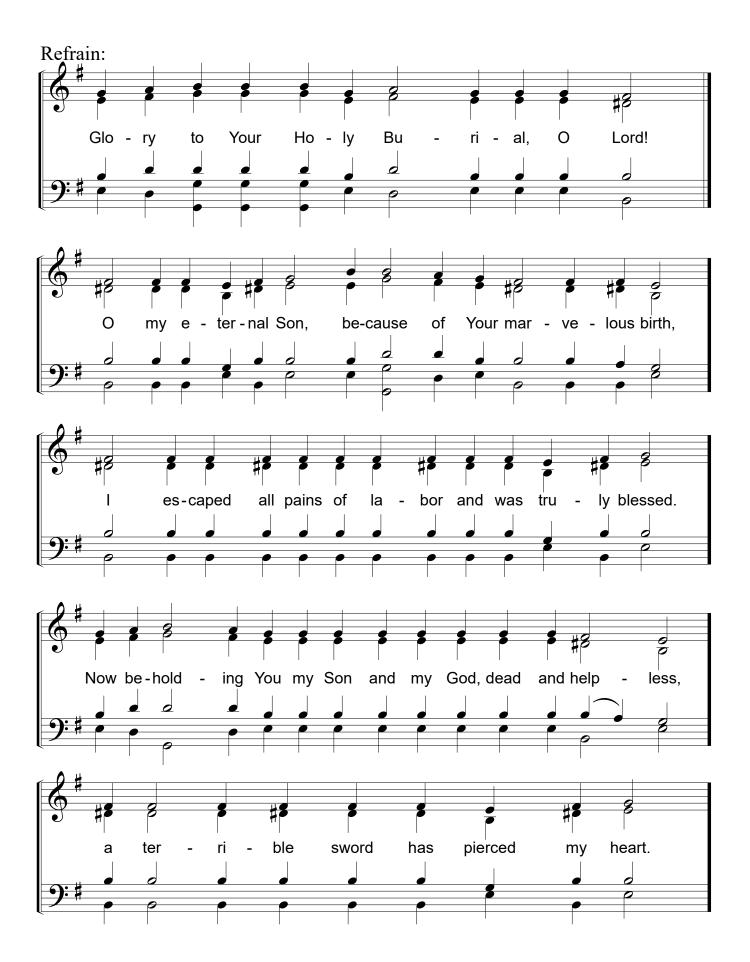
Then You will delight in right sacrifices,

in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;

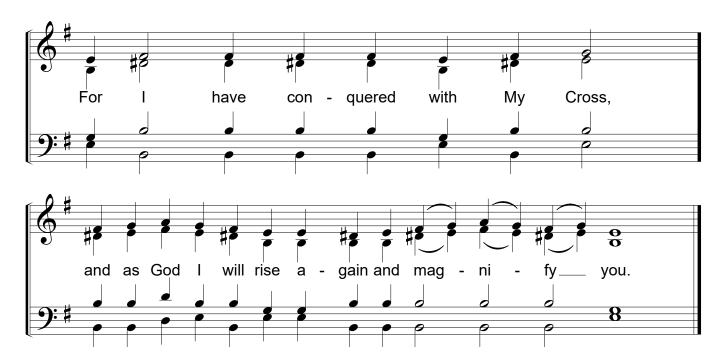
then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

# Ode 9 from the Canon of Holy Saturday









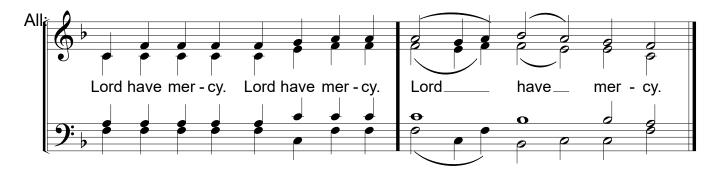
(read)

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

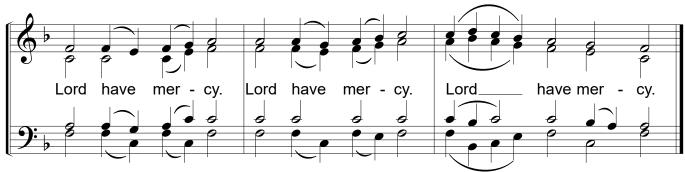
## Litany

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

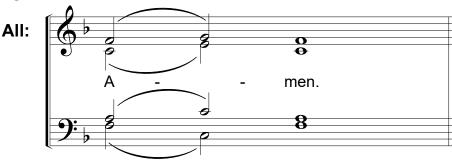


Priest/Deacon: We also pray for the protection of this city and every city, village and country from famine, destruction, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion and civil war; and that our good and loving God may be merciful, gracious and favorably disposed, and that He may turn aside His anger against

### All:



Priest: 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.

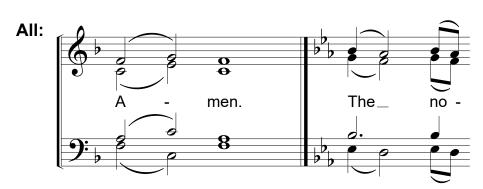


### **Dismissal**

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

**All:** 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.

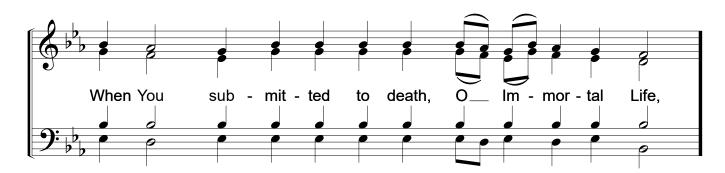


# The Noble Joseph - Tropar Tone 2



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.

# **Resurrectional Tropar Tone 2**

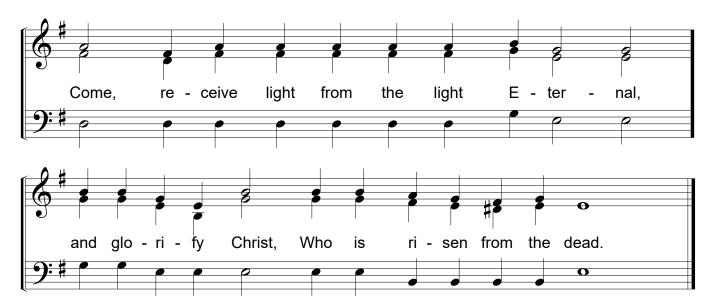




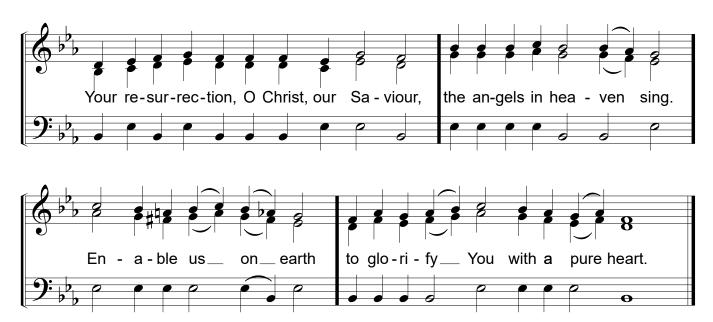
After the Burial Shroud has been taken to the Altar, the Priest comes out of the sanctuary, carrying a lighted candle. In some churches, it is customary for the Priest to pass this "light" to the Faithful, as "Come Receive the Light" is sung (see next page). The priest and the choir process outside.

### **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, followed by the choir, as the following hymn is sung:

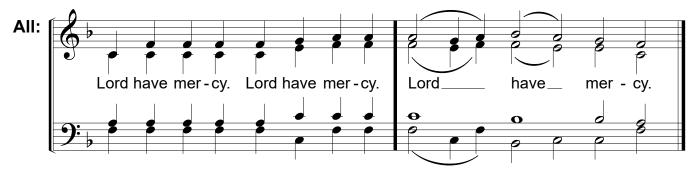


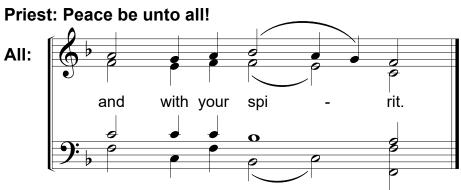
At this time the procession around the church takes place. The following hymn is sung repeatedly during the procession:



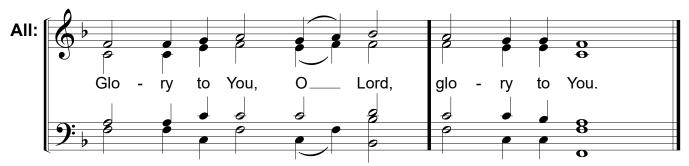
The procession stops before the closed doors of the church.

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



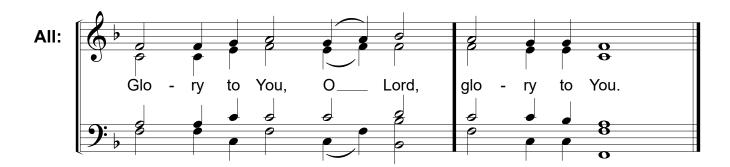


Priest/Deacon: Wisdom, let us be attentive as we listen to the Holy Gospel, the reading of the Holy Gospel ccording to St. Mark.

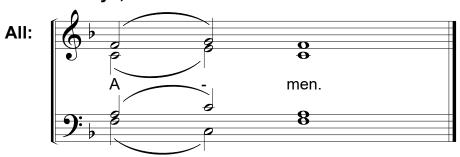


### **Priest:**

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.



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

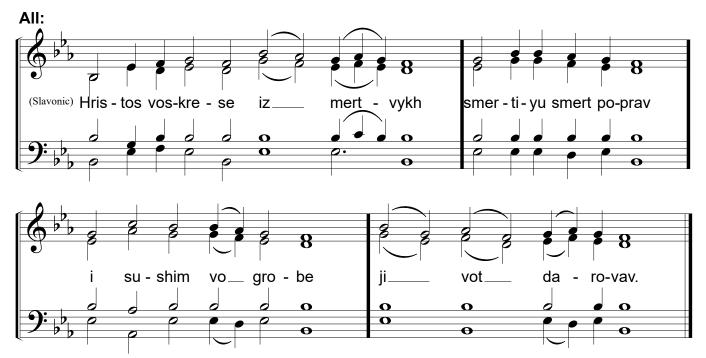


The Paschal Tropar is sung the first time by the priest (?) and then twice by all:

Christ is \_\_\_ ri - sen from the dead, \_\_\_\_ tramp-ling down death by death,

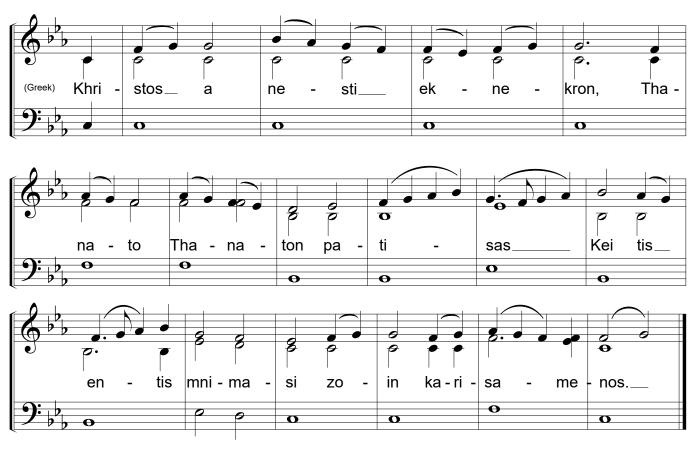
and to those in \_\_\_ the tombs be - stow - ing \_\_\_ life.

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

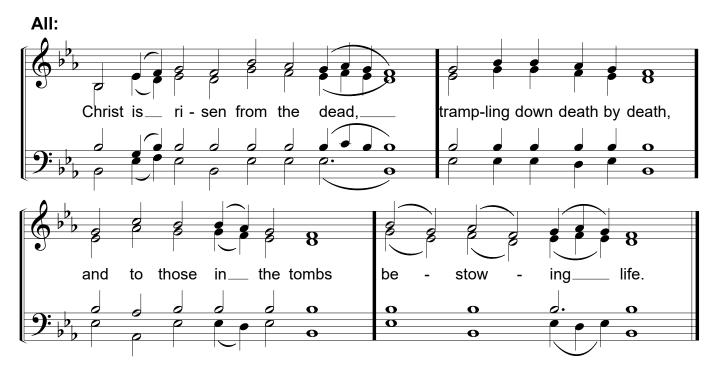


Priest: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before a fire.

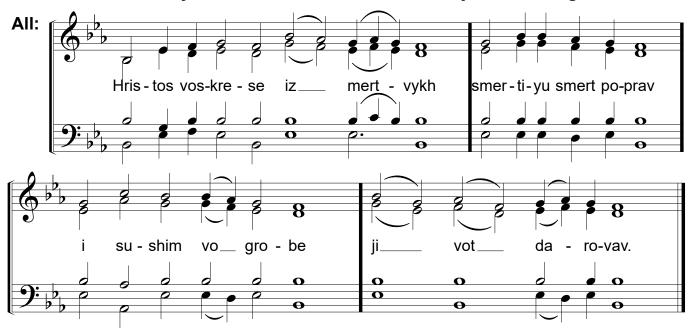
### All:



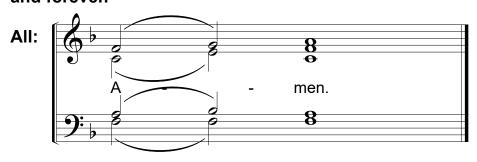
Priest: So let the wicked perish at the Presence of God, and let the righteous ones rejoice.



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



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



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

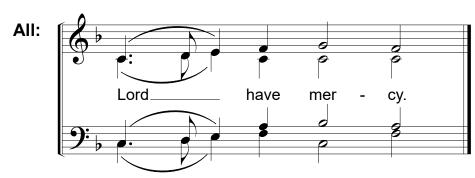
The Priest blesses the Church Entrance with the Cross, and the doors are opened. As the procession re-enters the church, the Faithful conclude the singing of the Paschal Tropar.

### AII: 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)

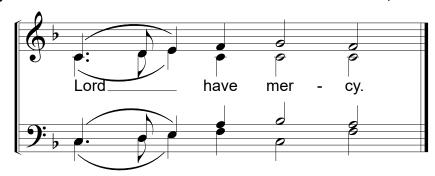
Priest/Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



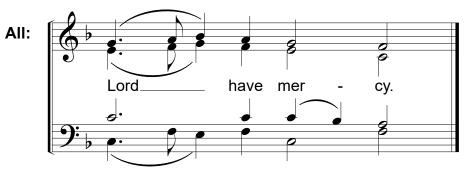
Priest/Deacon: For the peace that comes from heaven above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.



Priest/Deacon: 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.



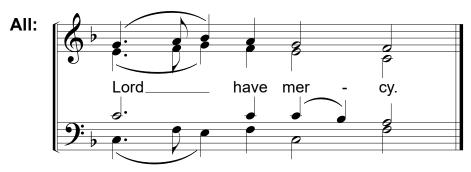
Priest/Deacon: For this holy church and for those who enter it with faith, devoutness and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.



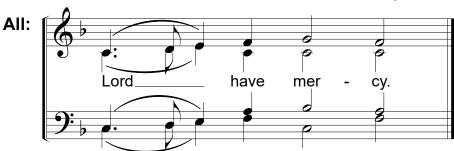
Priest/Deacon: For our Ecumenical Patriarch \_\_\_\_\_, the Archbishop of Constantinople, let us pray to the Lord.



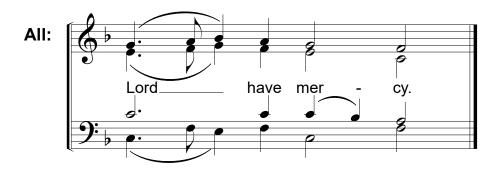
Priest/Deacon: For our God loving Bishop \_\_\_\_\_\_, for our esteemed priesthood, for the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.



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



Priest/Deacon: 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.



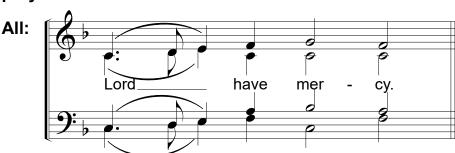
Priest/Deacon: For healthful seasons, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.



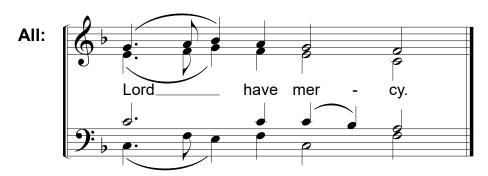
Priest/Deacon: For those who travel by land, by sea, by air, for the sick, the suffering, for those who are held in captivity, and for their safety and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



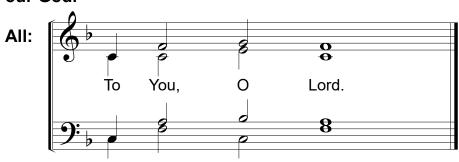
Priest/Deacon: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath and want, let us pray to the Lord.



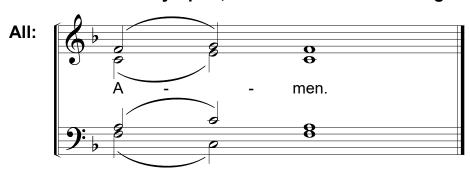
Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us O God, by Your grace.



Priest/Deacon: 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.



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.



(The Faithful may now stand.)

### THE PASCHAL CANON

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# **Pascha Canon**

Carpatho-Russian melody, arranged by Nativity Choir

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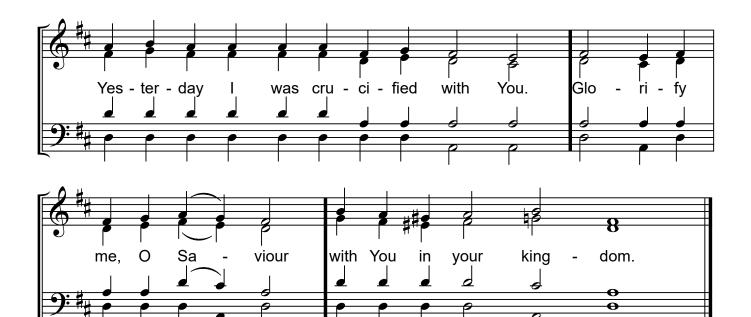
Priest/Deacon: Commemorating our ever, holy, ever pure, ever blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.



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.







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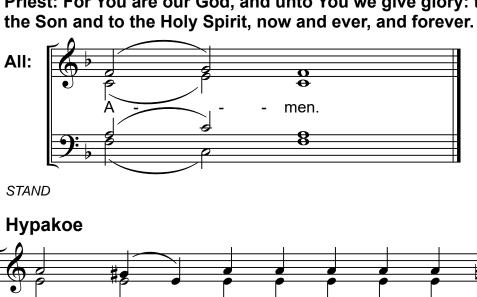
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Priest: For You are our God, and unto You we give glory: to the Father, and to







# Ode 4



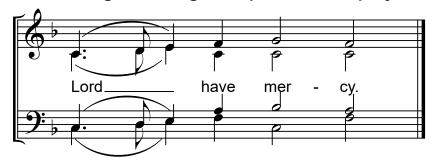




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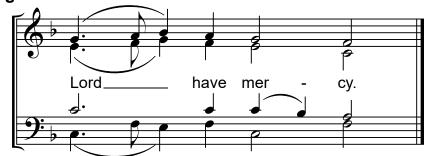
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All:



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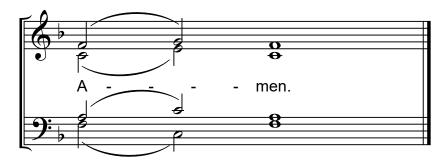


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Priest: For You are a God Who loves mankind, and we give glory to You: to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

All:



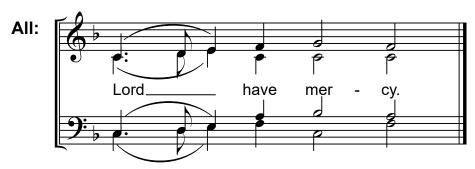
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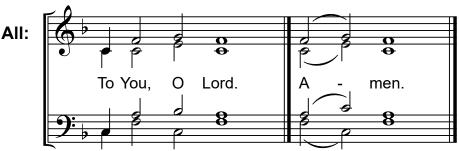
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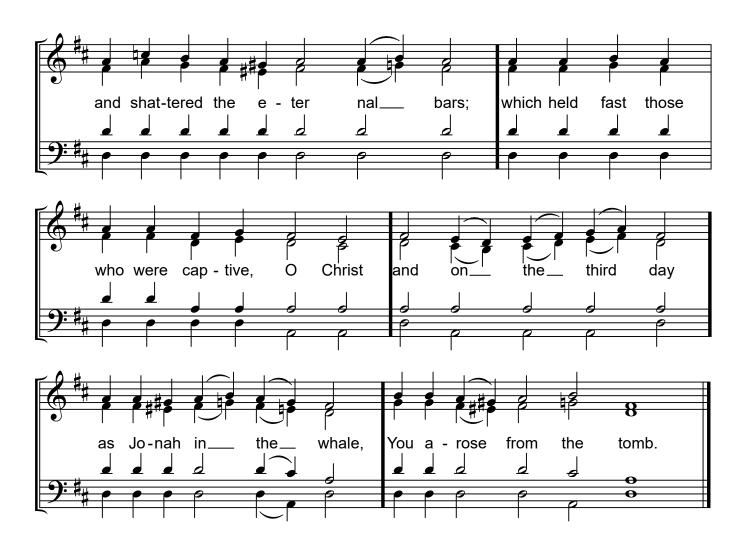
Priest: For sanctified and glorified is Your all-honorable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

All:

(STAND)

### ODE 6





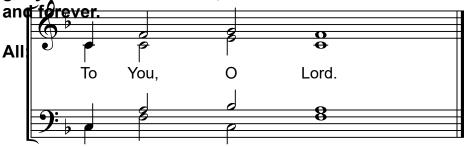




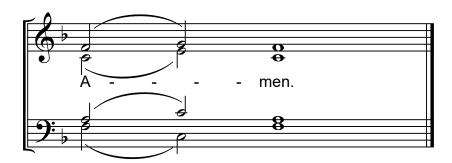
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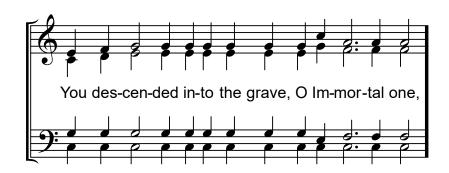


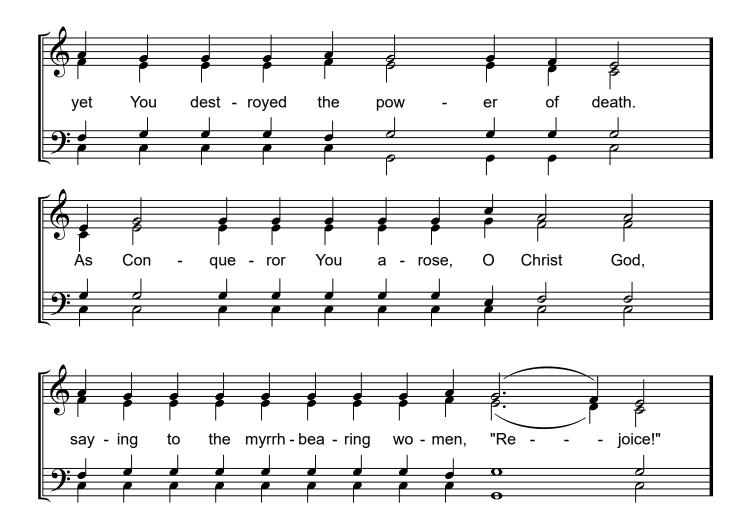
Priest: For You are the King of peace and the Savior of our souls, and we give glory to You: to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,



# **KONDAK of Pascha (Tone 8)**











#### **IKOS**

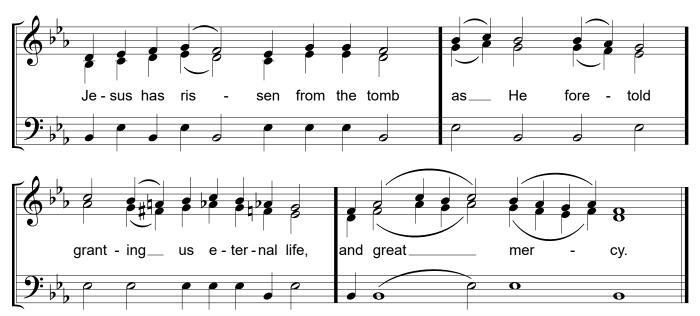
All: Before the dawn, the myrrh-bearing women sought, as those who seek the day, their Sun, who was before the sun, yet had descended to the grave, and they cried to each other: O friends, come let us anoint with spices His life-bearing yet buried body, the flesh which raised fallen Adam and now lies 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.

(The Synaxarion is read)

#### **HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION**

(Tone 6 Samohlasen Melody)

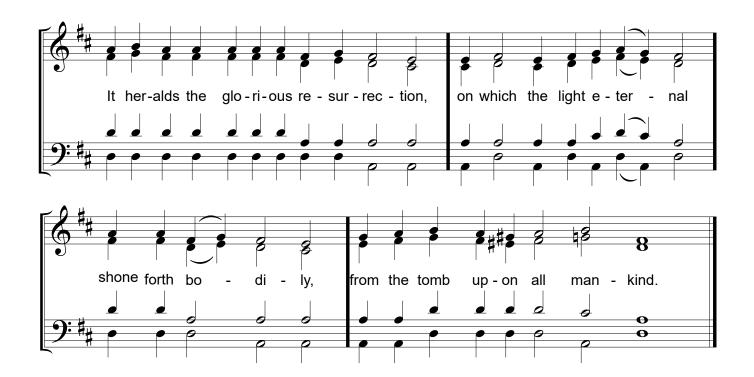


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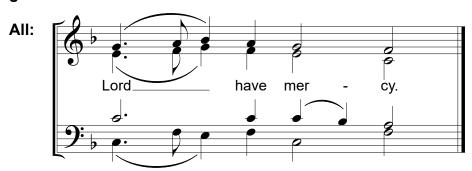


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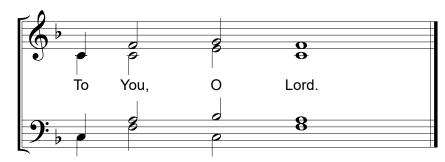


Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God by Your grace.

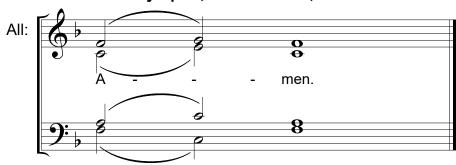


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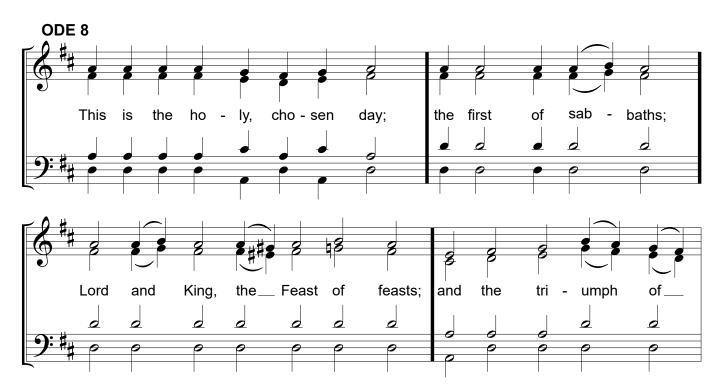


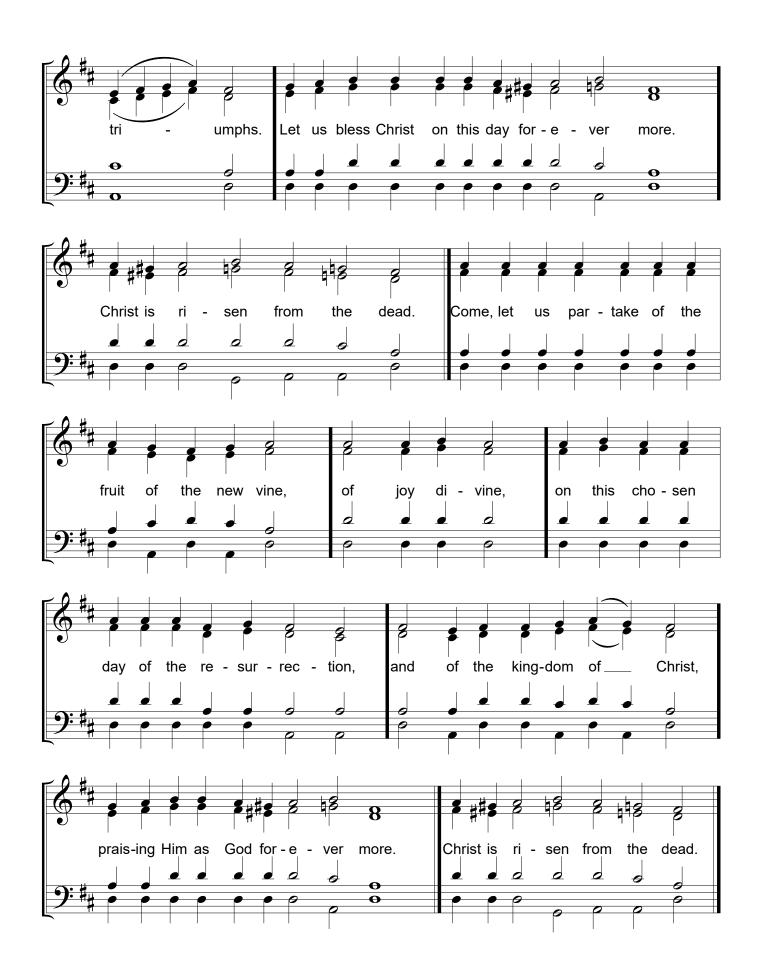


Priest: Blessed and glorified be the might of Your kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

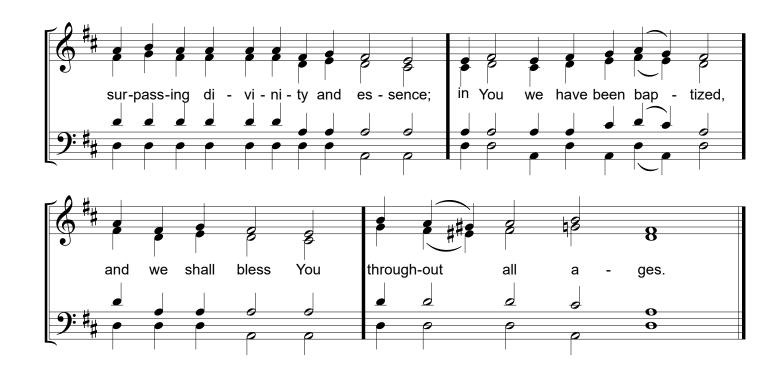


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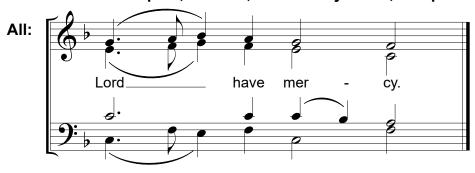


The Small Litany (S/T)

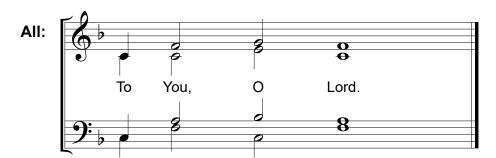
Priest/Deacon: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.



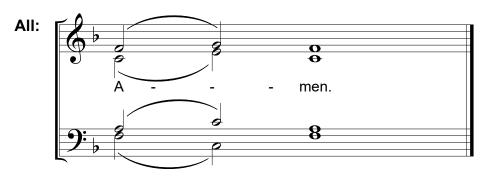
Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God by Your grace.



Priest/Deacon: 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.

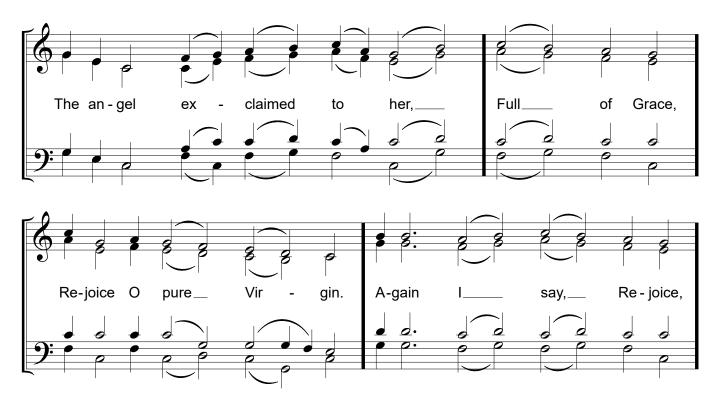


Priest: For blessed is Your name, and glorified is your kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.



#### **ODE 9** (Glorification)

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



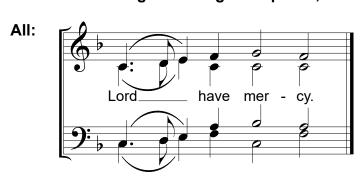






The Small Litany (SIT)

Priest/Deacon: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.



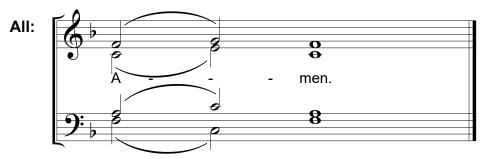
Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God by Your grace.



Priest/Deacon: 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.



Priest: For all the powers of heaven praise You, and unto You we give glory: to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.



# The Song of Light (Exapostilarion of Pascha)



The Praises (Vesperal/Samohlasen Tone 1) SIT

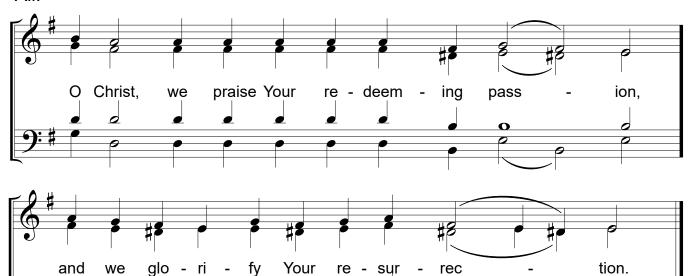


#### Cantor:



Praise Him for His might-y pow-ers; praise Him for His ex - ceed-ing great-ness!

## All:



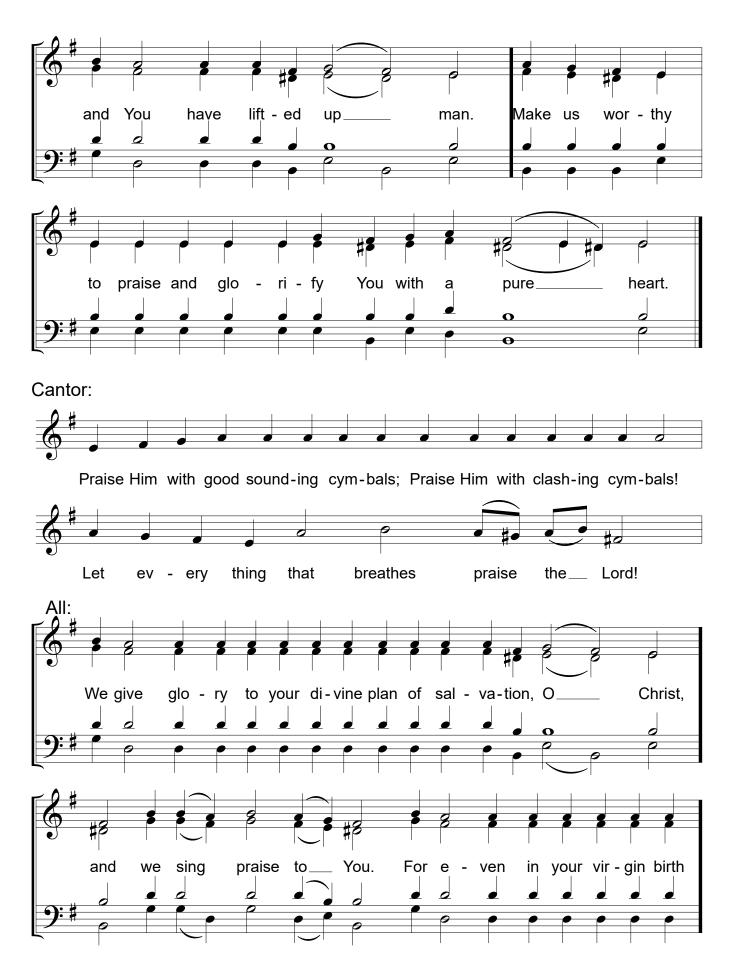
# Cantor:



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







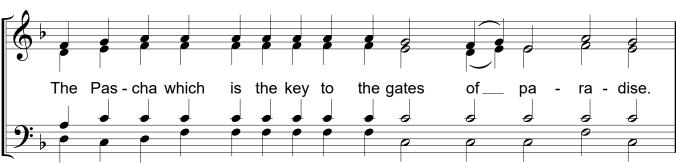


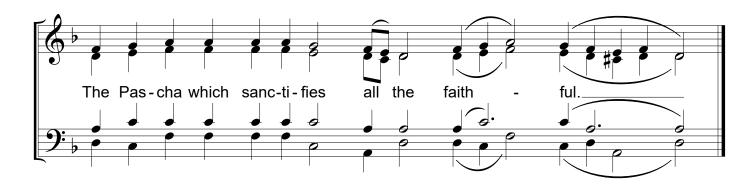
# **Paschal Verses**

(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.

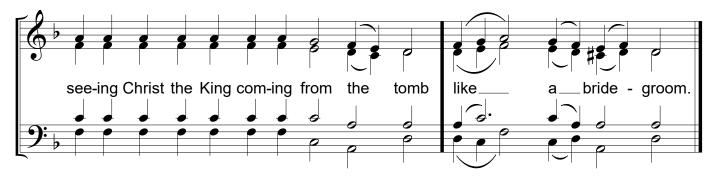






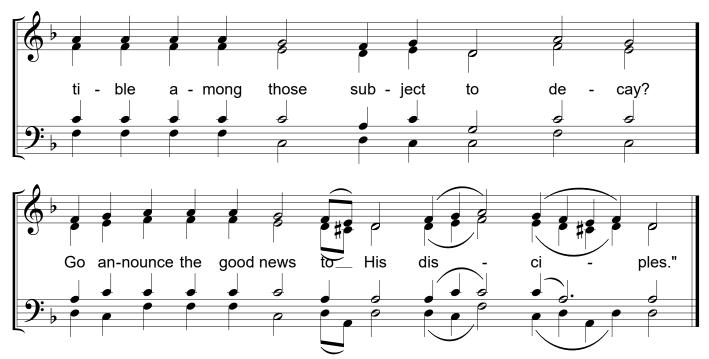
Priest: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before a fire.





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





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

## All:





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

#### All:





## 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!** 

All: Father, bless us!

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

All: 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!

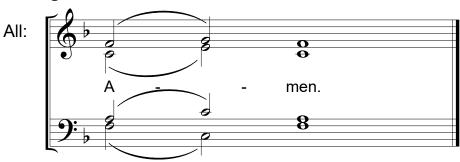
**All:** O shine, O shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. O Zion, sing with joy and rejoice. And you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the Resurrection of your Son.

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

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

Lord have mercy. (3 times) 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.



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

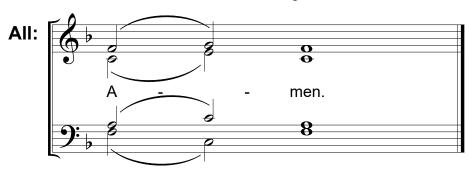
THE FAITHFUL RESPOND EACH TIME: INDEED HE IS RISEN!

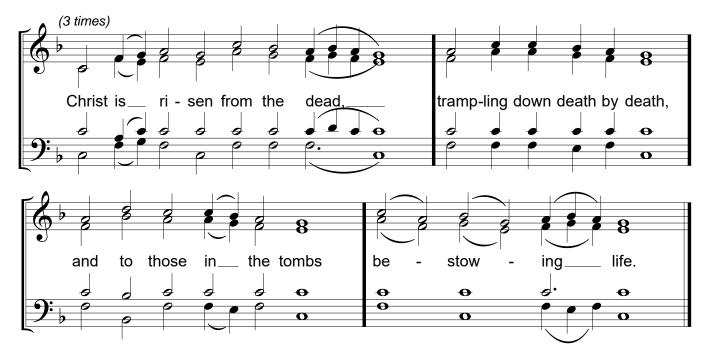
Slavonic: Hristos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!

Greek: Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti! Arabic: al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥagqan qām!

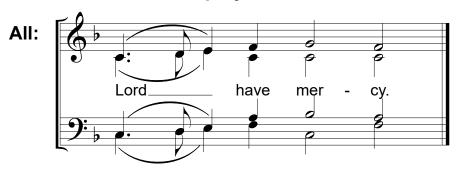
# **Prayers for the Blessing of Paschal Foods**

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

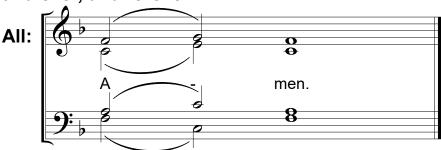




Priest/Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.



Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, look down upon these Paschal meats, and sanctify them as You sanctified the ram which the faithful Abraham brought unto You, and as the lamb which Abel offered unto You as a whole-offering; likewise also as the fatted calf which You commanded to be slain for Your prodigal son when he returned again unto You, that he was counted worthy to delight in Your good things, so may we also delight in those things that are sanctified and blessed by You for the nourishment of us all. For You are the true Nourishment, and the Giver of all good things, and unto You do we send up glory, together with Your Father Who is without beginning, and Your Most-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and forever.



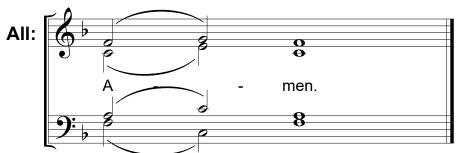
Priest/Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.



Priest: O Master, Lord our God, Author and Creator of all things: Bless these eggs, cheese, bread and other foods, and preserve us in Your goodness, that as we partake of them, we may be filled with Your gifts, given freely to us, with Your ineffable goodness. For Yours is the might, 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.



Priest: THESE PASCHAL FOODS ARE BLESSED AND SANCTIFIED BY THE SPRINKLING OF THIS HOLY WATER: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



As the Priest blesses the Paschal Baskets and Foods, the following is sung:





# **Christ Is Risen**

(at end of any service)



