

**Divine Liturgy Propers, April 30**  
**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS**  
**Third Paschal Sunday**

**The holy apostle James, brother of John the Theologian.** He was the son of Zebedee and, with Peter and John, was a witness of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of his agony. Beheaded at the feast of the Passover by Herod Agrippa, he was the first of the Apostles to receive the crown of martyrdom.

*Immediately after the opening blessing, the following is sung once by the priest and then twice by the faithful:*

**Troparion of Pascha - Special Tone 5**

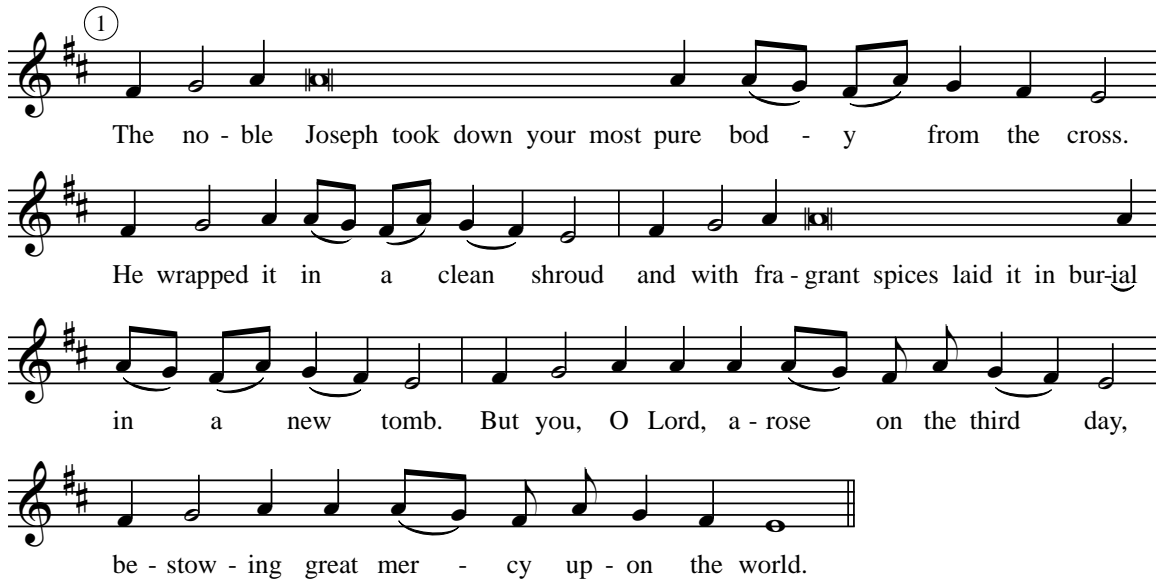
Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death;  
and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life.

**Troparia of the Resurrection - Tone 2:**

When you de - scend - ed to death, O Im - mor - tal Life, you de - stroyed  
Ha - des by the brilliance of your di - vin - i - ty; and when you raised the dead  
from the depths of the earth, all the heav - en - ly pow - ers cried out:  
O Giv - er of Life, Christ our God, glo - - ry to you.

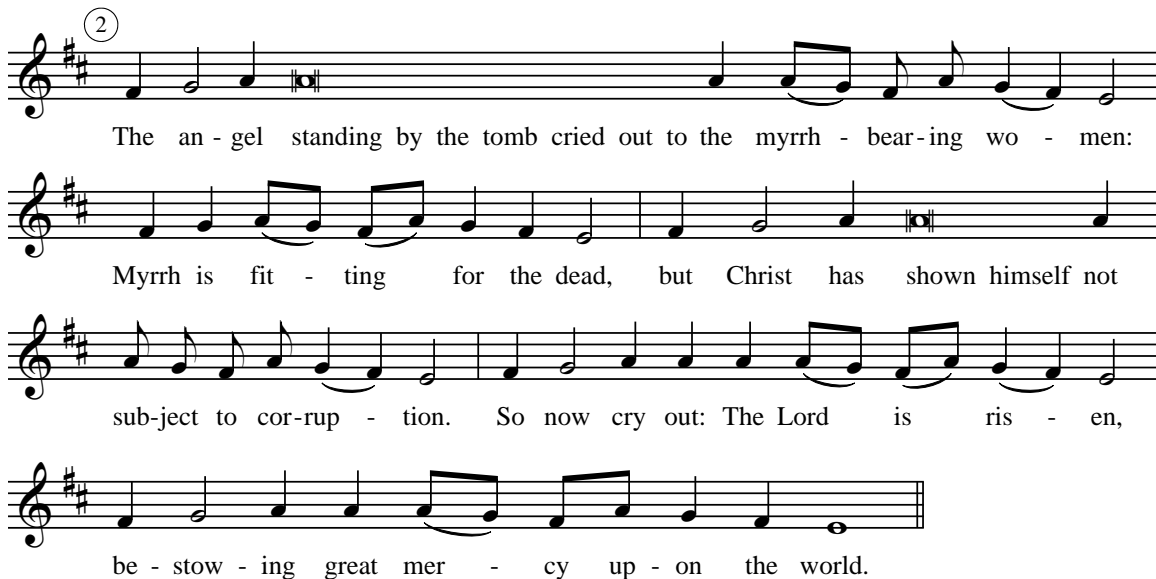
Troparia of the Holy Myrrh-bearers - *Tone 2:*

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The no - ble Joseph took down your most pure bod - y from the cross.  
He wrapped it in a clean shroud and with fra - grant spices laid it in bur - ial  
in a new tomb. But you, O Lord, a - rose on the third day,  
be - stow - ing great mer - cy up - on the world.

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The an - gel standing by the tomb cried out to the myrrh - bear - ing wo - men:  
Myrrh is fit - ting for the dead, but Christ has shown himself not  
sub - ject to cor - rup - tion. So now cry out: The Lord is ris - en,  
be - stow - ing great mer - cy up - on the world.

**Troparion of the holy apostle James - Tone 3:**



You were an a - pos - tle of Christ and the be - lov - ed broth - er of John.

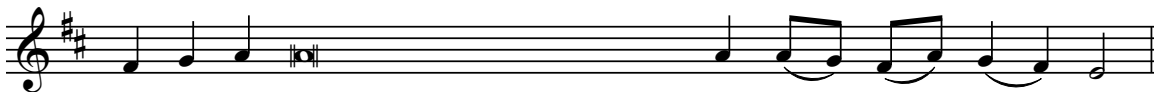


O praise - wor - thy James, ob - tain ab - so - lu - tion for those who sing



the prais - es of your mem - o - ry and find mer - cy for our souls.

*Cantor*



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

**Kontakion of the holy apostle James - Tone 2:**



O glo - rious James, when you heard the Di - vine Word call - ing you, you put



a - side your love for your fa - ther and hur - ried to Christ with your



broth - er, John. There - fore, both of you were made wor - thy to see the divine



Trans - fig - u - ra - tion of the Lord.

*Cantor*



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Kontakion of the Holy Myrrh-bearers - Tone 2:**



By your res-ur-rec - tion, O Christ our God, you told the myrrh - bear-ers to re-joice;



and you stilled the weeping of Eve, the first moth - er. You com-mand-ed



your a - pos - tles to pro-claim: The Sav-ior is ris - en from the tomb.

**Prokeimenon of the Myrrh-bearers - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):**



Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,



and bless your in - her - i - tance.

*Verse:* To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

*And then immediately after the verse:*

**Prokeimenon of an apostle - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):**



Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes-sage reach - es



to the ends of the world.

**Alleluia of the Myrrh-beareres - Tone 8 (Psalm 84:2,11):**



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

**Verse:** You have favored your land, O Lord; you have restored the well-being of Jacob.

**Verse:** Mercy and truth have met; justice and peace have kissed.

*And then immediatetely after the second verse:*

**Alleluia of an apostle - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):**



Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Verse:** The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

[**Verse:** God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.]

*Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."*

**Magnification:**



The an - gel ex - claimed to her, full of grace:



Re - joice, O pure Vir - gin; and a - gain, I say: Re-joyce!



Your Son is ris - en from the grave on the third day



and has raised the dead. Re - joice, all you na - tions!

**Irmos:**



Shine in splen - dor, O new Je - ru - sa - lem; for the glo - ry of the Lord



is ris - en up - on you. O Zi - on, now dance and be glad; and



you, pure The - o - to - kos, re - joice in the res - ur - rec - tion of your Son.

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;



thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.



Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es



as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,



but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

**Communion Hymn of Pascha:** (music found on page 168-169)

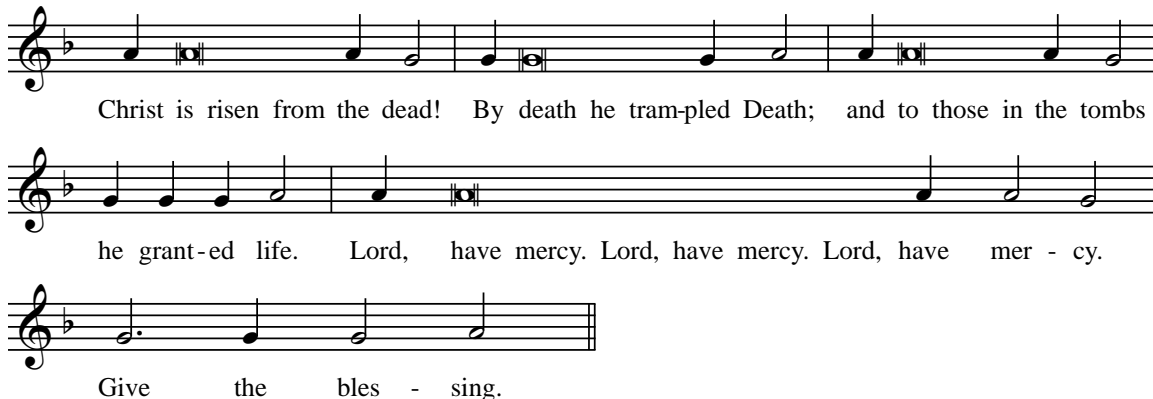
Receive the body of Christ; drink the source of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Communion Hymn of Sunday** (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78-81)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The Paschal troparion* “Christ is risen from the dead. \* By death . . .” is sung once in place of “We have seen the true light; . . .”

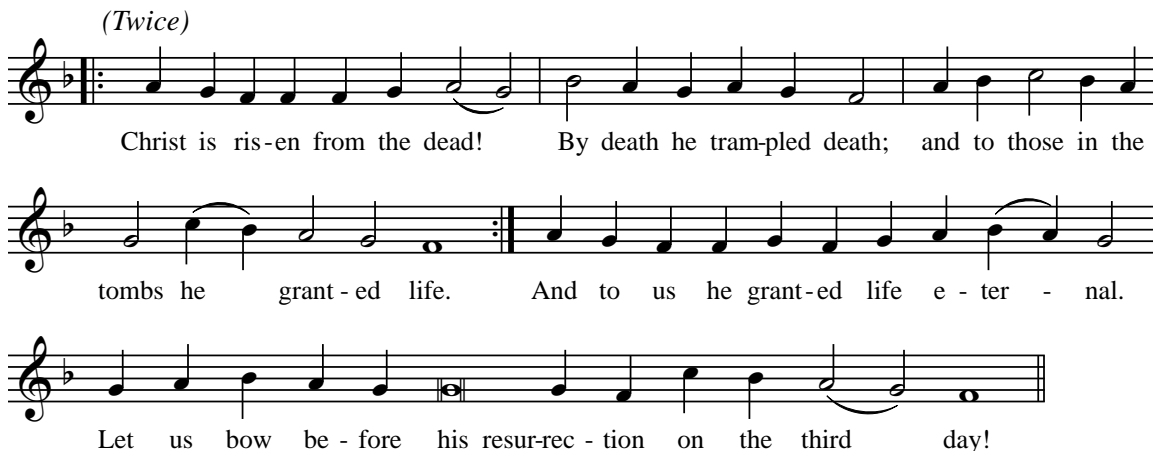
*At the Dismissal, in place of "Glory to the Father...":*



Christ is risen from the dead! By death he tram-pled Death; and to those in the tombs  
he grant-ed life. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Give the bles - sing.

*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)



Christ is ris-en from the dead! By death he tram-pled death; and to those in the  
tombs he grant-ed life. And to us he grant-ed life e - ter - nal.  
Let us bow be - fore his resur-rec - tion on the third day!