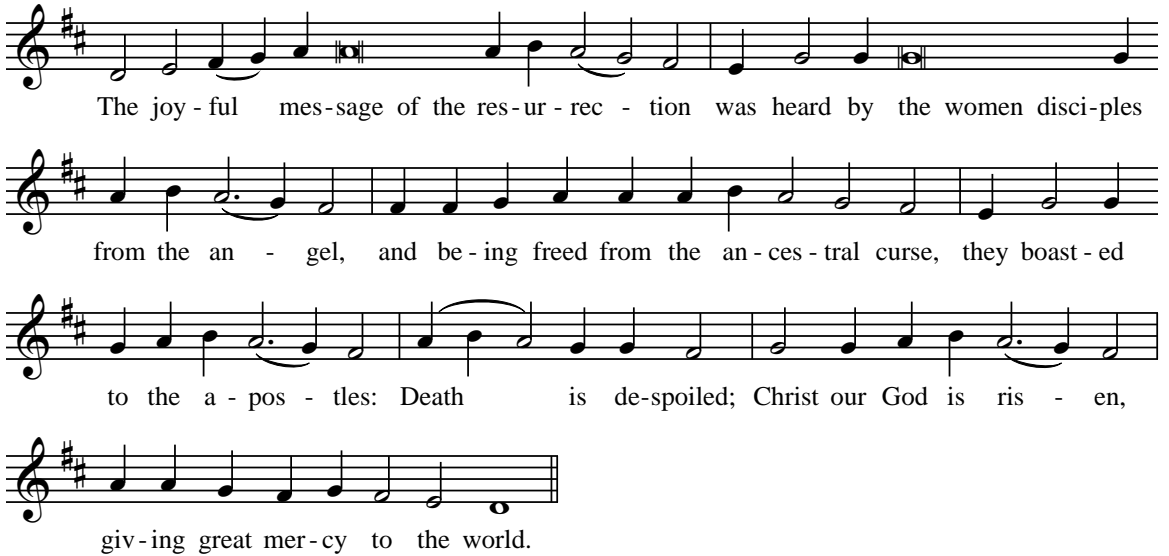


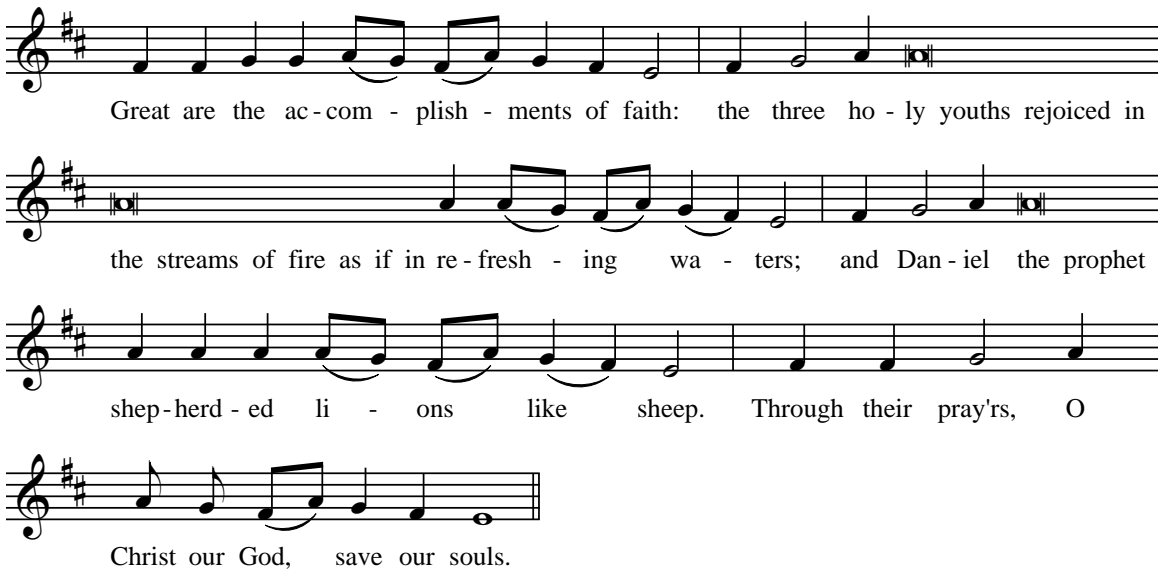
**Divine Liturgy, December 24, 2017**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY**  
**Sunday of the Ancestors**

**Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 4***



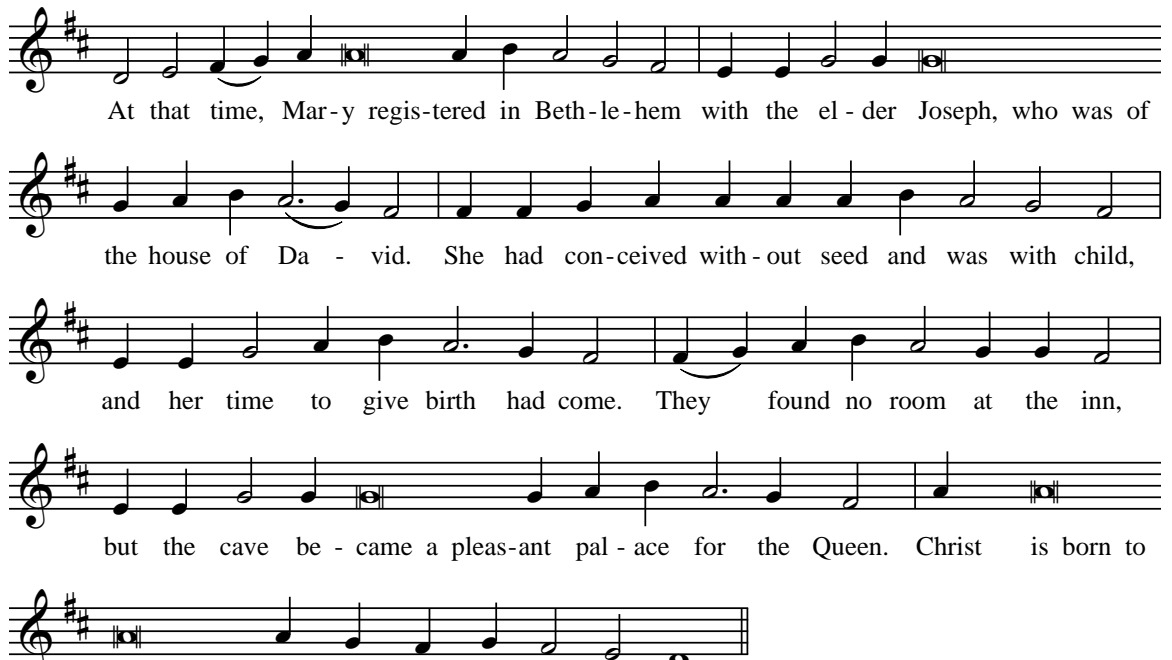
The joy - ful mes - sage of the res - ur - rec - tion was heard by the women disci - ples  
from the an - gel, and be - ing freed from the an - ces - tral curse, they boast - ed  
to the a - pos - tles: Death is de - spoiled; Christ our God is ris - en,  
giv - ing great mer - cy to the world.

**Troparion of the Ancestors - *Tone 2***



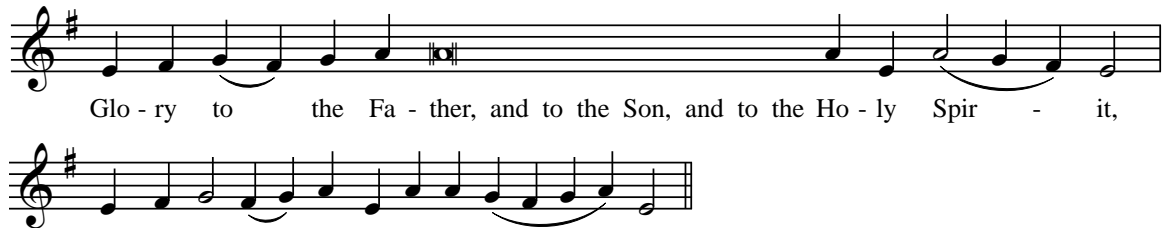
Great are the ac - com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in  
the streams of fire as if in re - fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet  
shep - herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O  
Christ our God, save our souls.

### Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4



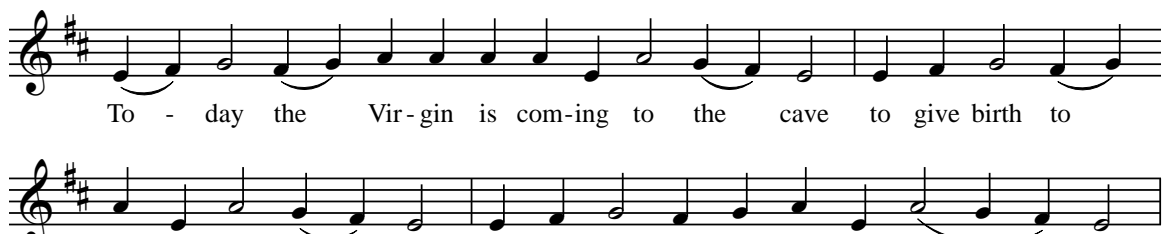
At that time, Mar-y regis-tered in Beth-le-hem with the el-der Joseph, who was of  
the house of Da - vid. She had con-ceived with-out seed and was with child,  
and her time to give birth had come. They found no room at the inn,  
but the cave be - came a pleas-ant pal - ace for the Queen. Christ is born to  
raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

#### *Cantor*



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
now and ev - er and for-ev-er. A - men.

### Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 3



To - day the Vir-gin is com-ing to the cave to give birth to  
the e - ter - nal Word in a man - ner be - yond ex - pres - sion.

Let the world dance when it hears the news; with the an - gels and  
 shep - herds glorify the e - ter - nal God who chose to ap - pear as a  
 new - born child.

**Prokeimenon of the Ancestors - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):**

Bless - ed are you and praise - wor - thy, O Lord, the God of our Fa - thers,  
 and glo - ri - ous for - ev - er is your name.

*Melody: O kto, kto*

**Verse:** For you are just in all that you have done for us.

**Alleluia of the Ancestors - Tone 4 (Psalm 43:2,8):**

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

**Verse:** O God, we have heard with our own ears;  
 our fathers have told us the deed you did in their days.

**Verse:** You saved us from those who oppressed us; and those who hated us you put to shame.

**Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):**




Praise the Lord from the heav-ens, praise him in the high-est.

*Refrain*



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

**For the Ancestors (Psalm 32:1):**



Re - joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right is fit-ting.

*Refrain*



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