

Sunday Hymns

**according to the lectionary
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FOREWORD

The singing of paraliturgical hymns – that is, of devotional hymns that partake of the spirit of the liturgy, but are not themselves taken from the liturgical books – is a venerable tradition of the Rusyn Christians who emigrated to America and founded what we now know as the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Over the years, new hymns were often composed for feast days and saints days, often by the setting of new texts to existing, well-known melodies.

Between 2002 and 2007, the Metropolitan Cantor Institute of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh provided newly-written hymns to traditional melodies along with the printed liturgical propers that were prepared for each Sunday. These new paraliturgical hymns were based on the Gospel and Epistle readings of the day, providing the faithful with an additional opportunity to prepare for and meditate on the day's readings. These hymns are intended for singing before or after the day's Divine Liturgy.

This collection includes all the Sunday hymns prepared by the Metropolitan Cantor Institute. Most are set to traditional Rusyn melodies familiar to parishioners of the Byzantine Catholic Church; in some cases, other well-known melodies are used where appropriate, following the traditional practice of using melodies that everyone can easily sing.

Note that in many of these hymns – especially for the Sundays after Pentecost – the bulk of the hymn is based on the day's Gospel reading, while the final verse, or the refrain, summarizes the Epistle reading of the day. On certain days when the Gospel and Epistle are taken from different weeks (such as happens in the Sundays from late September to early December, when the Gospel of Luke is read in its own order), the hymn for the Gospel should be sung; for example, if the Gospel of the 20th week after Pentecost is read, then the hymn for the 20th Sunday is used, even if it is (say) the 19th week after Pentecost. (In this case, the final verse of the hymn may be omitted if desired.)

Unless indicated otherwise, the texts of the hymns in this collection were written by Professor J. Michael Thompson, director of the Cantor Institute from 2001-2007.

We hope that this collection provides additional opportunities for the faithful to see the year's services "through the mind of the Church", and that it may lead others to prepare new hymns or hymn translations to grace the liturgical year. May God be glorified in all things!

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

melody: Krestu Tvojemu / At the most holy cross



1. Lord of all mer - cy, each year you bring us
2. Turn us from pride, from be - ing ex - alt - ed
3. Phar - i - see's haugh - ty at - ti - tude taints us;
4. Soon will ar - rive the sea - son of fast - ing;



In - to this time of Your bound - less grace.
By our own deeds that turn us from You;
In our con - ceit, we scorn You, O Lord.
Pray'r and good works will fill ev - 'ry day.



Grant that Your peo - ple, drawn by Your Spir - it,
Grant us re - pent - ance! Hum - ble our spir - its,
Fill us in - stead with Pub - li - can's pen - ance
Give us Your grace to have the right spir - it,



O - pen their hearts and seek now Your face.
That to Your Word we stand ev - er true.
That in our lives You may be a - dored.
That in our deeds, Your law we o - bey.

Text based on Luke 18: 10-14 (vv. 1-3)

Tune: from Grekokatolicki Duchovny Pisni, 1969

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

melody: Krestu Tvojemu / At the most holy cross



1. Hear now, you faith - ful, once more the sto - ry
2. Hear how the fa - ther, long - ing and yearn - ing,
3. See, too, the broth - er, pout - ing in si - lence,
4. Ev - 'ry - thing's law - ful, so says the Scrip - ture;
5. Soon will ar - rive the sea - son of fast - ing;



Of the young man whose prod - i - gal ways
Ran out to meet the pen - i - tent boy:
Jeal - ous of fa - ther's heart full of love.
Not all is good, or done at our whim.
Pray'r and good works will fill ev - 'ry day.



Led him to sin and then to re - pent - ance:
Hugged him and clothed him, shoes and ring gave him,
Thus we are of - ten guilt - y of mal - ice,
This mor - tal bod - y, pur - chased at great price
Give us Your grace to have the right spir - it,



God's bound - less grace is theme for our days!
Set out a feast to show forth his joy!
Not un - der - stand - ing grace from a - bove.
By Christ the Lord, should glo - ri - fy Him!
That in our deeds, Your law we o - bey.

Text based on Luke 15: 11-32 (vv. 1-3), 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 (v. 4)

Tune: from Grekokatolicki Duchovny Pisni, 1969

SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge

melody: Krestu Tvojemu / At the most holy cross



1. When you shall come to ren - der just judg - ment,
2. Books shall be o - pened, se - crets made pub - lic;
3. Trum - pets shall sound, and tombs shall be o - pened.
4. Soon will ar - rive the sea - son of fast - ing;



O right - eous Judge, en - throned be - fore all,
Judg - ment shall come from You, ho - ly Son:
You shall di - vide the goats and the sheep.
Pray'r and good works will fill ev - 'ry day.



At that last hour, Sav - ior, oh place us
Those who have loved by serv - ing their neigh - bor
Those who have scorned You by scorn - ing oth - ers,
Give us Your grace to have the right spir - it,



At your right hand! O God, hear our call!
Shall find their place with you, Right - eous One!
Sent forth by You, have tor - ment so deep.
That in our deeds, Your law we o - bey.

Text based on the Vespers stichera at Psalm 140 for Meat-fare Sunday

Tune: from Grekokatolicki Duchovny Pisni, 1969

SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE

Commemoration of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise

melody: Krestu Tvojemu / At the most holy cross



1. Lord and Cre - a - tor, from clay You formed me,
2. Stripped of my heav - n'ly gar - ment through sin - ning,
3. In dis - o - be - dience, Ad - am was ban - ished;
4. As we be - gin this sea - son of fas - ting,



Gave me a soul through life - giv - ing breath;
Clothed now with leaves and gar - ments of skin,
Par - a - dise closed! He sat there and cried.
Thus sanc - ti - fy - ing bod - y and soul,



O - ver cre - a - tion made me a rul - er!
I eat my bread through work - ing and swea - ting.
Give us Your grace to wel - come this sea - son;
Flee - ing from pas - sions, vir - tues e'er seek - ing,



But Sa - tan tempt - ed, lured me to death.
Your voice is deaf - ened through e - vil's din.
Fast - ing and pray'r will hum - ble our pride.
We set Christ's Pas - cha as fi - nal goal!

*Text based on the Vespers stichera at Psalm 140 for Cheese-fare Saturday and Sunday
Tune: from Grekokatolicki Duchovny Pisni, 1969*

Vespers on the Afternoon of Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Vespers)

melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray,
2. In blaz - ing light Your Cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
3. As we be - gin the Fast once more, we pray You, Lord of all:



But You a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
What triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!
Take far from us in - dif - fer - ence, de - spair, and pow - er's call.



How can Your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;
In - stead, be - stow in - teg - ri - ty, hu - mil - i - ty and love;



That broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.
Let me not judge my neigh - bor's fault! grant mer - cy from a - bove.

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stanza three: J. Michael Thompson

Tune: Rusyn traditional melody

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sunday of Orthodoxy



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast
 2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!
 3. You took our flesh, O Christ our God,
 4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day
 To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!
 That we be saved from death and sin.
 Who made and saves and sanc - ti - - - fies,



That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,
 Let us cast off the weight of sin
 In i - cons, we this faith ex - press,
 All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.
 And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.
 As we our Pas - chal fast be - - - gin.
 While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

Text and melody: J. Michael Thompson

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Commemoration of Saint Gregory Palamas



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast
 2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!
 3. We praise you, un - cre - a - - - ted Light,
 4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day
 To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!
 Who fill the u - ni - verse with joy,
 Who made and saves and sanc - ti - - - fies,



That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,
 Let us cast off the weight of sin
 And give You thanks for Gre - - - go - ry,
 All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.
 And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.
 Whose teach - ings wise we e'er em - ploy.
 While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

Text and melody: J. Michael Thompson

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Veneration of the Holy Cross



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast
2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!
3. Be - fore Your cross we bow to - day,
4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day
To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!
And hail You, Christ, our sav - ing Lord.
Who made and saves and sanc - ti - - - fies,



That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,
Let us cast off the weight of sin
With mid - Lent come, we claim Your grace;
All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.
And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.
Your peo - ple aid, Your help af - - - ford!
While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

Text and melody: J. Michael Thompson

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Commemoration of our Venerable Father John Climacus



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast
 2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!
 3. O Mas - ter, as we keep this Fast,
 4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day
 To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!
 We hear the words of good Saint John
 Who made and saves and sanc - ti - - - fies,



That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,
 Let us cast off the weight of sin
 And climb the lad - der of the cross,
 All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.
 And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.
 Which to Your glo - ry leads us on.
 While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

Text and melody: J. Michael Thompson

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Commemoration of our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast
 2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!
 3. No soul so sick You can - - - not save,
 4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day
 To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!
 No life so foul You can - not cleanse;
 Who made and saves and sanc - ti - - - fies,



That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,
 Let us cast off the weight of sin
 As with Saint Mar - y, turn us 'round,
 All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.
 And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.
 And give us grace to work a - mends.
 While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

Text and melody: J. Michael Thompson

THOMAS SUNDAY

Second Paschal Sunday

melody: Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid



1. The eve - ning of the day He rose, the Sav - ior
2. When eight days passed, Christ came a - gain, and Thom - as
3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



stood with those He chose! But Thom - as was not
stood a - mong them then. "Stretch forth your hand - no
from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



there that night and doubt - ed all those tid - ings bright.
long - er doubt." "My Lord and God!" was Thom - as' shout.
we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

Text based on John 20: 19-31

Tune: from Tserkovni Pisni, 1926

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

Third Paschal Sunday

melody: Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid



1. The first day of the week at dawn, the wom - en
2. "Why seek the Liv - ing in a tomb? He is not
3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



bear - ing myrrh rush on to find the stone all
here! A - ban - don gloom! As He fore - told, he
from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



rolled a - way, with two men clothed in white who say:
was be - trayed but now, be - hold the place He laid!"
we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

Text based on Mark 15:43-16:9

Tune: from Tserkovni Pisni, 1926

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Fourth Paschal Sunday

melody: Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid



1. Beth - se - da's pool was oft a place where sick folk
 2. When Je - sus asked the crip - pled man if he would
 3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



met God's heal - ing grace. A crip - ple lay there
 want to walk and stand, "No one has helped me,"
 from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



end - less days, who longed for heav - en's heal - ing ways.
 was his cry, till grasped by Christ and raised up high!
 we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

Text based on John 5: 1-15

Tune: from Tserkovni Pisni, 1926

MID-PENTECOST WEDNESDAY

melody: Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid



1. At fes - tal mid - point, Je - sus went to preach the
2. "We know this man, and where he's from, but not of
3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



mes - sage God had sent. His lov - ing Wordbrought
Christ! The word is dumb!" "I come not of my
from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



strife se - vere di - vid - ing those who'd come to hear.
own ac - cord, but am the Fa - ther's liv - ing Word!"
we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

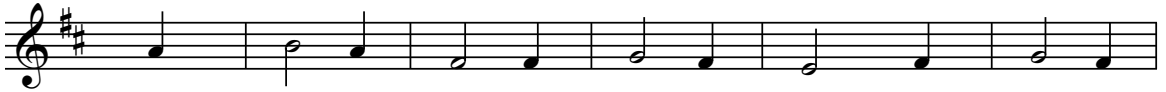
Text based on John 7: 14-30

Tune: from Tserkovni Pisni, 1926

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Fifth Paschal Sunday

melody: Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid



1. While in Sa - ma - ria, Je - sus came to rest by
 2. "How is it, sir, you ask of me, Sa - ma - ri -
 3. Those drink - ing here will thirst a - gain; those drink - ing
 4. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



well with Ja - cob's name. A wom - an let her
 tan? How can it be?" "If you but knew Who
 liv - ing wa - ter, then, will nev - er thirst; this
 from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



buck - et sink, and Je - sus said, "Give me a drink."
 speaks to you, you'd beg for liv - ing wa - ters, too."
 Foun - tain brings e - ter - nal life where - 'er it springs!"
 we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

Text based on John 4: 5-42

Tune: from Tserkovni Pisni, 1926

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

Sixth Paschal Sunday

melody: Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid



1. As Je - sus walked, he saw a man who, blind from
2. As he was told, so did he then. His sight re -
3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



birth, ful - filled God's plan. He spat, a - noint - ed
stored, he came a - gain where, in the face of
from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



eyes with clay, and then to wash sent him a - way.
spite and scorn gave praise which did Christ's deed a - donn.
we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

Text based on John 9: 1-38

Tune: from Tserkovni Pismi, 1926

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

melody: Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid



1. Christ told the Twelve, "You must pro - claim to all the
2. He led them then to Beth - a - ny, He raised His
3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



world the Gos - pel's fame, and wit - ness bear to
hands for all to see, and, bless - ing them, rose
from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



all I wrought, that ris - ing from the dead has bought!"
from their sight; was car - ried up to heav - en's height.
we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord as - cends to heav - en high! The Lord as -



cends to heav - en high!

Text based on Luke 24: 36-53

Tune: from Tserkovni Pisni, 1926

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST NICENE COUNCIL

melody: Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid



1. Then, lift - ing up His eyes to You, the Lord said
 2. "E - ter - nal life means know - ing You and Me as
 3. "Now keep all those You gave to me, that they, with
 4. All praise, O ris'n, as - cend - ed Lord, from all Your



to His Fa - ther true: "The time has come! Now
 Christ, Mes - si - ah true. All You have giv - en,
 You and Me, may be u - nit - ed in our
 Church with one ac - cord; thus to the Fa - ther,



glo - ri - fy Your Son with joy that can - not die."
 I have done; now glo - ri - fy Me as Your Son."
 bonds of love, both here on earth and in heav'n a - bove!"
 glo - ry be, and to the Spir - it: One - in - Three!



Your Spir - it send, O Fa - ther, Lord! Your Spir - it



send, O Fa - ther, Lord!

Text based on John 17: 1-13

Tune: from Tserkovni Pisni, 1926

PENTECOST SUNDAY

melody: Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid



1. Up - on the last, great fes - tal day, the Lord stood
2. He spoke of Spir - it, we be - lieve, whom all His
3. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, to You be



up and then did say: If you are thirs - ty,
fol - l'wers would re - ceive; and on this fif - tieth,
end - less praise ad - dressed. To You, the Three - in -



come to Me - drink of the liv - ing wa - ter free!
joy - filled day on bend - ed knee, the Church will pray:
One, we bring our praise and thanks, O God our King!



O Spir - it of the Lord, de - scend! O Spir - it



of the Lord, de - scend!

Text based on John 7: 37-53

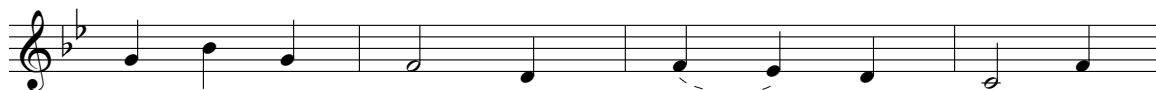
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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

melody: Kol slaven nas / How great the glory



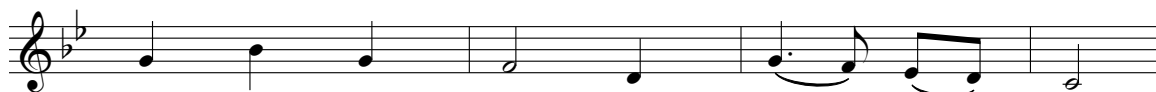
1. Through faith, the Saints have con - quered king - doms;
2. "If for your faith you each give wit - ness
3. "Pick up your cross and fol - low Me dai - ly;



Shut li - ons' mouths, found strength in trial, Were
Be - fore the world, I prom - ise you, That
If you do not, un - wor - thy you'll be To



flogged, de - rid - ed, sawed a - sun - der,
I will wit - ness to the Fa - ther
join the throngs of ran - somed in glo - ry,



Held high the cross through hate and guile.
Of your strong faith death and for love so true."
Bought by my death for vic - to - ry!"



For these, your saints, we praise You, Christ; Your



pre - cious Blood has paid our ran - som's price.

Text based on Hebrews 11: 33-39, 12: 1-2; Matthew 10: 32-33, 37-38

Tune: Dmitri Bortniansky (1751-1825)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage



1. As Je - sus walked the beach - es of the Sea of Ga - li - lee,
2. Both James and John were called a - like, and fol - lowed Christ that day.
3. Christ calls us each to fol - low Him, to lis - ten and o - bey.



He called to Pe - ter and to An - drew: "Come and fol - low Me!
They toured the whole of Ga - li - lee, and heard the Mas - ter say:
There will be glo - ry and great peace for all who walk His way.



Leave boat and net; in days to come, you'll go forth once a - gain;
"Re - pent! The King - dom is at hand! The Good News is for all!"
God has no pets, no fa - vor - ites; no mat - ter what our past,



Formed by My word, you'll cast your nets - not seek - ing fish, but men!"
In ev - 'ry place, He cured the sick and heard the sin - ners' call.
If we will live as Je - sus taught, we'll join him at the last.

Text based on Matthew 4: 18-23 (vv. 1-2), Romans 2: 10-16 (v. 3)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary Mother of our God



1. The birds a - loft, the grass be - neath show God's love.
2. God feeds the birds and clothes the flow'rs ev - 'ry day.
3. Is not the life God gives to us worth more than food?
4. Now jus - ti - fied by faith in Christ Je - sus the Lord,



Food and cloth - ing, all things need - ful, come from heav'n a - bove.
Since we know this, why do we then fear and go a - stray?
Let the cares of life from heav - en's van - tage all be viewed!
In our lives, through grace, we're giv - en peace and great re - ward.



Stop your wor - ry - ing; seek God's King - dom first of all!



Then His lov - ing care guards, what - e'er be - fall!

Text based on Matthew 6: 22-34 (vv. 1-3), Romans 5: 1-10 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Christijane, Proslavljamje / All the Faithful Come Before You



1. As the Lord was walk - ing, came a sol - dier in dis - tress.
2. Je - sus said, "I'll come to you and cure him; have no fear."
3. Quite a - mazed, the Mas - ter told him: "Go off home in peace;
4. Freed from sin and slave to jus - tice, striv - ing with each breath;



"Sir," he said, "my serv - ant's dy - ing. Cure him, make him blest."
"Lord," the sol - dier said, "it's not fit; or - der it from here."
Through your faith, this is ac - com - plished; he shall have re - lease."
God's own gift is life in Je - sus; sin's sole wage is death!

Refrain



Lord, I am not wor - thy, that you should come to me;



Speak the word of heal - ing, Je - sus; set my spir - it free!



In your love re - born, for - giv - en, ev - er let us be!

Text based on Matthew 8: 5-13 (vv. 1-3), Romans 6: 18-23 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Anhel Božij / When the Angel Came



1, As he walked the land where the pa-gans lived, Jes-us came up - on two men.
2. De - mons knew his voice, and our souls re - joice as we see his might now shine:
3. When the pigs, un-clean, van-ished from the scene, herd-ers ran, spread tid - ings true;
4. Lips' and heart's ac - cord, "Je - sus Christ is Lord!" This is our sal - va - tion's song.



They were sore op - pressed and, in-deed, possessed; strange be-yond the pow'r of pen!
Cast - ing, by his pow'r, in that ve - ry hour, dev - ils in - to herds of swine!
Then the town came out, said in pan-ic's rout, "We shall have no part in You!"
Heart's faith makes us right; standing in the light, we con-fess our whole life long:



1, 2, 3 "Have you come to med - dle here, Son of God, or make us fear?"
4. You have come in - to our fear, feed - ing us who gath - er here!



We pro-claim you "Lord," Son of God a - dored, strong-er than the de-mons' jeer!
We pro-claim you "Lord," Son of God a - dored, Je - sus, our Redeem - er dear!

Text based on Matthew 8: 28-34 (vv. 1-3), Romans 10: 1-10 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Prizri, O Marije / Mary, Look Upon Us



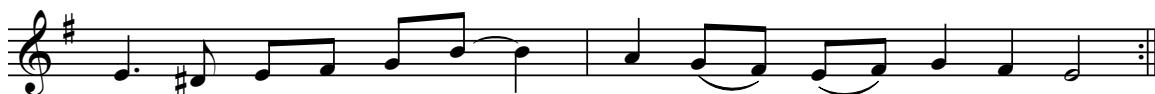
1. Peo - ple brought to Je - sus a crip - ple in his pain,
2. Je - sus said, "Take cour-age! Your sins are cleansed a - way!"
3. Je - sus said, "What e - vil with - in your minds re - mains!"
4. Je - sus stretched his hand out, cried, "Stand and go your way!"
5. Dif-f'ring gifts, one Giv - er; our love must be sin - cere.



Hav - ing faith that heal - ing could give him strength a - gain.
Some near - by were shak - en, said "He's blas - phemed to - day!"
Cur - ing or for - giv - ing, both come from God, 'tis plain!"
All the crowd was awe-struck to see God's pow'r that day.
Pa - tient and re - joic - ing, in pray'r, we per - se - vere.



"Your sins are for - giv - en!" Hear the words of Je - sus;



Call - ing us to new life who put our faith in Him.

Text based on Matthew 9: 1-8 (vv. 1-4), Romans 12: 6-14 (v. 5)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We Hasten to Your Patronage



1. Two blind men, search - ing Je - sus out, made this their heart-felt plea:
2. He turned to leave, and sud - den - ly a crowd hemmed Him a - round:
3. The strong in faith should bear with grace the scru - ples of the weak.



O Son of Da - vid, pit - y us! Cure us and let us see!
They brought a man pos - sessed to Him, who could not make a sound.
Build up your neigh - bor, do him good - let each God's glo - ry seek.



Said Je - sus, "Are you con - fi - dent that this work I can do?
At Je - sus' word, the de - mon left; rhe mute man gained his voice.
All Scrip - ture, writ - ten long a - go, is giv'n that we might find



They an - swered, "Yes!" and Je - sus said, "It shall be done for you."
The crowd, a - mazed, said "Ne'er be - fore were deeds like this! Re - joice!"
In God the source of pa - tient hope. Be of one heart and mind!

Text based on Matthew 9: 27-35 (vv. 1-2), Romans 15: 1-7 (v. 3)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: O Marije Mati Boza / O Mary Mother of our God



1. On see - ing throngs who sought Him out, Christ's heart was moved.
2. As eve - ning came, they told the Lord, "Send them a - way
3. In - dig - nant - ly, they showed the mea - ger food they pos - sessed.
4. Christ raised His eyes and blessed His God, then broke the bread.
5. Let fac - tions cease! Be one in mind, in Je - sus' name.



He then healed the sick and suf - f'ring; thus His care He proved.
So that they might eat!" Said Je - sus, "Give them food to - day."
Je - sus took the bread and fish and bid the crowds to rest.
Serv - ing all, the loaves and fish - es let them all be fed!
We preach one Gos - pel and one Lord, one Cross, e'er the same.

Refrain



Je - sus, Bread of Life, feed each hun - gry soul in need!



Show us all Your love; be our Food in - deed.

Text based on Matthew 14: 14-20 (vv. 1-4), 1 Corinthians 1: 10-17 (v. 5)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Christijane, Proslavljamje / All the Faithful Come Before You



1. Send - ing his dis - ci - ples sail - ing, Je - sus went to pray.
2. Then came Je - sus, walk - ing toward them on the storm-y wave.
3. Je - sus has - tened to as - sure them: "Fear not! It is I!"
4. Je - sus said, "How lit - tle faith you've come to place in Me."
5. Each of us is God's own tem - ple, where the Spir - it lives;



Waves be - gan to toss their ves - sel; skies turned dark and grey.
Think - ing Him a ghost, in ter - ror they be - gan to rave.
Pe - ter said, "Then call me to You 'cross the wa - ters high."
Then he turned, re - buked the wa - ter - qui - et was the sea!
And God's tem - ple is most ho - ly— ho - li - ness God gives!

Refrain



Pe - ter cried, "Lord, save me!" as he be - gan to fall;



Je - sus stretched His hand and res - cued him from faith so small.



As you did for him, O Mas - ter, hear and save us all.

Text based on Matthew 14: 22-34 (vv. 1-4), 1 Corinthians 3: 9-17 (v. 5)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Anhel Božij / When the Angel Came



1. To the Mas - ter's side came a man, who cried:
2. Stum - bling in their shame, his dis - ci - ples came;
3. The a - pos - tle's word, seem - ing - ly ab - surd,



"Lord, take pit - y on my son!" Je - sus heard his pray'r
all their striv - ing had been vain. Je - sus said at last,
shows the path that leads to God: Seen by all as fools,



and, with might so rare, made the de - mon's work un - done.
"On - ly pray'r and fast could this vic - to - ry at - tain.
used by Christ as tools to de - stroy our sin's fa - çade.



Faith the size of mus - tard seed has the pow'r to con - quer need.



Moun-tains large and grand move at faith's com-mand; noth-ing stands a-against faith's plead.

Text based on Matthew 17: 14-22 (vv. 1-2), 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16 (v. 3)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Prizri, O Marije / Mary, look upon us



<p>1. Je - sus told this sto - ry: 2. One man, debt - en - cum - bered, 3. "Lord, be pa - tient with me, 4. Leav - ing, that same serv - ant 5. Though im - plored for mer - cy, 6. Told of this, in an - ger 7. Sow - ing in the spir - it,</p>	<p>God's reign can be com - pared could not re - pay the loan. and I will pay in full." found one who owed him less. the serv - ant, hard of heart, the king called that man in. Paul reaped a Church for God,</p>
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<p>To a king who sum - moned So the king said, "Sell him, Moved to ten - der pit - y, "Pay me what you owe me!" Threw the man in pris - on, "Your whole debt was lift - ed; Put - ting up with hard - ships,</p>	<p>his serv - ants for reck - 'ning there. his fam - 'ly and all he owns." the king for - gave him all. he cried, with curse and stress. till full re - pay - ment start. why then so hard with him?" that naught im - pede the Word.</p>
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Refrain



As we treat each oth - er, harsh - ly or with mer - cy,



So our heav'n - ly Fa - ther will treat us in re - turn.

Text based on Matthew 18: 23-35 (vv. 1-6), 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12 (v. 7)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Pod tvoј pokrov / We hasten to your patronage



1. A man came up to Christ and said, "O Teach - er, tell me
 2. The man re - plied, "But of them all, which stat - utes do you
 3. He heard and then went sad a - way, for he had wealth un -
 4. This is the Good News preached to you, by which you all are



true: If I would see e - ter - nal life, what good then
 mean?" "Don't kill or steal; give par - ents hon - or; keep your
 told. The Lord ob - served: "It is so hard for rich men
 saved: As Scrip - tures told, Christ died for sin, was bur - ied



should I do?" The Lord re - plied: "There's One who's
 con - science clean." "But, Lord," said he, "I've done all
 to be bold And leave their wealth and earth - ly
 in a cave, And rose a - gain (as Scrip - ture



good, who tells you how to live: If you will keep His
 this; what fur - ther can there be?" Said Je - sus, "Give a -
 pride to find the realm of light. For man, 'tis hard, but
 said) that we might be made new; This is the Gos - pel



stat - utes, then e - ter - nal life He'll give."
 way your wealth; then come and fol - low Me."
 not for God, who does all things in might.
 which we preach, that we've made known to you.

Text based on Matthew 19: 16-26 (vv. 1-3), 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: O Marije Mati Boža Prečista / O Mary, Mother of our God



1. The Lord said, "There was once a man plant - ing vines,
2. The own - er rent - ed out his land; went a - way.
3. The rent - ers seized and beat the slaves, hurt them sore;
4. At last he said, "I now will send my own son."
5. What will the own - er of the vine - yard do in turn?
6. Stand firm in faith and be on guard: act like men!



Heged his vine - yard, built a tow - er, saw his work was fine!
Come the har - vest, sent his slaves to take his share a - way.
When the own - er sent out oth - ers, they were hurt the more.
Then the rent - ers seized and killed him, think - ing they had won.
He will take a - way the land and give to those who'll learn!
In a word, be strong! and let Christ's love guide you a - gain.



The re - ject - ed stone Has be - come the cor - ner - stone!



Won - drous in our eyes, Done by God a - lone!

Text based on Matthew 21: 33-42 (vv. 1-5), 1 Corinthians 16: 13-24 (v. 6)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Christijane, Proslavljamje / All the Faithful Come Before You



1. Je - sus said: God's reign is like a king who gave a feast
2. But when sum - moned to the wed - ding, they re - fused to come.
3. When the king came in, he saw a man not clad a - right.
4. God it is who firm - ly sets us, seals us in His Son,



For a wed - ding, and in - vit - ed all, from great to least:
Said the king, "Fill up my feast with an - y - one who'll come."
"How is it you're robbed so poor - ly? Throw him from my sight!"
With the Spi - rit as first pay - ment; by this, we're made one.

Refrain



Tell all those in - vit - ed: My din - ner is pre - pared!



Ev - 'ry - thing is read - y for you at this wed - ding fair!



Man - y are in - vit - ed; few, the cho - sen seat - ed there.

Text based on Matthew 8: 5-13 (vv. 1-3), 2 Corinthians 1: 21-2:4 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Christijane, Proslavl'ajme / All the Faithful Come Before You



1. Once a law - yer said to Je - sus, "Mas - ter, tell me true;
2. In His turn, He asked the law - yer, "Tell me, if you can,
3. God, who called the light from dark-ness, shines with - in our heart



Of the laws of God, which is the great - est one to you?"
How can Da - vid call the Christ his son, with - in God's plan?"
That we, too, make known the glo - ry Christ had from the start.

Refrain



You shall love the Lord God with all your heart and soul;



You shall al - so love your neigh - bor: make this law your goal!



Lov - ing God and lov - ing neigh - bor: these two make one whole!

Text based on Matthew 22: 35-46 (vv. 1-2), 2 Corinthians 4: 6-15 (v. 3)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Anhel Bozij / When the angel came



1. Once there was a man, who had made a plan, had to trav - el
2. Two men took this wealth, bet - tered it them - selves, thus re - paid their
3. When the man re - turned, of their skills he learned, and com - mend - ed
4. Now, the time and day! Cast your sin a - way! Do not waste God's



far a - way. He called to his side serv - ants who, in pride,
mas - ter's choice. One, who lived in dread, hid the wealth in - stead,
those who planned; But from him whose fear made no ef - fort here,
gen - 'rous grace! E - ven in our woes, wres - tling with our foes,



Refrain

each were giv - en funds that day. Faith - ful serv - ant, work - ing hard,
left it with no in - t'rest paid.
all was tak - en from his hand.
we can see Christ's lov - ing face!



bring - ing in your great re - ward, You have worked with less; now with more you're blest:



Come and share your mas - ter's joy!

Text based on Matthew 25: 14-30 (vv. 1-3), 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Prizri, O Marije / Mary, look upon us



1. Je - sus went through Si - don and Tyre, a - long the sea.
2. "Lord, O Son of Da - vid, my daugh - ter is pos - sessed"
3. "Food that's meant for child - ren is not thrown to the hound!"
4. Je - sus said, "O wo - man! Your faith is great in - deed!"
5. We are God's own tem - ple, his sons and daught - ers free;



To him came a wo - man, who shout - ed this, her plea:
Though Christ gave no an - swer, she plead - ed, none - the - less:
"True, Lord, but the dog eats the crumbs dropped on the ground!"
At that ve - ry in - stant, the wo - man's child was freed.
Trust - ing in His pro - mise, let us all faith - ful be!

Refrain



Lord, O Son of Da - vid! Show to me Your pi - ty!



Hear the pray'r I of - fer! Give heed and set me free!

Text based on Matthew 15: 21-28 (vv. 1-4), 2 Corinthians 6: 16b-7:1 (v. 5)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Pod tvoј pokrov / We hasten to your patronage



1. When walk - ing by the lake - side, there the Mas - ter saw two
2. The nets were full to break - ing, and they dragged their catch to
3. The one who shall sow spar - ing - ly will reap a small re -



boats. At His re - quest, the own - er Si - mon sailed him
land. Then Si - mon said, "O leave me Lord, for I'm a
ward; If boun - ti - ful, then great will be the bles - sings



out from shore. There, seat - ed, Je - sus taught the crowds; then
sin - ful man." The Lord re - plied, "Be not a - fraid. From
of the Lord! Be neith - er sad nor grudg - ing in your



said, "Put out to sea; Cast out your nets this one time
this time on, you'll see Your catch will not be fish, but
giv - ing, for we know God loves a cheer - ful giv - er!



more, the works of God you'll see."
men! Leave all and fol - low Me."
Thus we serve Him, high and low.

Text based on Luke 5: 1-11 (vv. 1-2), 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 (v. 3)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

tune: O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary, Mother of our God



1. "Do un - to oth - ers what you would have them do.
2. Love all your en - e - mies though their love is small;
3. "My grace shall be e - nough for you, all your days.



Lov - ing on - ly those who love you? Where's the cred - it due?
Give your help to all who need, and God will bless it all.
For when you are weak, the pow'r of Christ fills all your ways."

Refrain



Be com - pas - sion - ate As Your Fa - ther is to you:



Chil - dren of our God, This we all must do!

Text based on Luke 6: 31-36 (vv. 1-2), 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (v. 3)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Christijane, Proslavljanje / All the Faithful Come Before You



1. In the town of Naim, a wid - ow lost her on - ly son.
2. Je - sus saw and, moved to pi - ty, told her, "Do not cry."
3. I as - sure you that the Gos - pel did not come from men,



Griev - ing with her, crowds of towns-folk walk and mourn as one.
Then He raised the man and gave him back to her a - live!
But from Christ Him - self, re - veal - ing God's good will a - gain!

Refrain



In our midst a Proph - et has ris - en, called by God!



God has vis - it - ed His peo - ple, walked where we have trod!



Life and death do what He bids them: Glo - ry be to God!

Text based on Luke 7: 11-16 (vv. 1-2), Galatians 1: 11-19 (v. 3)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Anhel Božij / When the angel came



1. Out the farm - er went— so the tale is spent— sow - ing seed up -
2. Some in shal - low soil sprout - ed from his toil; lack - ing mois - ture,
3. Some of this new seed found rich soil in - deed and pro - duced a
4. We are cru - ci - fied! With Christ, we have died, so that we may



on the ground. Some fell on the path, where it could not last;
it soon died. Some grew in the weed, stran - gling it in - deed,
hun - dred - fold! When we hear the Word, and live what we've heard
live a - new. Life is not our own; by faith we are shown



grabbed by birds or trod - den down. Je - sus told these tales, it's plain,
though to live it brave - ly tried.
we bear fruit, as Christ has told!
Christ with - in us lives! It's true!



God's own King - dom to ex - plain. Come and lend an ear! Think of what you hear!



Learn the se - crets of God's reign!

Text based on Luke 8: 5-15 (vv. 1-3), Galatians 2: 16-20 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Prizri, O Marije / Mary, look upon us



1. Once there was a rich man, Who ate well ev - 'ry day,
 2. Laz - a - rus, the beg - gar, All cov - ered up with sores,
 3. When they died, the beg - gar Was car - ried to heav - en's joy
 4. A - bra - ham, my fa - ther, I still have broth - ers three;
 5. A - bra - ham most sad - ly, Said, "If they will not heed,



Dressed in fin - est lin - ens, Who scorned those in his way.
 Longed to taste the leav - ings That fell up - on the floor.
 While in fier - y tor - ment The rich man was em - ployed.
 If a dead man came back, They sure - ly then would see!
 Mo - ses and the proph - ets, A ris - en one they'll scorn in - deed."

Refrain



In the cross of Je - sus I will glad - ly glo - ry,



Through the cross I tri - umph, and peace and grace I see.

Text based on Luke 16: 19-31 (vv. 1-6), Galatians 6: 11-18 (refrain)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Anhel Božij / When the Angel Came



1. As he walked the land where the pa - gans lived,
 2. De - mons knew his voice, and our souls re - joice
 3. When the pigs, un - clean, van - ished from the scene,
 4. Brought with Christ to life - dead to sin's own strife -



Je - sus met a man in need; He was sore op - pressed
 As we see his might now shine: Cast - ing, by his pow'r,
 Herd - ers ran, spread tid - ings true; Then the town came out,
 those with faith can clear - ly see: This is gift of God,



and, in - deed, pos - sessed; Nak - ed, strong, and strange in - deed!
 in that ve - ry hour, Dev - ils in - to herds of swine!
 said in pan - ic's rout, "We shall have no part in You!"
 not our works' re - ward; God's own han - di - work are we!

Refrain



1-3. "Have you come to med - dle here, Son of God, or make me fear?"
 4. You have come in - to our fear, Feed - ing us who gath - er here!



We pro - claim you "Lord," Son of God a - dored, Strong - er than the de - mons' jeer!
 We pro - claim you "Lord," Son of God a - dored, Je - sus, our Re - deem - er dear!

Text based on Luke 8: 26-39 (vv. 1-3), Ephesians 2: 4-10 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

Note: this hymn is similar to, but different from, the hymn for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, which is based on the same event as related by Saint Matthew.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Pod tvoј pokrov / We Hasten to Your Patronage



1. One day a man named Jai - rus came and fell at
 2. "Who touched me?" Je - sus asked the crowd. The wom - an,
 3. "Fear not!" said He, "but trust that God will bring forth
 4. Christ is our peace, the one who broke the wall of



Je - sus' feet. "My daugh - ter's at the door of death; come
 long so mute, Then told why she had touched his cloak, how
 life from death." With Pe - ter, James and John, the Lord came
 ha - tred down, And on the cross u - nit - ed us; may



save!" did he en - treat. As Je - sus went through
 heal - ing's grace took root. The Lord said, "Daugh - ter,
 with them to the bed, And there He took her
 Christ be e'er a - dored! So strang - ers, a - lie -



crush - ing crowds, a wom - an touched his hem; The pow'r of
 go in peace; your faith has been your cure." While He still
 by the hand; "O lit - tle girl, a - rise!" The Lord re -
 ns no more - but ci - ti - zens and saints, all joined to -



God went forth from Him and made her whole a - gain.
 spoke the mes - sage came, "The child now breathes no more."
 stored the girl to life be - fore their won - d'ring eyes.
 geth - er by His love, a tem - ple in the Lord!

Text based on Luke 8: 41-56 (vv. 1-3), Ephesians 2: 4-10 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

Note: Jairus is pronounced "JI-rus", with a long I.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary Mother of our God



1. A law - yer said to Je - sus once, "Teach - er true,
2. Then He re - plied, "What is the law? What's writ - ten there?"
3. To prove a point, the law - yer asked of the Lord,
4. There was a man who, on a trip, once was robbed.
5. Then came a - long a for - eign - er, saw his need,
6. Said Je - sus, "Who was neigh - bor then to this one?"



If I seek e - ter - nal life, please tell me what to do!"
Then the law - yer an - swered with these words, so wise and fair:
"Tell me, who is then my neigh - bor? Who can be ig - nored?"
Priest and Le - vite saw him, left him there be - side the road.
Gave as - sis - tance to the man and was his friend in - deed.
"Him who pit - ied!" Je - sus said, Then go, do like - wise, son!"

Refrain



Love the Lord your God! Love with heart and mind and soul!



And love neigh - bor, too; Make this law your goal!

Text based on Luke 10: 25-37

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Christijane, Proslavl'ajme / All the Faithful Come Before You



1. Je - sus told this par - a - ble: "There once was a rich man.
2. Said the man, "What shall I do? My barns will hold no more.
3. Then the man said to him-self, "Re - lax! Eat well and drink!
4. On that night God said to him, "Oh fool, what can you know?
5. Je - sus said, "It works that way when grow - ing rich for self;



Full and plen-teous were his har - vests, more than was his plan."
I will build far larg - er ones and there place all my store."
I have bles - sings in re - serve for man - y years, I think!"
When I call you from this life, where will these rich - es go?"
Heed this, all who hear my words: in God place all your wealth!"

Refrain



Wake, a - wake, O sleep - er! and rise now from the dead!



Je - sus Christ will give you light, our ris - en, glo - rious Head!



Live as chil - dren of the Light, and by the Lord be led!

Text based on Luke 12: 16-21 (vv. 1-5), Romans 6: 18-23 (refrain)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Anhel Božij / When the angel came



1. On a Sab - bath day, Je - sus went his way,
2. See - ing her dis - tress, Je - sus called and blessed:
3. When the head - man saw works a - gainst the Law,
4. Christ said in re - ply, "Hyp - o - crites! your eye



Teach - ing in the syn - a - gogue. There a wom - an, bent,
"From your ill - ness you are freed!" Stand - ing straight a - gain
He re - buked the crowd and said: "Work has six days blest;
Can - not see the jus - tice here: Ox and ass you'll feed;



eight - een years had spent, Meet - ing Christ in e - vil's fog.
in the sight of men, She re - joiced in God in - deed!
Sab - bath is for rest! Come those days for cures in - stead!"
one who should be freed Is de - serv - ing more, I fear!"

Refrain



Take the truth as belt for you; Jus - tice as your breast-plate true;



Faith, as might-y shield, won't to e - vil yield; Gos-pel's zeal as stur-dy shoe!

Text based on Luke 13:10-17 (vv. 1-4), Ephesians 6: 10-17 (refrain)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Prizri, O Marije / Mary, look upon us



1. Once there was a ban - quet pre - pared for man - y guests.
2. Some said, "I have pur - chased some land I now must see."
3. Hear - ing this, the mas - ter grew an - gry at the slight.
4. Once this was ac - com - plished, there still was ta - ble space.
5. Je - sus is the im - age of God who is un - seen.



When the meal was read - y, the host his wish ex - pressed:
Oth - ers said, "New ox - en keep me from be - ing free."
"Go and find the crip - pled, the poor and blind this night!"
"Go in - to the high - ways, and fill up ev - 'ry place!"
First - born of all crea - tures, the first - born of the dead!



Come, for all is read - y! Come and take your plac - es!



All who've been in - vit - ed, Come feast with me to - day!

Text based on Luke 14: 16-24 (vv. 1-4), Colossians 1: 12-18 (v. 5)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Pod tvoј pokrov / We hasten to your patronage



1. As Je - sus neared a vil - lage, there ten lep - ers raised a cry:
 2. As they be - gan to leave the place, they knew that they were free;
 3. Of ten men cured of lep - ro - sy, the on - ly one who came
 4. When Christ our life ap - pears, with Him in glo - ry you shall be;



“O Mas - ter Je - sus, pi - ty us! Hear us who sob and
 One of the men then hur - ried back with shouts of praise and
 Was a des - pised Sam - a - ri - tan, to praise God’s ho - ly
 So put to death the things of earth, from sin and fault be



sigh!” He saw them and then in re - ply He said, “Go
 glee. He threw him - self at Je - sus’ feet, with thank - ful
 Name. Christ said, “Stand up and go your way! Your faith has
 free. The old self has been put a - side; the new man



on your way, And show your - selves un - to the priests, that
 heart in - clined; The Lord then said, “Were ten not cured? Where
 made you whole.” The man stood up and went a - long, with
 is put on, Who grows in knowl - edge and in truth, for



they may have their say.”
 are the oth - er nine?”
 praise in heart and soul.
 Christ is all in all.

Text based on Luke 17: 12-19 (vv. 1-3), Colossians 3: 4-11 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary Mother of our God



1. A law - yer said to Je - sus once, "Teach - er true,
2. Then Je - sus said, "Why call me 'good?' That's God a - lone!
3. The man re - plied, "I've done those things ev - 'ry day."
4. On hear - ing this, the man grew sad, went a - way;
5. Since you are God's own cho - sen ones, deep - ly loved,



If I seek e - ter - nal life, please tell me what to do!"
You know all of God's com - mands, those carved in - to the stone!"
So that he might grow, the Sav - ior bid him live this way:
Je - sus said, "How hard it is for rich folk to o - bey!"
Clothe your - self in mer - cy, kind - ness, pa - tience from a - bove!



Refrain
"One thing more there is: Sell, and give the poor your all.



Give heav'n all your store; Come and hear My call."

Text based on Luke 18: 18-27 (vv. 1-4), Colossians 3: 4-11 (v. 5)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

melody: Christijane, Proslavl'ajme / All the Faithful Come Before You



1. Down the road to Je - rich - o, a beg - ging blind man sat.
2. Hear - ing this, the man cried out with loud and fer - vent plea.
3. Je - sus stopped and asked the blind man what his wish would be.
4. Je - sus said, "Re - ceive your sight!" and then the man could see.
5. To the King, the on - ly God, un - seen and death - less Lord



Hear - ing crowds, he turned and asked the peo - ple, "What is that?"
Though the crowd soon tried to shush, he cried in - sis - tent - ly:
Came the an - swer from a true heart: "Lord, I want to see!"
He be - gan to fol - low Je - sus, for this gift so free!
We give glo - ry and due hon - or! May He be a - dored!

Refrain



"Je - sus, Son of Da - vid, have pi - ty now on me!



Stop and give me back my vi - sion; save me, set me free!



You have come to save the sin - ner; I the first must be!"

Text based on Luke 18: 35-43 (vv. 1-4), 1 Timothy 1: 15-17 (v. 5)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of Zacchaeus

melody: Pod tvoј pokrov / We hasten to your patronage



1. When trav - el - ing through Jer - i - cho, the crowd knew Je - sus' name,
 2. Zac - chae - us hur - ried down and bid the Mas - ter come and dine.
 3. The Lord ap - proved: "This day sal - va - tion comes with - in these walls!
 4. All of our hopes are fixed on God, the sav - ior of all men,



And spoke of him and gath - ered there, drawn by the Teach - er's fame.
 The crowd, re - pulsed, said: "Look, he treats a sin - ner like he's fine!"
 This day, a son of A - bra - ham has heard his fa - ther's calls!
 Es - pe - cial - ly those who be - lieve, that we may live a - gain!



Zac - chae - us, short of stat - ure, climbed a tree that he might see:
 Zac - chae - us stood his ground and said, "My Lord, I swear this day:
 The Son of Man has come to earth to search out and to save
 To each be - liev - er, show your - self in pu - ri - ty and love



When Je - sus passed, He looked and called, "Come down from there to Me."
 Half of my goods I give as alms, and all my fraud re - pay."
 All of the lost. Give thanks to God who loves both rich and slave!"
 And faith as an ex - am - ple sent for all from God a - bove.

Text based on Luke 19: 1-10 (vv. 1-3), 1 Timothy 4: 9-16 (v. 4)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

melody: O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary, Mother of our God



1. God loved the world so much, He gave His own Son,
2. As Mo - ses raised the ser - pent up, shown on high,
3. The Christ was not sent to the world to con - demn,



That e - ter - nal life might be His gift to ev - 'ry - one.
So the Son is lift - ed high that we may nev - er die.
But that all, be - liev - ing Him, might find their life in Him.

Refrain



Boast of noth - ing less than the Cross of Christ our Lord!



In it, we are blessed; life is our re - ward!

Text based on John 3: 13-17

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We Hasten to Your Patronage



1. Christ called the crowd to Him and said, "If you would fol - low Me,
2. What prof - it, then, to gain the world and then to lose one's soul?
3. For I am dead to my old self; with Christ I'm cru - ci - fied;



De - ny your - self, take up your cross, and my dis - ci - ple be!
What can be giv - en in ex - change that still would keep us whole?
The life I live is not my own - yes, to my "self" I've died!



For those who seek to save their life will lose it at the end;
If we be - have a - shamed of Christ, with wit - ness far from grand,
Christ lives in us; a life of faith—from sin and death set free,



But life lost for the Gos - pel's sake will live on as My friend."
Christ will dis - own us each when we're be - fore the judg - ment - stand.
That I may know that lov - ing Lord, who gave Him - self for me.

Text based on Mark 8: 34 - 9:1 (vv. 1-2) and Galatians 2: 16-20 (v. 3)

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS
AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
Sunday between October 11-17

melody: Kol slaven nas / How great the glory



1. Come, all you faith - ful, sing praise with glad - ness!
 2. As in the Law the Sab - bath was hon - ored,
 3. The Fa - thers taught that Je - sus our Sav - ior
 4. Give grace, O God, that in our liv - ing



On this glad day our hymns we raise
 So in the Sev - en Coun - cils we see
 Was tru - ly God and tru - ly a man;
 We live these teach - ings out ev - 'ry day,



For those who taught the True Faith with bold - ness;
 The teach - ings blest which coun - sel and guide us,
 The use of i - cons in our wor - ship
 Pro - claim - ing Christ to ev - 'ry per - son,



For their strong wit - ness all their days.
 Preach - ing the Ho - ly Trin - i - - - ty!
 Now shows our faith in God's great plan.
 Show - ing Your love in ev - 'ry way.

Refrain



O Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,



As we were taught, so now do we wor - ship you!

Text based on the Vespers stichera for the Sunday of the Fathers
Tune: Dmitri Bortniansky (1751-1825)

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Forefathers

melody: Mendelssohn ("Hark! The herald angels sing")



1. Let us now praise fa - mous men, tell their stor - ies once a - gain.
2. Those were hon - ored in their age— priest and mon - arch, proph-et, sage—
3. These, the god - ly ones, we praise, who en - dured the dark - est days,



Rul - ing king - doms in their might, known for val - or in men's sight.
And have left be - hind a name, which their chil - dren e'er can claim.
Cov - en - ant - ed, Lord, with You, and Whose grace has seen them through.



Those with coun - sel true and wise, those who saw with proph-et's eyes—
Oth - ers, though, have run this race, van - ished, leav - ing not a trace,
All our hymns of praise we bring for their stead - fast - ness, O King!



Those who wrote the psalms we sing; those who taught the sage and king.
As if they had nev - er been, they and chil - dren af - ter them.
From their seed, up - on this earth, You have tak - en hum - ble birth.



For their gifts and wit - ness, Lord, we sing praise with one ac - cord.

Text based on Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-10, 13-14

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

Sunday of the Ancestors

melody: St. Louis (O Little Town of Bethlehem)



1. O come, you lov - ers of the feasts! With glad - ness let us raise
2. Be - liev - ers, let us praise this day the fa - thers on faith's trek;
3. For Mi - riam, Sar - ah, Ra - chel fair, for Han - nah and for Eve,
4. O Beth - le - hem, pre - pare your - self, O Eph - ra - thah, re - joice!



For Pa - tri - archs and Proph - ets blest a hymn of thank - ful praise!
For Ad - am, E - noch, No - ah and the great Mel - chiz - e - dek!
For all the moth - ers who con - ceived and bore those to be - lieve
The gate of E - den's o - pen wide! Cry out with joy - filled voice:



For A - bra - ham and I - saac and Ja - cob and his seed
For proph - ets like I - sai - ah, for Dan - iel and the youths
That God would keep His prom - ise, we give You thanks this day;
Our Christ makes haste to come now and brings us back to grace.



Whose cov - e - nant with God en - dured, we give You praise, in - deed!
Who, in the face of e - vil, still pro - claimed Your ho - ly truths.
So give us grace, in all our deeds, to serve you, as did they!
Pre - pare your hearts, your homes, your lives! Give Christ the fin - est place!

Text based on the Vespers stichera for the Sunday before Nativity

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

The Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of God

melody: Mendelssohn ("Hark! The herald angels sing")



1. Glo - ry to the Lord of all, born in cave to save us all,
2. For Saint Jo - seph, right-eous one, guard-ian of the Vir-gin's Son;
3. Hail, O Christ, our Sav - ior - Lord! Ev - 'ry praise let us af - ford



He, the sole - be - got - ten One, born the Vir-gin's on - ly Son!
For King Da - vid, bold and strong, sing - er of the Lord's new song;
For Your com - ing as a man to ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan!



Change - less God a Man is made, sav - ing us, the sore a - fraid!
For the broth - er of the Lord, James, the preach - er of the Word:
By Your birth, You set us free, new - born souls in You to be!



Glo - ry to Your birth, O Lord! By Your Church be e'er a - dored!
Thanks and praise Your Church shall bring to Your throne, O in - fant King!
Guard us, keep us free from fear; grant us peace, a glad new year!



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Text based on the Vespers stichera for the Sunday after Nativity

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

melody: Kol Slaven Nas / How Great the Glory

1. Thus says the Lord: "I send be - fore you
2. "For af - ter me, An - oth - er is com - ing,
3. For those who wait the man - i - fes - ta - tion

My mes - sen - ger, your way to pre - pare!"
Might - ier than I, our God's on - ly Son;
Of Je - sus Christ, that day will shine

Now hear the voice of some - one shout - ing:
He will bap - tize with God's Ho - ly Spir - it,
and crowns of righ - teous - ness and glo - ry

"Make for the Lord a path straight and fair!
And with Them both is tru - - - ly One!
Wait there for all of A - bra - ham's line!

Refrain

For One is com - ing, great - er than I;

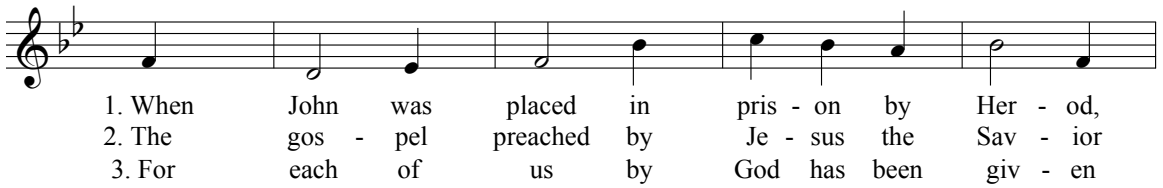
Come and re - pent!" was John the Bap - tist's cry!

Text based on Mark 1: 1-8

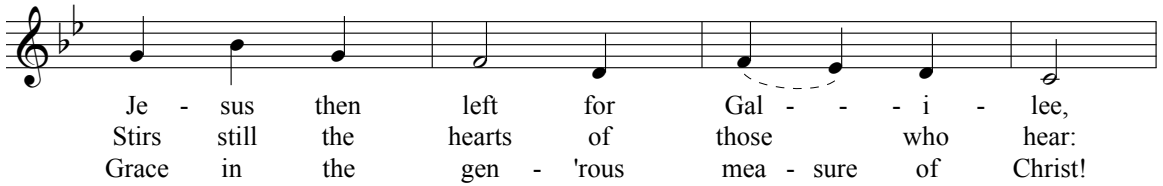
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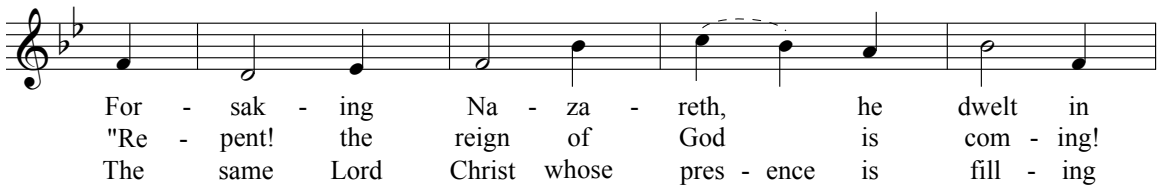
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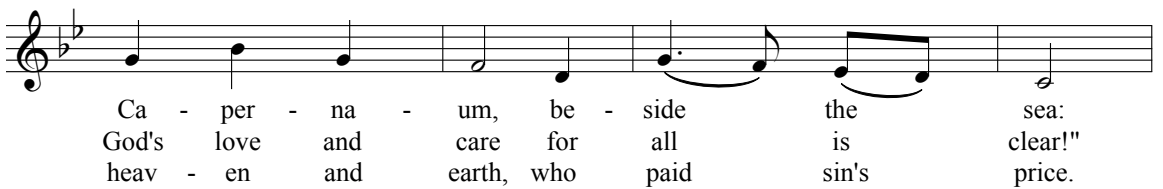
1. When John was placed in pris - on by Her - od,
2. The gos - pel preached by Je - sus the Sav - ior
3. For each of us by God has been giv - en



Je - sus then left for Gal - - - i - lee,
Stirr still the hearts of those who hear:
Grace in the gen - 'rous mea - sure of Christ!

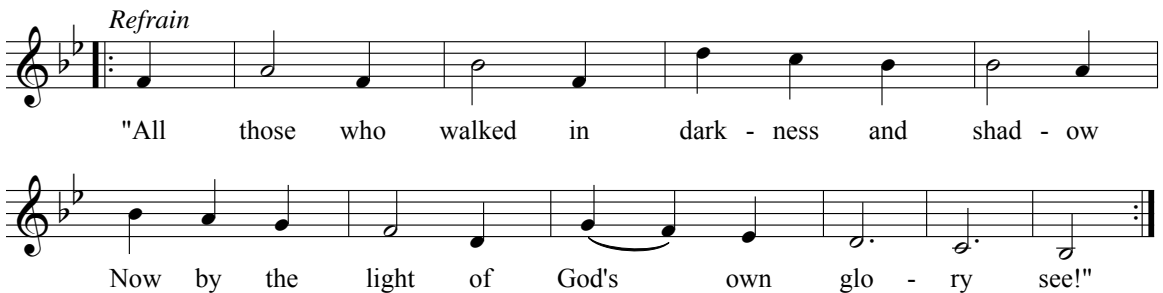


For - sak - ing Na - za - reth, he dwelt in
'Re - pent! the reign of God is com - ing!
The same Lord Christ whose pres - ence is fill - ing



Ca - per - na - um, be - side the sea:
God's love and care for all is clear!"
heav - en and earth, who paid sin's price."

Refrain



"All those who walked in dark - ness and shad - ow
Now by the light of God's own glo - ry see!"

Text based on Matthew 4: 12-17

Tune: Dmitri Bortniansky (1751-1825)

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

(Sunday between July 13-19)

Hymn

melody: Kol slaven nas/How great the glory

1. O Word of God and Lov - er of Man - kind,
 2. O glo - rious Fa - thers of the Coun - cils,
 3. In - spired by God, the Fa - thers in coun - cil
 4. O bless - ed Trin - i - ty of per - sons,

You took our flesh and came to earth; The
 You fought with vig - or all the lies That
 Taught that the Lord had two per - fect wills, One
 One on - ly God, in na - ture di - vine, We

Fa - thers taught that You are one per - son—
 sought to un - der - mine are the Gos - pel.
 is di - vine and one is hu - man—
 praise you for the Fa - thers who teach us

Both end - less God and hu - man in birth.
 You told the truth that nev - - - er dies!
 By this, the Christ God's plan - ful - fills!
 The truth that's old - er than all time!

O Christ, true God and man in one!

We sing this truth, as ag - es long have done!

*Text based on the Vespers stichera for the Sunday of the Council Fathers
 Tune: Dmitri Bortniansky (1751-1825)*