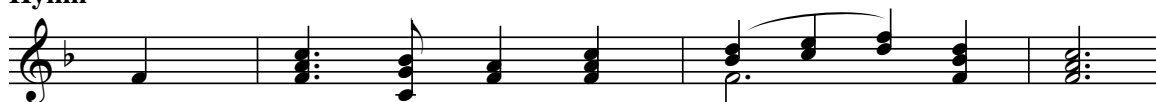


THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

February 24, 2008

Veneration of the Holy Cross

Hymn



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,

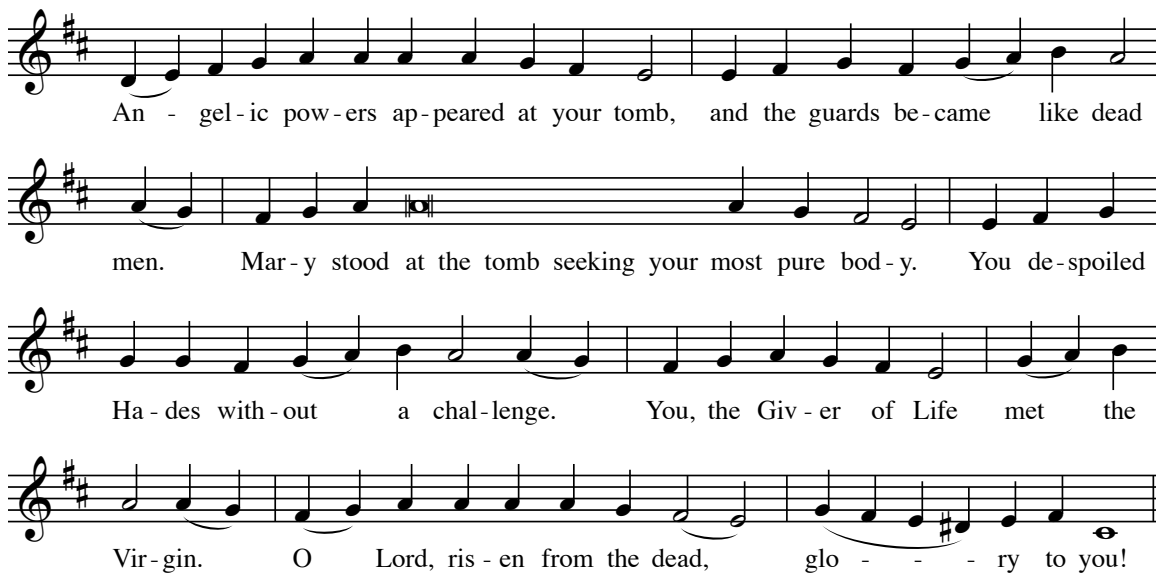


That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,
Let us cast off the weight of sin
With mid - Lent come, we claim Your grace;
All praise in heav - en now is sung,




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!

Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 6*



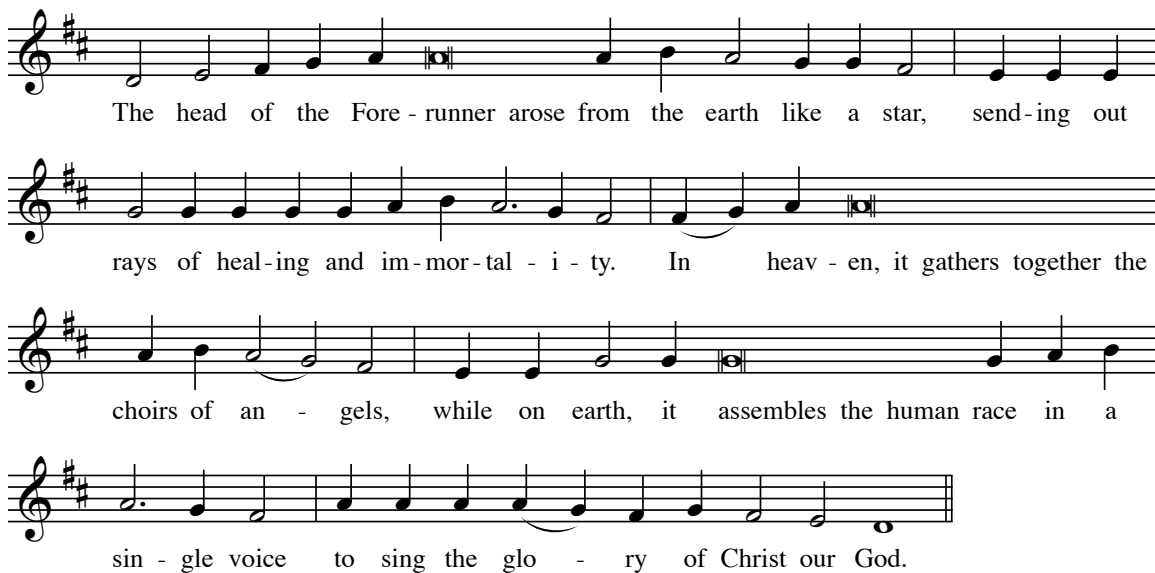
An - gel-ic pow-ers ap-peared at your tomb, and the guards be-came like dead
men. Mar-y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod-y. You de-spoiled
Ha-des with-out a chal-lenge. You, the Giv-er of Life met the
Vir-gin. O Lord, ris-en from the dead, glo - - - ry to you!

Troparion of the Cross - *Tone 1*



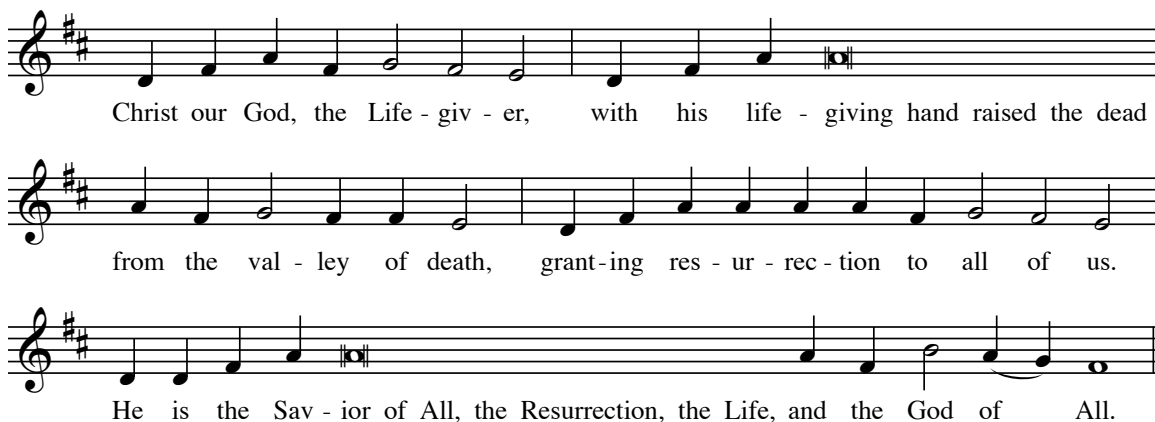
Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in-her-i-tance. Grant vic-to-ry
to your Church o-ver e-vil, and pro-tect your peo-ple by your cross.

Troparion of the Baptist - Tone 4



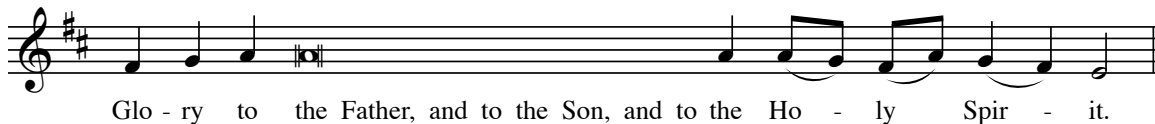
The head of the Fore-runner arose from the earth like a star, send-ing out
rays of heal-ing and im-mor-tal - i - ty. In heav - en, it gathers together the
choirs of an - gels, while on earth, it assembles the human race in a
sin - gle voice to sing the glo - ry of Christ our God.

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 6



Christ our God, the Life - giv - er, with his life - giving hand raised the dead
from the val - ley of death, grant-ing res - ur - rec - tion to all of us.
He is the Sav - ior of All, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of All.

Cantor



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

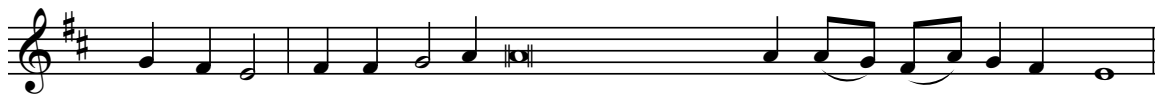
Kontakion of the Baptist - Tone 2



O proph-et of God and fore-run - ner of grace, with-in the earth we have



dis-cov - ered your head, a rose of great holiness from which heal-ing al - ways



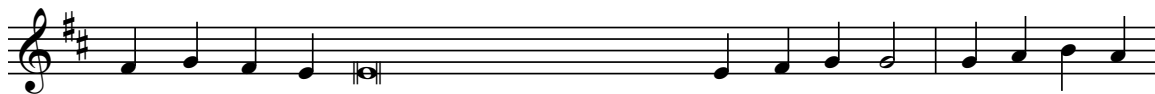
comes to us. As you did of old, now also preach re-pent - ance to the world.

Cantor



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

Kontakion of the Cross - Tone 7



No long - er does the flaming sword guard the gates of E - den, for the tree of



the cross has come to quench it won-drous-ly. The sting of death and the victory



of Hades have been driv - en out. For you, O my Savior, stood and called out to



those in Ha - des: En - ter a - gain in - to par - a - dise.

Instead of "Holy God...":

Three times:

We bow to your Cross, O Lord, and we glo - ri - fy
your ho - ly re - sur - rec - tion. *fine* Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Ho - ly Spir - it; now and ever and forev - er. A - men. and we glo - ri - fy
your ho - ly re - sur - rec - tion. *da capo al fine*

Prokeimenon of the Cross – 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: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)

The just man will re - joice in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord
and will put his trust in him.

Alleluia of the Cross - Tone 8 (Psalm 73:2,12):



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

Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.

Verse: God is our King from all ages. He has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.

After the second verse:

Alleluia of the Baptist - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13; 85: 12):



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

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Verse: Faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice look down from heaven.

Communion Hymn of the Cross: (Psalm 4: 7)

A



We have been signed, O Lord, with the light of your face.



We have been signed, O Lord, with the light of your face. Al - le - lu - ia!



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

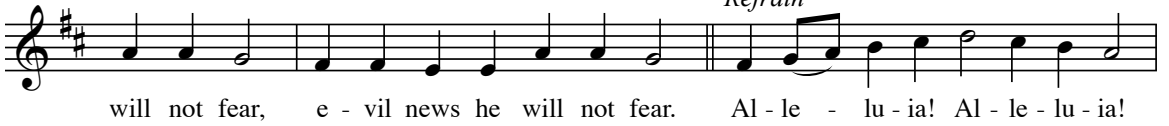
And of the Baptist (Psalm 111:6,70):

A



The just man will be re-mem-bered for - ev - er; e - vil news he

Refrain



will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia!