

April 23
THE HOLY AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR
GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER

Hymn

melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage



1. O come, you lov - ers of the feasts! Come join the joy - ous throng
2. "Love one an - oth - er," Je - sus said; "This is my new com - mand.
3. "A time will come," the Sav - ior said "When folk will take the rod -
4. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, O Three - in - One, our Lord,



That hon - ors George the mar - tyr great, In pray'r and fes - tal song.
If an - y hate you, know for sure, Their hate for me was planned!
That beat - ing you and kill - ing you Will seem to hon - or God.
By George and all the mar - tyr's ranks Be ev - er - more a - dored!



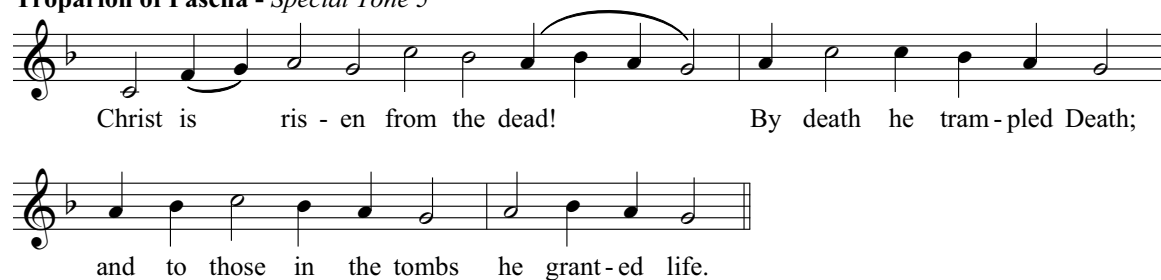
For he, like Christ, the vic - tor strong, De - feat - ed death by death,
But you do not be - long to them; My cho - sen you shall be,
I've told you this that you be firm, That you'll not fall a - way.
And from your Church, though still in strife, Our prais - es now as - cend;



In wit - ness to his lov - ing Lord E'en to his fi - nal breath.
And thus they hate you, know - ing well That I have set you free."
God will re - ward his suf - fring saints And mar - tyr's on that Day."
In u - nion with Great Mar - tyr George, We praise you with - out end!

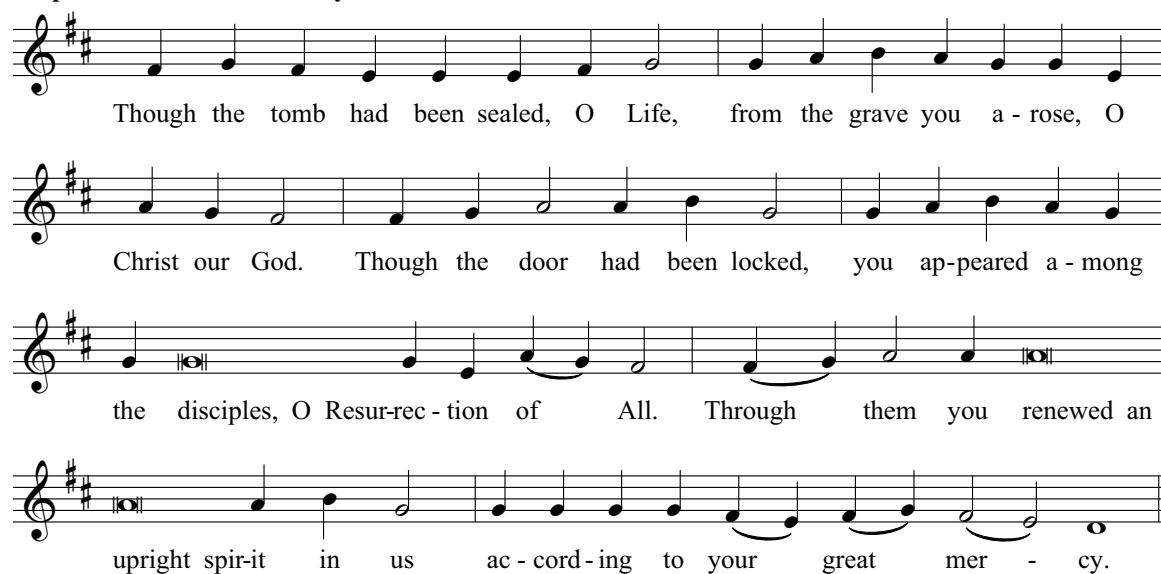
Immediately after the opening blessing, the following is sung once by the priest and then twice by the faithful:

Troparion of Pascha - Special Tone 5



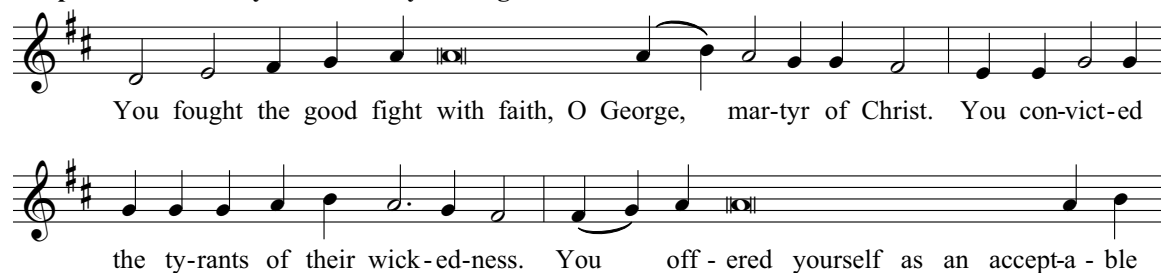
Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram-pled Death;
and to those in the tombs he grant-ed life.

Troparion of Thomas Sunday - Tone 7:



Though the tomb had been sealed, O Life, from the grave you a - rose, O
Christ our God. Though the door had been locked, you ap-peared a - mong
the disciples, O Resur-rec - tion of All. Through them you renewed an
upright spir-it in us ac - cord - ing to your great mer - cy.

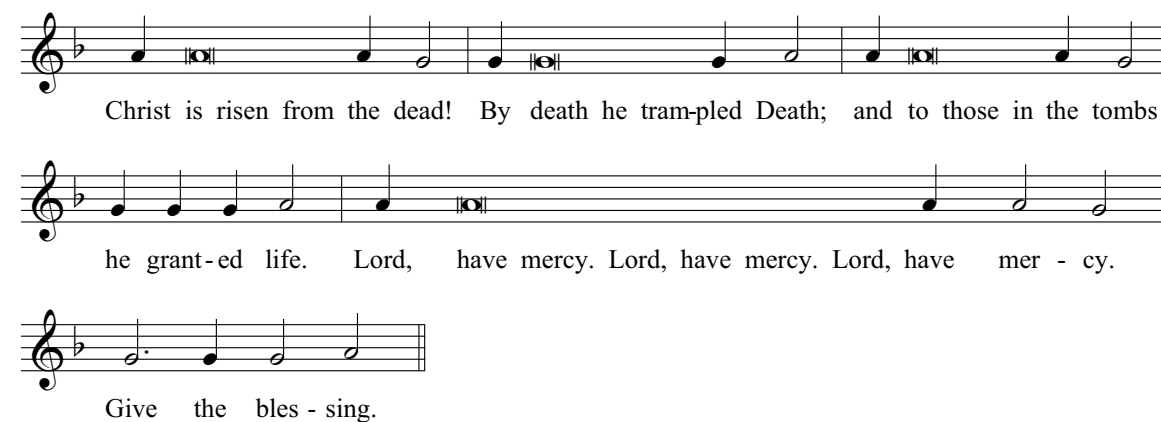
Troparion of the Holy Great-Martyr George - Tone 4:



You fought the good fight with faith, O George, mar-tyr of Christ. You con-vict-ed
the ty-rants of their wick-ed-ness. You off - ered yourself as an accept-a - ble

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.

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 for Thomas Sunday (Psalm 147:1):

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Praise the Lord, O Je - ru - sa - lem. Zi - on, praise your God!
Refrain:
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

and for the Holy Great-Martyr George (Psalm 111:6,7):

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The just man will be re-mem - bered for - e - ver; e - vil news he
Refrain:
 will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

sac - ri - fice to God. There - fore, you received a crown of vic - to - ry,
 and through your pray'rs, O ho - ly one, you obtain for-give - ness of sins for all.
Cantor
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Kontakion of the Holy Great-Martyr George - Tone 4:

Cul - ti - vat - ed by God, you became an excellent gardener of re - li - gion,
 har-vest-ing sheaves of vir - tues for your-self. You sowed in tears but reaped in joy.
 You fought to the shed - ding of your blood, and through your pray'rs, O ho - ly one,
 you ob - tain for - give - ness of sins for all.

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

Kontakion of Thomas Sunday - Tone 8:

With his prob-ing right hand, Thom-as searched your life-giving side, O Christ our God.

When you en - tered, al - though the doors were locked, he cried out
to you with the oth - er a - pos - tles: You are my Lord and my God.

Prokeimenon of the Holy Great-Martyr George - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):

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

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

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: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification:

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