

Vesper Propers, Evening of March 24, 2019  
Third Sunday of the Great Fast  
Eve of the Feast of the ANNUNCIATION

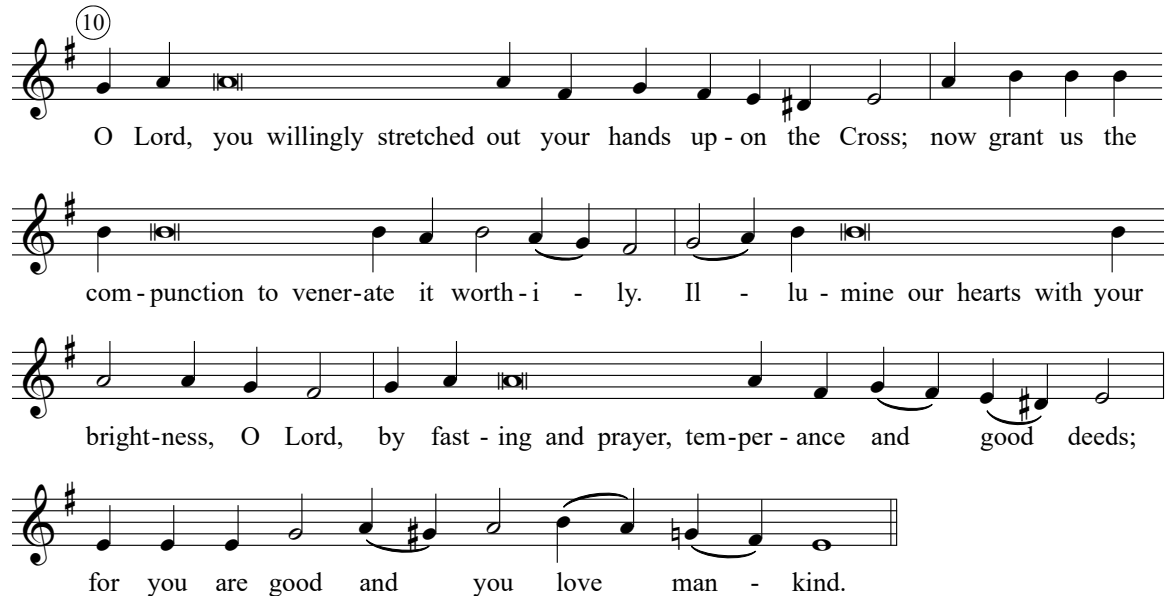
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

“O Lord, I have cried” *is sung in the tone of the first sticheron (Tone 8, page 102).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Bring my soul out of this prison  
(on 10) and then I shall praise your name.

**Stichera of Triodion - Tone 8 samohlasen**

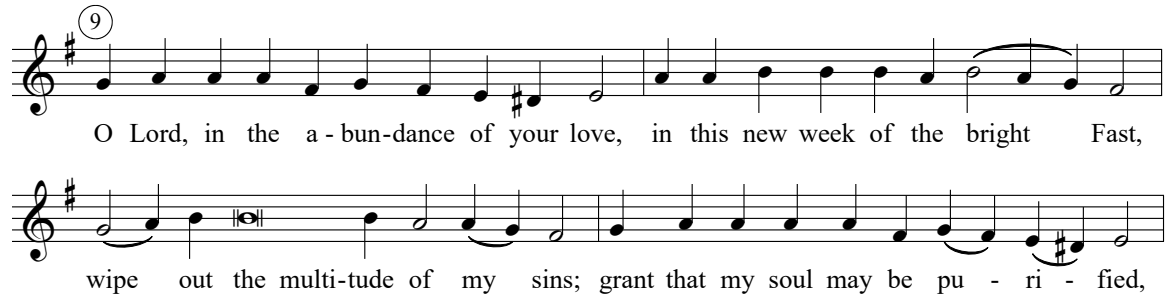
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O Lord, you willingly stretched out your hands up - on the Cross; now grant us the  
com - punction to vener - ate it worth - i - ly. Il - lu - mine our hearts with your  
bright - ness, O Lord, by fast - ing and prayer, tem - per - ance and good deeds;  
for you are good and you love man - kind.

**Cantor:** Around me the just will assemble  
(on 9) because of your goodness to me.

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O Lord, in the a - bun - dance of your love, in this new week of the bright Fast,  
wipe out the multi - tude of my sins; grant that my soul may be pu - ri - fied,

and that I may see and vener-ate your ho - ly Cross, O Lord and Lov - er

of Man - kind.

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**  
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

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*Tone 3 sa mohlasen*

O won-der, sur-pass-ing all the won-ders of old! We be-hold the Cross where

Christ was cru-ci-fied in the flesh. The world bows before its bright-ness and

cries out: O the pow-er of the Cross! The sight of it puts

de-mons to flight: its im-age burns them as a fire. I bless you, O

pre-cious Cross; I ven-erate you and, in fear, I bow be-fore you;

and I give thanks to God for life e-ter-nal, which he grants to

me through you.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

**Stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen**

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Ga - bri - el stood be - fore you, O Maid-en, re - veal - ing the plan from of old.  
He greet - ed you and said: Re - joice, Unsown Land; rejoice, Un - burnt Bush;  
re - joice, Un - fath - 'ma - ble Depth; re - joice, Bridge lead - ing to heav - en  
and Lad - der raised on high whom Ja - cob saw; re - joice, Divine Jar of Man - na;  
re - joice, Re - lease from the curse; re - joice, Restoration of Ad - am,  
the Lord is with you.

**Cantor:** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would stand?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.  
(All repeat "Gabriel stood before you, O Maiden....")

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.  
(All repeat "Gabriel stood before you, O Maiden....")

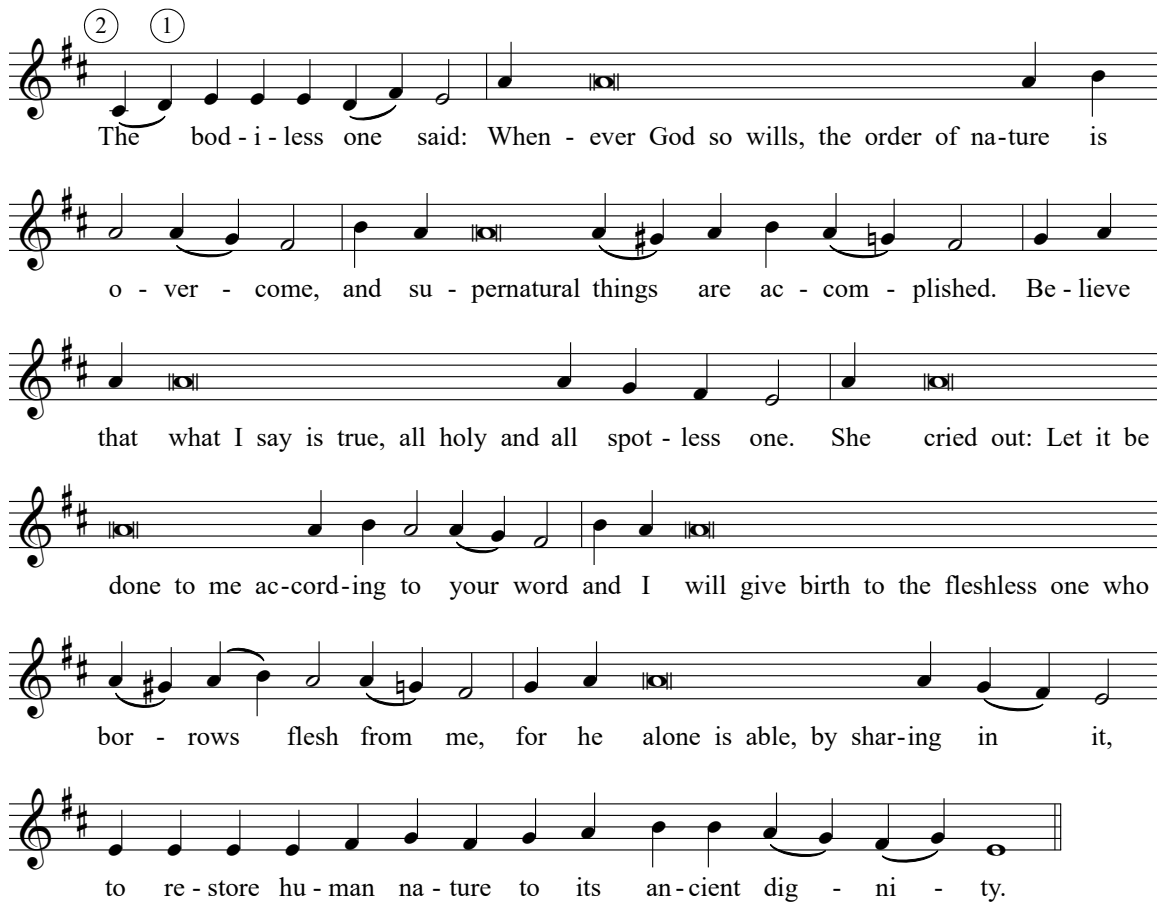
**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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The in - vi - o - late Maid - en said to the angel - ic Com - mand - er:  
 You ap - pear to me as a man but what you say to me is be - yond  
 hu - man words, for you are telling me that God will be with me  
 and that he will dwell in my womb. Tell me, how can I become the spacious  
 con - tain - er and holy temple of the one who is borne aloft on the Cher - u - bim?  
 Do not en - tice me de - ceit - ful - ly, for I have never known pleas - ure,  
 nor have I expe - ri - enced wed - lock. How then shall I bear a child?

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
 (on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.  
 (All repeat "The inviolate Maiden....")

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
 (on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



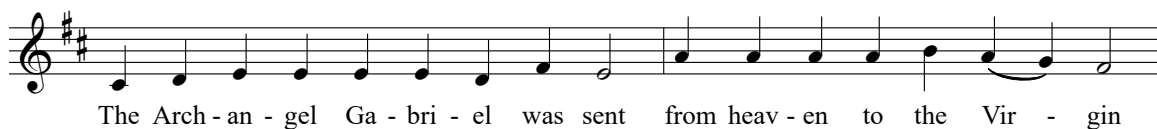
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 The bod-i-less one said: When - ever God so wills, the order of na-ture is  
 o - ver - come, and su - pernatural things are ac - com - plished. Be - lieve  
 that what I say is true, all holy and all spot - less one. She cried out: Let it be  
 done to me ac-cord-ing to your word and I will give birth to the fleshless one who  
 bor - rows flesh from me, for he alone is able, by shar-ing in it,  
 to re - store hu - man na - ture to its an - cient dig - ni - ty.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
 (on 1) he is faithful forever.  
 (All repeat "The bodiless one said...")

*The faithful STAND.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...nbw and ever...

**Doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen**



The Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el was sent from heav - en to the Vir - gin

to an - nounce the good news of her con - cep - tion. Com - ing to

Naz - a - reth he was a - mazed as he reflected on the mys - te - ry:

How can the One Who Is incomprehen - si - ble in the high - est

be born of a vir - gin? Heav - en is his throne, the earth is his foot - stool,

and in a wom - an's womb he is con - tained. The six - winged seraphim and the

many - eyed cherubim cannot look up - on him; yet, with a single word, he has been

pleased to take on flesh. He re - mains the Word of God.

Why do I stand still and not say to the Maid - en: Re - joice, Full of Grace, the

Lord is with you; Re - joice, pure Vir - gin; re - joice, Un - wed - ded Bride;

re - joice, Moth - er of Life; bless-ed is the fruit of your womb.

**Prokeimenon for the Third Sunday of the Great Fast - Special tone 8 (Psalm 60:6,3,5,9):**

For you, O God, hear my pray'r,

grant me the her - i - tage of those who fear you.

**Deacon:** From the end of the earth I call to you; my heart is faint.

**Deacon:** Let me dwell in your tent forever and hide in the shelter of your wings.

**Deacon:** So I shall always praise your name.

<b>Readings:</b>	Genesis 28:10-17	(EOT 304)
	Ezekiel 43:27-44; 4	(EOT 305)
	Proverbs 9:1-11	(EOT 305)

**Litija**

*Tone 1 Bolhar*

In the sixth month, the lead-er of the heav-en-ly ar - mies was sent to you,

O ho - ly Vir - gin, to an-ounce the word of sal - va - tion to you and say:

Re - joice, O woman full of grace, the Lord is with you! You shall give birth

to the Son who was begotten of the Father be - fore all a - ges. He is the  
 One who will save his peo - ple from their sins.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion - Tone 2 Bolhar**

To - day Ga - bri - el an - nounce - es the good news to the wo - man  
 full of grace: Re-joyce, Vir - gin who has not known wed - lock;  
 do not fear the strange-ness of my ap - pear - rance, for I am an  
 arch-an - gel. For-mer-ly the serpent was the cause of grief un - to Eve,  
 but now it is great joy that I an - nounce: you shall re - main  
 a virgin and yet you shall give birth to the Lord.


*Litany of the Litija, p.116*



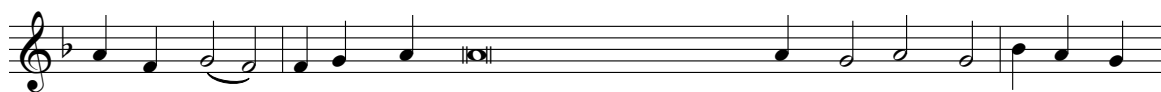
## Aposticha

*Tone 4 samohlasen*

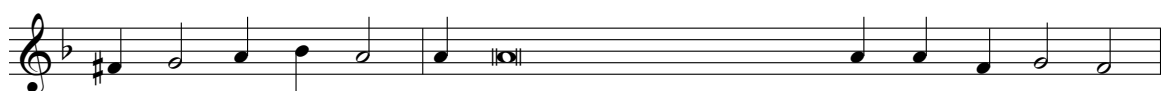
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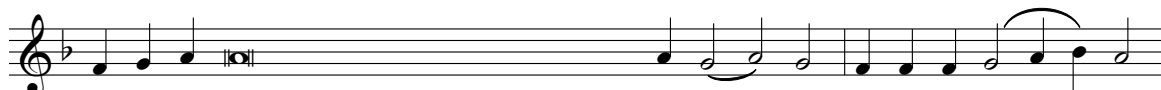
In the sixth month the Arch - an - gel was sent to a pure Vir - gin. He greet - ed




her: Re - joice! He an - nounced that the Redeemer would come forth from her. She re - ceived



his greet - ing with faith and conceived you, the God from be - fore all a - ges,




for it was your inexpressible good pleasure to be - come man for the sal - va - tion




of our souls.

*Cantor*




Day af - ter day an - nounce the good news of the sal - va - tion of our God.

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The The - o - to - kos heard a voice she did not know. The Archangel spoke



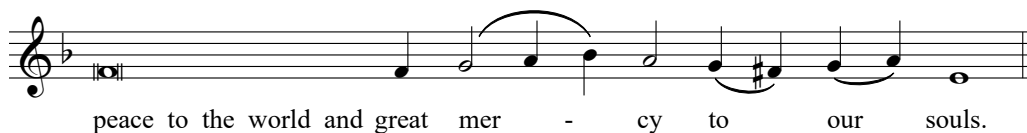
to her the words of good news. She re - ceived the greet - ing with faith and con - ceived



you, the God from be-fore all a - ges. There - fore, we also rejoice and cry

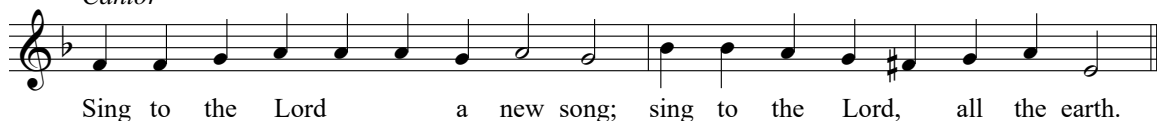


out to you, O un - ap - proach - able God who were in - car - nate of her: Grant

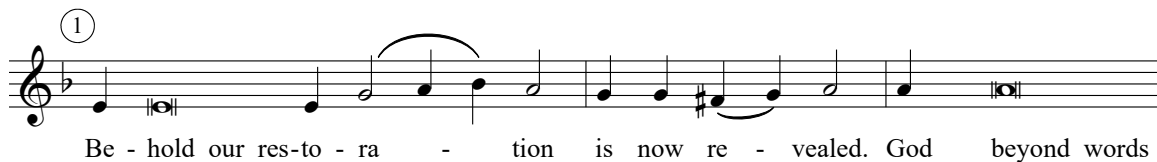


peace to the world and great mer - cy to our souls.

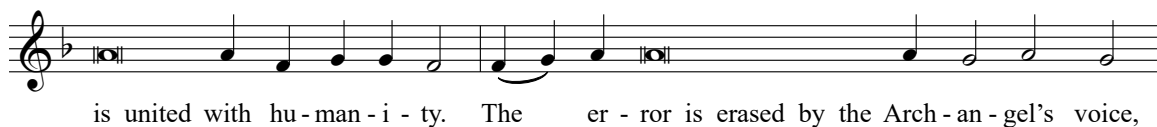
*Cantor*



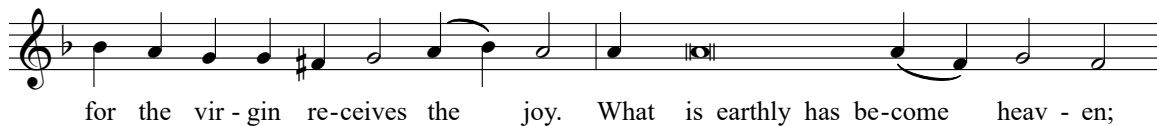
Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.



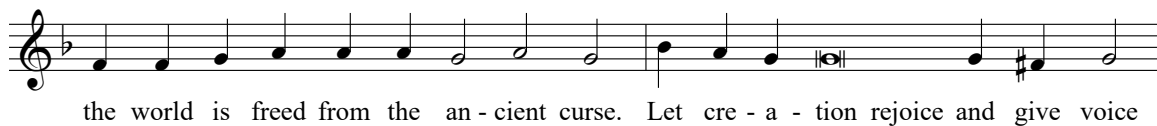
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Be - hold our res-to - ra - tion is now re - vealed. God beyond words




is united with hu-man-i - ty. The er - ror is erased by the Arch - an - gel's voice,



for the vir - gin re-ceive the joy. What is earthly has be-come heav - en;



the world is freed from the an - cient curse. Let cre - a - tion rejoice and give voice



to hymns: O Lord, our Creator and Re - deem - er, glo - ry to you!

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory... now and ever...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen**



To - day is the joy of the annun-ci - a - tion and the feast of vir-gin - i - ty!



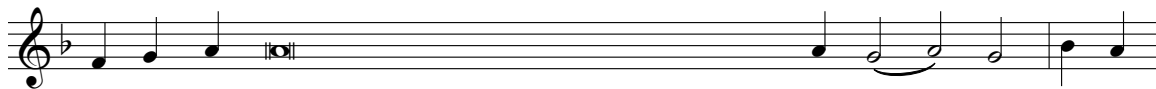
The creatures of the earth unite with those of heav - en. Ad - am is renewed and Eve



is freed from her an-cient sor - row. She who is of our own substance be-comes



the tem - ple of God! by the divinity of him who was con - ceived.



O what mys - tery! the incomprehensible quality of the con-des - cen - sion and the



in - expressible wealth of good - ness! An angel announc-es this mir - a - cle.



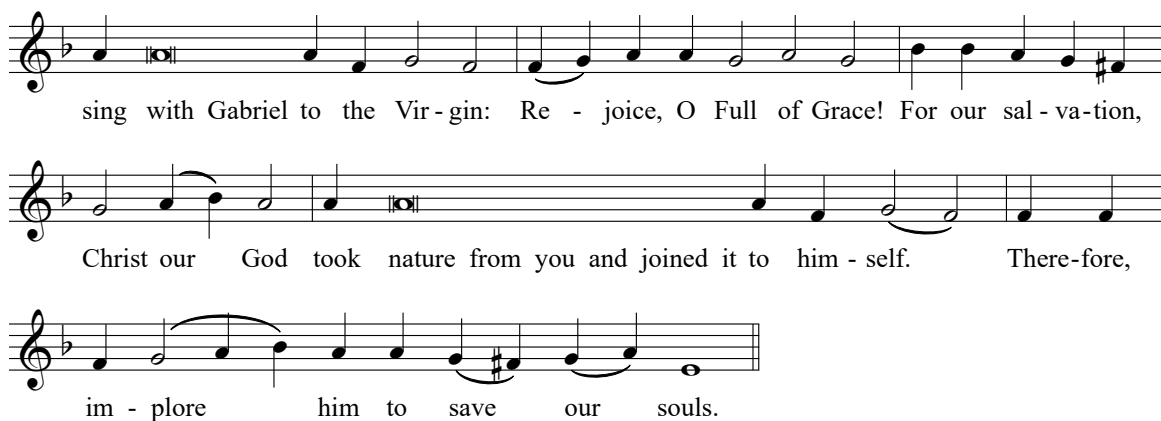
The vir - ginal womb re - ceives the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it is sent down



and the Father on high is well pleased. Through the u - niversal will, reconciliation



is ac-com-plished for all. Let us, who have been saved in it and through it,



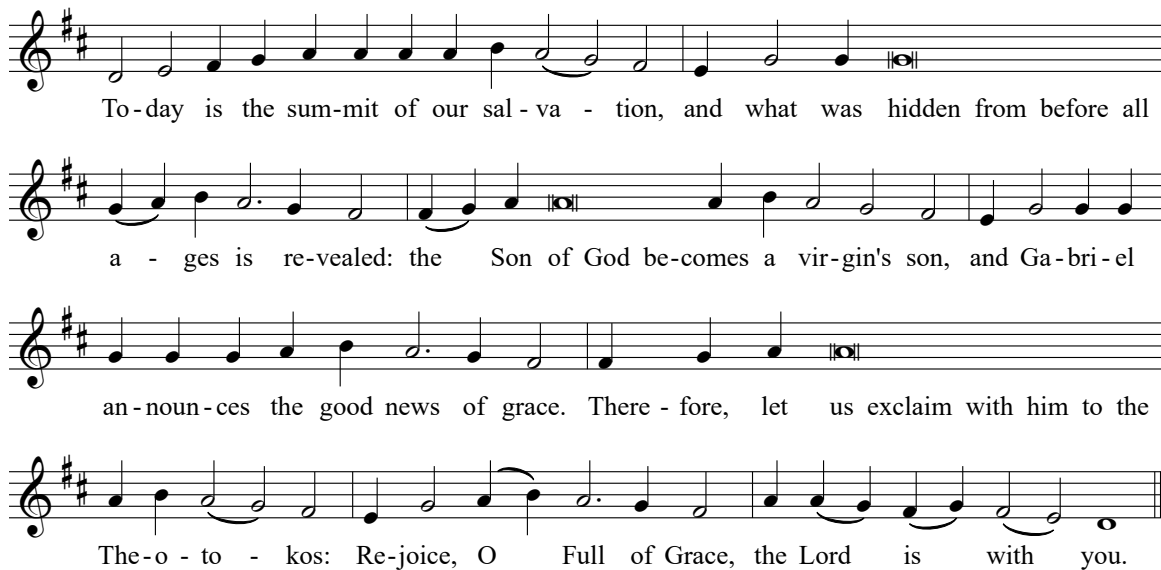
sing with Gabriel to the Vir-gin: Re-joice, O Full of Grace! For our sal-va-tion,  
 Christ our God took nature from you and joined it to him-self. There-fore,  
 im-plore him to save our souls.

*The service continues with the Prayer of Simeon, p. 19*

## Troparia

*The troparion of the feast is sung once by the priest, and twice by the people:*

### Troparion of the Annunciation - Tone 4



To-day is the sum-mit of our sal-va-tion, and what was hidden from before all  
 a-ges is re-vealed: the Son of God be-comes a vir-gin's son, and Ga-bri-el  
 an-noun-ces the good news of grace. There-fore, let us exclaim with him to the  
 The-o-to-kos: Re-joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

*Blessing of Bread, p. 119.*