

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.

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Divine Liturgy, December 24, 2023
 SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
 Sunday of the Ancestors

Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 5*

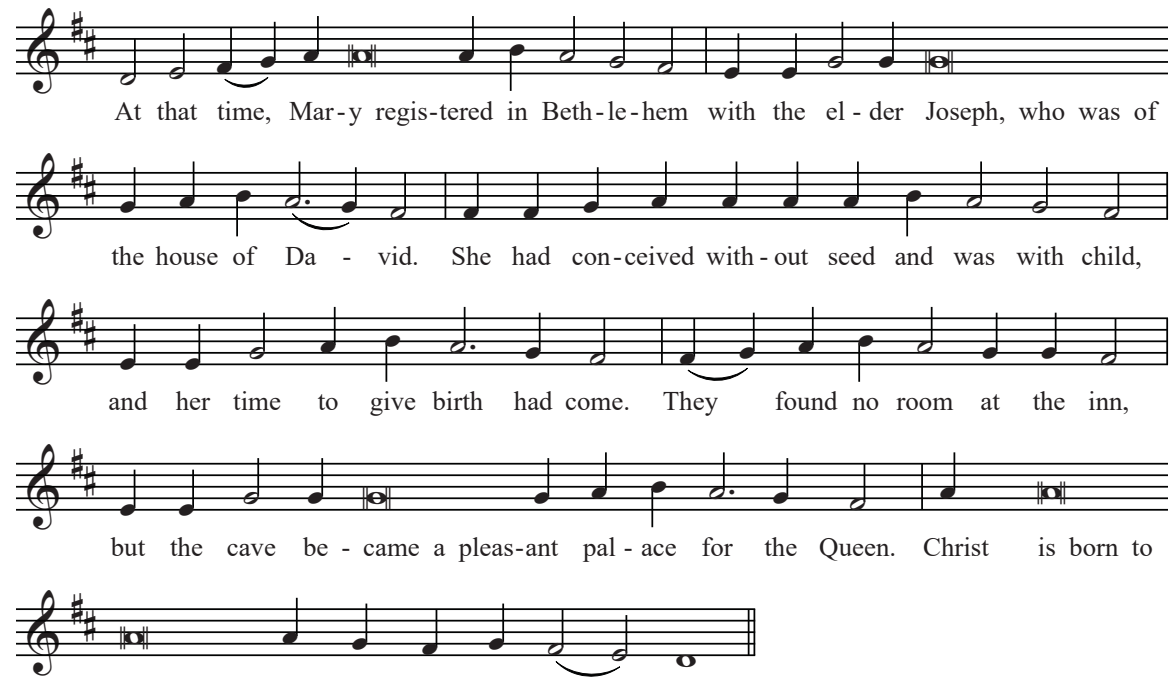
O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e - ter - nal with the Fa-ther
 and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal - va - tion.

For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf - fer death, and to
 raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous res - ur - rec - - - tion.

Troparion of the Ancestors - *Tone 2*

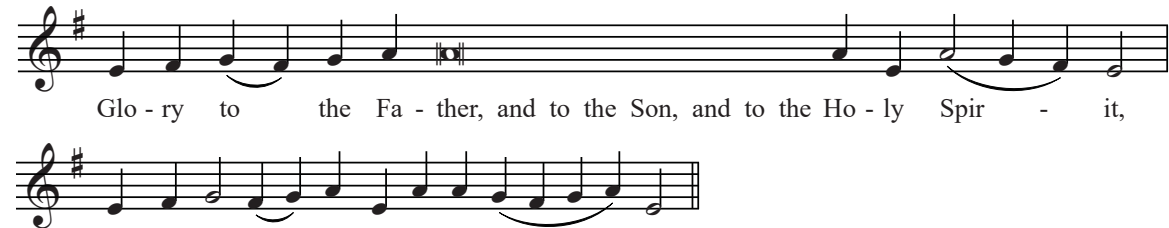
Great are the ac-com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in
 the streams of fire as if in re - fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet
 shep - herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O
 Christ our God, save our souls.

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

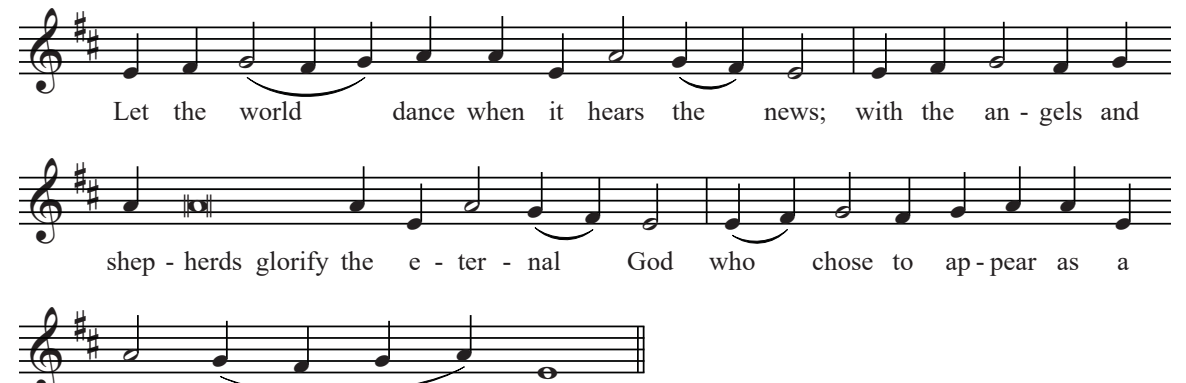


Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 now and ev - er and for-ev-er. A - men.

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.