The Paschal Hours

for celebration without a priest

Metropolitan Cantor Institute
April 2020
The Hours on Pascha and during Bright Week

On the Sunday of Pascha and on the days of Bright Week, the following short service is sung in place of the First Hour, Third Hour, Sixth Hour and Ninth Hour.

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Response: Amen.

Troparion of Pascha

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death; and to those in the tombs he granted life.

Hymn of the Resurrection

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us bow to the holy Lord Jesus who alone is sinless. We bow to your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify your holy Resurrection. For you alone are our God, and we know no other. We call you by name.
Come all you faithful, let us bow to the holy Resurrection of Christ, for behold, through the Cross, joy has come to the whole world. Always blessing the Lord, let us praise his Resurrection. By enduring the Cross for us, he destroyed Death by death.

Hypakoje of Pascha

The women with Mary before the dawn found the stone rolled away from the tomb, and they heard the angel say: “Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal, the One who abides in everlasting light?

Behold the linens of burial. Go in haste and proclaim to the world that, having conquered Death,
the Lord is risen; for he is the Son of God, the Savior of all."

Kontakion of Pascha - Tone 8

Although you descended into the grave, O Immortal One, you destroyed Hades'

power. You arose as a victor, O Christ God. You exclaimed

to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! You gave peace to your apostles

and granted resurrection to the fallen.

Troparia

Troparion - Tone 8

When your body was in the tomb and your soul in Hades,

when you were in paradise with the thief, you were also

seated upon the throne with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
O Christ, as God you are everywhere present and fill all things.

Cantor

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Your life-giving tomb, O Christ, has appeared to us as truly more precious than paradise and more brilliant than any other dwelling place. It is the source of our resurrection.

Cantor

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Troparion - Tone 8

Rejoice, O sanctified dwelling place and divine tabernacle of the Most High! It is through you, O Theotokos,
that joy is given to us; therefore we cry out:

Blessed are you among women, O all-immaculate One!

“Lord, have mercy” is now sung forty times, in English, or several languages:

(Greek)


Church Slavonic

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

More honorable than the Che-ru-bim, and beyond compare more glorious than
the Se-ra-phim, who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word, you, truly the

Theotokos, we mag-ni-fy. In the name of the Lord, Father, give the bles-sing!

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