

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
Sunday of Orthodoxy



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast  
2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!  
3. You took our flesh, O Christ our God,  
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!  
That we be saved from death and sin.  
Who made and saves and sanc - ti - - - fies,



That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,  
Let us cast off the weight of sin  
In i - cons, we this faith ex - press,  
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.  
As we our Pas - chal fast be - - - gin.  
While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

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