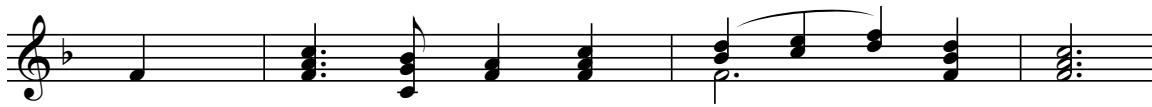


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
**Commemoration of our Venerable Father John Climacus,**  
**March 18, 2007**

**Hymn**



1. With joy we keep the - ho - - - ly Fast  
2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!  
3. O Mas - ter, as we keep this Fast,  
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!  
We hear the words of good Saint John  
Who made and saves and sanc - ti - - - fies,

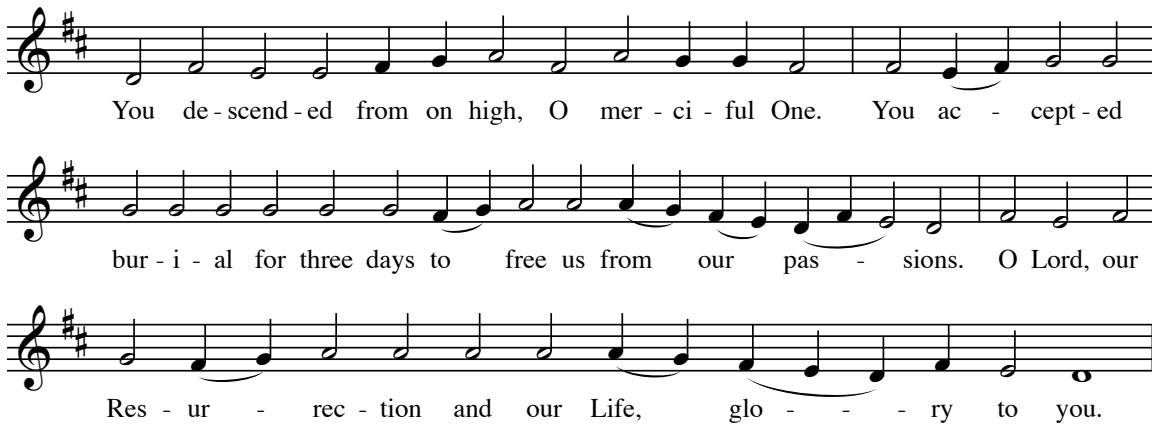


That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,  
Let us cast off the weight of sin  
And climb the lad - der of the cross,  
All praise in heav - en now is sung,



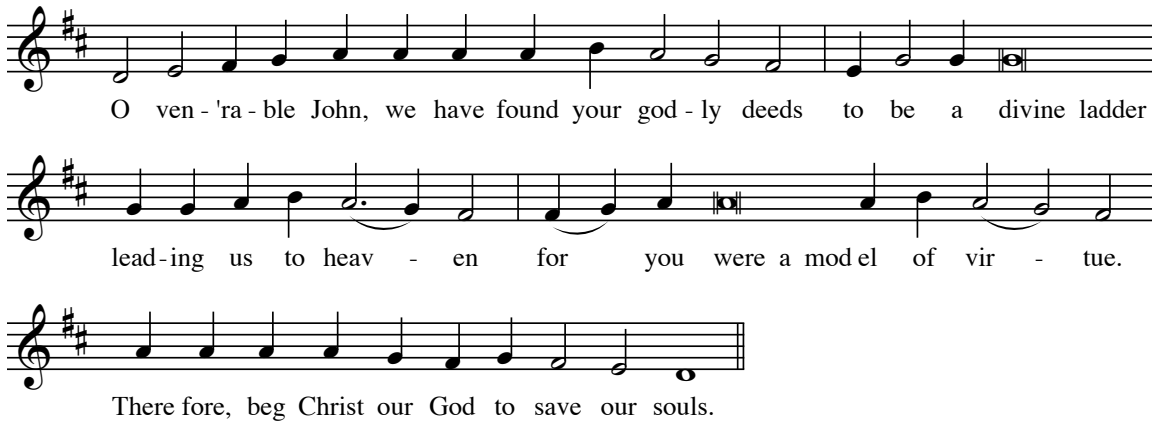
We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.  
And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.  
Which to Your glo - ry and leads us on.  
While earth with thanks and love re - - - plies!

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 8**



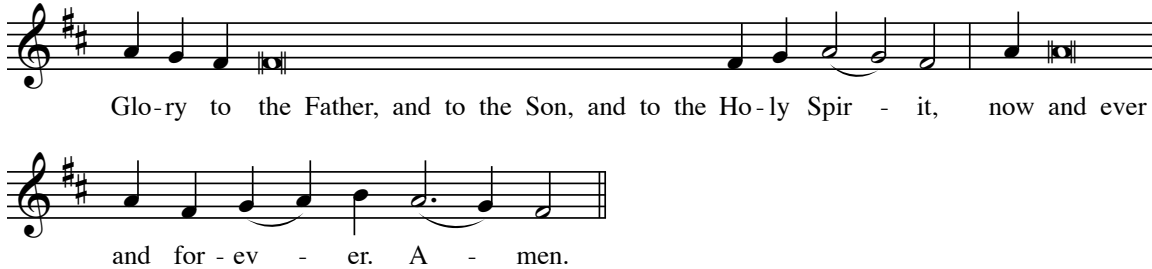
Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are: You de - scend - ed from on high, O mer - ci - ful One. You ac - cept - ed bur - i - al for three days to free us from our pas - sions. O Lord, our Res - ur - rec - tion and our Life, glo - - - ry to you.

**Troparion of John Climacus - Tone 4**



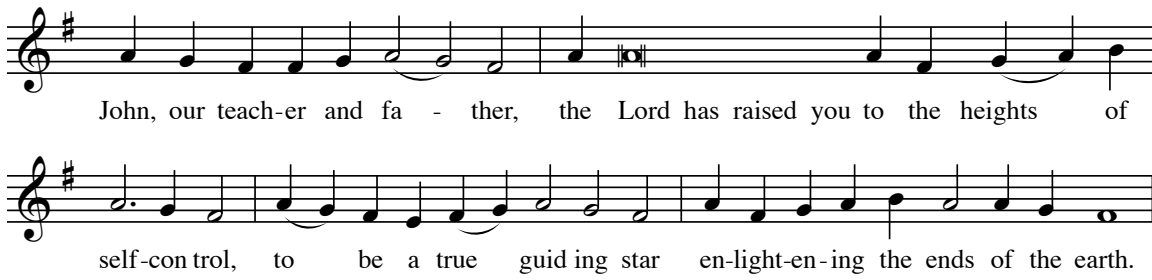
Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are: O ven - 'ra - ble John, we have found your god - ly deeds to be a divine ladder lead - ing us to heav - en for you were a model of vir - tue. There fore, beg Christ our God to save our souls.

*Cantor*




Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are: Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ever and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Kontakion - Tone 4**



John, our teach-er and fa - ther, the Lord has raised you to the heights of  
self-con-trol, to be a true guid ing star en-light-en-ing the ends of the earth.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 75:12,2):**



Make vows to the Lord your God, to the Lord your God and ful-fill them,  
and ful - fill them.

**Verse:** God is known in Judah; in Israel his name is great.

*Immediately after the verse:*

**Prokeimenon of a Venerable - Tone 8 (Psalm 149:5):**



Let the faith - ful re-joyce in glo - ry, shout for joy, and take their rest.

**Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 94:1,2):**



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

**Verse:** Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

**Verse:** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, and let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

*After the second verse:*

**Alleluia of a Venerable - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:14):**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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

*Communion Hymn for Sunday, melody A, page 78*

*And for a Venerable, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):*

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The just man will be re-mem bered for-ev - er; e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!