

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
**Commemoration of our Venerable Father John Climacus,**  
**March 2, 2008**

**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,

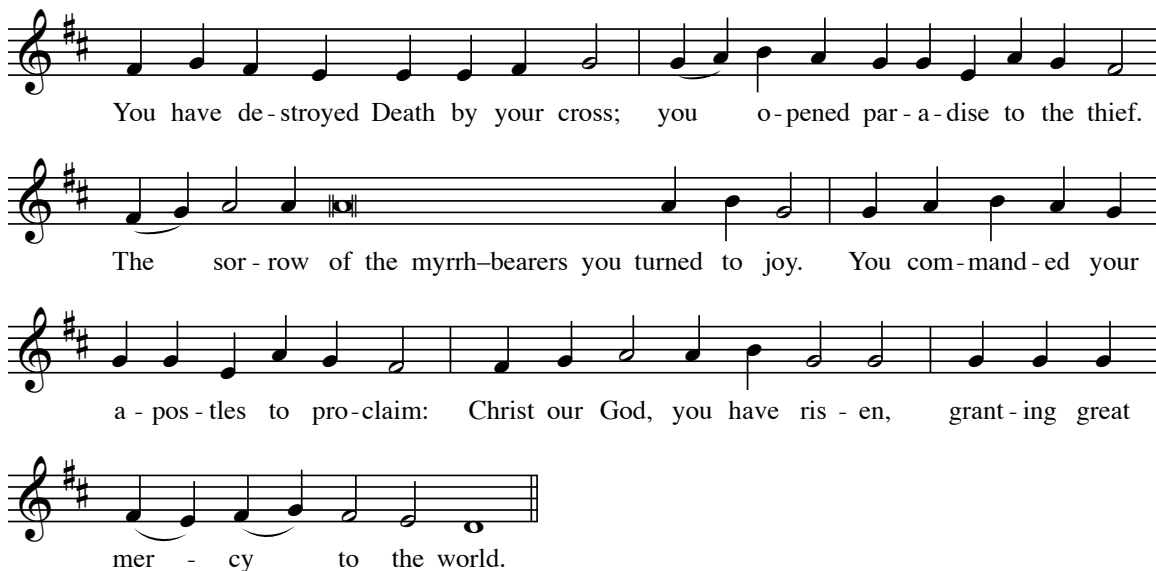


That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,  
Let us cast off the weight of sin  
And climb the lad - der of the cross,  
All praise in heav - en now is sung,




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 7



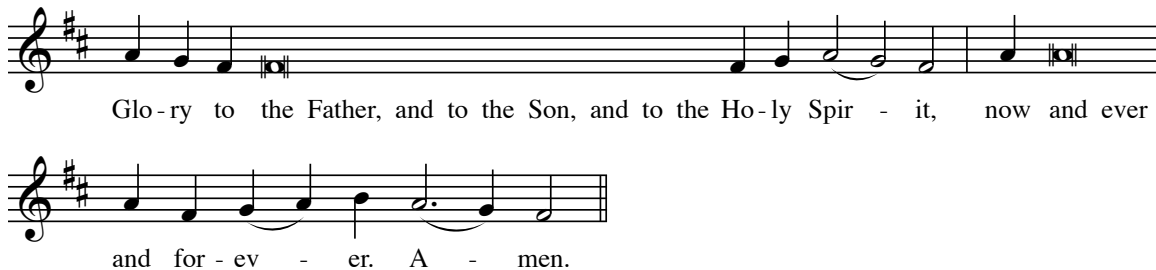
You have de-destroyed Death by your cross; you o-pened par-a-dise to the thief.  
The sor-row of the myrrh-bearers you turned to joy. You com-mand-ed your  
a-pos-tles to pro-claim: Christ our God, you have ris-en, grant-ing great  
mer-cy to the world.

### Troparion of John Climacus - Tone 4



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 mod-el of vir-tue.  
There-fore, beg Christ our God to save our souls.

### Cantor



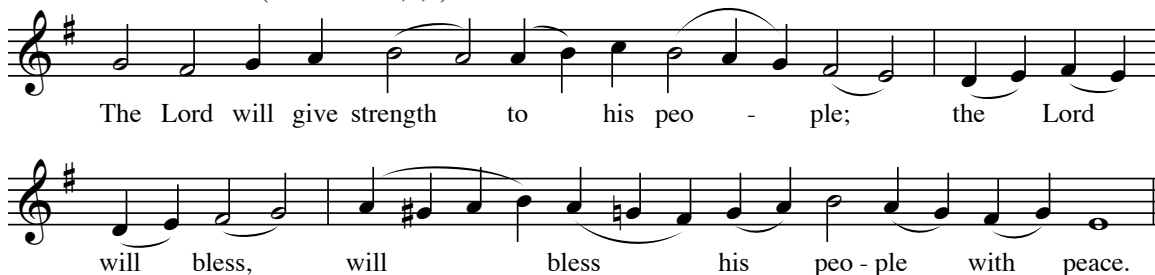
Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it, now and ever  
and for-ev-er. A-men.

**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 7 (Psalm 28:11,1,2):**



The Lord will give strength to his peo - ple; the Lord  
will bless, will bless his peo - ple with peace.

*Verse:* Bring to the Lord, you sons of God; bring to the Lord glory and honor.

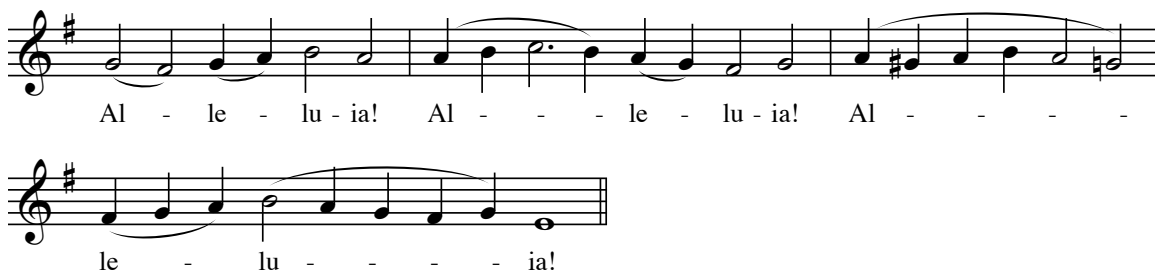
*Immediately after the verse:*

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



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

**Alleluia - Tone 7 (Psalm 91:2,3):**



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

*Verse:* It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

*Verse:* To proclaim your mercy in the morning, and your faithfulness throughout the night.

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 Sundays** (Psalm 148:1):

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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the

*Refrain*



high - est, praise him in the high - est. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia!

*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!