

**Divine Liturgy, August 31, 2008**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**The deposition of the venerable Belt of the Most Holy Mother of God.** At the time of her dormition, the Theotokos left her belt to the apostle Thomas. This was later taken to Constantinople and kept in a sealed casket in the church of Blachernae. In the time of the emperor Leo the Wise, the casket was opened and the belt placed on the Empress Zoe, who recovered from a life-threatening illness.

**Hymn**

*melody: Anhel Bozij / When the angel came*



1. Once there was a man, who had made a plan, Had to trav - el far a - way.
2. Two men took this wealth, bet-tered it themselves, Thus re-paid their mas-ter's choice.
3. When the man re-turned, of their skills he learned, And commend - ed those who planned;
4. Now, the time and day! Cast your sin a - way! Do not waste God's gen-'rous grace!



He called to his side serv-ants who, in pride, Each were giv - en funds that day.  
One, who lived in dread, hid the wealth in-stead, Left it with no in - t'rest paid.  
But from him whose fear made no ef - fort here, All was tak - en from his hand.  
E - ven in our woes, wres-ting with our foes, We can see Christ's lov - ing face!

*Refrain*

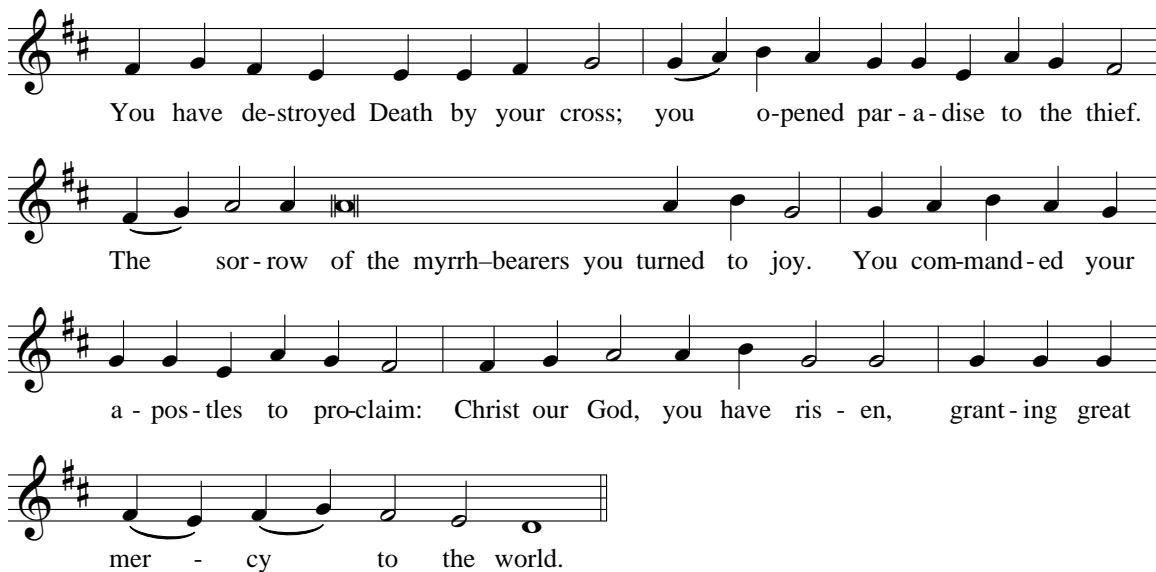


Faith - ful serv - ant, work - ing hard, bring - ing in your great re - ward,



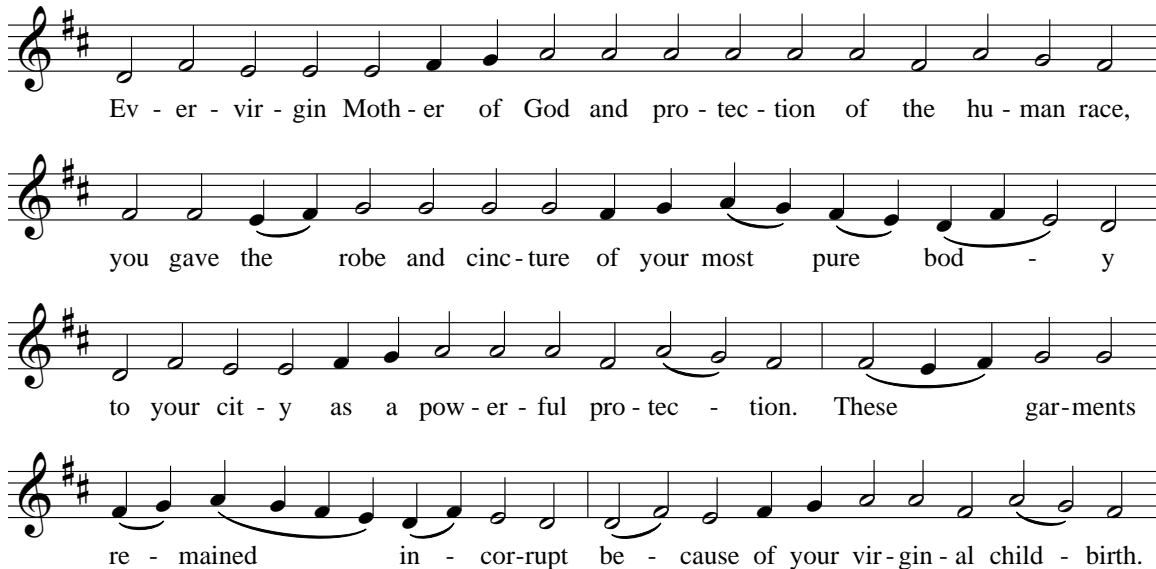
You have worked with less; now with more you're blest: Come and share your master's joy!

### Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 7*



You have de-stroyed 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 the Deposition - *Tone 8*



Ev - er - vir - gin Moth - er of God and pro - tec - tion of the hu - man race,  
you gave the robe and cinc - ture of your most pure bod - y  
to your cit - y as a pow - er - ful pro - tec - tion. These gar - ments  
re - mained in - cor - rupt be - cause of your vir - gin - al child - birth.

For in you, both time and na - ture have been re-newed. There-fore, we pray  
that you grant peace to the u - ni-verse and great mer - cy to our souls.

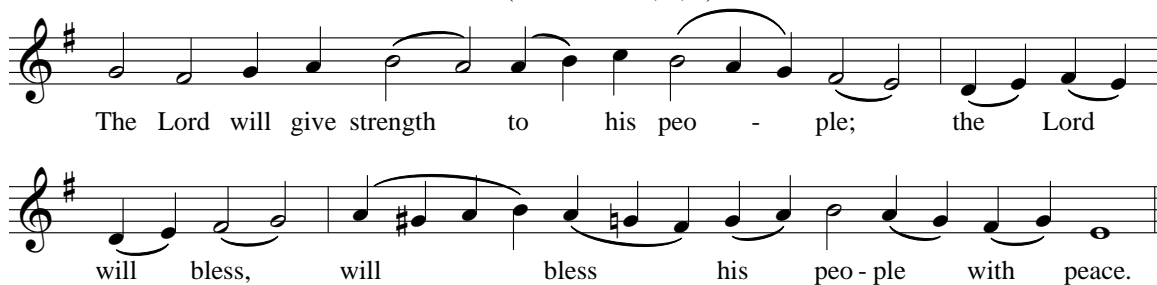
*Cantor*

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 Resurrection - Tone 7**

No long - er can the might of Death rule o - ver us; Christ de - scend - ed,  
de - stroying and crush-ing its pow - er. Ha - des re - mains en-chained.  
The proph-ets re-joyce to-geth - er. The Sav - ior has appeared, saying to  
those in dark-ness: Come forth, faithful to the Res - ur - rec - tion.


**Prokeimenon of the Resurrection - 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.

**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.

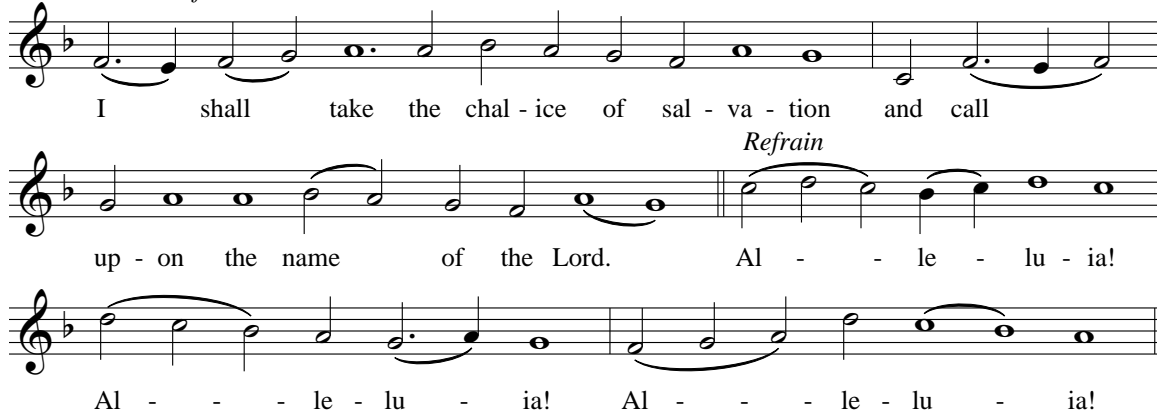
**Communion Hymns:**

*For Sunday, the Communion Hymn is Psalm 148:1: (music found on pages 78-81)*

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*For the Mother of God:*



I shall take the chal - ice of sal - va - tion and call  
*Refrain*  
up - on the name of the Lord. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Al - - - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!