

Divine Liturgy, December 14, 2008
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Forefathers

Hymn

melody: Mendelssohn / Hark the Herald Angels Sing



1. Let us now praise fa - mous men, tell their stor - ies once a - gain.
2. Those were hon - ored in their age— priest and mon - arch, proph - et, sage—
3. These, the god - ly ones, we praise, who en - dured the dark - est days,



Rul - ing king - doms in their might, known for val - or in men's sight.
And have left be - hind a name, which their chil - dren e'er can claim.
Cov - en - ant - ed, Lord, with You, and Whose grace has seen them through.



Those with coun - sel true and wise, those who saw with proph - et's eyes—
Oth - ers, though, have run this race, van - ished, leav - ing not a trace,
All our hymns of praise we bring for their stead - fast - ness, O King!

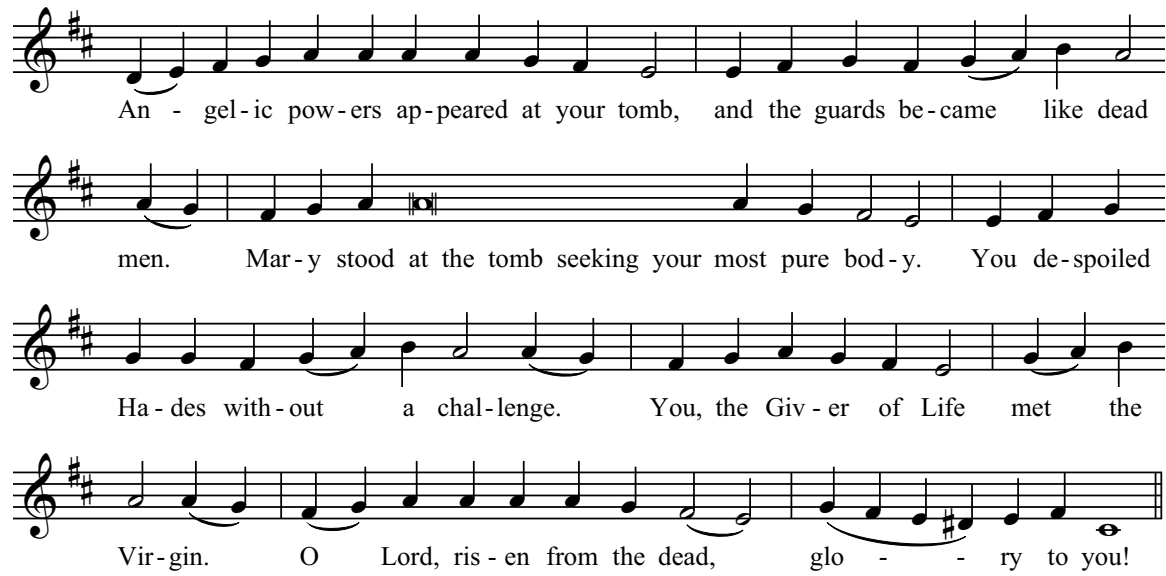


Those who wrote the psalms we sing; those who taught the sage and king.
As if they had nev - er been, they and chil - dren af - ter them.
From their seed, up - on this earth, You have tak - en hum - ble birth.



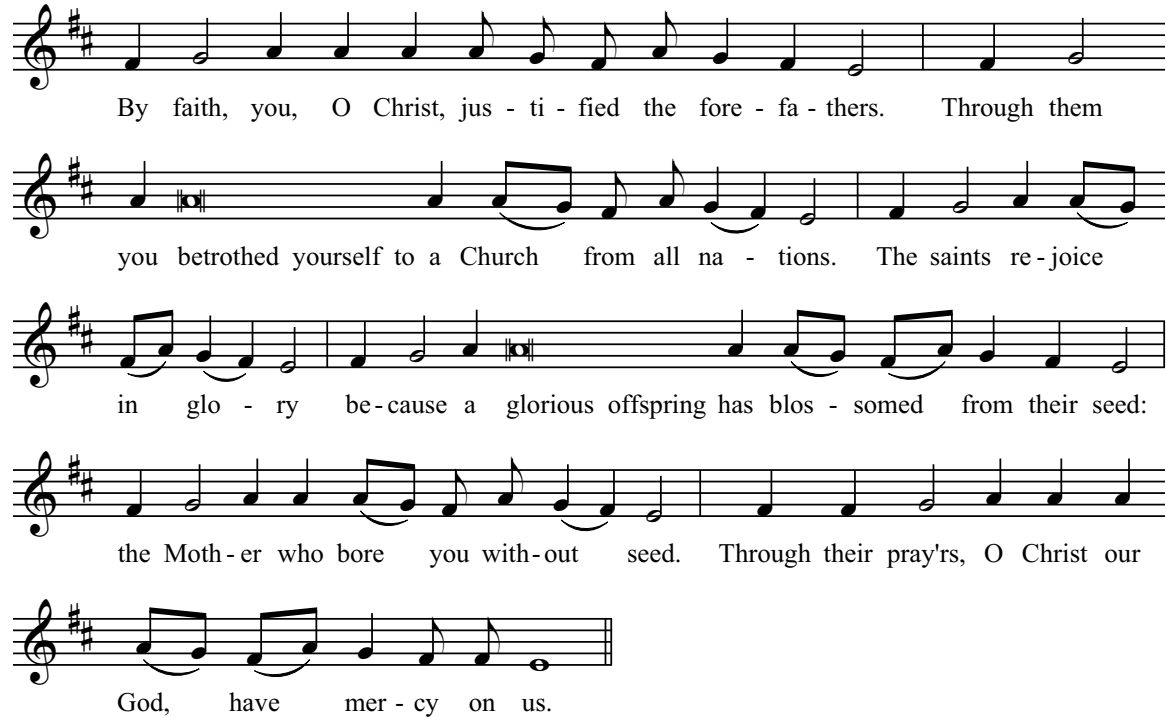
For their gifts and wit - ness, Lord, we sing praise with one ac - cord.

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 6



An - gel-ic pow-ers ap-peared at your tomb, and the guards be-came like dead
men. Mar-y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod-y. You de-spoiled
Ha-des with-out a chal-lenge. You, the Giv-er of Life met the
Vir-gin. O Lord, ris-en from the dead, glo - - ry to you!

Troparion of the Forefathers - Tone 2



By faith, you, O Christ, jus - ti - fied the fore - fa - thers. Through them
you betrothed yourself to a Church from all na - tions. The saints re-joice
in glo - ry be-cause a glorious offspring has blos - somed from their seed:
the Moth-er who bore you with-out seed. Through their pray'rs, O Christ our
God, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor

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

Kontakion - Tone 6

You did not wor - ship a man - made im - age, O thrice - bless'd youths. You
armed yourselves with uncreat - ed di - vin - i - ty. You were glo - ri - fied in the
trial by fire. With - stand - ing the flames, you stood and called out:
Has - ten, O compassionate God, and hurry to help us in your mer - cy.
For you can do what - ev - er you will.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):



Bless-ed are you and praise-wor-thy, O Lord, the God of our Fa - thers,
and glo - ri - ous for - ev - er is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 98:6):



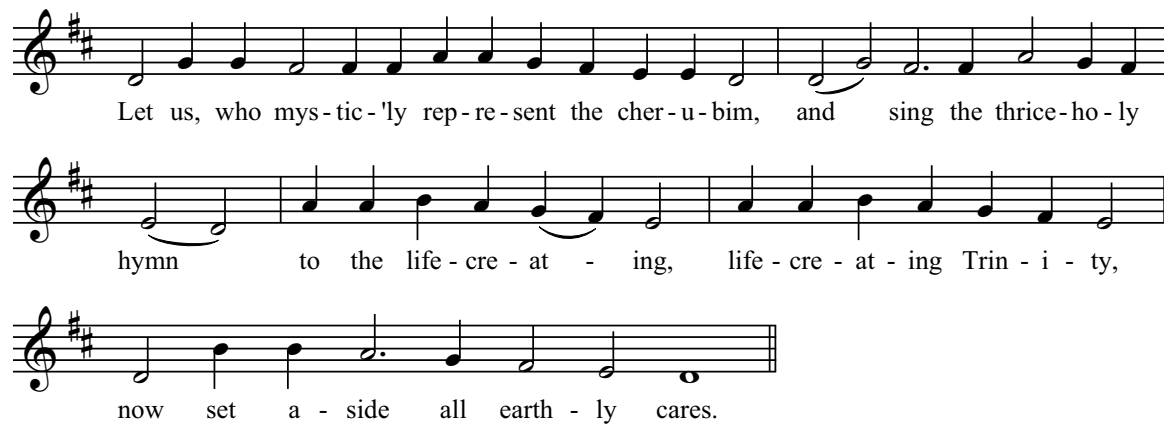
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

Verse: They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

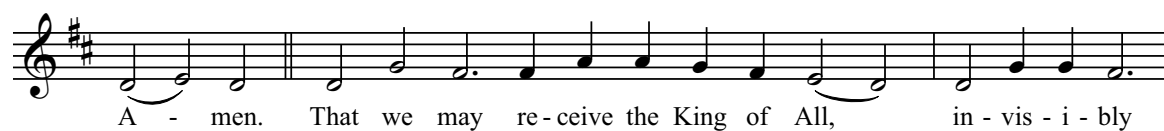
Cherubic Hymn

Melody: O kto, kto

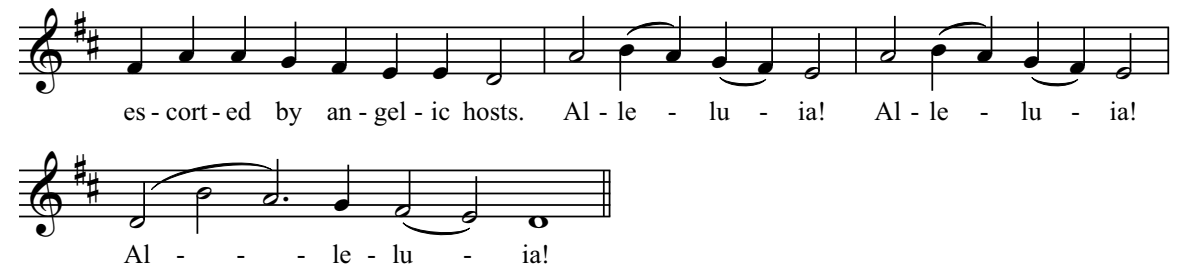


Let us, who mys-tic-'ly rep-re-sent the cher-u-bim, and sing the thrice-ho-ly
hymn to the life-cre-at-ing, life-cre-at-ing Trin-i-ty,
now set a-side all earth-ly cares.

After the commemorations:



A - men. That we may re-ceive the King of All, in - vis - i - bly



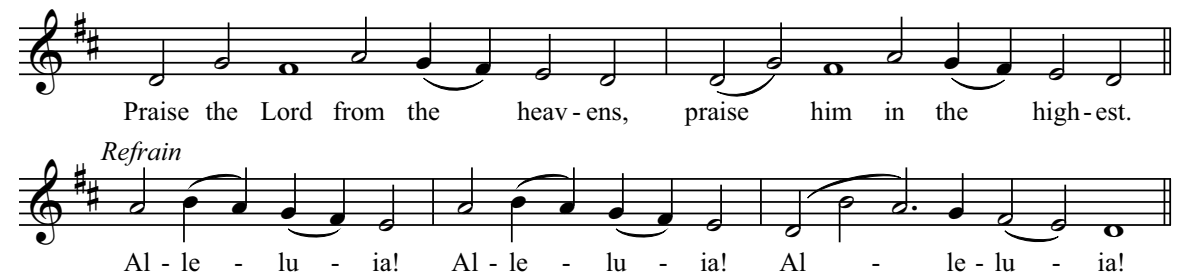
es-cort-ed by an-gel-ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Anamnesis Acclamation



We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, thank you, O
Lord, and we pray to you, our God, and we pray to you, our God,
and we pray to you, our God.

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):



Praise the Lord from the heav-ens, praise him in the high-est.
Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

For the Forefathers (Psalm 32:1):



Re - joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right is fit-ting.
Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!