

Divine Liturgy, January 4, 2009  
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Hymn

*melody: Kol Slaven Nas / How Great the Glory*



1. Thus says the Lord: "I send be - fore you  
2. "For af - ter me, An - oth - er is com - ing,  
3. For those who wait the man - i - fes - ta - tion



My mes - sen - ger, your way to pre - pare!"  
Might - ier than I, our God's on - ly Son;  
Of Je - sus Christ, that day will shine



Now hear the voice of some - one shout - ing:  
He will bap - tize with God's Ho - ly Spir - it,  
and crowns of righ - teous - ness and glo - ry



"Make for the Lord a path straight and fair!  
And with Them both is tru - - - ly One!  
Wait there for all of A - bra - ham's line!

*Refrain*

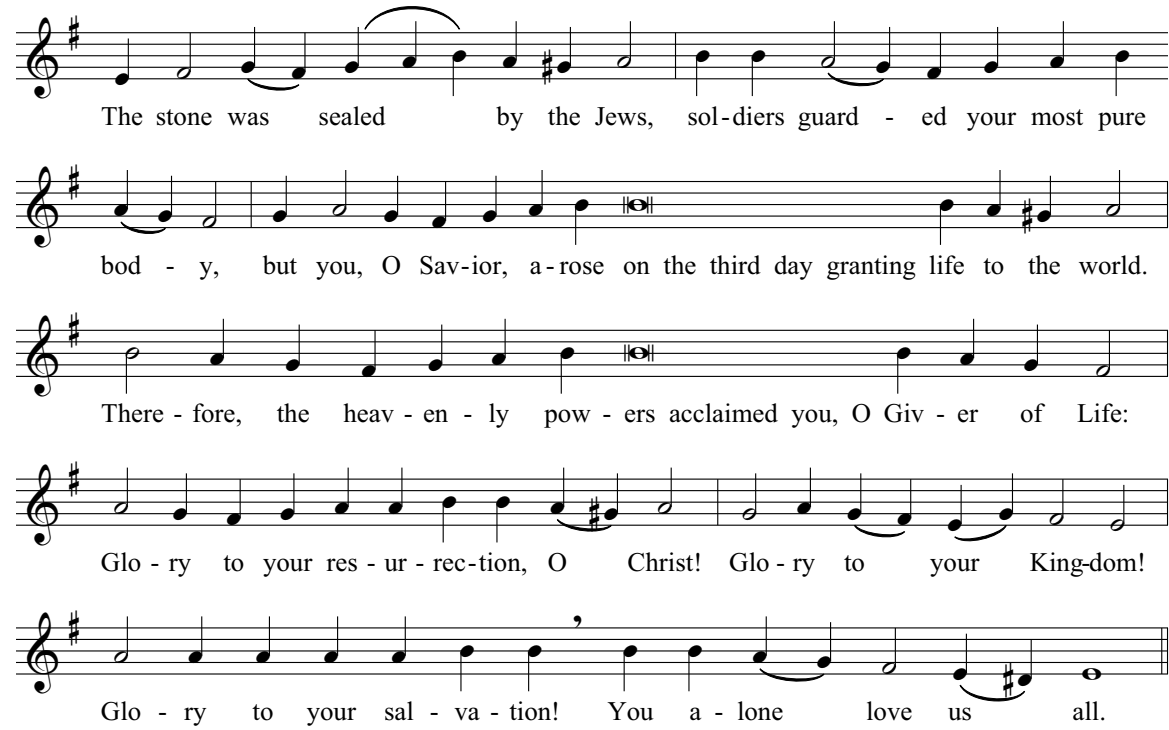


For One is com - ing, great - er than I;



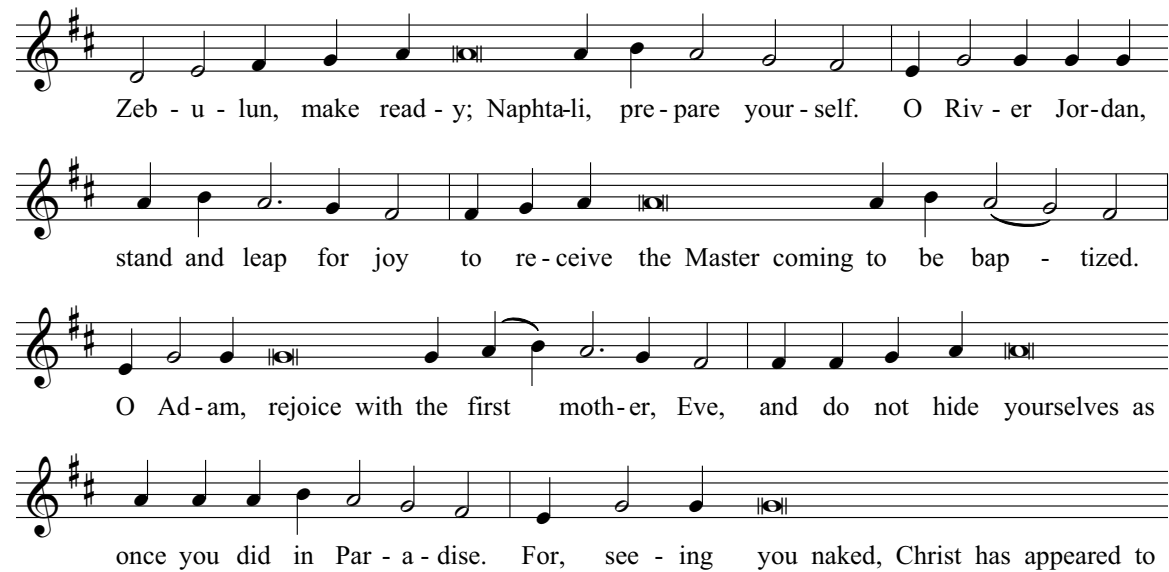
Come and re - pent!" was John the Bap - tist's cry!

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 1**



The stone was sealed by the Jews, soldiers guard - ed your most pure  
bod - y, but you, O Sav-ior, a-rose on the third day granting life to the world.  
There - fore, the heav - en - ly pow - ers acclaimed you, O Giv - er of Life:  
Glo - ry to your res - ur - rec-tion, O Christ! Glo - ry to your King-dom!  
Glo - ry to your sal - va - tion! You a - lone love us all.

**Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4**



Zeb - u - lun, make read - y; Naphta-li, pre - pare your - self. O Riv - er Jor-dan,  
stand and leap for joy to re - ceive the Master coming to be bap - tized.  
O Ad-am, rejoice with the first moth-er, Eve, and do not hide yourselves as  
once you did in Par - a - dise. For, see - ing you naked, Christ has appeared to

put on the first robe. He has appeared to re-new all cre - a - tion.

*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 of the Pre-feast - Tone 4:**

To - day the Lord appears in the Jor-dan's streams and cries out to John:

Do not be af-raid to bap-tize me, for I have come to save Ad-am, the first

cre - a - ted.


**Prokeimenon - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):**

Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,

and bless your in - her - i - tance.

*Verse:* To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

**Alleluia - Tone 8** (Psalm 66:2):



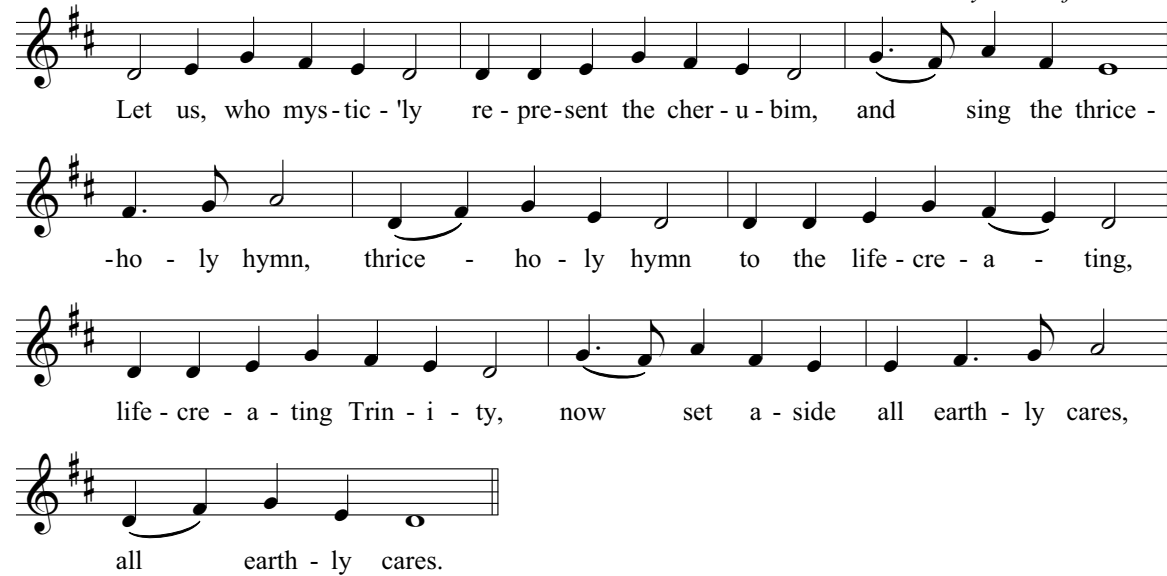
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

*Verse:* Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us.

*Verse:* Let your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

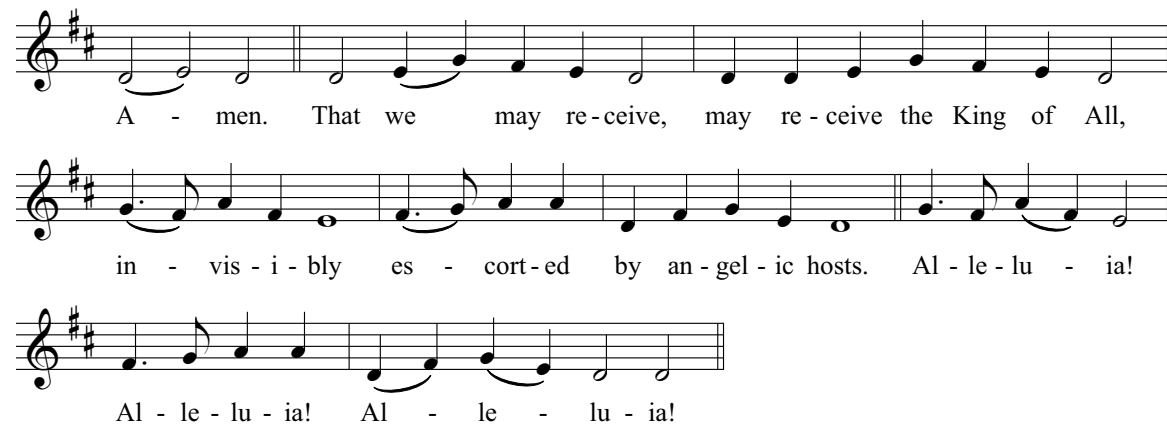
**Cherubic Hymn**

*Melody: Divnaja novina*



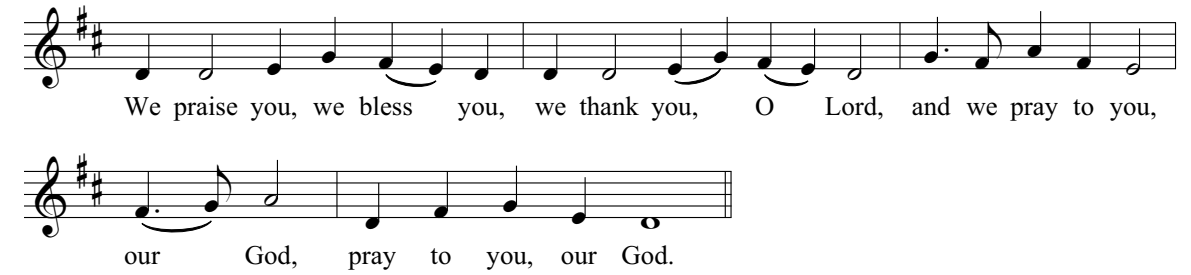
Let us, who mys - tic - 'ly re - pre - sent the cher - u - bim, and sing the thrice -  
-ho - ly hymn, thrice - ho - ly hymn to the life - cre - a - ting,  
life - cre - a - ting Trin - i - ty, now set a - side all earth - ly cares,  
all earth - ly cares.

*After the commemorations:*



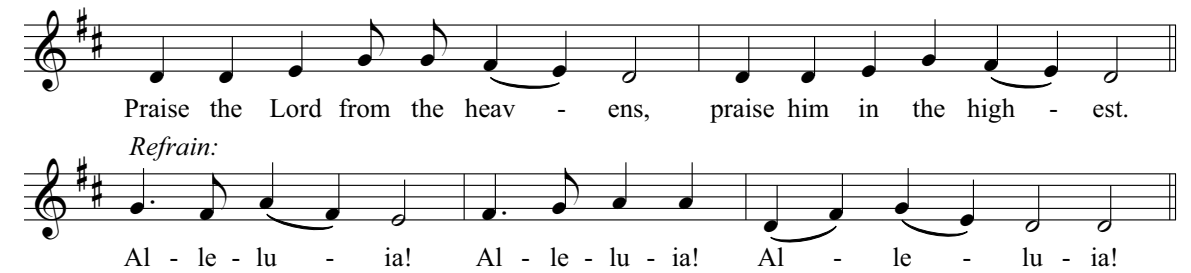
A - men. That we may re - ceive, may re - ceive the King of All,  
in - vis - i - bly es - cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Anamnesis Acclamation:**



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

**Communion Hymn** (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!