

**April 23**  
**THE HOLY AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR**  
**GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER**

**Hymn**

*melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage*



1. O come, you lov - ers of the feasts! Come join the joy - ous throng
2. "Love one an - oth - er," Je - sus said; "This is my new com - mand.
3. "A time will come," the Sav - ior said "When folk will take the rod -
4. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, O Three - in - One, our Lord,



That hon - ors George the mar - tyr great, In pray'r and fes - tal song.  
If an - y hate you, know for sure, Their hate for me was planned!  
That beat - ing you and kill - ing you Will seem to hon - or God.  
By George and all the mar - tyr - s' ranks Be ev - er - more a - dored!



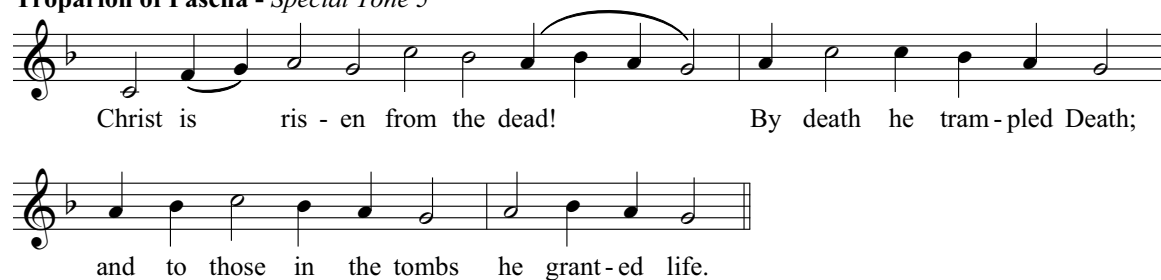
For he, like Christ, the vic - tor strong, De - feat - ed death by death,  
But you do not be - long to them; My cho - sen you shall be,  
I've told you this that you be firm, That you'll not fall a - way.  
And from your Church, though still in strife, Our prais - es now as - cend;



In wit - ness to his lov - ing Lord E'en to his fi - nal breath.  
And thus they hate you, know - ing well That I have set you free."  
God will re - ward his suf - fring saints And mar - tyr - s on that Day."  
In u - nion with Great Mar - tyr George, We praise you with - out end!

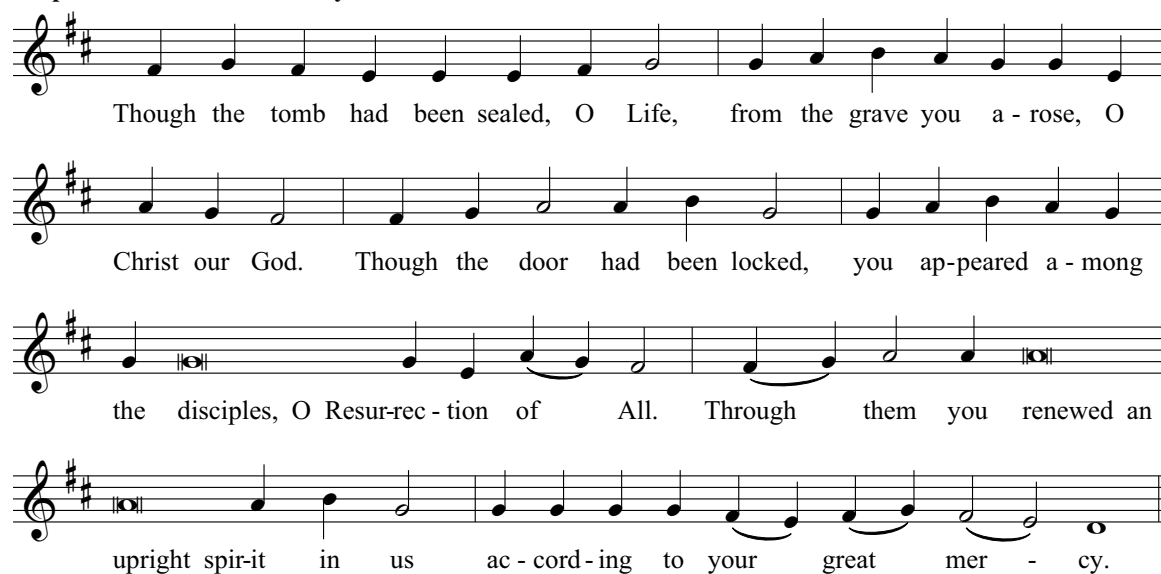
Immediately after the opening blessing, the following is sung once by the priest and then twice by the faithful:

**Troparion of Pascha - Special Tone 5**



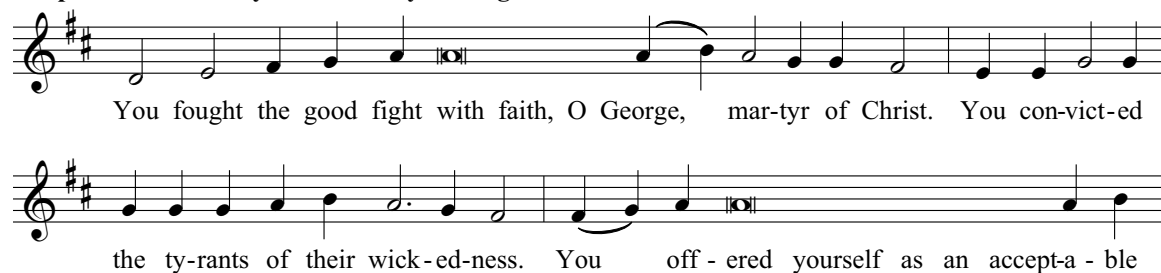
Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death;  
and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life.

**Troparion of Thomas Sunday - Tone 7:**



Though the tomb had been sealed, O Life, from the grave you a - rose, O  
Christ our God. Though the door had been locked, you ap - peared a - mong  
the disciples, O Resur - rec - tion of All. Through them you renewed an  
upright spir - it in us ac - cord - ing to your great mer - cy.

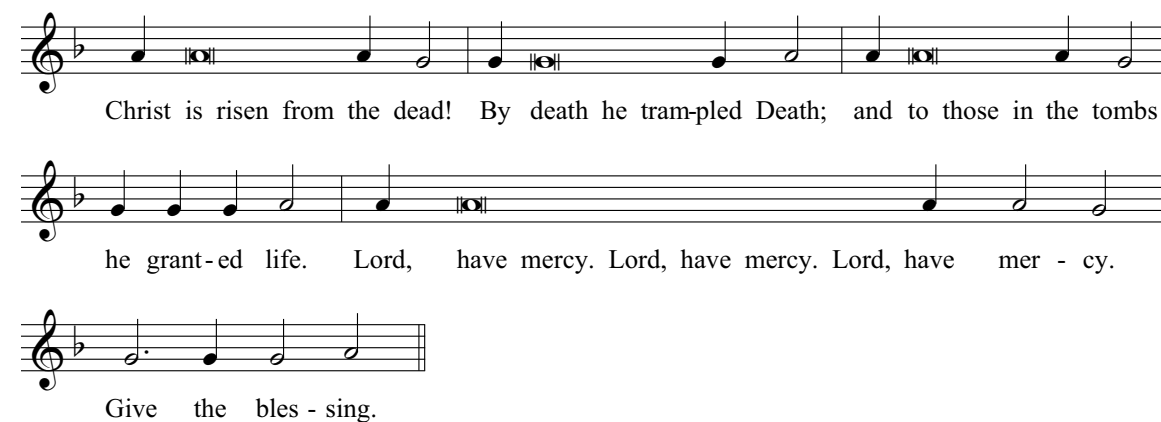
**Troparion of the Holy Great-Martyr George - Tone 4:**



You fought the good fight with faith, O George, mar - tyr of Christ. You con - vict - ed  
the ty - rants of their wick - ed - ness. You off - ered yourself as an accept - a - ble

The Paschal troparion "Christ is risen from the dead. \* By death . . ." is sung once in place of "We have seen the true light; . . ."

At the Dismissal, in place of "Glory to the Father...":



Christ is risen from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death; and to those in the tombs  
he grant - ed life. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Give the bles - sing.

thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.  
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es  
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in - to  
 temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - - vil.

**Communion Hymn for Thomas Sunday (Psalm 147:1):**

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Praise the Lord, O Je - ru - sa - lem. Zi - on, praise your God!  
*Refrain:*  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**and for the Holy Great-Martyr George (Psalm 111:6,7):**

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The just man will be re-mem - bered for - e - ver; e - vil news he  
*Refrain:*  
 will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!

sac - ri - fice to God. There - fore, you received a crown of vic - to - ry,  
 and through your pray'rs, O ho - ly one, you obtain for-give - ness of sins for all.  
*Cantor*  
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

**Kontakion of the Holy Great-Martyr George - Tone 4:**

Cul - ti - vat - ed by God, you became an excellent gardener of re - li - gion,  
 har-vest-ing sheaves of vir - tues for your-self. You sowed in tears but reaped in joy.  
 You fought to the shed - ding of your blood, and through your pray'rs, O ho - ly one,  
 you ob - tain for - give - ness of sins for all.

*Cantor*  
 Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - men.

**Kontakion of Thomas Sunday - Tone 8:**

With his prob-ing right hand, Thom-as searched your life-giving side, O Christ our God.

When you en - tered, al - though the doors were locked, he cried out  
to you with the oth - er a - pos - tles: You are my Lord and my God.

**Prokeimenon of the Holy Great-Martyr George - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):**

The just man will re-joyce in the Lord, re - joyce in the Lord,  
and will put, his trust in him.

*Verse:* Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

**Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):**

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

*Verse:* The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

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

*Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."*

**Magnification:**

The an - gel ex - claimed to her,  
full of grace: Re - joyce, O pure Vir - gin; and a-gain, I say: Re-joyce!  
Your Son is ris - en from the grave on the third day  
and has raised the dead. Re - joyce, all you na - tions!

**Irmos:**

Shine in splen - dor, O new Je - ru - sa-lem; for the glo-ry of the Lord  
is ris-en up-on you. O Zi - on, now dance and be glad; and  
you, pure The - o - to - kos, re - joyce in the res-ur-rec-tion of your Son.

**Paschal "Our Father" - melody of the Canon of Pascha**

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;