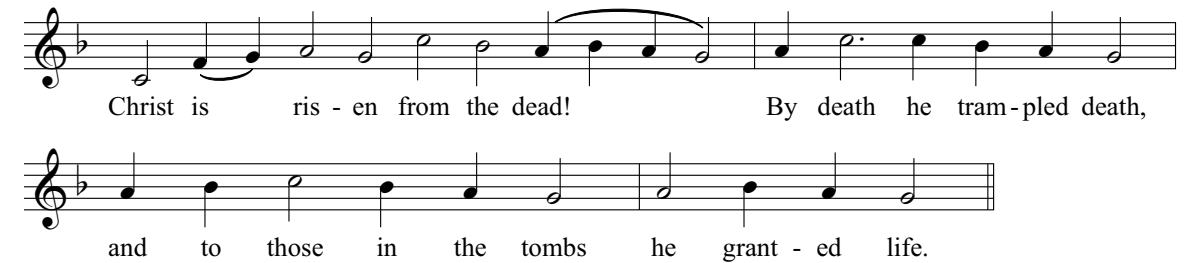


**Matins Propers**  
**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**  
**Fifth Paschal Sunday**

*All page references are to **The Order of Matins: Sundays and Feasts, 2006.***

*After "Glory to the holy, consubstantial...Amen", the following is sung, once by the celebrant and twice by the faithful:*

**Troparion - 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.

*The service continues with the Hexapsalmos, and the Litany of Peace.*

*"The Lord is God" Tone 4, p. 162.*

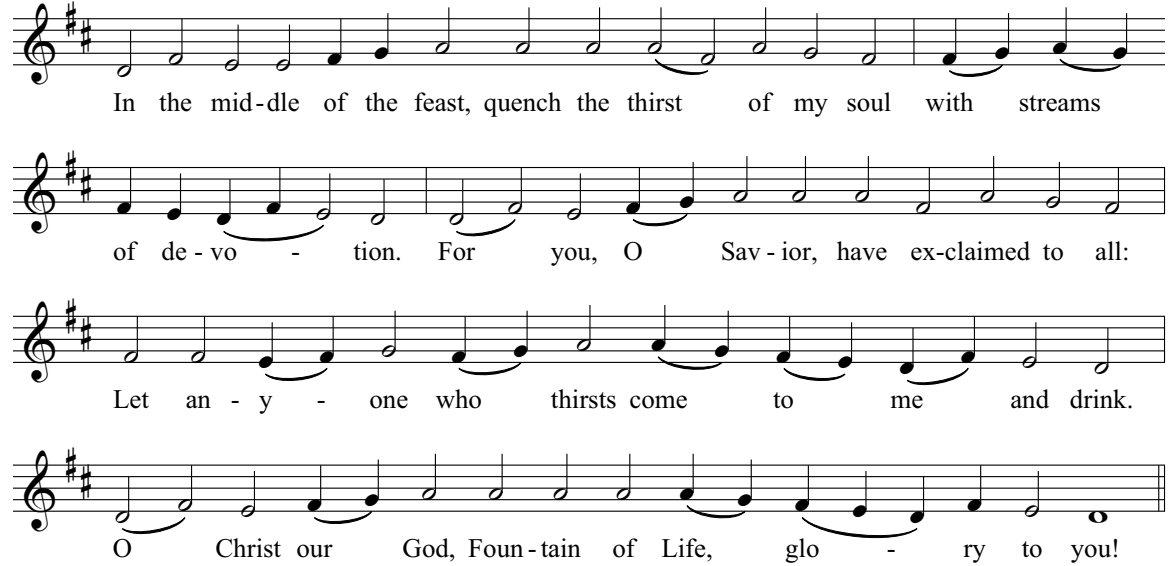
**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 4 (sung twice)**



The joy-ful mes-sage of the Re-sur-rec - tion was heard by the women disci-ples  
from the an - gel, and be-ing freed from the an-ces-tral curse, they boast-ed  
to the a-pos - tles: Death is de-spoiled; Christ our God is ris - en,  
giv - ing great mer - cy to the world.

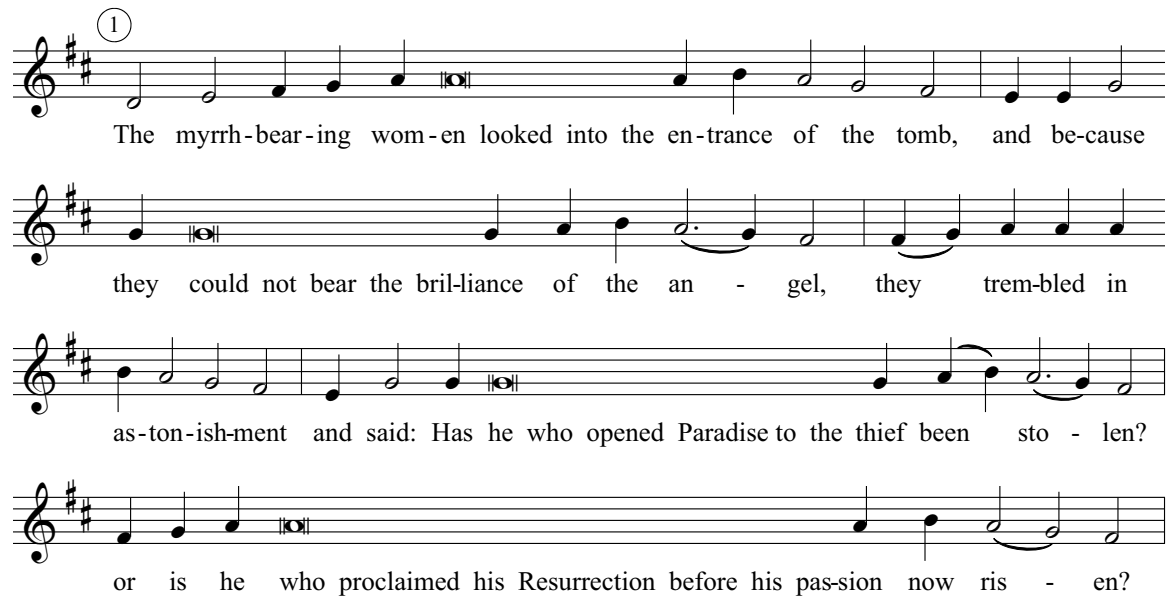
**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

**Troparion of Mid-Pentecost - Tone 8**




In the mid-dle of the feast, quench the thirst of my soul with streams  
of de - vo - tion. For you, O Sav - ior, have ex-claimed to all:  
Let an - y - one who thirsts come to me and drink.  
O Christ our God, Foun - tain of Life, glo - ry to you!

**Sessional Hymn 1 - Tone 4**

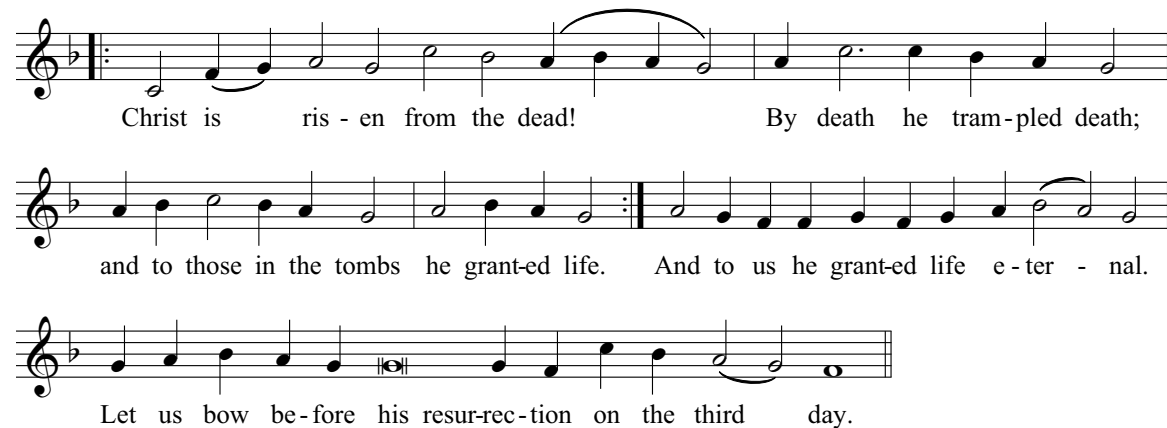


The myrrh-bear-ing wom-en looked into the en-trance of the tomb, and be-cause  
they could not bear the bril-liance of the an - gel, they trem-bled in  
as-ton-ish-ment and said: Has he who opened Paradise to the thief been sto - len?  
or is he who proclaimed his Resurrection before his pas-sion now ris - en?

**Celebrant:** May Christ our true God, risen from the dead, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother, through the might of the precious and life-creating Cross, through the prayers of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy \_\_\_\_\_ (patron of this Church), and of the holy \_\_\_\_\_ (commemorated this day), and through the prayers of all the saints; for he is gracious and loves us all.

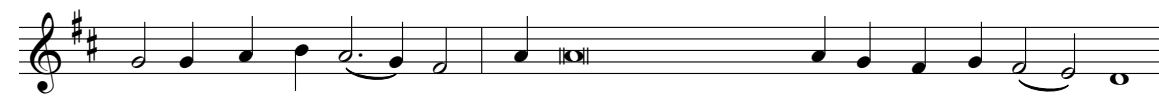
**Response:**   
A - - - - - men.

After the Dismissal, the celebrant says three times: “Christ is risen!” and the faithful respond each time: “Indeed he is risen!” The celebrant then sings once: “Christ is risen from the dead! By death . . .,” and the faithful sing:



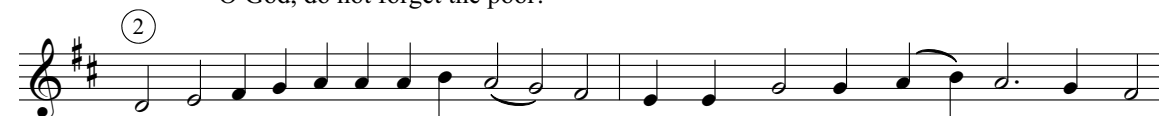
Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram-pled death;  
and to those in the tombs he grant-ed life. And to us he grant-ed life e - ter - nal.  
Let us bow be-fore his resur-rec-tion on the third day.

After the Dismissal, the seventh Gospel Stanza is sung, p. 62.



Tru-ly, Christ is ris - en, grant-ing resurrection and life to those in Ha - des.

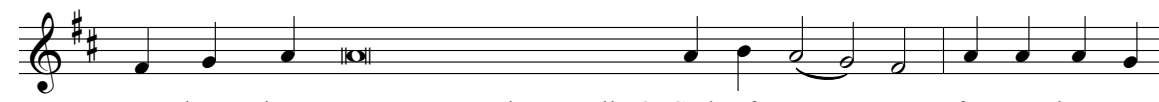
**Cantor:** Arise then, Lord. lift up your hand.  
O God, do not forget the poor!



You are ris-en, O im-mor-tal Sav - ior, and have raised the whole world with you.



By your pow-er, O Christ our God, you have crushed the do-min-ion of Death.



You have shown your Resurrection to all, O God of mer - cy; for you love us



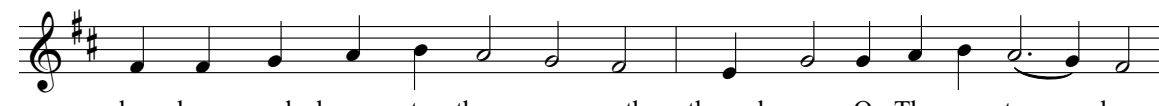
and we glo - ri - fy you.

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion**



The mys-ter - y hid-den from all a - ges and un-known to the an - gels



has been made known to those on earth through you, O The - o - to - kos.



God has taken flesh in a union with-out con-fu - sion, and will-ing-ly ac-cept-ed

the Cross for us; where-by he raised the first-formed Ad - am and saved  
our souls from death.

**Sessional Hymn 2 - Tone 4**

De-scend-ing from his sanctua-ry in heav - en, Ga-bri-el came to the stone  
where the Rock of life was bur - ied; clothed in a white gra - ment,  
he cried out to the weep-ing wom - en: Put an end to your fu - ner - al hymns,  
for he whom you love will al-ways be with you. Take cour-age, for  
he is tru ly ris - en, he whom you seek a - mid your tears. Go and  
an-ounce to the a - pos - tles that the Lord is ris - en.

**Cantor:** I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;  
I will recount your mighty deeds.

**Response:** A - men. O God, strengthen the true faith, for-ev-er and ev-er.

**Celebrant:** O most holy Theotokos, save us!

**Response:** Shine in splendor, O new Je - ru - sa-lem; for the glory of the Lord is risen up-on  
you. O Zi-on, now dance and be glad; and you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the  
re - sur - rec - tion of your Son.

**Celebrant:** Glory to you, O Christ our God, our hope; glory to you!

**Response:** Christ is ris-en from the dead! By death he tram-pled death; and to those in the tombs  
he grant - ed life. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.  
Give the bles - sing.

have no dealings with Sa-mar-i-tans; but the wise Creator incited her curiosity with  
the sweet-ness of his words, and she asked him for the water of ev - er -  
-last-ing life. She re-ceived his gift and an-nounced to all: Come and see him  
who knows all se-crets as God. He has come in the flesh for the sal-va - tion of  
the hu - man race.

*Theotokion for normal Sundays, p. 40.*

*Great Doxology, p. 41.*

*Troparion "You came forth from death...", p. 45.*

*Litany of Supplication, p. 45.*

*Prayer over Bowed Heads, p. 47.*

### Paschal Dismissal

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Response:**   
Give the bles-sing.

**Celebrant:** Blessed is Christ our God, the One-Who-Is, always, now and ever and forever.

You suf-fered cru - cifixion willing-ly, o Sav - ior, and mor-tals placed you  
in - to a new tomb, e - ven though you established the ends of the world  
with a word. Death, our enemy, was bound and de-feat - ed through your  
life-giv-ing Re-sur-rec - tion. All those held captive in Hades cried out:  
Christ is ris - en; and he shall reign for-ev - er as the Source of life.

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

### Theotokion

Your be-trothed and guard-ian, O The - o - to - kos, was a-mazed and  
per - plexed when he beheld the mystery of your con-cep - tion with - out seed.  
But he re - called the rain fall - ing on the fleece, and the bush  
burn - ing with fire but not con-sumed, and the blos-som - ing rod of

Aa - ron; thus he tes - ti - fied before the priests and cried out:

A Virgin gives birth and still re - mains a vir - gin.

*The service continues with Psalm 118 and "Hosts of Angels", p. 18.*

*Hypakoe and Gradual Hymns, Tone 4, p. 167.*

*Prokeimenon, Tone 4, p. 170.*

*Preparation for the Gospel, p. 24.*

*"Let everything that lives", Tone 4, p. 171.*

*The seventh Resurrection Gospel: John 20: 1-10.*

*Hymn of the Resurrection, p. 26, sung once by the deacon and twice by the faithful*

*Psalm 50 and stichera, p.28.*

### Canon

#### Ode 1

#### Irmos

*Tone 6*

He who struck E-gypt and its ty-rant and drowned them in the sea has

saved from the ser-vi-tude of Pha-roah his peo-ple who sing the victorious song

of Mo - ses, for he is cov - ered with glo - - - ry.

#### Refrain

Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord.

The buried One is awakened, and he awakens the human race with him; all creation rejoices, and may the spiritual clouds rain down justice on this day. *Refrain*

in clouds, he asks a wom-an for wa - ter to drink, There-fore, let us, the faith-ful,

wor-ship him. In his good will he voluntari-ly emp - tied him-self for us.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 6)* Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil.

*(on B)* Therefore, God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness.

*Tone 6*

The Lord spoke thus to the Samar-i - tan wom-an: If you knew the gift of God

and who it is who asks you: Give me wa - ter to drink, you would have asked him,

and he would have given you liv-ing wa - ter that you may nev - er

thirst a - gain.

**Cantor:** Glory...

#### Doxastikon

*Tone 6*

Je-sus our Sav-ior, the Foun-tain of life, came to the well of Ja-cob the Pa - tri - arch.

He asked a Samaritan wom - an for wa - ter to drink. She told him that Jews



"Holy is the Lord", *Tone 4, p. 183.*

### Hymns of Light

You, O King and Lord, have fallen asleep in the flesh as a mortal man, but on the third day you arose. You have raised Adam from his corruption and made Death powerless. You are the Pasch of incorruption. You are the salvation of the world.

*Glory...*

Meeting a woman in a village of Samaria, O almighty Savior, you asked her for water to drink, even though in ancient times in the desert you brought forth from the most hard rock the stream from which Israel drank in abundance. O Giver of life, you awakened faith in the heart of the Samaritan woman, and she now tastes both joy and living water in heaven forever.

*Now and ever...*

O Lord and Lover of us all, you appeared in the Temple in the middle of the Feast and said: All who thirst, come to me and draw the living water; in it you will find joy and you shall enjoy both grace and eternal life.

*The Psalms of Praise are sung in Tone 4 through stich 1 (pp. 184-188).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Ride on in triumph for the cause of truth and goodness and right  
(on A)

Tone 3

Let heav - en and earth greatly rejoice to - day. Christ has shone forth as a  
man in the flesh. He desires to set A-dam free from the curse. He comes to  
Sa-mar-ia and amazes everyone with his won-ders. Though he wraps the heavens

O Lord, you willingly suffered crucifixion in the flesh, and on the third day you arose from the dead, emptying the prisons of Hades and delivering those held captive, for you are the Prince of life. *Refrain*

Having seen the resplendent angel, the myrrh-bearing women fearfully fled from the tomb; they hastened to the disciples to tell them of the resurrection of Christ. *Refrain*

O Lord, you are the living water who built your dwelling place above the waters; you gave the Samaritan woman the waters she asked for, as she acknowledged your infinite mercy.

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Grant salvation to the faithful who sincerely glorify you, O Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; O Creator of the world, in your goodness grant us the forgiveness of our sins.

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

Rejoice, O throne of fire and golden candelabrum, shining cloud and palace of the Word. Rejoice, O mystical table who was worthy to bear Christ, our bread of life.

### Katavasia

*Tone 1 samopodoben*

It is the day of Re-sur-rec - tion. O people, let us be en-light-ened by it.  
The Passover is the Lord's Pass - o-ver, since Christ, our God, has brought  
us from death to life and from earth to heav - en. We there-fore sing the

hymn of vic - to - ry.

**Ode 3**  
**Irmos**

*Tone 6*

My heart is strength-ened in the Lord who teach-es the faith-ful how to pray;

he weak-ens the weap-ons of war and girds the weak with strength.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord.

You were raised on the Cross of your own will, O Word, and the rocks were rent asunder when they saw you. All creation trembled with fear, and the dead came forth from the tombs as from a dream. *Refrain*

Seeing your soul descend into Hades, O Word, the souls of the just escaped from the bonds which held them through the ages; and they praised your power which surpasses every spirit. *Refrain*

Why all this bother? Why do you come with myrrh, O women, seeking the Lord in the tomb? He is risen and the world is raised with him, said the resplendent angel to the myrrh-bearing women. *Refrain*

O Prince of Life and Fountain of immortality, you sat down at the well, and in your goodness filled the Samaritan woman with the waters of wisdom which she asked of you.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

You came forth from the tomb, resplendent in beauty, as a bridegroom coming forth from his bridal chamber. O Christ, you have conquered Death; and by your divine power you broke the tyranny and the bolts of Hades, illuminating the world by your holy Resurrection. *Refrain*

Let us all together form a spiritual choir to sing praises to the risen Lord. Let the earth exalt and let heaven rejoice; let the clouds rain down justice like the dew upon those who keep this feast of Christ; and let us celebrate in joy! *Refrain*

The Source of every good thing, who give life to all the living, and who pours out his teachings in abundance, says to the woman of Samaria: Give me water to drink, that I may in turn give you the water which will dry up the stream of your sins.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

O unique Light having no division, such is the triple Sun of the one Divinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, unique Life and Creator of the universe. Together with the angels let us, the faithful, sing to him with a thrice-holy and sacred song.

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

O pure Virgin and tabernacle of the Light, enlighten the eyes of my heart which have been blinded by the deceits of the Enemy; and make me worthy to contemplate with a pure heart the marvelous brightness of the brilliant Sun who is born of your womb.

**Katavasia**

*Tone 1 samopodoben*

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,

**Katavasia***Tone 1 samopodoben*

This is that cho - sen and ho - ly day, Feast of feasts, most sol - emn day,  
on - ly king and lord of all Sab - baths, on which we ev - er praise Christ.

*The Canticle of the Theotokos is **not** sung.***Ode 9****Irmos***Tone 6*

The Lord works wonders with the strength of his arm; he o - ver - throws the  
pow - er - ful from their thrones; he rais - es up the hum - ble.  
He is the God of Is - rael, the rising Sun, and the Light from on high.  
He pro - tects us and di - rects our paths on the way of peace.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord.

Behold Christ, the Life of all, who of his own will is seen hanging on the Cross. Seeing this, both the earth and the prisons of Hades trembled, and many of the just were raised up in their bodies. *Refrain*

Unique and supreme is the God whom we praise, the Father, Son, and divine Spirit, the Trinity whom the heavenly powers glorify: Holy, holy, holy are you forever.

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

Having wondrously conceived the God of the universe in your womb, O Virgin Mother, you gave birth in a manner that surpasses understanding, and remained a virgin as before you gave birth.

**Katavasia***Tone 1 samopodoben*

Come, let us partake of a new drink, not mir - ac - u - lous - ly pro - duced  
from the bar - ren rock, but from the foun - tain of im - mor - tal - i - ty,  
spring - ing up from the tomb of Christ. In him is our firm strength.

**Kontakion of Mid-Pentecost - Tone 4**

In the mid - dle of the Feast of the Law, O Christ God, Cre - a - tor and Lord of all,  
you told those present: Come and draw the water of im - mor - tal - i - ty.  
There - fore we a - dore you and cry out with faith: Grant us your mer - cies,

for you are the Foun-tain of our life.

**Sessional Hymn - Tone 4**

Let heav-en re-joice and let mor-tals dance, for Christ is born of the Vir-gin

and ap-pears in our flesh. By his death he has deliv-ered the hu-man race

from the cor-rup-tion of the grave. He asked the Samaritan wom-an

for wa-ter, and in a striking miracle he in turn of-fered to her

the fountain of grace and im-mor-tal life.

**Cantor:** Glory... now and ever...

O Prince of wis-dom and Mas-ter of knowl-edge, in the mid-dle of the

Feast pre-scribed by the Law, you sat in the Temple and taught the crowds

You willingly suffered death, O immortal One; and you crushed the bronze gates; you took Hades captive, O heavenly King, and freed those who had been held there through the ages so that they may unceasingly praise the power of your goodness. *Refrain*

O long-suffering One, you were raised on the Cross; the rocks were split open and the sun hid itself; the curtain of the Temple was torn in two; the earth shook and Hades was humiliated, trembling because it had to give up its prisoners. *Refrain*

You appeared to those lying in darkness, O unsetting Light and Life of the world; when the just people saw you, they were jubilant and cried out: You have come to deliver the captives by your power which we now praise. *Refrain*

Seated at the well at the sixth hour of the day, you gave living water to the Samaritan woman, O Savior God, and in your goodness, you granted her streams of knowledge. For this reason, we also sing to you: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.

Let us bless the Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it, Lord.

We praise the Father who is from all eternity, the co-eternal Son, and the Spirit of holiness, tri-personal and unique Divinity, having neither confusion nor division, the Creator of the world and sovereign majesty for whom we now sing: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.

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

With lips purified by a burning coal, Isaiah foretold the Fire of the Divinity who was incarnate of you, O Virgin, in a wondrous fashion. He burned away the sins of mortals to divinize our nature in his love, O all-pure Virgin.

Let us praise, bless, and wor-ship the Lord, sing-ing and highly exalting him a-bove

all for-ev-er.

and suf-fered as an - y mor-tal; but his pass-sion clothed his mor-tal - i - ty  
 with the splendor of in-cor-rup-tion. He is the only blessed One, God of our  
 fa - thers, and is wor - thy of all praise.

**Ode 8** *Tone 6*  
**Irmos**

In your wis - dom, O Lord, you gath - er to - geth - er the u - ni - verse  
 and the foun-da-tions of the earth; you es - tab - lish these foun-da-tions a - gain  
 and set them o - ver the great wa-ters. That is why we sing to you in joy:  
 Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord.

gath - ered there: Who - ev - er are thirst-y, let them come to me; let them drink  
 the wa - ter that I now give; in it everyone shall taste joy and life di - vine.

**Ode 4**  
**Irmos**

*Tone 6*

I heard your voice and I was a - fraid; I ac - knowl - edge your works worthy of  
 ad - mir - a - tion, for the earth is filled with your praise, O Lord.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth exalt! The Lord is risen and has appeared to all his apostles. *Refrain*

Your power, O Death, has been abolished by the death of Christ our God; and as the spouses come forth from the bridal chamber, the dead arise from the tomb, following the risen Lord. *Refrain*

Why are you crying, O women? Why do you come with myrrh looking for the immortal One? He is risen as he promised, said the angel to the myrrh-bearing women. *Refrain*

O Lord, to the woman of Samaria who asked you for water, you gave the water of divine knowledge; she no longer thirsts, but she praises you always.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

O Trinity and supreme God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, sharing the same power and the same eternity, save all who praise your name.



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

Moses, the giver of the Law, formerly saw you in the burning bush, and Daniel recognized you in the holy mountain, O only Virgin who gave birth to God.

**Katavasia**

*Tone 1 samopodoben*



Let Ha-bak-kuk, speak-ing in be-half of God, stand with us at the di-vine watch;



let him show us the brilliant an - gel who pro - claims: To-day, sal - va - tion

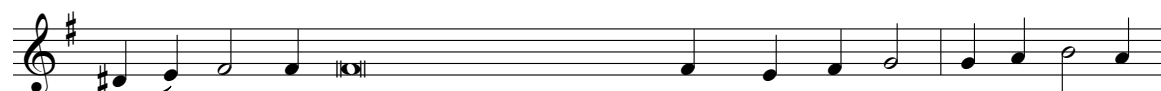


comes to the world; for Christ, be - ing al-might-y is ris - en.

**Ode 5**

**Irmos**

*Tone 6*



O Lord, let the light of your command-ments shine on me, for my spir - it



keeps watch before you, O Christ, and sings: You are my God; I take ref-uge



in you, O di - vine King of peace.

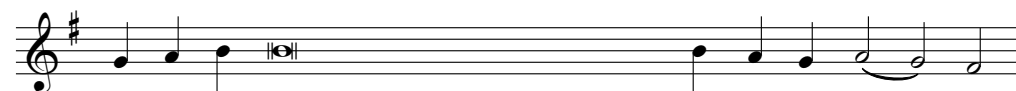


Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord.

At the moment of your divine Passion, O God of mercy, according to your will you were placed among the ranks of criminals; and when you bowed your head, O Creator, the rocks were split in two and the earth trembled, and the dead, who were asleep through the ages, woke up. *Refrain*

Why do you seek among the dead the One who lives in eternity? He is risen as he said; see the empty tomb, the clothes and the shroud. Hasten and tell this to the apostles, said the one who appeared as a young man to the holy women. *Refrain*

You are the Fountain of life, said the woman of Samaria to Christ. My soul is always thirsty, O Word; quench me with the grace of God that the dryness of ignorance does not hold me in its power, but that I may proclaim your wonders, O Lord.



Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

We sing to the indivisible Trinity, consubstantial in the unity of three Persons that we perceive: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the eternal Creator of the universe, God who is praised by the powers of heaven.



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

After your wondrous birth-giving, O holy Theotokos, you preserved your virginity without blemish. Thus angels and people everywhere sing to you with an incessant voice, O tabernacle most pure in which the infinite God dwelt.

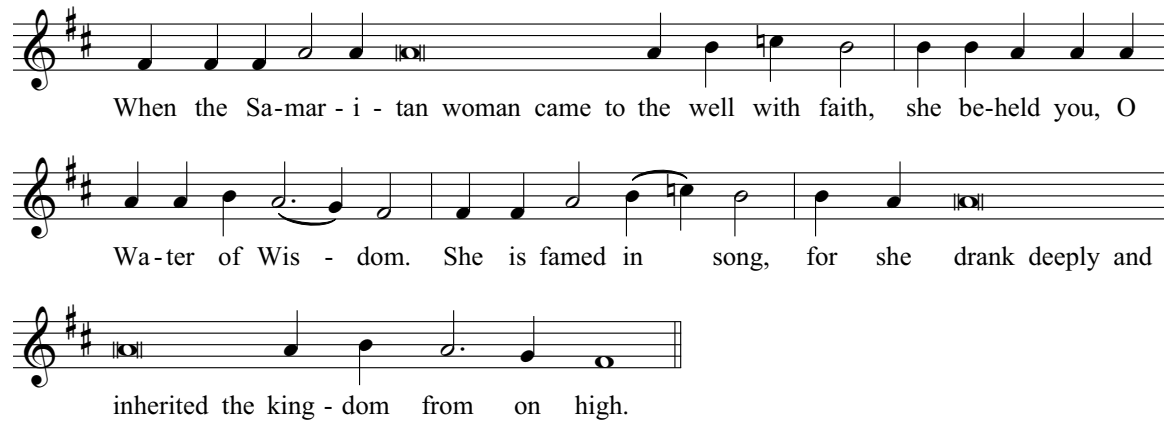
**Katavasia**

*Tone 1 samopodoben*



God, who saved the three youths from the fur - nace, has be - come man

**Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman - Tone 8**



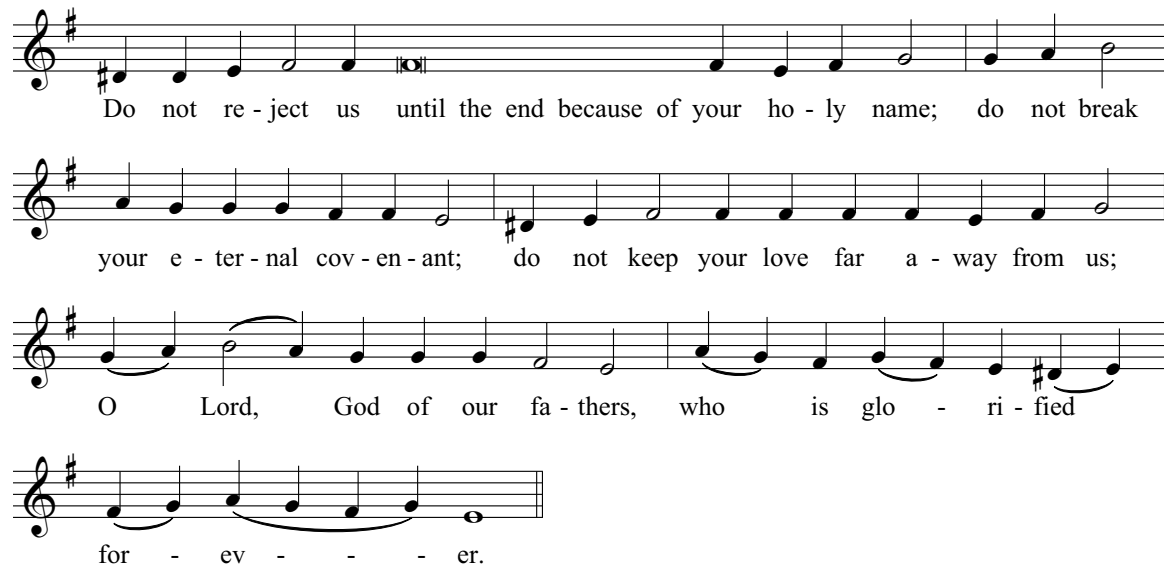
When the Sa-mar-i-tan woman came to the well with faith, she be-held you, O  
 Wa-ter of Wis-dom. She is famed in song, for she drank deeply and  
 inherited the king-dom from on high.

**Ikos** Let us worthily listen to the Gospel in which St. John clearly teaches us about the sacred mysteries which took place one time in Samaria. Speaking to a woman, the Lord asked her for water, he who formerly gathered the waters in one place, the Word of God who shares the same throne with the Father and the Spirit. For he has come to seek his fallen image, and his memory is glorified forever.

**Ode 7**

**Irmos**

*Tone 6*



Do not re-ject us until the end because of your ho-ly name; do not break  
 your e-ter-nal cov-en-ant; do not keep your love far a-way from us;  
 O Lord, God of our fa-thers, who is glo-ri-fied  
 for-ev-er.

*Refrain*



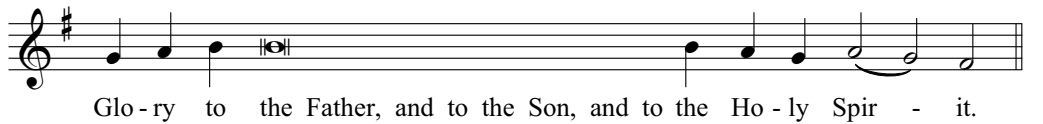
Glo-ry to your ho-ly Re-sur-rec-tion, O Lord.

Arriving at your holy grave early in the morning, the myrrh-bearing women saw a resplendent angel; they were seized with fear, O Christ, as they learned of your holy Resurrection. *Refrain*

Death is trampled down, Hades is imprisoned, and the captives are delivered by the Resurrection of Christ. Let us exalt with joy and clap our hands; let us celebrate with gladness. *Refrain*

O Apostles, be jubilant together with the angels in heaven; dance for joy, all you mortals. Death has vanished before the risen Christ, and Adam exalts, banishing all sadness. *Refrain*

O Lord and Giver of life, you gave the Samaritan woman streams of knowledge and forgiveness; we also praise your infinite mercy.



Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

Tri-personal unity and consubstantial Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, indivisible by nature, we praise you as the one and only God, the Master, Creator, and Lord of the universe.



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

O impassable door and untilled earth, O ark of the covenant in which the Manna was kept, O chalice and candelabrum, O censer of the Divinity; such are the names by which we know you, O Virgin.

**Katavasia**

*Tone 1 samopodoben*



Let us rise at ear-ly dawn and bring to our Mas-ter a hymn in-stead of myrrh,

and we shall see Christ, the Sun of right-eous-ness, who en-light-ens  
the life of all.

**Ode 6  
Irmos**

*Tone 6*

May the storm not drown me, and may the a-byss not swal-low me in the ocean  
of my pas-sions. For be - hold, I am thrown into the deep sea,  
and as Jo - nah I cry out to you: From the depths raise me up  
to you, O my God.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord.

The impious ones nailed you to the Cross, and a sword pierced your side; the noble Joseph buried you in a new tomb, O Jesus Christ. You resurrected in glory and raised with you all creation, who now praises your power, O Savior. *Refrain*

O Lord, in your power you crushed the gates and bolts of Hades; you resurrected as God and told the myrrh-bearing women to rejoice. They in turn announced to the disciples: The living God is risen and has appeared to enlighten the world. *Refrain*

O women, why do you weep for the dead? And why do you bring this myrrh? Christ is risen, said the resplendent angel; he has left the linen shroud and the cloth. Go quickly to his friends and announce the Resurrection! *Refrain*

O inexhaustible Source of life, O Ocean of mercy and lord of goodness, you stopped on the way and were seated at Jacob's well; to the Samaritan woman you said: Give me water to drink, and you shall receive streams of forgiveness.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

With the bodiless angels I praise in faith the eternal Father, the Son who shares the same throne in heaven, and the consubstantial Spirit, the unique and royal majesty, the divine Creator and the providence of the world.

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

O only Virgin who gave birth, we praise you as the throne of the Lord, the impassable door and unhewn mountain, the spiritual candlestick and the room filled with light, the tabernacle that manifests glory, the ark of the covenant, the chalice, and the holy table.

**Katavasia**

*Tone 1 samopodoben*

You have de - scend - ed into the realm of Death, O Christ, and have bro - ken  
an - cient bonds which held the cap - tive. You a - rose from the tomb on the  
third day like Jo - nah from the whale.