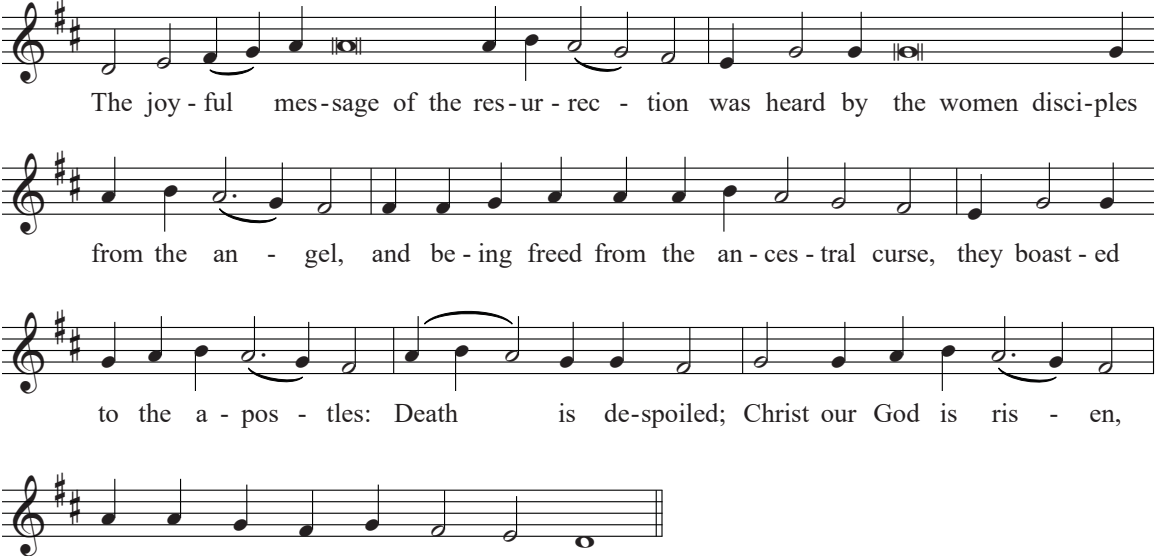


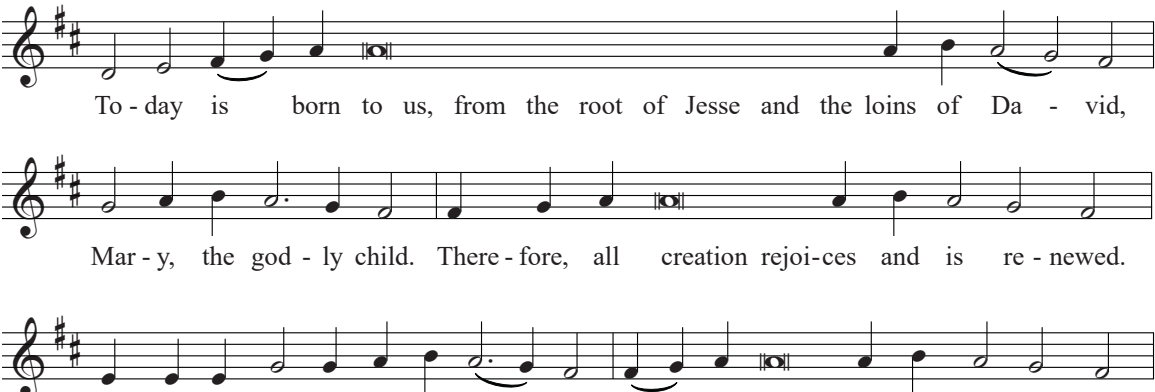
**Divine Liturgy, September 7, 2025**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 4**



The joy - ful mes - sage of the res - ur - 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.

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



To - day is born to us, from the root of Jesse and the loins of Da - vid,  
Mar - y, the god - ly child. There - fore, all creation re - joice and is re - newed.  
Heav - en and earth re - joice to - geth - er. You fam - ilies of na - tions sing her praise.

Jo - a - chim is elated and Anna cries out in cel - e - bra - tion: The bar - ren woman

gives birth to the The - o - to - kos and the Sus - tain - er of our Life.

*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 Pre-feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 7**

To - day the Vir - gin Mary, the The - o - to - kos, is born from a

bar - ren womb according to the di - vine plan. She is the in - vi - olate bridal

chamber of the heav - en - ly bride - groom. The char - iot of the Word

is made read - y, for this is why she was pre - or - dained

to be the gate - way of God and tru - ly the Moth - er of Life.

**Prokeimenon of the Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross - 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 of the Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:20-22):**

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

Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Verse:* I have exalted one chosen from my people and with my holy oil I have anointed him.

*Verse:* My hand shall protect him and my arm shall make him strong.

**Communion Hymn - For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): (music found on page 78-81)**

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!