

## Matins (Abbreviated)

*The deacon stands before the Holy Doors and intones:*

**Deacon:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

## Polyeleos

*The deacon opens the Holy Doors, and, while the Polyeleos is sung, incenses the Holy Table, the icon screen, the church, and the people, preceded by a candlebearer. The cantor sings the verses, the people sing the refrain.*



1. Praise the name of the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him, serv - ants of the Lord,



serv - ants of the Lord.

*Refrain 1:*



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



2. Who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God,



the house of our God.

*Refrain 1:*

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

3. Lord, your name stands for - ev - - - er, un - for - got - ten from age to age,

from age to age.

*Refrain 1:*

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

4. From Zi - on may the Lord be blessed, he who dwells in Je - ru - sa - lem,

in Je - ru - sa - lem.


*Refrain 1:*

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



5. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

*Refrain 2:*




Al - le - lu - ia! For his love en-dures for-ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



6. who fixed the earth firm - ly on the seas,

*Refrain 2:*




Al - le - lu - ia! For his love en-dures for-ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



7. and he snatched us a - way from our foes,

*Refrain 2:*




Al - le - lu - ia! For his love en-dures for-ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



8. To the God of heav - en, give thanks,

Refrain 2:



Al - le - lu - ia! For his love en-dures for-ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

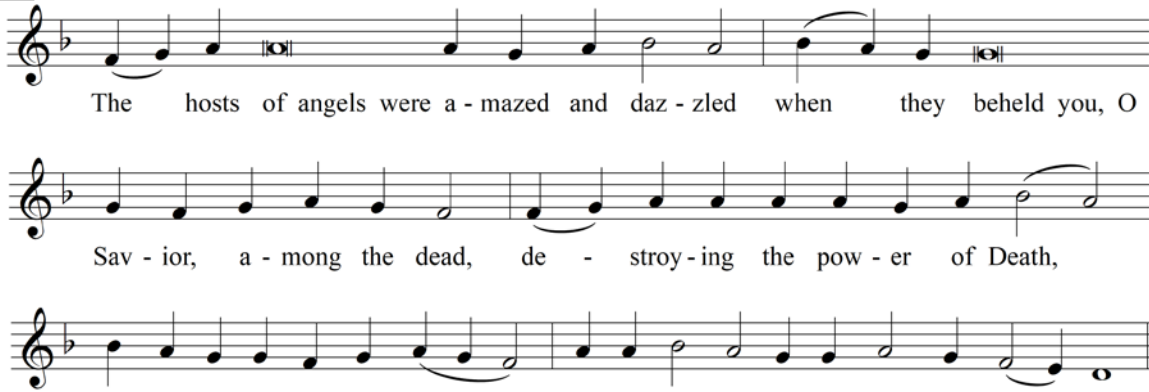
*On certain feasts, the Polyeleos is followed by the Festal Exaltation, the Little Litany, and Sessional Hymn III. This material will be found on the leaflet supplement. During the singing of the Festal Exaltation, the icon of the feast (if one be had) is solemnly carried in procession from the holy table, through the Holy Doors, and enthroned on the Tetrapod, where it is censed during the singing of the Exaltation.*

**Host of Angels**



Bless - ed are you, O Lord, teach me your com-mand - ments.

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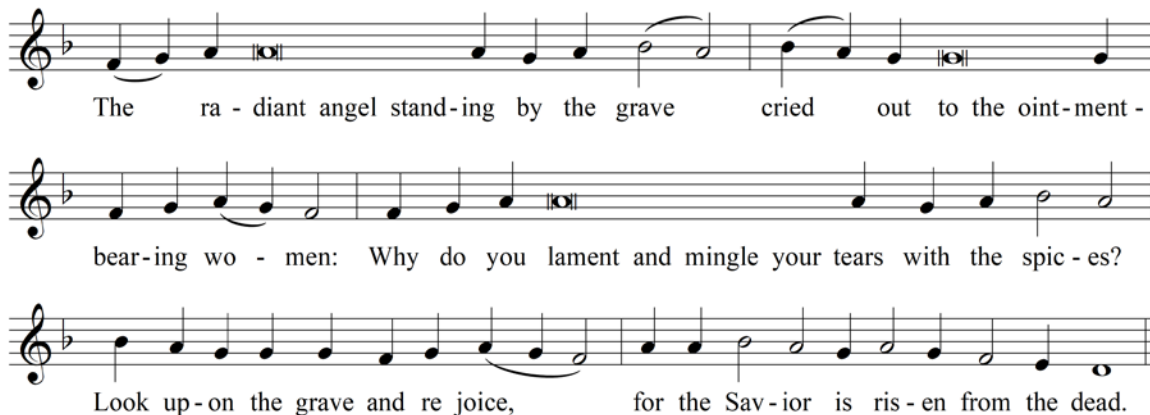
The hosts of angels were a - mazed and daz - zled when they beheld you, O  
Sav - ior, a - mong the dead, de - stroy - ing the pow - er of Death,  
rais - ing up Ad - am with you and re - leas - ing all the souls from Ha - des.

Refrain:



Bless - ed are you, O Lord, teach me your com-mand - ments.

2

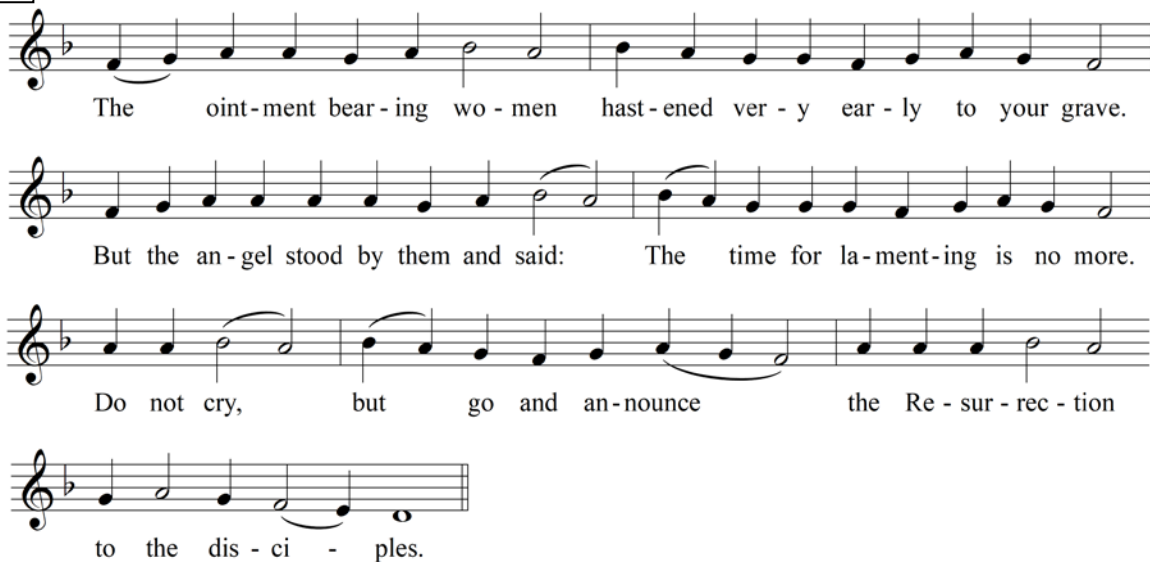


The ra - diant angel stand - ing by the grave cried out to the oint - ment -  
bear - ing wo - men: Why do you lament and mingle your tears with the spic - es?  
Look up - on the grave and re - joice, for the Sav - ior is ris - en from the dead.

*Refrain:*


Bless - ed are you, O Lord, teach me your com - mand - ments.

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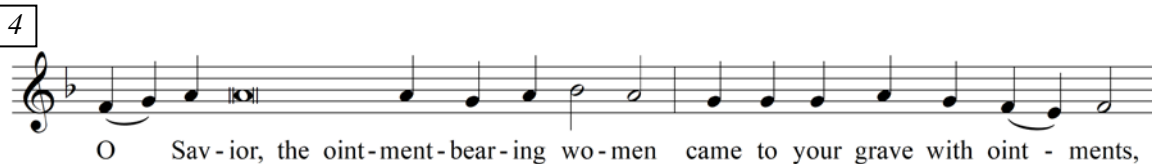
The oint - ment bear - ing wo - men hast - ened ver - y ear - ly to your grave.  
But the an - gel stood by them and said: The time for la - ment - ing is no more.  
Do not cry, but go and an - nounce the Re - sur - rec - tion  
to the dis - ci - ples.

*Refrain:*

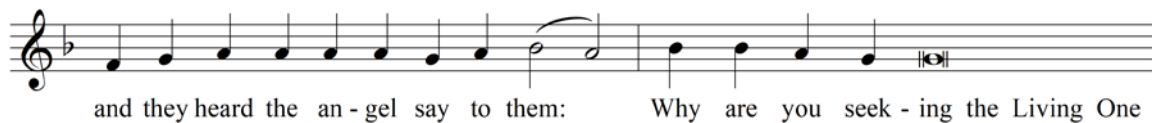


Bless - ed are you, O Lord, teach me your com-mand - ments.

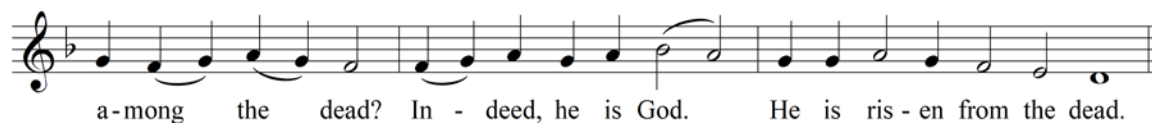
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O Sav-ior, the oint-ment-bear-ing wo-men came to your grave with oint - ments,



and they heard the an - gel say to them: Why are you seek - ing the Living One

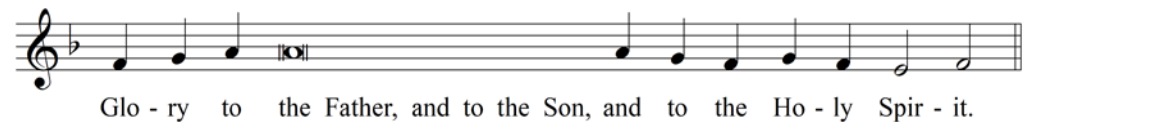


a-mong the dead? In - deed, he is God. He is ris - en from the dead.

*Refrain:*

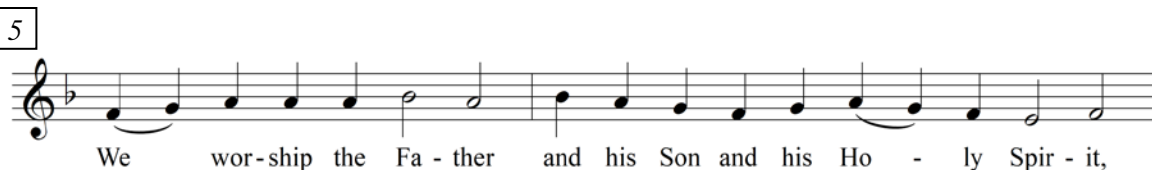


Bless - ed are you, O Lord, teach me your com-mand - ments.



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

5



We wor-ship the Fa - ther and his Son and his Ho - ly Spir - it,

the Ho-ly Trin-i-ty, One in es - sence. and we cry out with the Ser - a-phim:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, O Lord.

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

6

O Vir - gin, you bore the Giv - er of Life. You re-deemed Ad - am

from his sin and grant-ed joy to Eve in - stead of sad - ness.

For he who is both God and Man was in - car-nate of you,

and he has re-stored life to those who had strayed a - way from it.

*And then, three times with a bow each time:*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo-ry to you, O God.

## Hymn of the Resurrection



Hav-ing be-held the Res-ur-rec-tion of Christ, let us bow to the holy Lord Je - sus  
who a - lone is sin - less. We bow to your Cross, O Christ,  
and we praise and glorify your holy Res - ur - rec - tion. For you a-lone are our God,  
and we know no oth - er. We call you by name. Come all you faith - ful,  
let us bow to the holy Res-ur-rec - tion of Christ, for behold, through the Cross, joy  
has come to the whole world. Al-ways bless - ing the Lord, let us praise his-  
Res-ur-rec - tion. By enduring the Cross for us, he de-destroyed Death by death.

## Canticle of the Theotokos

*The deacon comes with the censer before the icon of the Theotokos on the Icon screen.*

*Incensing her icon he intones:*

**Deacon:** Let us greatly extol the Birthgiver-of-God and the Mother of Light in hymns!



The deacon incenses the whole Church as usual while the people sing the refrain and the deacon chants the verses.

*Refrain:*

More hon - orable than the Cher - u - bim, and be - yond com - pare more  
glo - rious than the Ser - a - phim, who, a vir - gin, gave birth to God the Word;  
you, tru - ly the Theoto - kos, we mag - ni - fy!

*Verse:*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spir - it rejoices in God, my Sav - ior.

*Refrain*

*Verse:*

Be - cause he has looked upon the humility of his serv - ant, from this day for - ward  
all generations shall call me bless - ed

*Refrain*

*Verse:*

Be - cause he who is mighty has done great things to me, and holy is his name,



and his love is from generation to generation to those who fear him.

*Refrain*

*Verse:*



He has shown might in his arm; he has scat - tered the proud in the con - ceit of



their heart.

*Refrain*

*Verse:*



He has put down the mighty from their seat and exalted the hum - ble; he has filled



the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way emp - ty.

*Refrain*

*Verse:*



He has re - ceived Israel his servant, being mindful of his love, as he spoke to our fathers:



to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.

*At the conclusion of the service, the faithful may remain in prayerful silence  
for the beginning of the Divine Liturgy.*





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