

Third Sunday of Pascha - Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

Troparion, Tone 2: (page 29)

When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world, all powers of heaven cried out:* O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!

Troparion, Tone 2:

The noble Joseph took down Your pure body from the tree.* He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices and placed it in a new tomb.* But on the third day You arose, O Lord,* granting the world Your great mercy.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 2:

You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God,* and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection.* You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all:* The Savior is risen from the tomb.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8:

Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* and giving peace to Your Apostles:* You, who grant resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6: (page 33)

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Alleluia, Tone 8: (page 33)

verse: You have shown favor to Your land, O Lord; You have brought back the captives of Jacob.

verse: Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced.

Hymn to the Mother of God: (page 57)

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion verse: (page 67)

Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.* Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia. **(3X)**

Instead of Blessed is He...(page 71), and we sing: Christ is risen...

Instead of We have seen the true light...(page 73) we sing: Christ is risen...

Instead of May our mouths be filled...(page 73) we sing: Christ is risen...**(3 X)**

Instead of Blessed be the name of the Lord...(page 77) we sing: Christ is risen...**(3 X)**

Instead of Glory be to the Father...(page 77) we sing in simple chant: Christ is risen...

After the final Amen, (page 79) the priest, with cross raised on high, exclaims Christ is risen *(thrice)* and we respond Truly, He is risen *(each time)*.

Then, the Troparion "Christ is risen..." *is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition: Priest:* And to us He has granted eternal life;

Faithful: We bow down before His resurrection on the third day.