Services For Those Fallen Asleep

"Panikhida" & Funeral Services

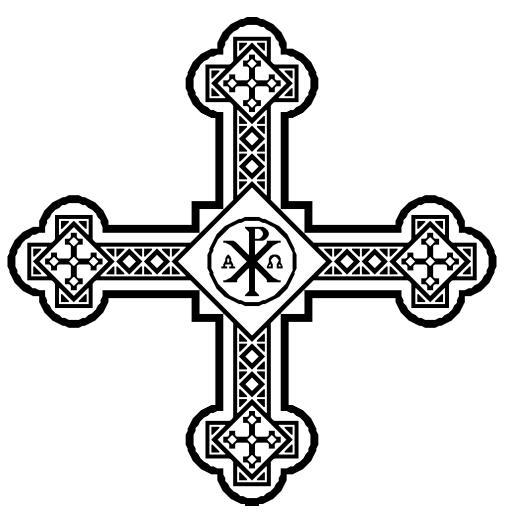


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Panikhida

Priest: Blessed is our God, always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir:



Reader: Glory to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy

Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most-holy Trinity: have mercy on us. O Lord: cleanse us from our sins. O Master: pardon our transgressions. O Holy One: visit and heal our infirmities, for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen.

Lord, have mercy (12 times)

Glory to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

Psalm 90 (91)

HE who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your habitation, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample under foot. Because he has set his love upon Me, 'therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will

deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.

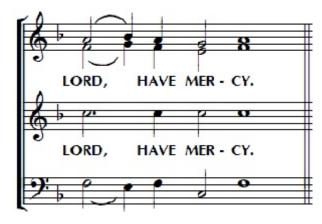
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3)

GREAT LITANY

Priest: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir:



Priest: For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir:



Priest: For the remission of the sins of him (her) who hath (Those who have) departed this life in blessed memory, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the ever-memorable servant(s) of God,_____; for his (her, their) repose, tranquillity, and blessed memory, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That he will pardon him (her, them) every transgression, whether voluntary or involuntary, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That he (she, they) may stand uncondemned before the dread throne of the Lord of glory, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the weeping and the grieving, who are looking for the consolation of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That he will release him (her, them) from all sickness,

sorrow, and sighing, and make him (her, them) glad where the light of God's countenance shall visit, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That the Lord our God will establish his (her, their) soul(s) in a place of brightness, a place of refreshment, a place of rest, where all the Righteous dwell, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That he (she, they) may be numbered with those in the bosom of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Having implored for him (her, them) the mercies of God, the kingdom of heaven, and remission of sins, let us commend

ourselves, and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir:



Priest: For Thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Thy servant(s), _____, who is (are) fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit: now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir:



The Alleluia in the 8th Tone

Priest: The Alleluia in the 8th tone. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse: Blessed are they whom Thou has chosen and taken, O Lord.

Choir:



Priest: Their memory is from generation to generation.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

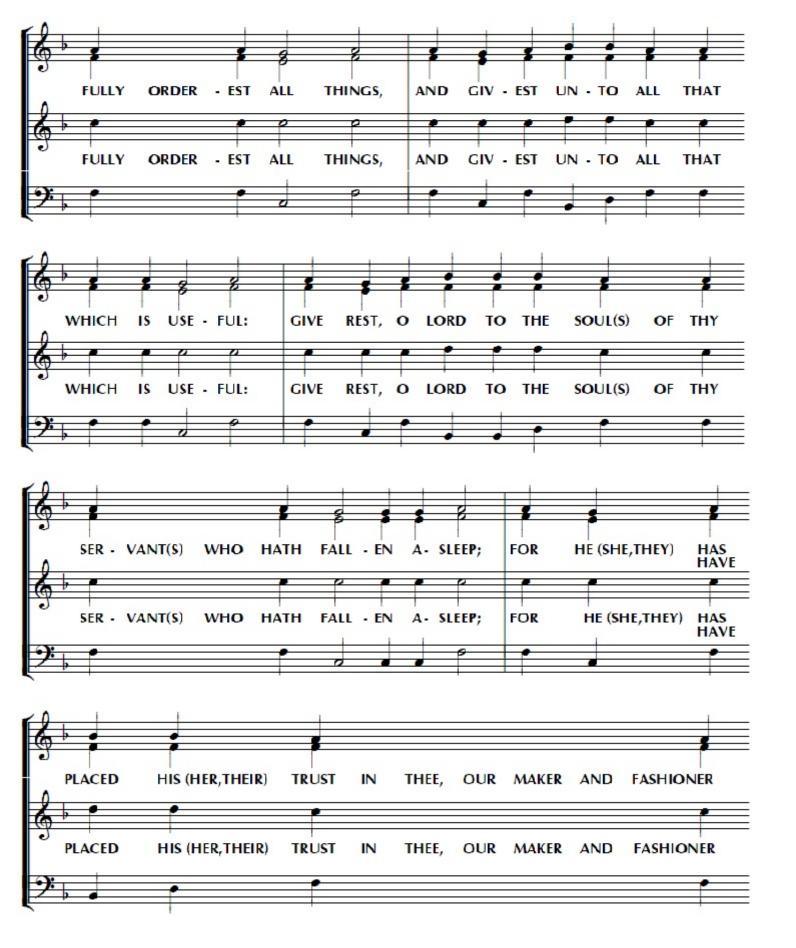
Priest: Their souls shall dwell with the blessed.

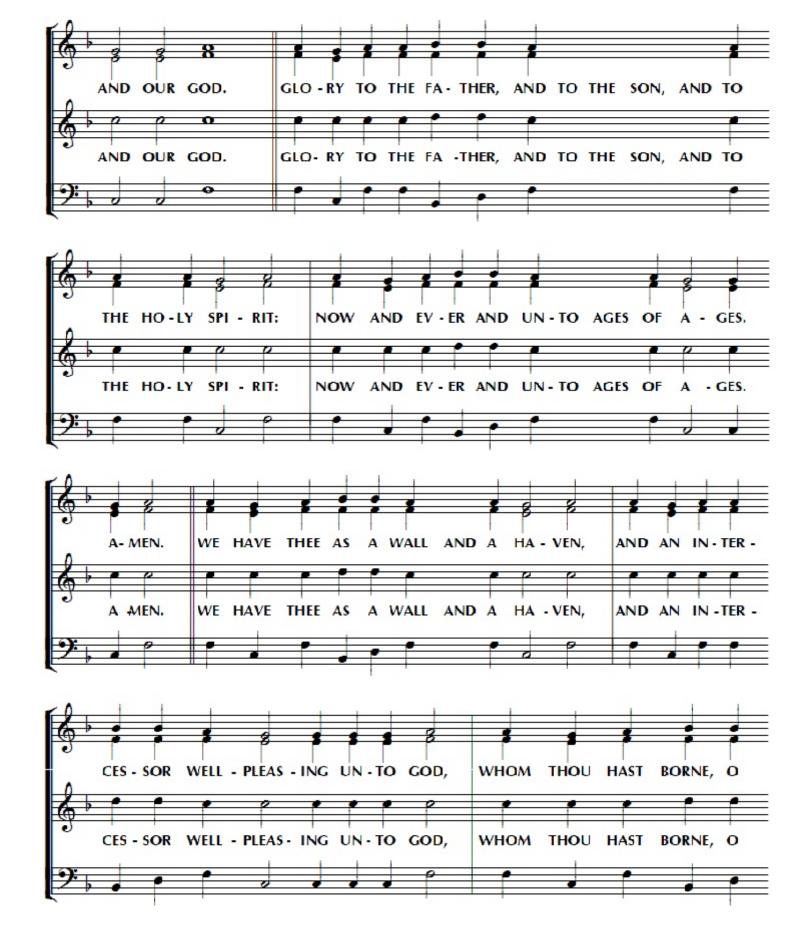
Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

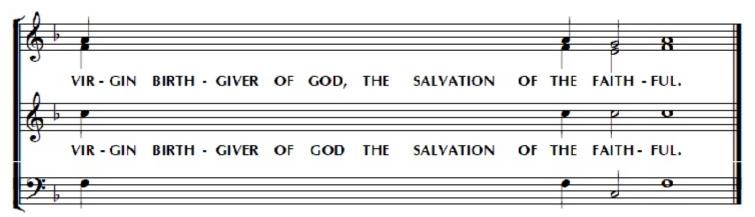
Troparion Tone 8

Choir:

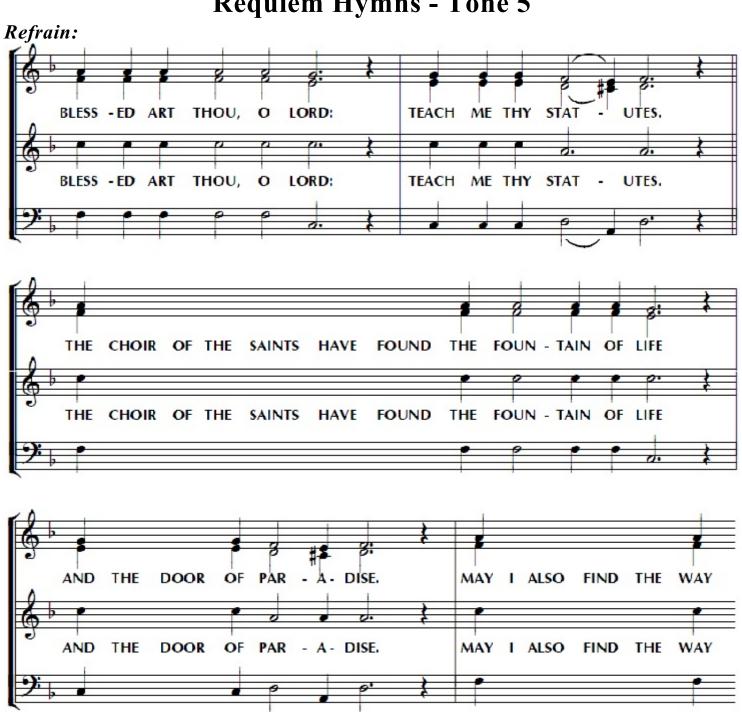


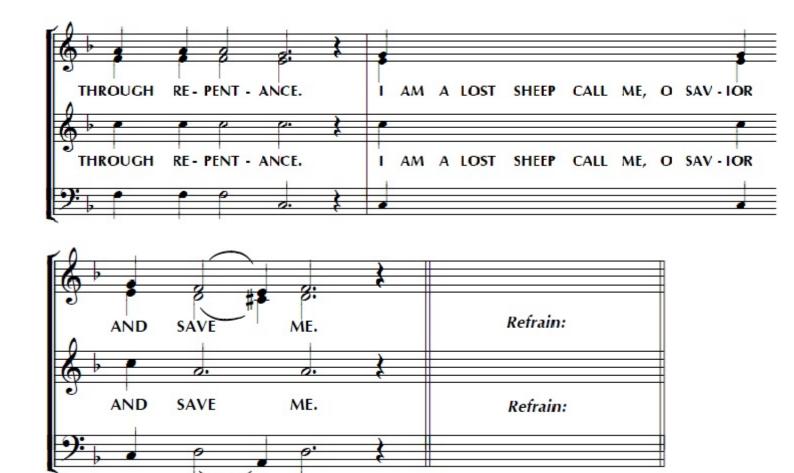






Blessed art Thou O Lord Requiem Hymns - Tone 5





Verses (optional)

Ye holy Martyrs, who preached the **Lamb** of God, / and like unto **lambs** were slain, / and are translated into life unfading and ever**last**ing; / fervently beseech ye him to grant us re**mis**sion of our sins.

(Refrain)

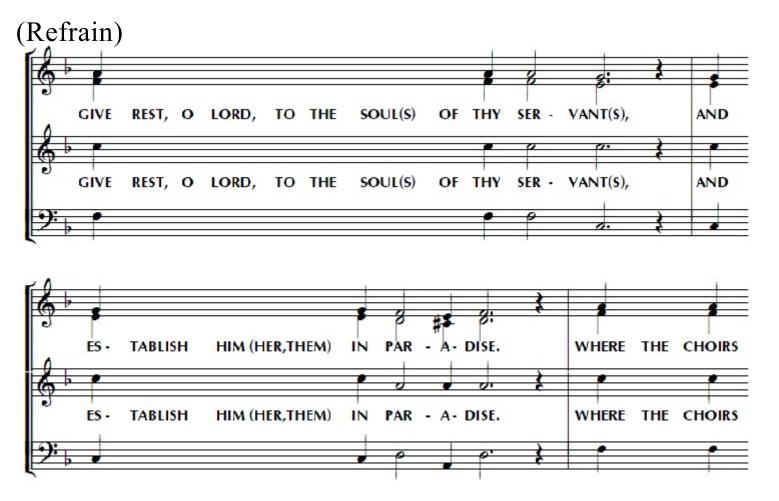
Ye who have trod the narrow **way** of grief; / all ye who, in life have taken upon you the **Cross** as a yoke, / and followed **me** by faith; / Draw near, enjoy ye the honors and celestial crowns I have prepared for you.

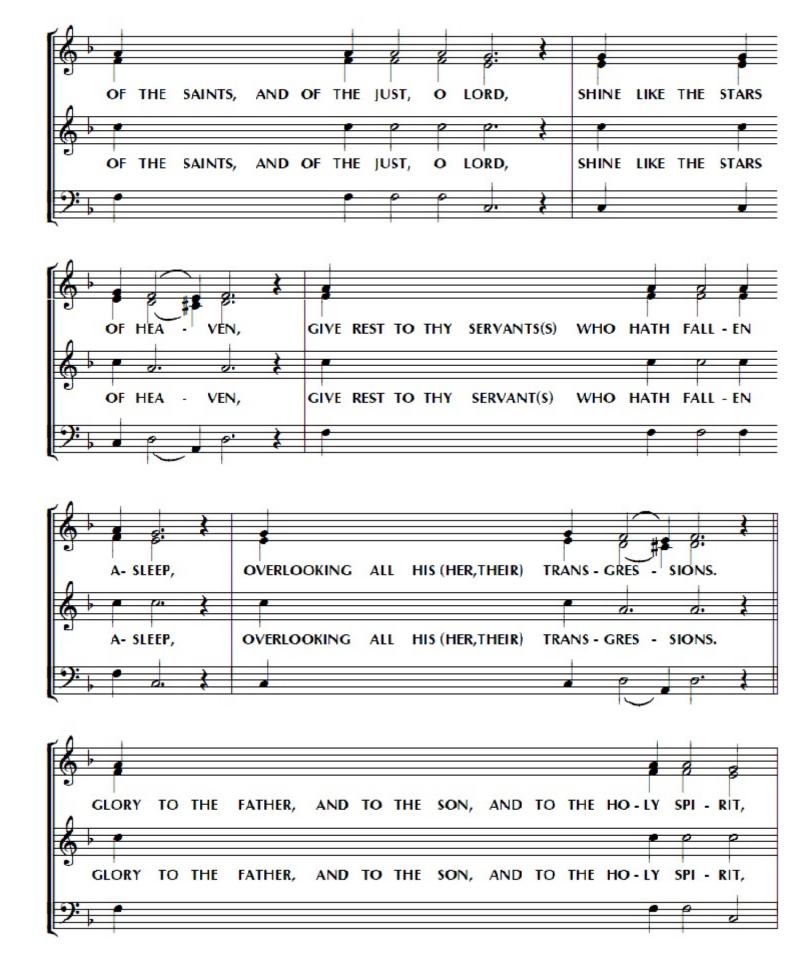
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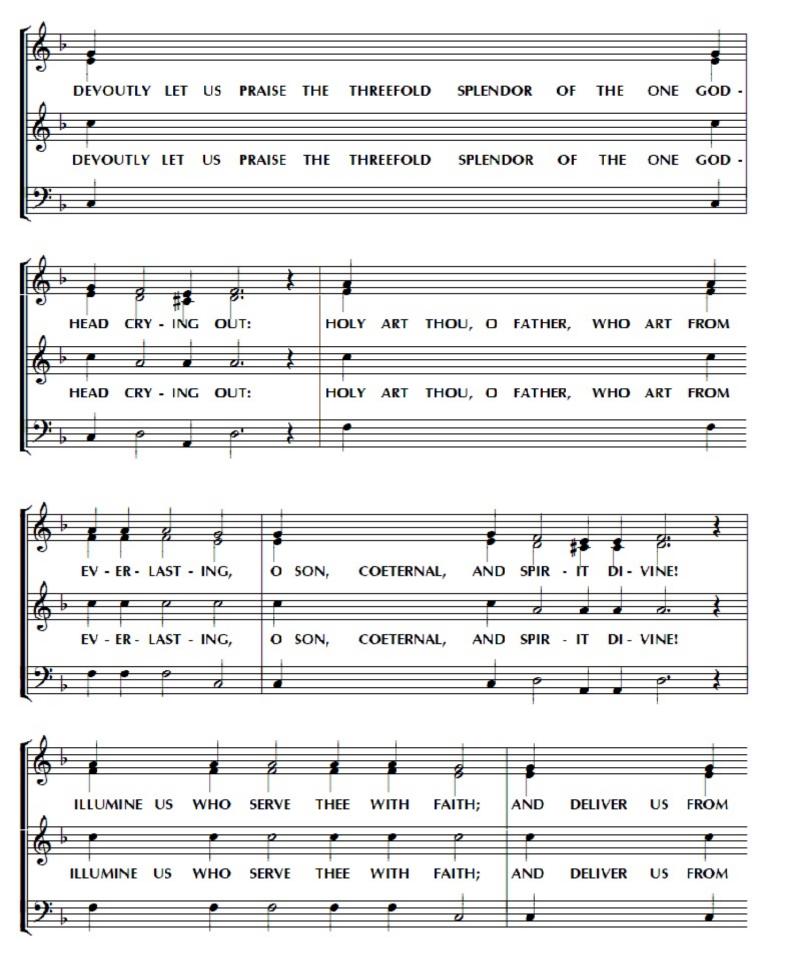
I am the image of thine ineffable **glo**ry, / though I bear the brands of trans**gres**sions: / Pity Thy creature, O **Ma**ster, / and purify me by Thy loving-**kind**ness; / grant unto me my desired **fath**erland, / making me again a citizen of **Par**adise.

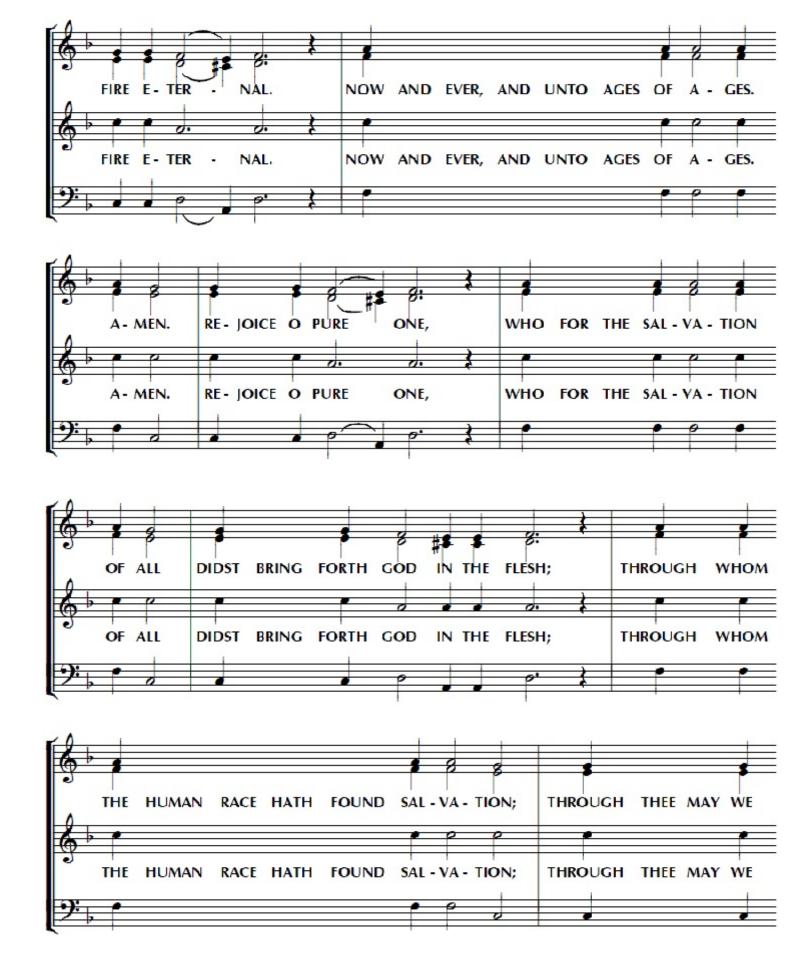
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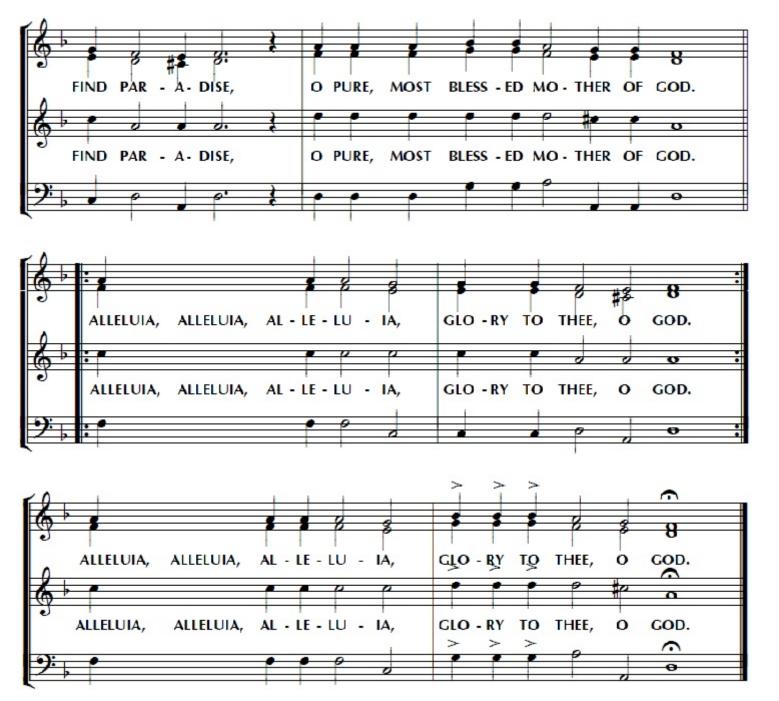
O Thou who of old did form me from **noth**ingness,/ and honored me with Thine **im**age divine, / but by the transgression of Thy commandment has returned me a**gain** unto the earth / from which I was **taken**: / Restore Thou me to that **im**age, / and to my former **Beau**ty.











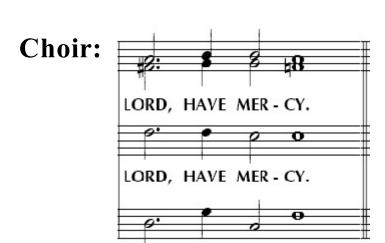
Little Litany

Priest: Again, yet again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

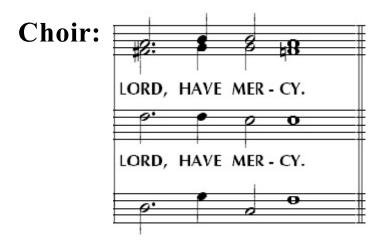




Priest: Furthermore, we pray for the repose of the soul(s) of the servant(s) of God, ______, departed this life: and that he (she, they) may be pardoned all his (her, their) sins, both voluntary and involuntary.



Priest: That the Lord God will establish his (her, their) soul where the just repose.



Priest: The mercies of God, the kingdom of heaven, and the remission of his (her, their) sins let us entreat of Christ, our King Immortal, and our God.

Choir:



Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

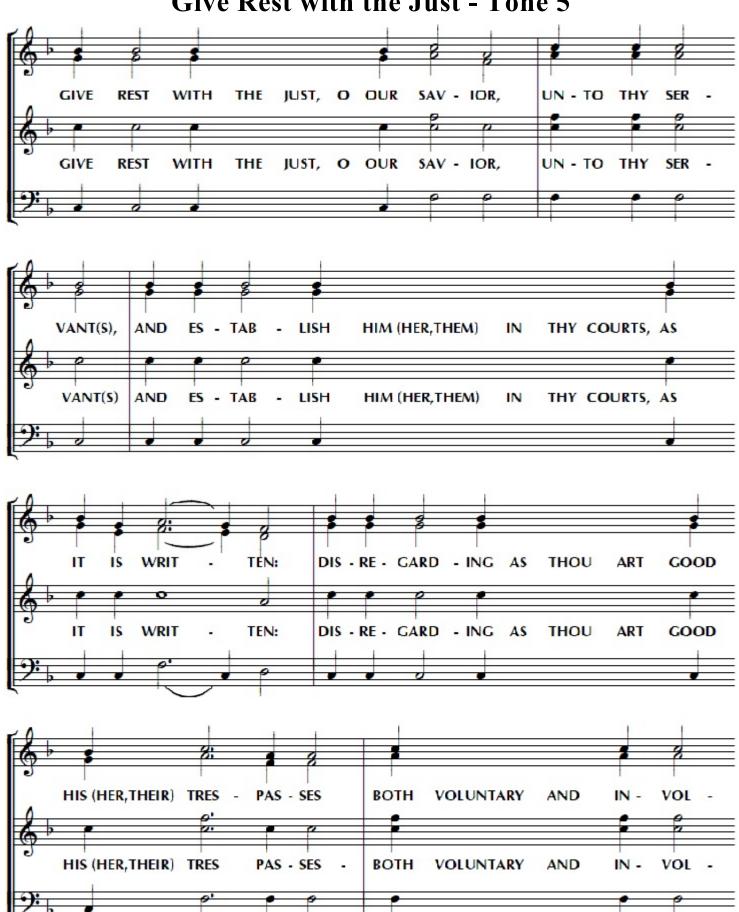
Choir: Lord, have mercy.

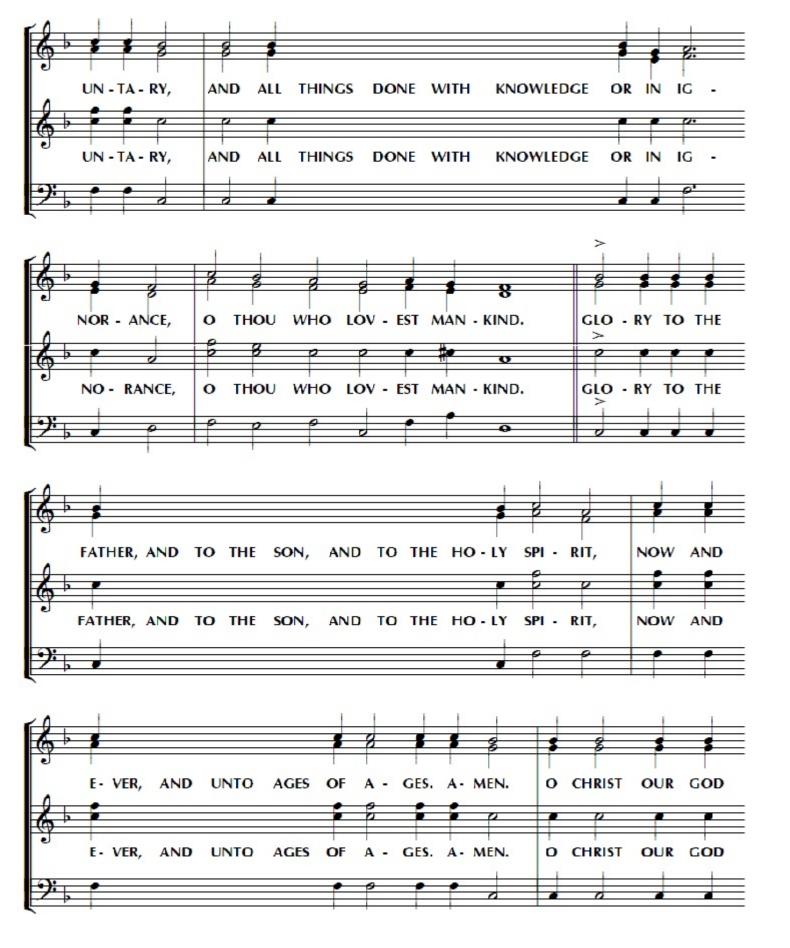
Priest: For Thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Thy servant(s)_____, who is fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and Thine all holy, and good, and life creating Spirit: now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

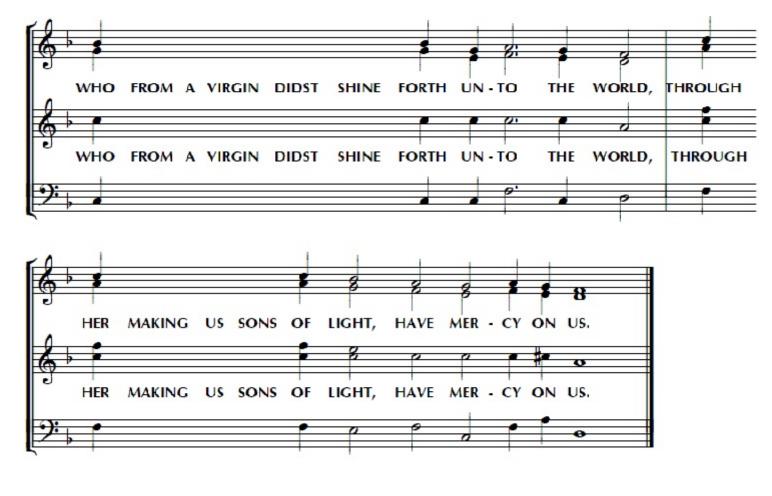
Choir:



Give Rest with the Just - Tone 5







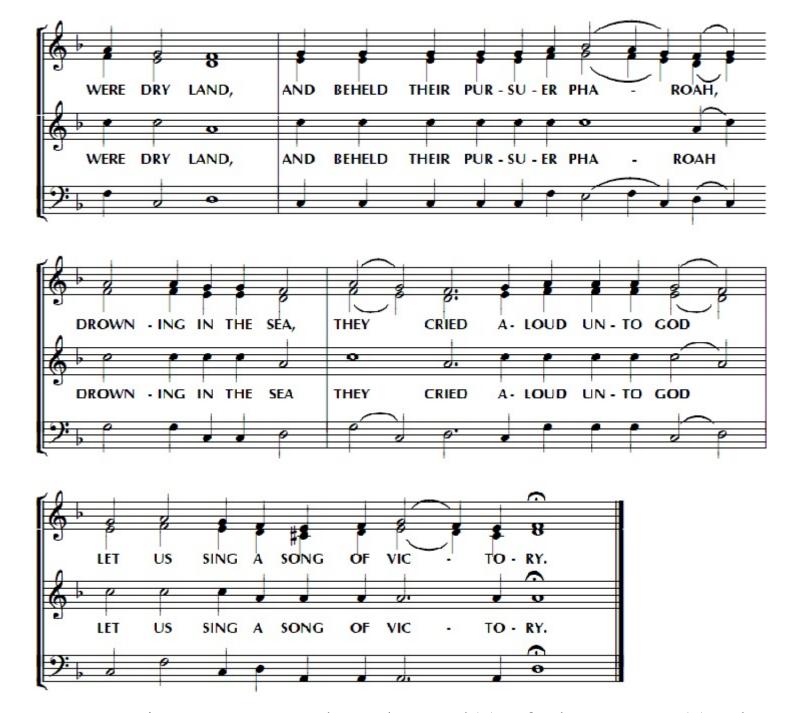
Psalm 50 (51)

Reader: Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your loving-kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and

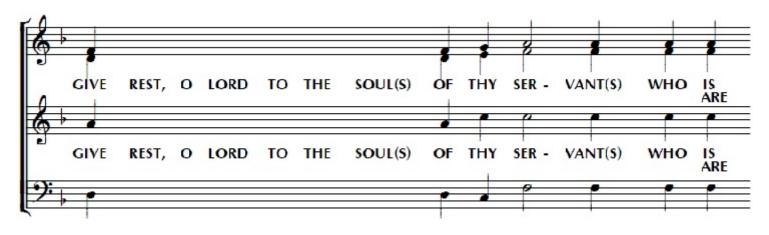
gladness, That the bones which You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me with Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart- These, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

The Canon - Tone 6





Priest: Give rest, O Lord, to the soul(s) of Thy servant(s) who is (are) fallen asleep.



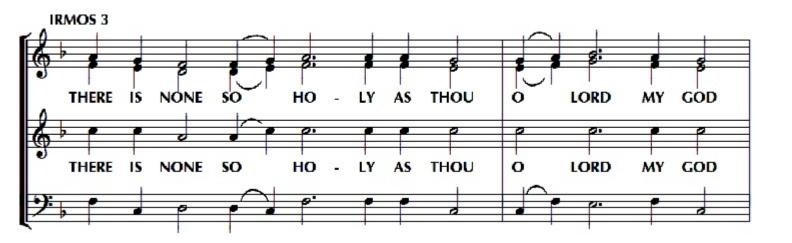


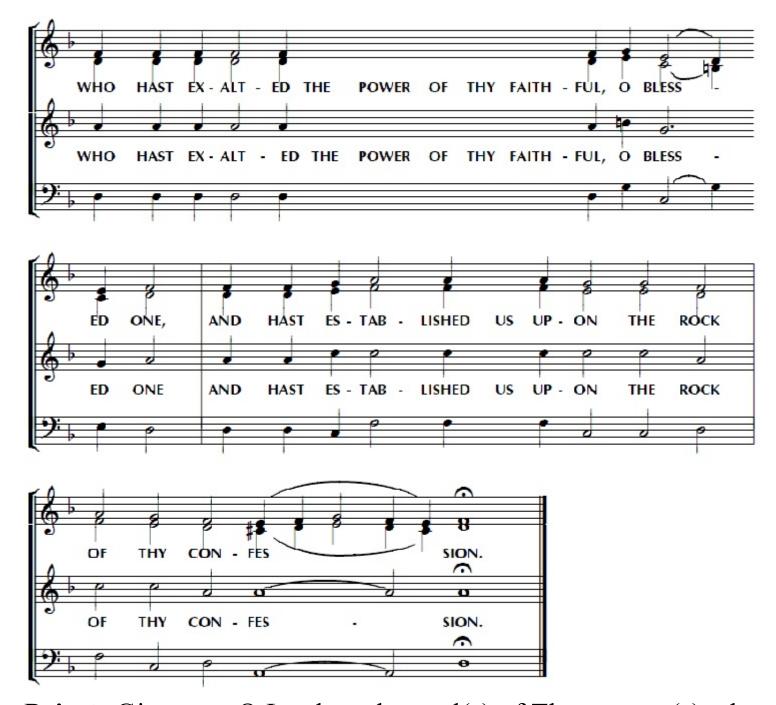
Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Choir:

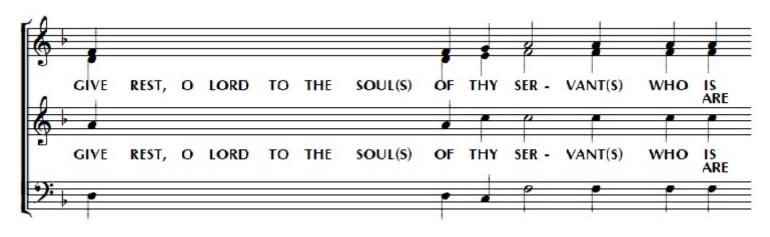


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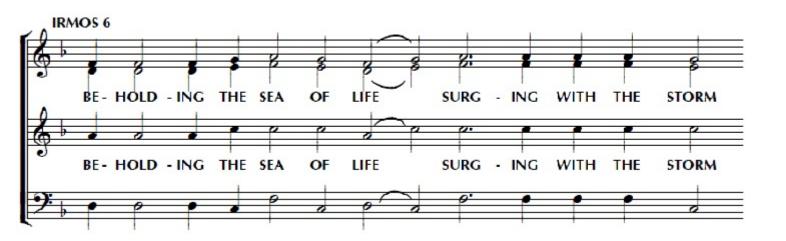


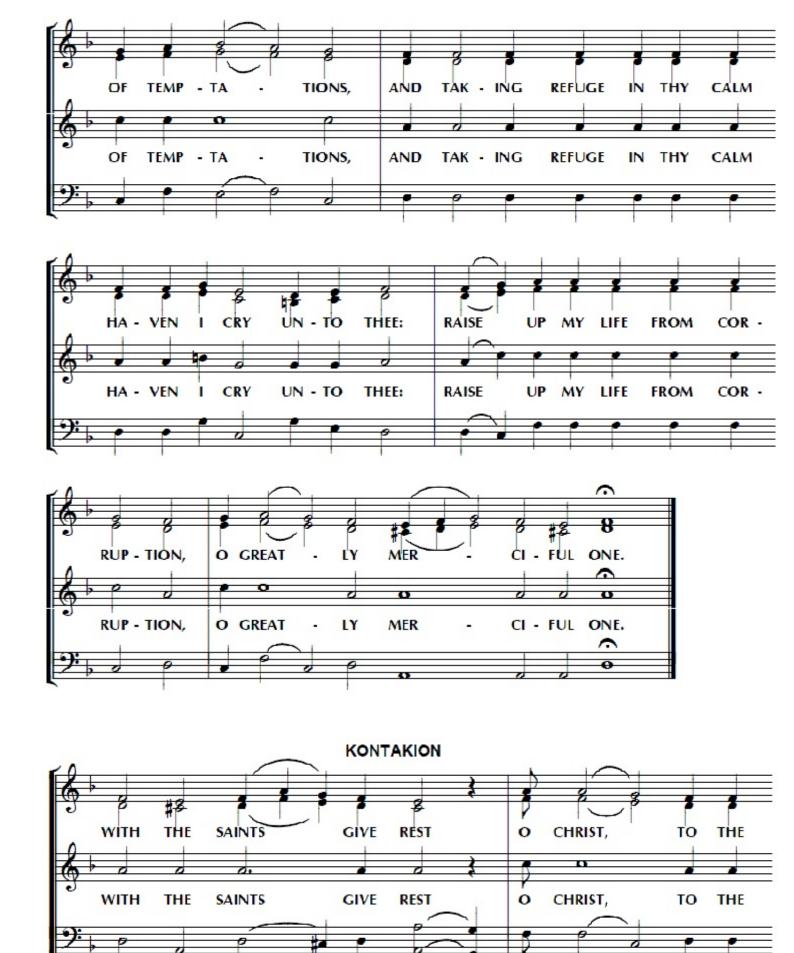
Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

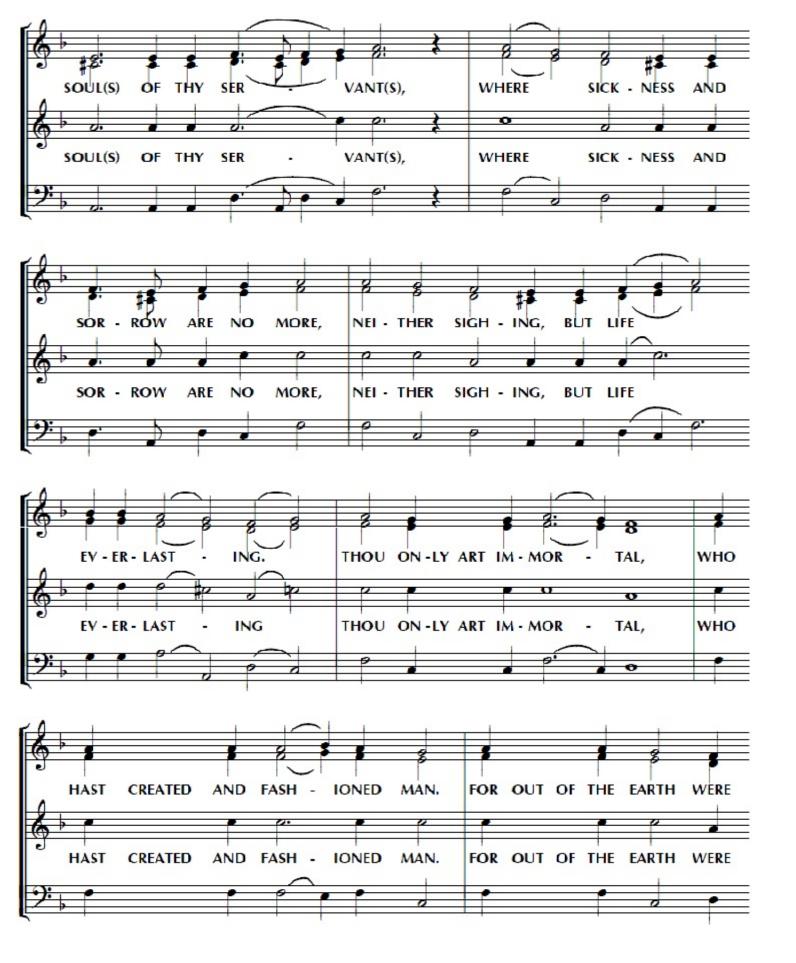
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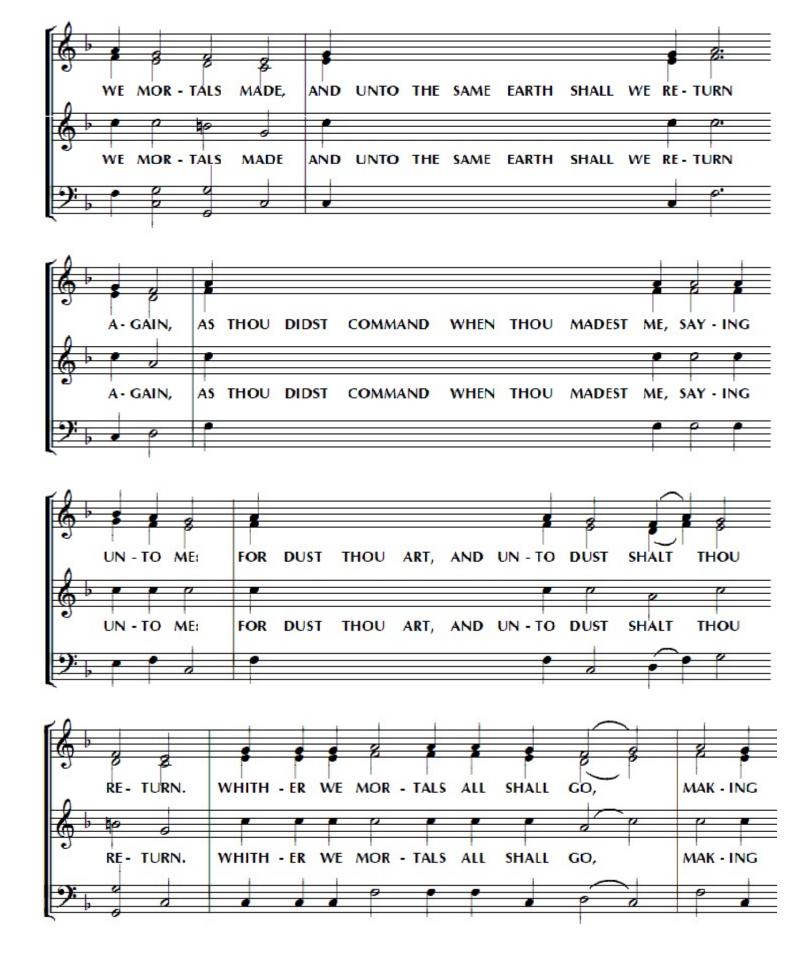


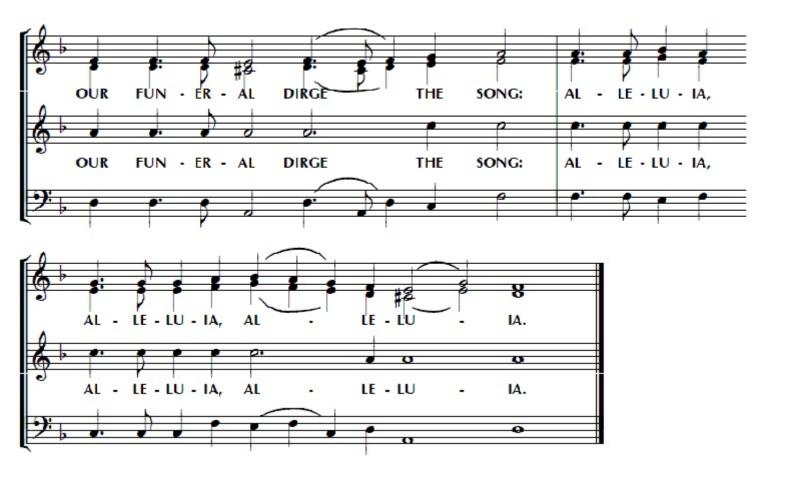
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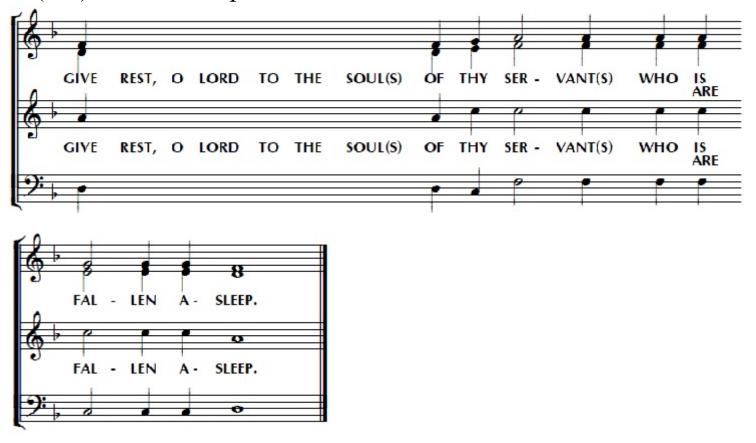








Priest: Give rest, O Lord, to the soul(s) of Thy servant(s) who is (are) fallen asleep.

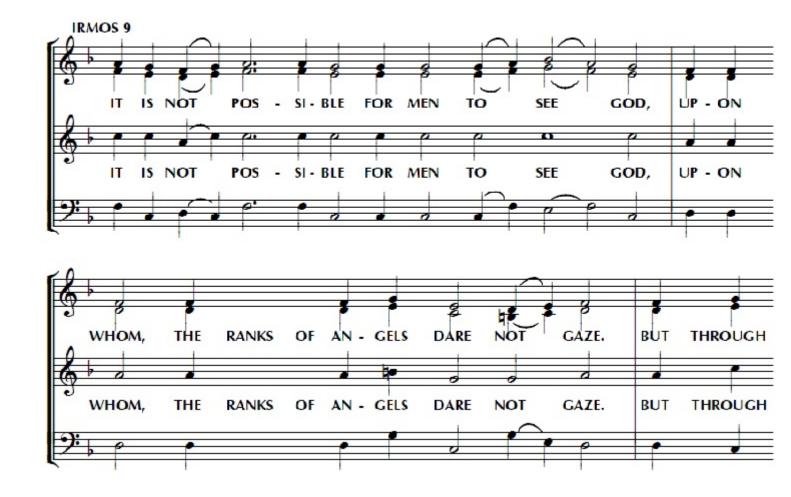


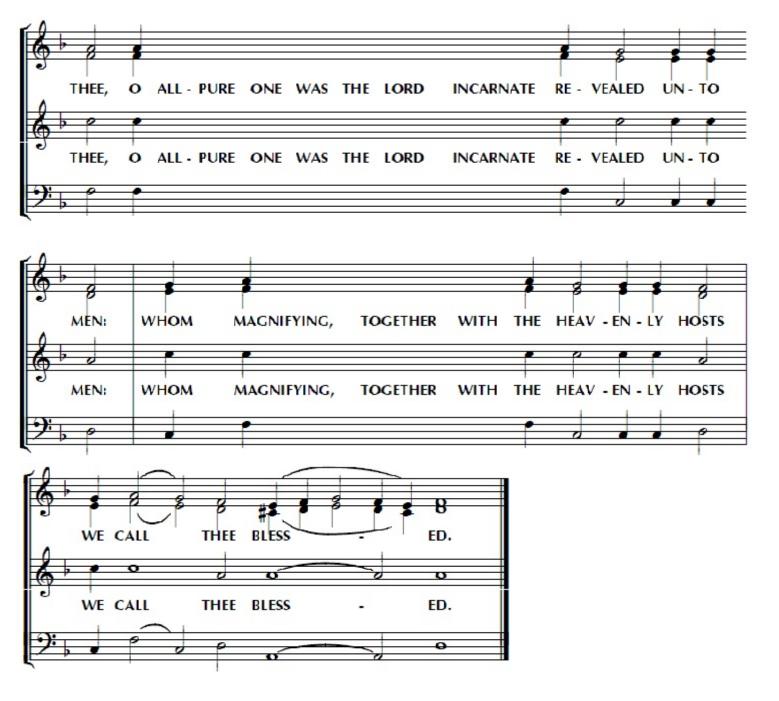
Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Choir:



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The Trisagion

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most-holy Trinity: have mercy on us. O Lord: cleanse us from our sins. O Master: pardon our transgressions. O Holy One: visit and heal our infirmities, for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

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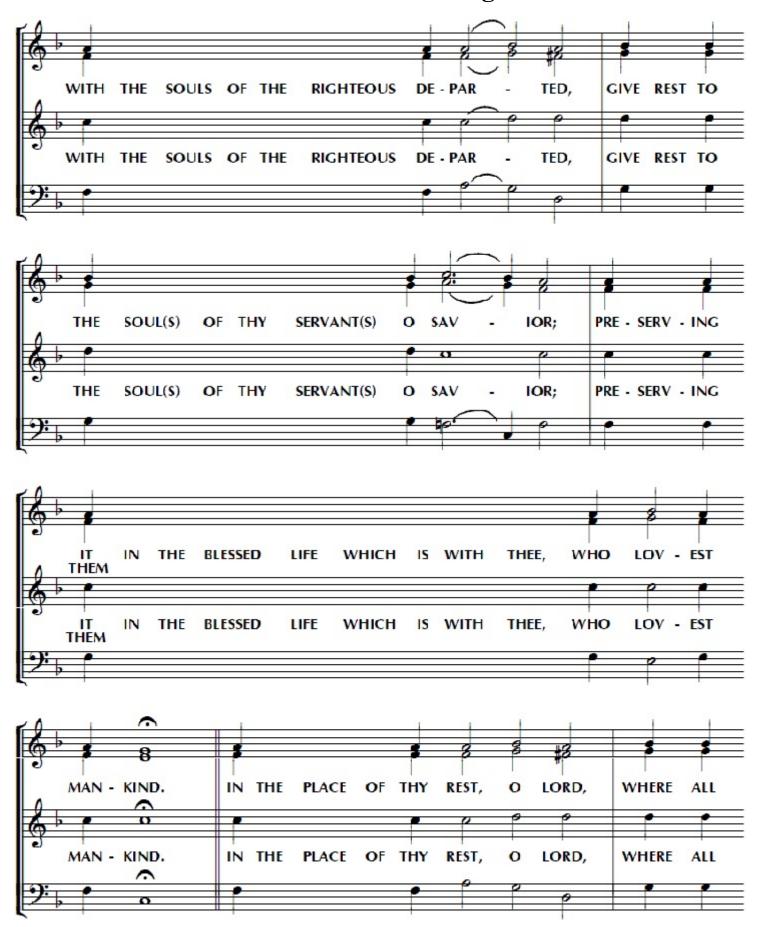
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

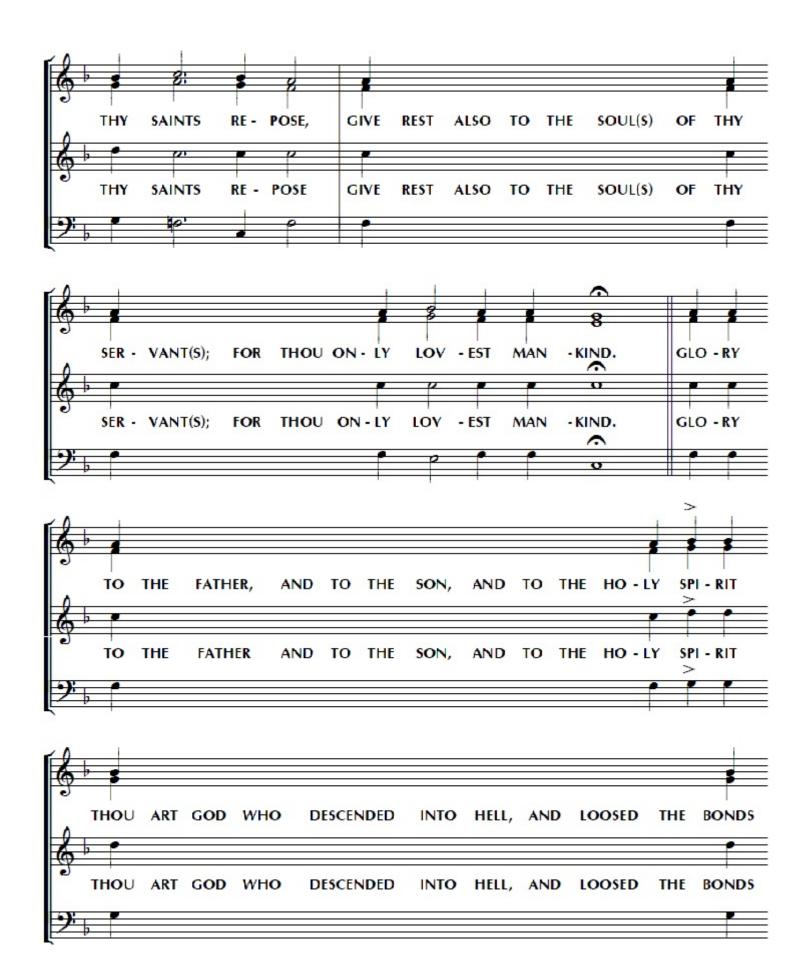
PRIEST: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

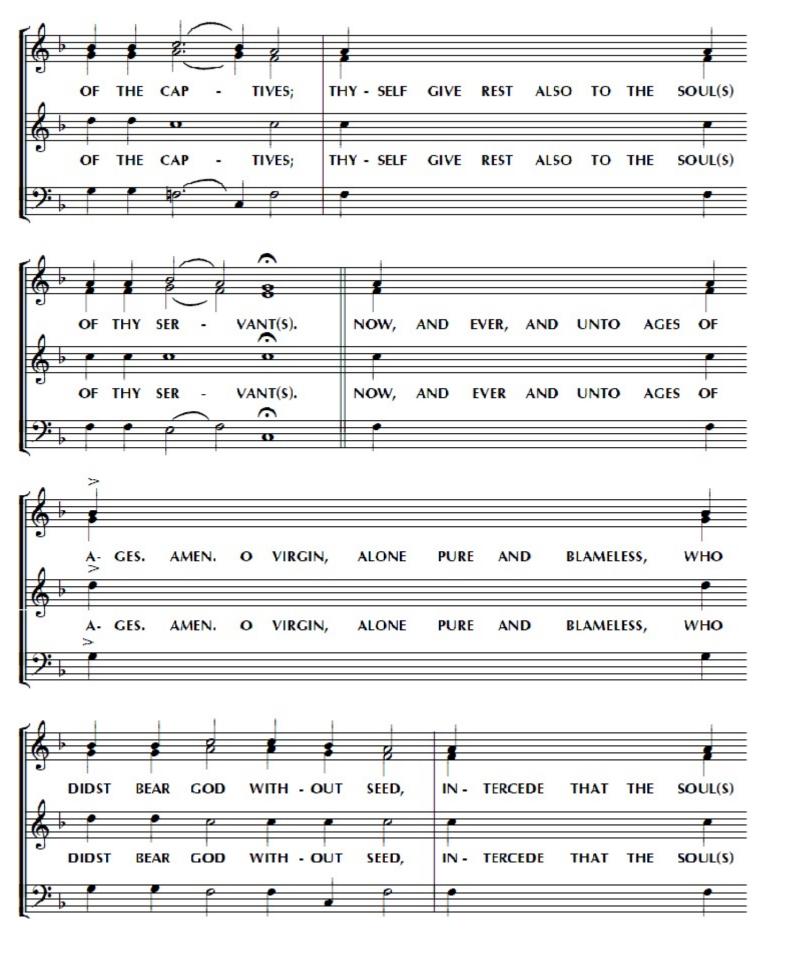
Choir:



With the Souls of the Righteous





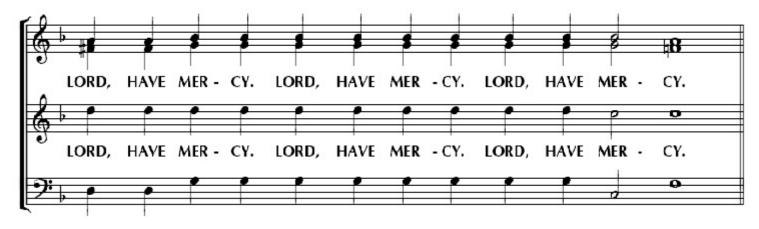




Litany for the Departed

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we beseech Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir:



Priest: Again we pray for the repose of the soul(s) of the servant(s) of God, ____, departed this life: and that he (she, they) may be pardoned all his (her, their) sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

Choir: Lord have mercy (3 times).

Priest: That the Lord God will establish his (her, their) soul(s) where the Just Repose.

Choir: Lord have mercy (3 times).

Priest: The mercies of God, the kingdom of heaven, and the remission of his (her, their) sins let us entreat of Christ, our King Immortal, and our God.





Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir:



Priest: O God of spirits, and of all flesh, Who hast trampled down Death, and overthrown the Devil, and given life unto Thy world: Do Thou, the same Lord, give rest to the soul(s) of Thy

departed servant(s)______, in a place of brightness, a place of refreshment, a place of repose, where all sickness, sorrow and sighing have fled away. Pardon every transgression which he (she, they have) has committed, whether by word, or deed, or thought.

For Thou art a good God, and loves mankind; because there is no man who lives and sins not; for Thou only art without sin, and thy righteousness is to all eternity, and Thy Word is true.

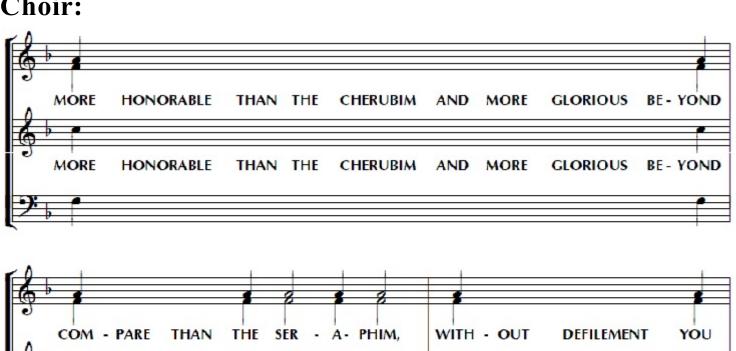
Exclamation: For Thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Thy servant(s)______, who is (are) fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit: now, and ever and unto ages of ages.



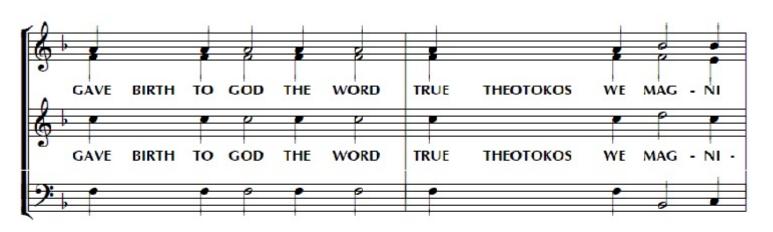


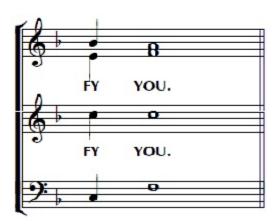
Priest: Wisdom! Most Holy Theotokos save us!

Choir:



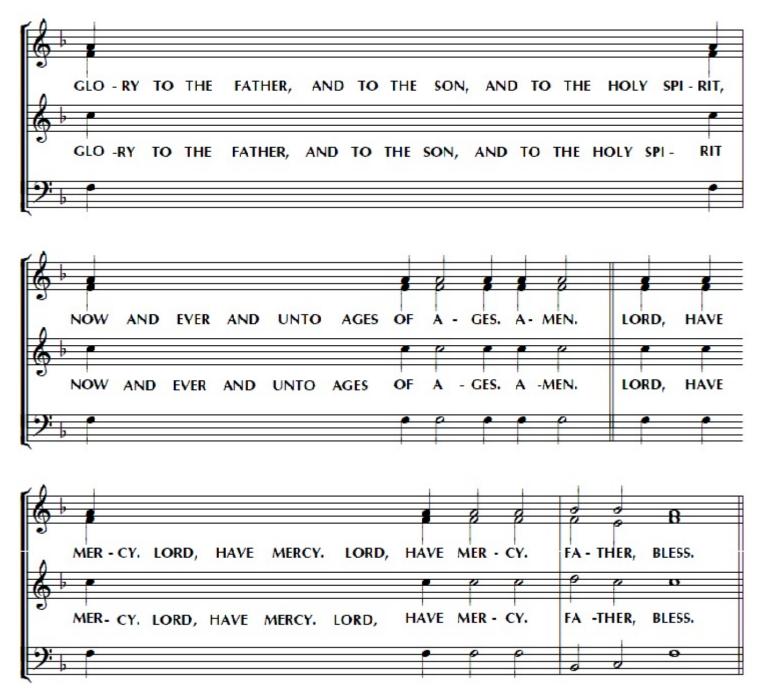






Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God; and our sure hope glory to Thee.

Choir:

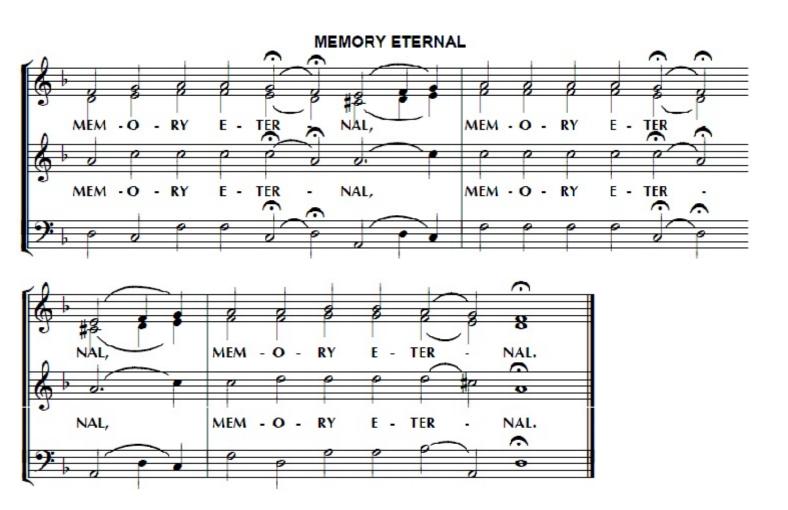


Priest: May He who has dominion over both the living and the dead, who arose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His all-pure Mother; of the holy, glorious and

all-laudable Apostles; of our holy and God-bearing Fathers; and of all the Saints; establish the soul(s) of his servant(s),____, who hath been taken from us, in the mansions of the Righteous: give him (her, them) rest in Abraham's Bosom, and number him (her, them) among the Just; and have mercy on us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

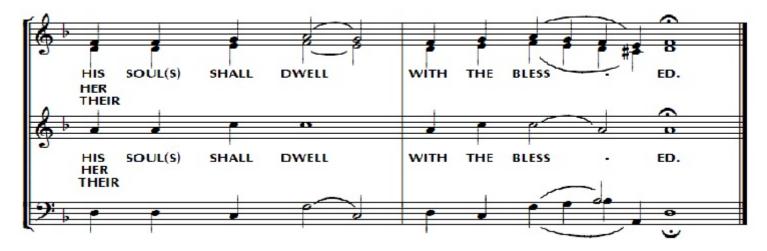
Choir: Amen.

Priest: Grant rest eternal in blessed repose, O Lord, to Thy servant(s), ____, who is (are) fallen asleep, and make his (her, their) memory to be eternal!



Priest: May God beatify and give him (her, them) rest, and be merciful unto us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

Choir: Amen.

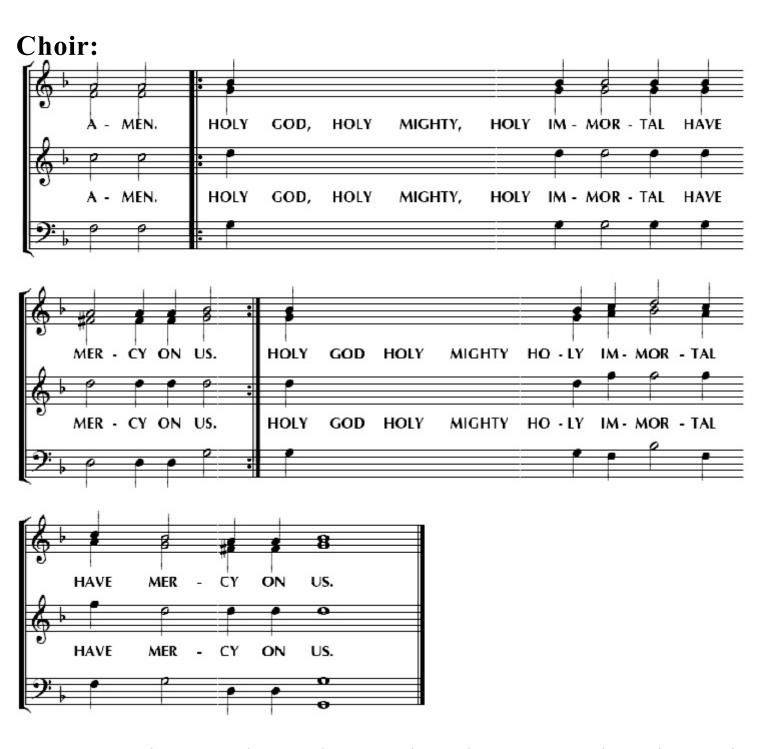


The Funeral Service of The Orthodox Church



The Funeral Service

Priest: Blessed is our God, always now and ever and unto ages of ages.



Reader: Glory to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most-holy Trinity: have mercy on us. O Lord: cleanse us from our sins. O Master: pardon our transgressions. O Holy One: visit and heal our infirmities, for Your name's sake.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen.

Psalm 90 (91)

HE who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of

the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your habitation, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample under foot. Because he has set his love upon Me, 'therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.

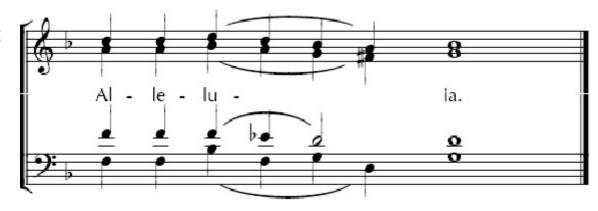
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3)

Psalm 119 Stasis I

Priest: Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the Law of the Lord.

Choir:



Priest: Blessed are they that search out His testimonies; with their whole heart shall they seek after Him.

Choir: Alleluia.

Priest: For they that work no iniquity have walked in His ways.

Choir: Alleluia.

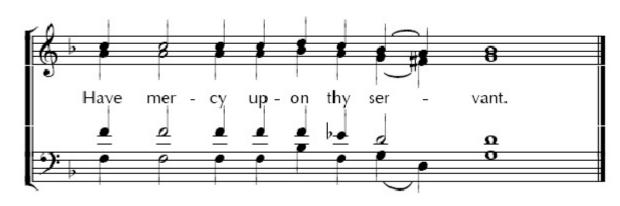
Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: Alleluia.

Stasis II

Priest: Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding and I will learn Thy commandments.

Choir:



Priest: They that fear Thee shall see me and be glad, for on Thy words have I set my hope.

Choir: Have mercy upon thy servant.

Priest: I have known, O Lord, that Thy judgements are righteous, and with truth Thou hast humbled me.

Choir: Have mercy upon thy servant.

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: Have mercy upon thy servant.

Stasis III

Priest: Look upon me and have mercy on me, according to the judgement of them that love Thy name.



Priest: Order my steps according to Thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

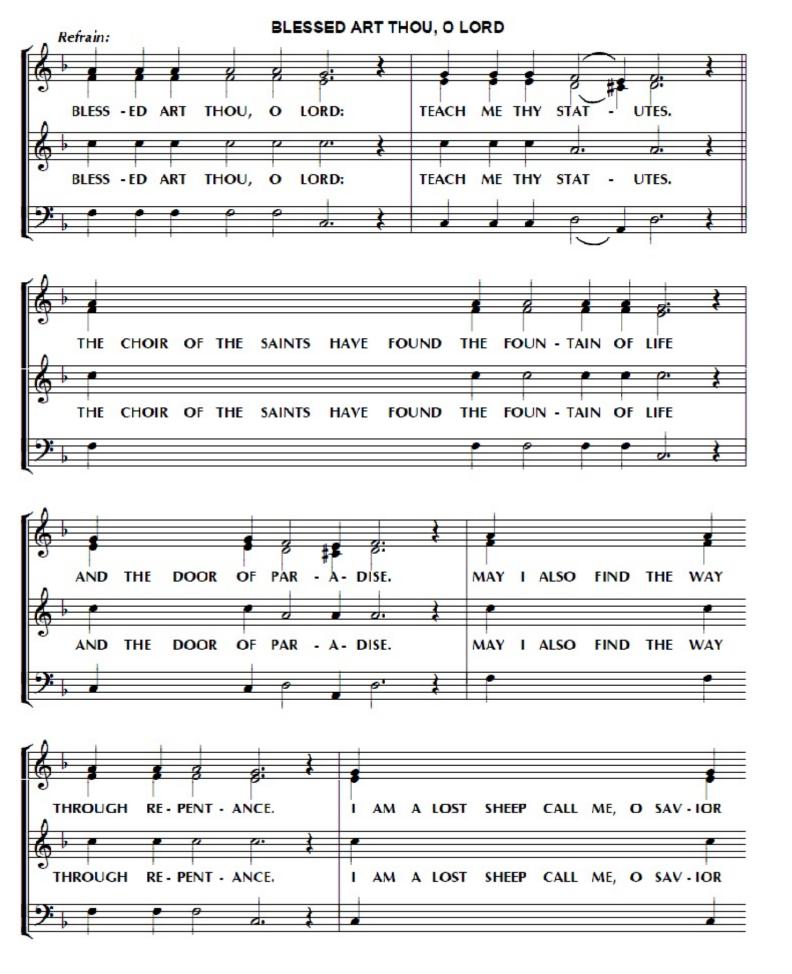
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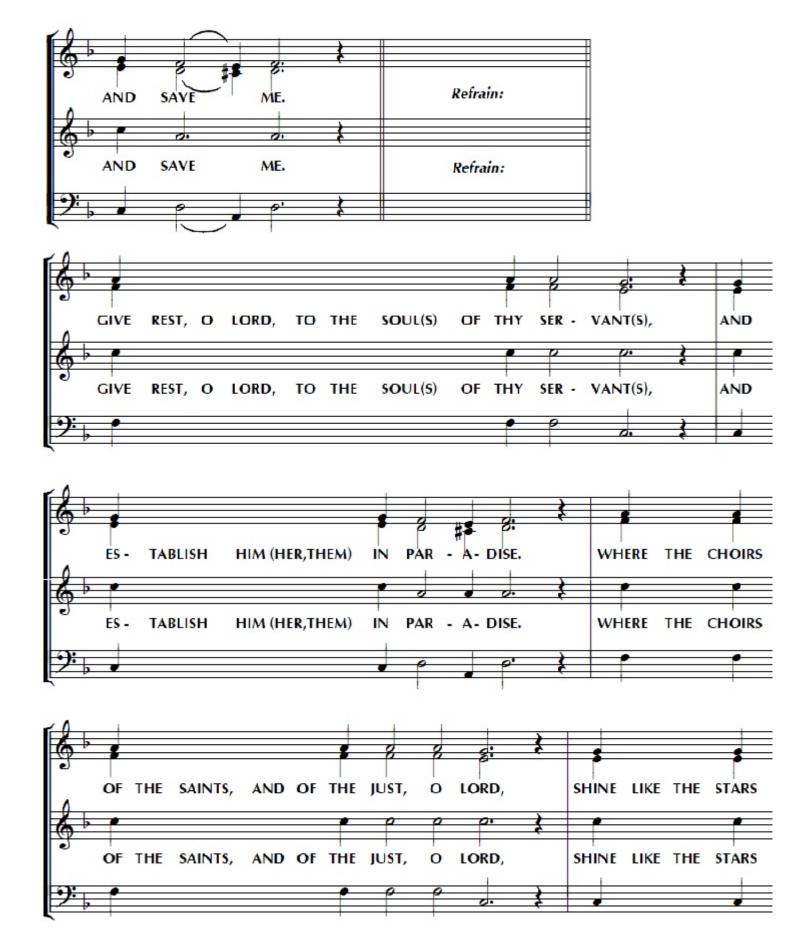
Priest: Deliver me from the false accusation of men, and I will keep Thy commandments.

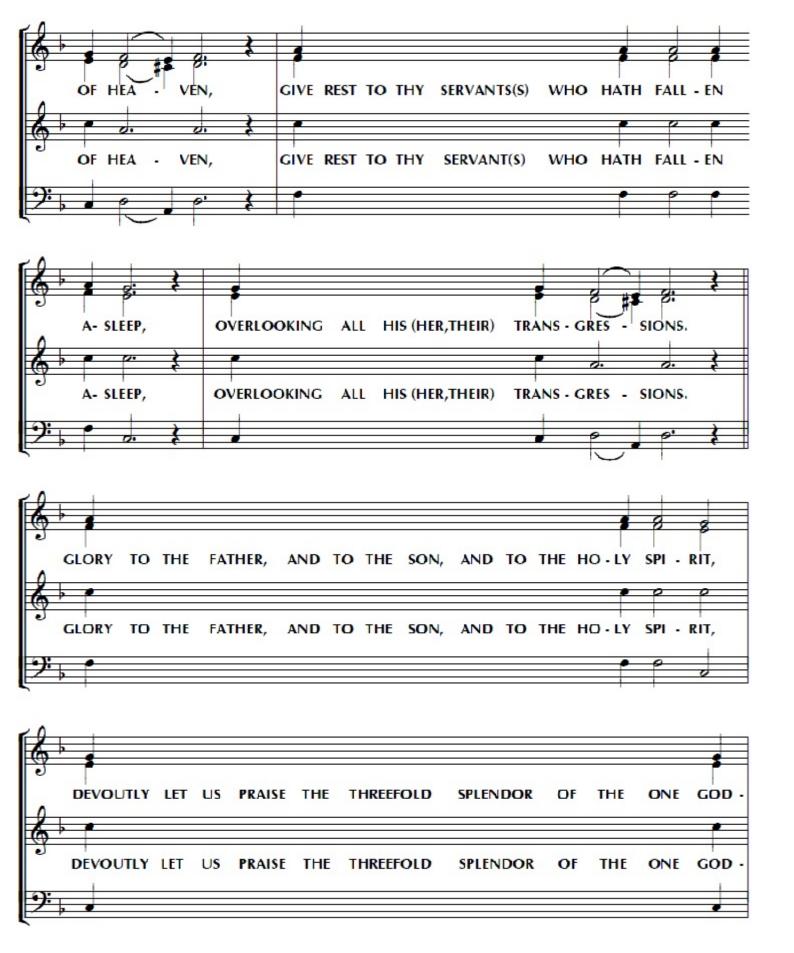
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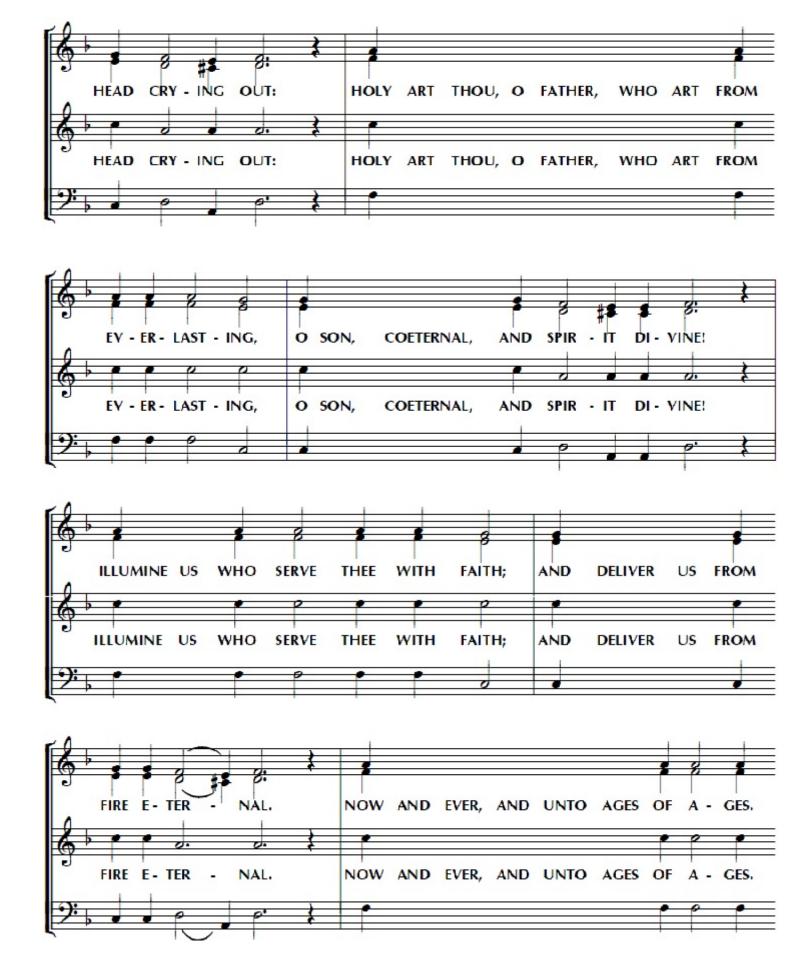
Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

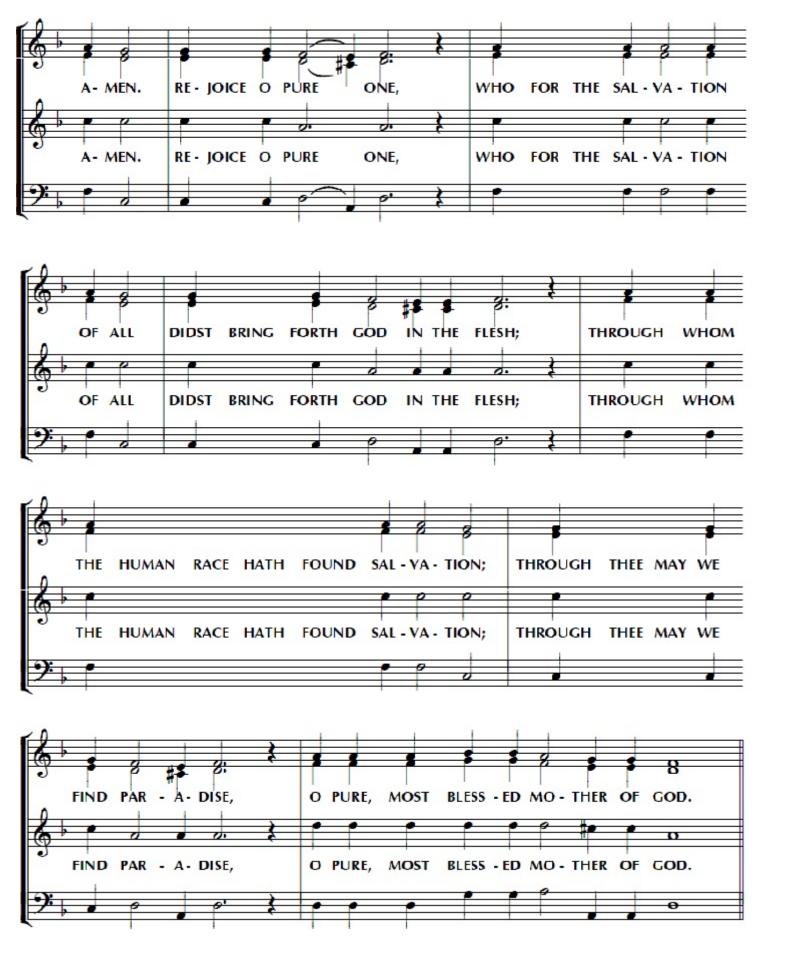
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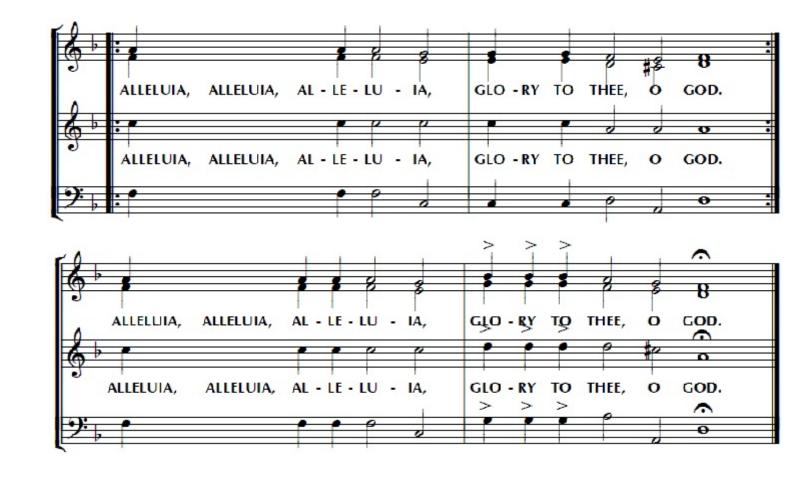












Little Litany

Priest: Again, yet again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.





Priest: Furthermore, we pray for the repose of the soul(s) of the servant(s) of God, _____, departed this life: and that he (she,

they) may be pardoned all his (her, their) sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

Choir:



Priest: That the Lord God will establish his (her, their) soul(s) where the just repose.

Choir:



Priest: The mercies of God, the kingdom of heaven, and the remission of his (her, their) sins let us entreat of Christ, our King Immortal, and our God.

Choir:



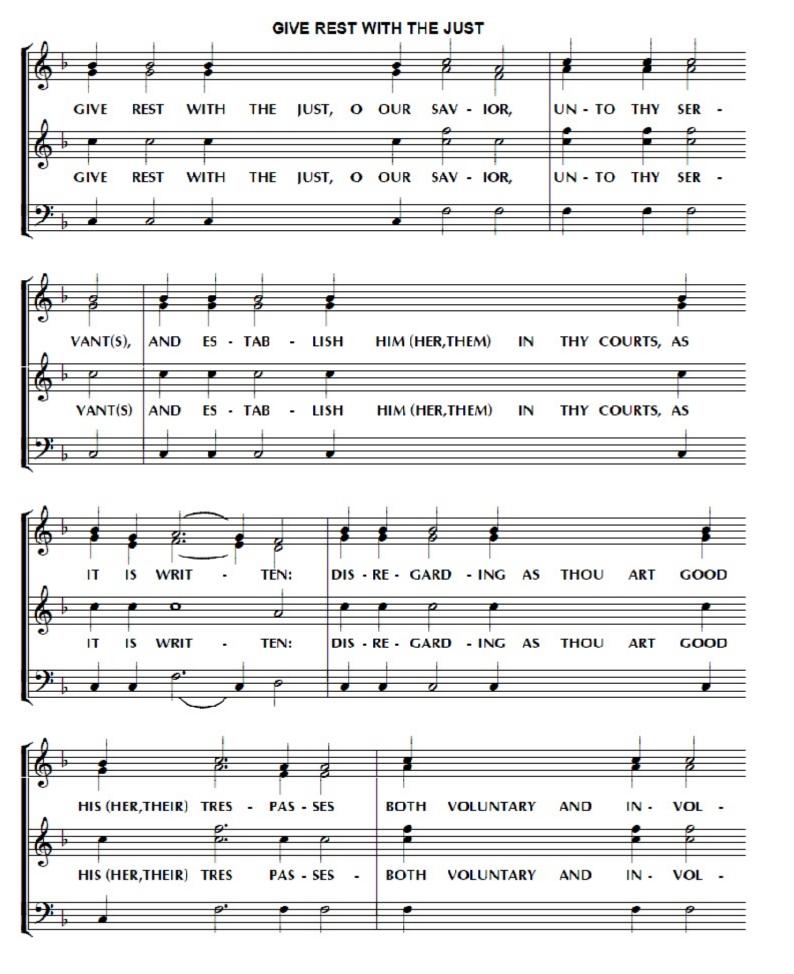
Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

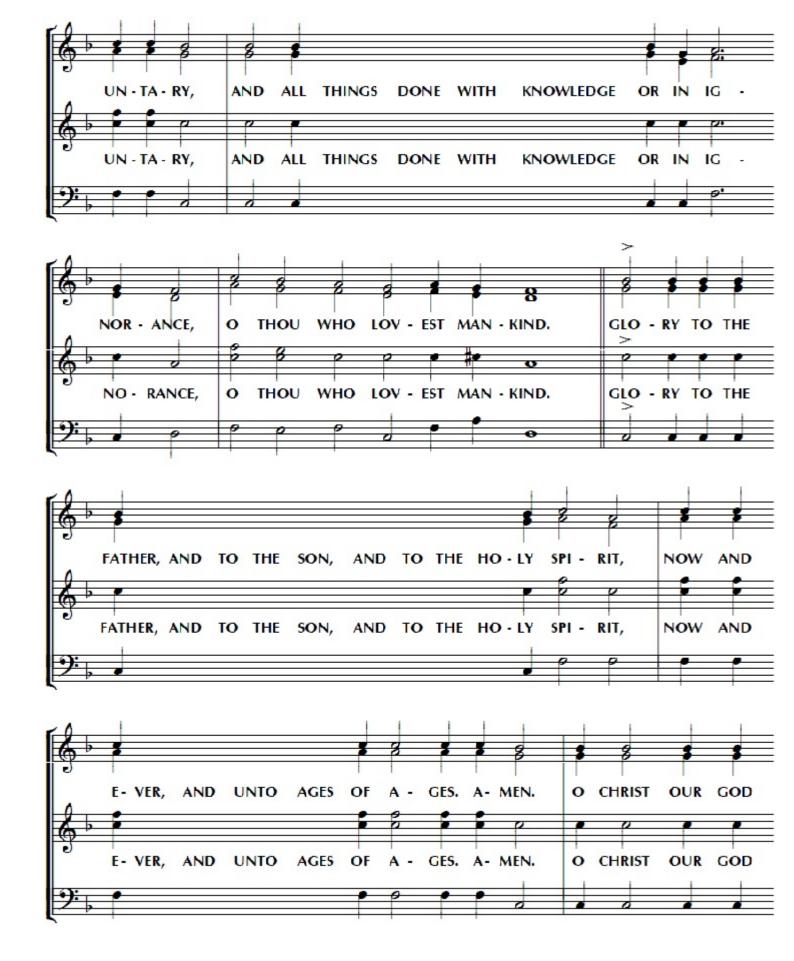
Choir: Lord, have mercy.

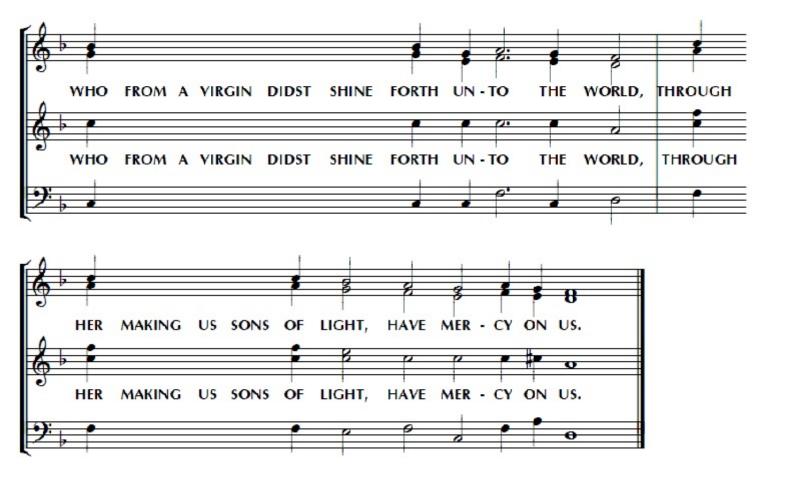
Priest: For Thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Thy servant(s) _____, who is (are) fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and Thine all holy, and good, and life creating Spirit: now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir:





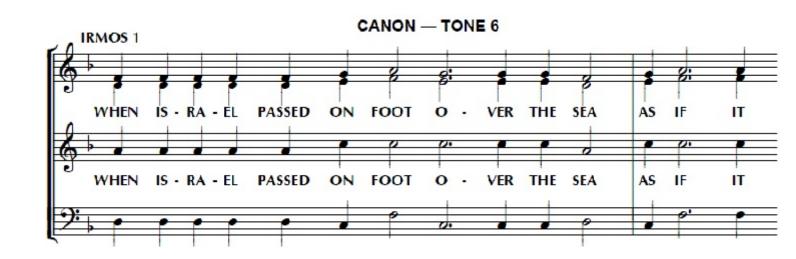


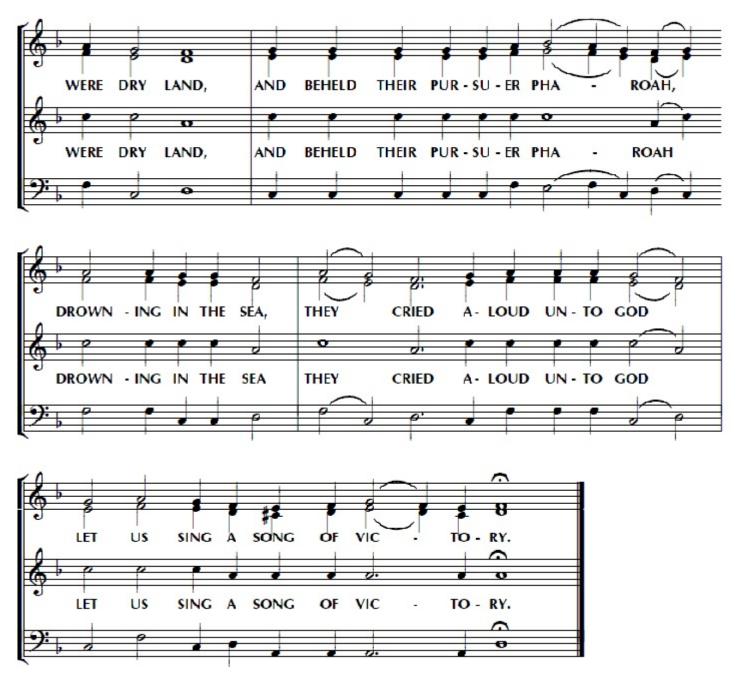


Psalm 50 (51)

Reader: Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and

gladness, That the bones which You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me with Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart- These, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.





Choir: Give rest, O Lord, to the soul of Thy servant who is fallen asleep.

Priest: In the heavenly chambers the noble Martyrs ever entreat Thee, O Christ: "The faithful whom Thou hast translated from earth do Thou count worthy to receive eternal good things.

Choir: Give rest, O Lord, to the soul of Thy servant who is fallen asleep.

Priest: Having adorned all things, Thou did fashion me a living being, consisting of humanity, placed between lowliness and majesty. Therefore, give rest unto the soul of Thy servant, O Savior.

Choir: Give rest, O Lord, to the soul of Thy servant who is fallen asleep.

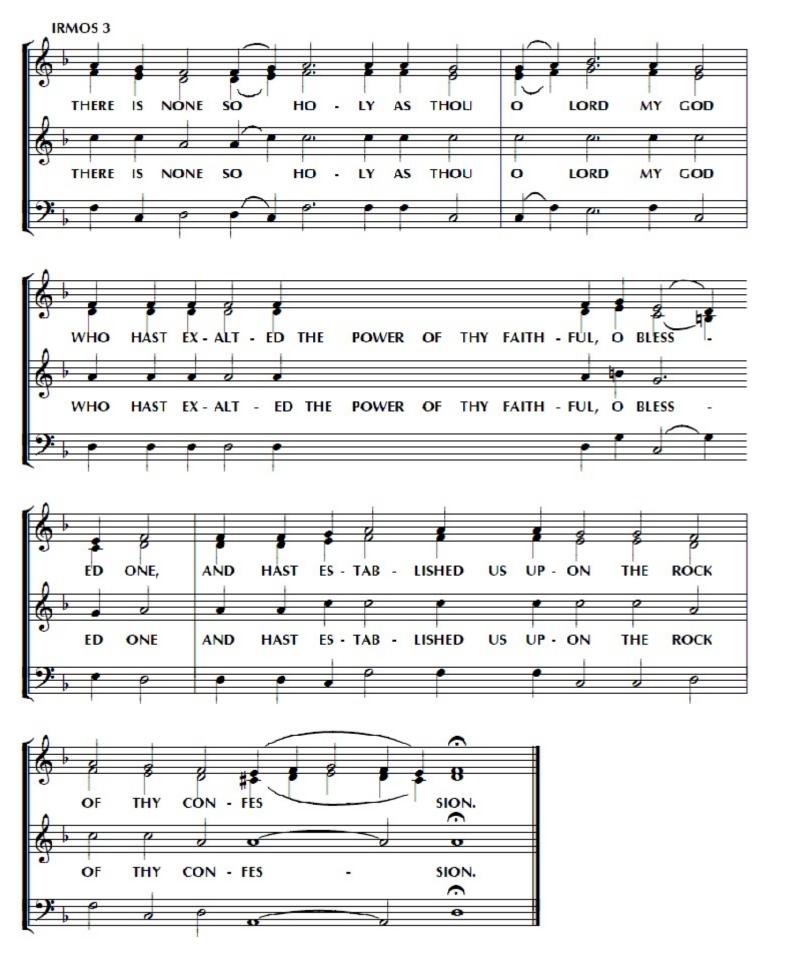
Priest: In the beginning Thou didst establish me as an inhabitant and husbandman of Paradise. But, having transgressed Thy commandment, Thou did cast me out. Therefore, give rest unto the soul of Thy servant, O Savior.

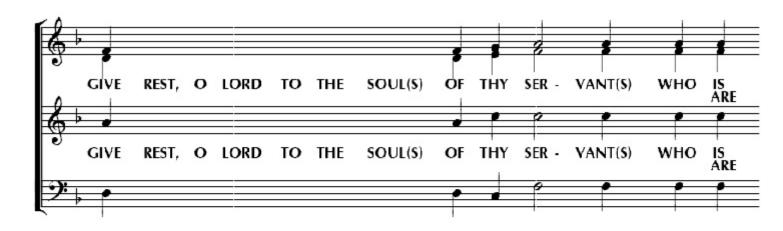
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Choir:



Priest: He Who, at first, from a rib did fashion Eve, our first mother, from thy most-pure womb did clothe Himself in flesh, by which the power of death was destroyed, O pure One.







Priest: Thy Martyrs, having suffered according to the law, O Giver of Life, and having been adorned by Thee with crowns of victory, fervently mediate eternal redemption for the faithful one who has departed this life.

Choir: Give rest, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy servant who is fallen asleep.

Priest: At first having instructed me, the prodigal, with many signs and wonders, finally, as Thou art compassionate, Thou Thyself did empty Thyself. And having found me whom Thou did seek, Thou also has saved me.

Choir: Give rest, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy servant who is

fallen asleep.

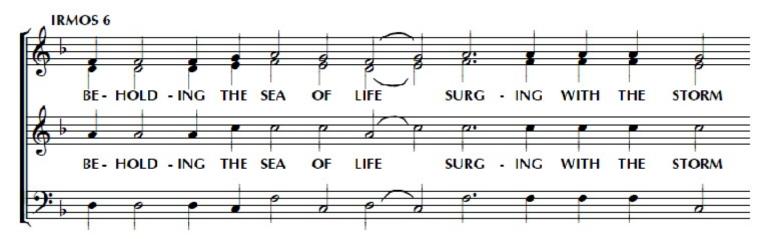
Priest: Do Thou, O Good One, count him (her) that has departed unto Thee from the transitory streams of corruption, worthy to abide, with joy, in the eternal habitations, being justified by faith and Grace.

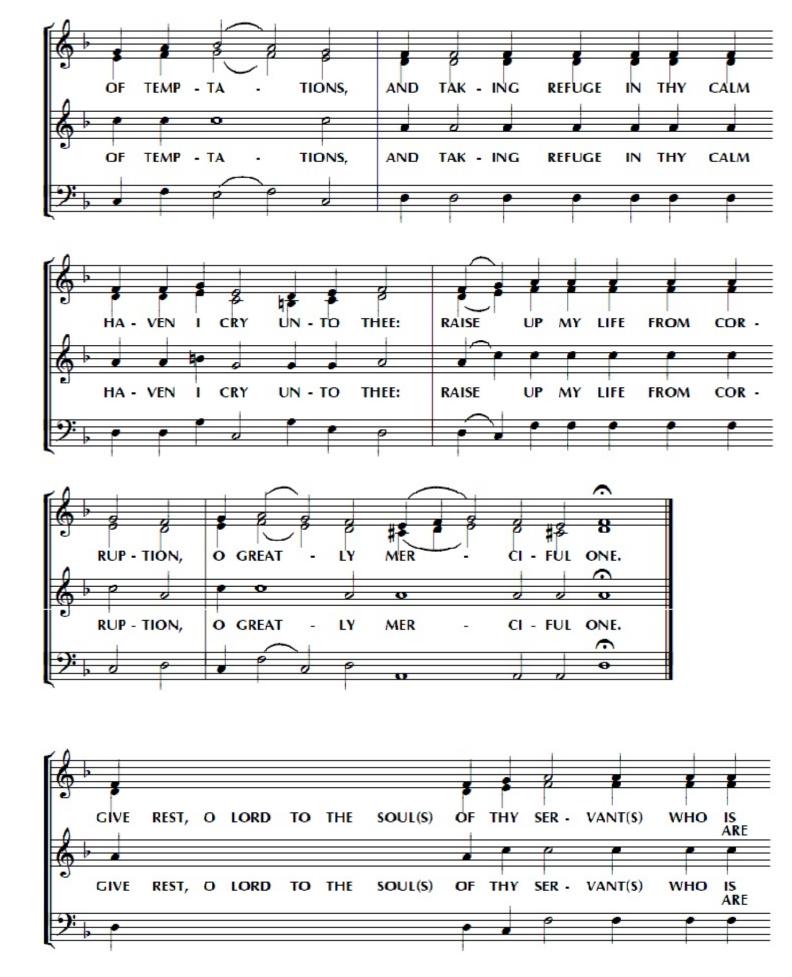
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Choir:



Priest: There is none that is undefiled save you, O most-pure Mother of God, for you alone have conceived in your womb the True God Who is from everlasting, and Who has broken the power of death.







Priest: O Good One Who was nailed to the Cross, Thou has gathered unto Thyself the ranks of Martyrs who imitated Thy sufferings Therefore, we entreat Thee Grant rest unto him (her) that now has been taken unto Thee.

Choir: Give rest, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy servant who is fallen asleep.

Priest: In the dread day when Thou shalt come in Thine ineffable glory upon the clouds to judge the whole world, be Thou well-pleased, O Redeemer, that Thy faithful servant whom Thou hast received from the earth may meet thee with brightness.

Choir: Give rest, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy servant who is fallen asleep.

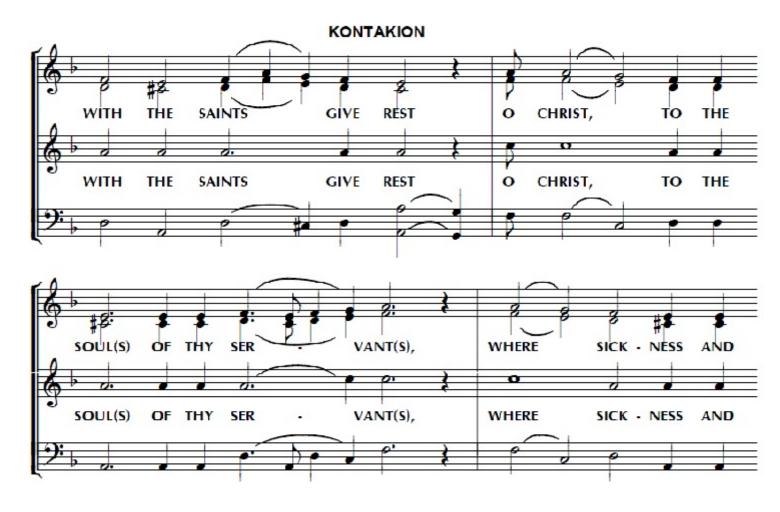
Priest: As Thou art the Fountain of Life, O Master, Who brings out to freedom Thy servants who were bound, having struggled in a godly manner, do Thou settle in the delights of Paradise Thy servant who has departed unto Thee in faith.

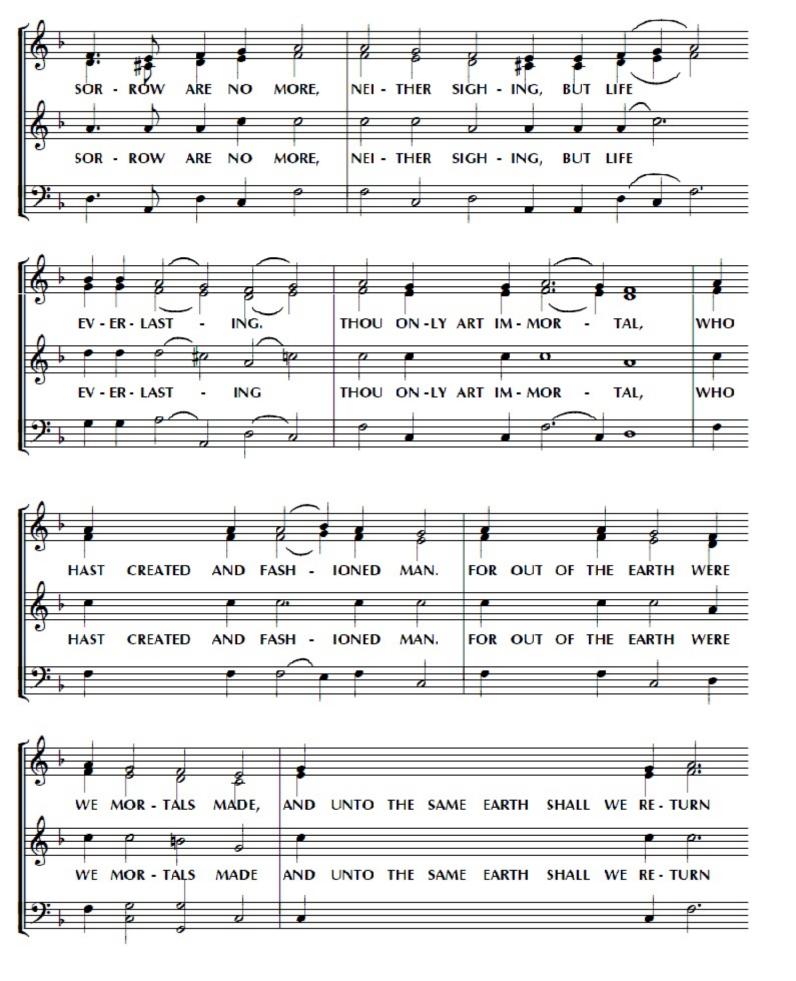
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Choir:



Priest: Having transgressed the divine commandment of God, we were returned to the earth. But, for thy sake, O Virgin, we have been lifted up from earth to Heaven, having shaken off the corruption of death.



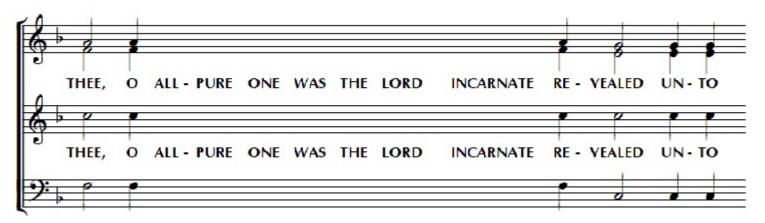


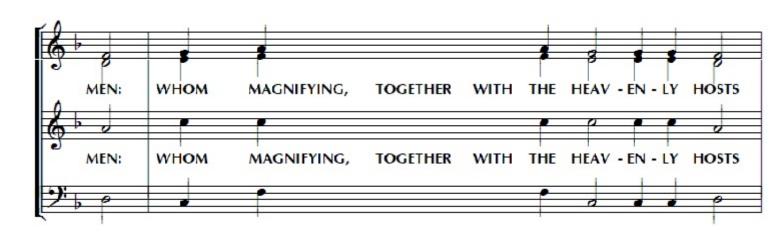




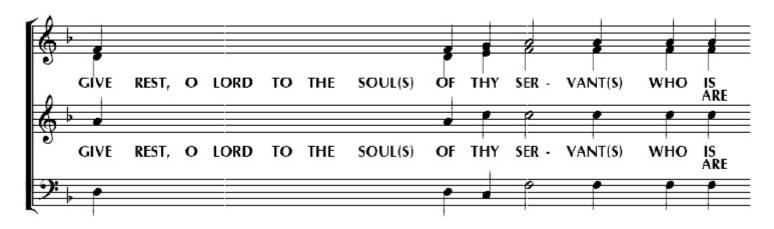














Priest: Hope fortified the ranks of Martyrs, and, with strength, carried them as on wings toward Thy love, by this, truly prefiguring the future unshakeable repose, of which do Thou count worthy, O Good One, the faithful one that has been taken.

Choir: Give rest, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy servant who is fallen asleep.

Priest: Be Thou well-pleased, O Christ, to apportion Thy bright and divine radiance unto him (her) that has departed in faith, as Thou only art merciful, granting him (her) rest in the bosom of Abraham, and counting him (her) worthy of eternal blessedness.

Choir: Give rest, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy servant who is fallen asleep.

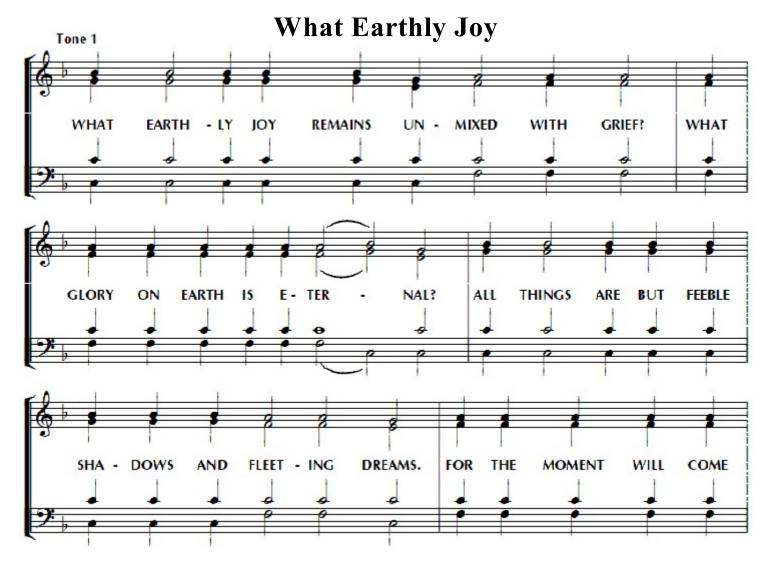
Priest: As Thou art good and deeply-compassionate by nature, Who desires mercy and art an abyss of deep compassion, do Thou establish where Thy radiance shines, O Savior, him (her) whom Thou hast translated from this place of misery and the shadow of death.

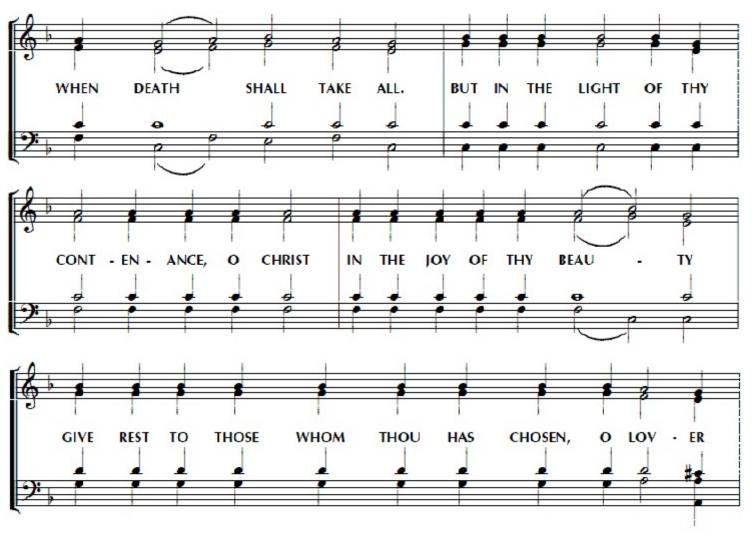
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

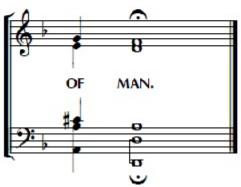
Choir:



Priest: We know thee, O pure One, as the holy Tabernacle, the Ark, and the Tablet of law and grace. For forgiveness is granted for thy sake unto them that are justified by the Blood of Him that became incarnate from thy womb, O all-undefiled One.

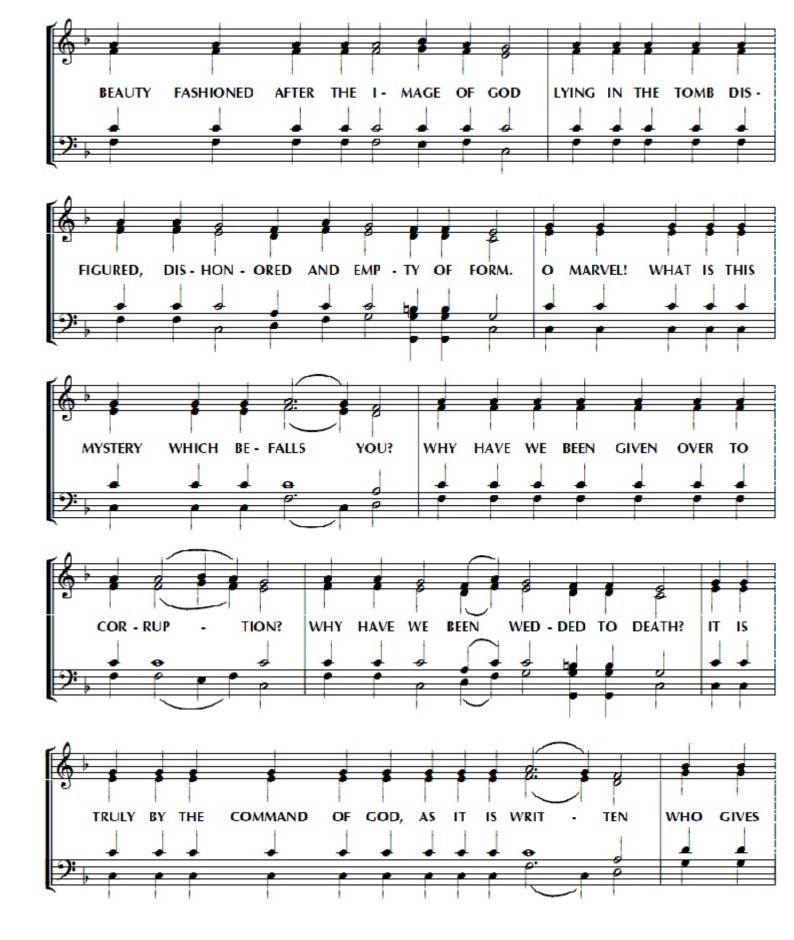


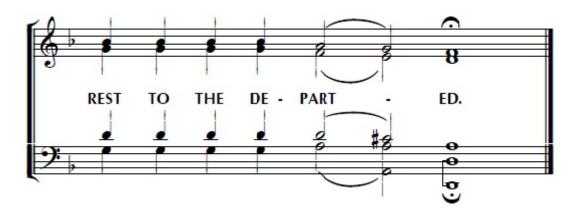




I Weep and I Wail

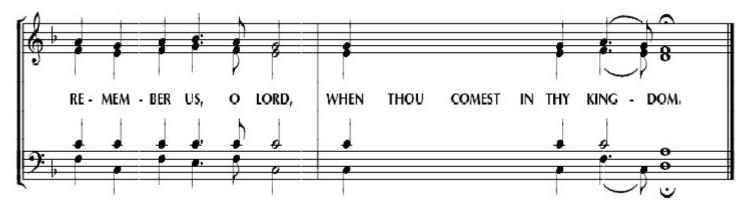






The Beatitudes

Refrain:



Priest: Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Choir: Refrain.

Priest: Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst for righteousness' sake: for they shall be filled.

Choir: Refrain.

Priest: Blessed are the merciful- for they shall obtain mercy. A citizen of Paradise, O Christ, Thou did make of the

Thief, who, because of his repentance upon the cross, cried unto Thee: Remember me! Make Thou me, a sinner, worthy also of the same.

Choir: Refrain.

Priest: Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. O Thou who reigns over life, and death, in the courts of Thy Saints grant unto him (her) whom Thou hast removed from temporal things, and who cries unto Thee: Remember me also O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

Choir: Refrain.

Priest: Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the Children of God.

O Thou who rules over souls and bodies, in whose hand is our breath, the Consolation of the afflicted: In the land of the Just give rest unto Thy servant whom Thou hast taken from us.

Choir: Refrain.

Priest: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

May Christ give thee rest in the land of the living, and open unto thee the gates of Paradise, and make thee a

citizen of His Kingdom; and give thee remission of those things wherein thou in life has sinned, O thou who loves Christ.

Choir: Refrain.

Priest: Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you, falsely, for my sake

Let us go forth; and gaze into the tombs: man is naked bones, food for the worms, and stench; and we shall learn what are riches, and comeliness, and beauty, and strength.

Choir: Refrain.

Priest: Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Let us hearken unto what the almighty cries: Woe unto those who seek to behold the terrible day of the Lord! For lo, it is darkness: for all things shall be tried with fire.

Choir: Refrain.

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Him who hath no beginning in birth of cause, the Father, I worship. Him who is the Only-begotten Son, I glorify; and unto the Holy Spirit who shines together with the Father and the Son, I sing praises.

Choir: Refrain.

Priest: Now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

HOW DOST THOU PRESS MILK IN ABUNDANCE FROM THY BREASTS, O VIRGIN? HOW DOST THOU NOURISH THE NOURISHER OF CREATION? HE KNOWETH IT WHO MADE THE WATER TO WELL FORTH FROM THE ROCK; STREAMS OF WATER FOR A PEOPLE THAT WERE ATHIRST, AS IT WAS WRITTEN.

Choir: Refrain.

The Epistle Reading

Priest: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

Reader: And to thy Spirit

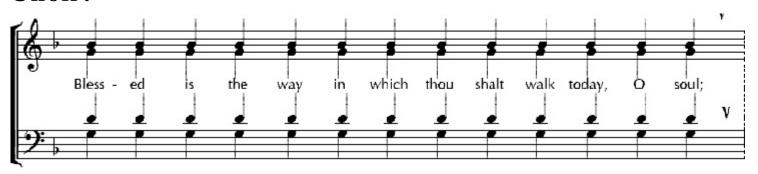
Priest: Wisdom!

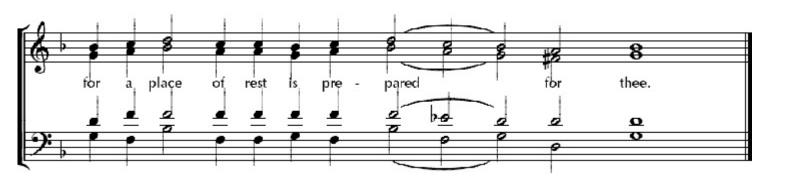
Reader: The Prokeimenon is in the Sixth Tone:

Blessed is the way in which thou shalt walk today, O soul /

for a place of rest is prepared for thee.

Choir:





Reader: Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

Choir: Blessed is the Way

Reader: Blessed is the way in which thou shalt walk today, O Soul.

Choir: For a place of rest is prepared for thee.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians,

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: Brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Priest: Peace be unto thee the reader.

Reader: And with thy spirit. Alleluia (3x)



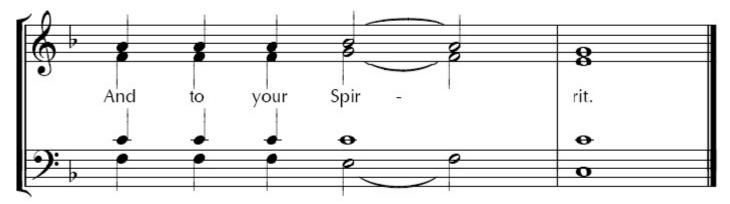




The Gospel Reading

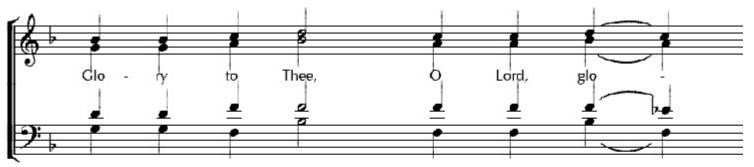
Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all!

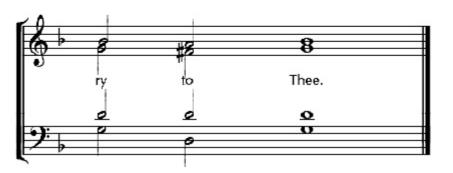
Choir:



Priest: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John:

Choir:





Priest: Let us Attend! The Lord said to the Jews. that came to

him; Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath ever lasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgement also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgement is just; because I seek not mine own will but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Choir: Glory to Thee Our God, glory to Thee.

HOMILY

During the Singing of the following verses the faithful now come forward to venerate the cross and pay their final respects to the departed, after which they return to their seats for the conclusion of the service.

The Last Kiss

Самоподобен: Егда от древа ... Напева Оптиной пустыни





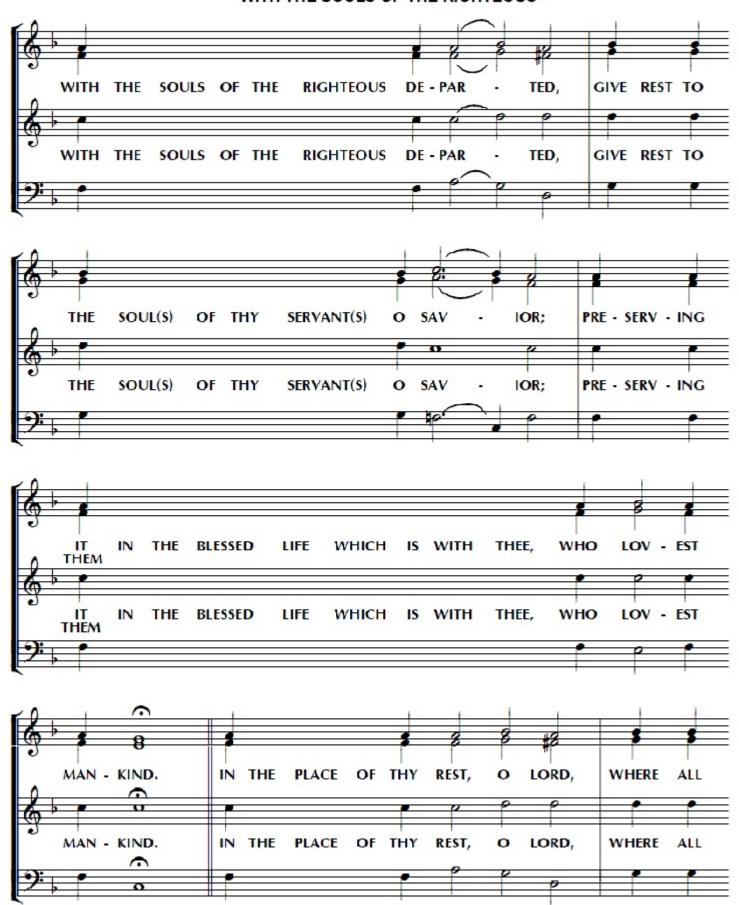


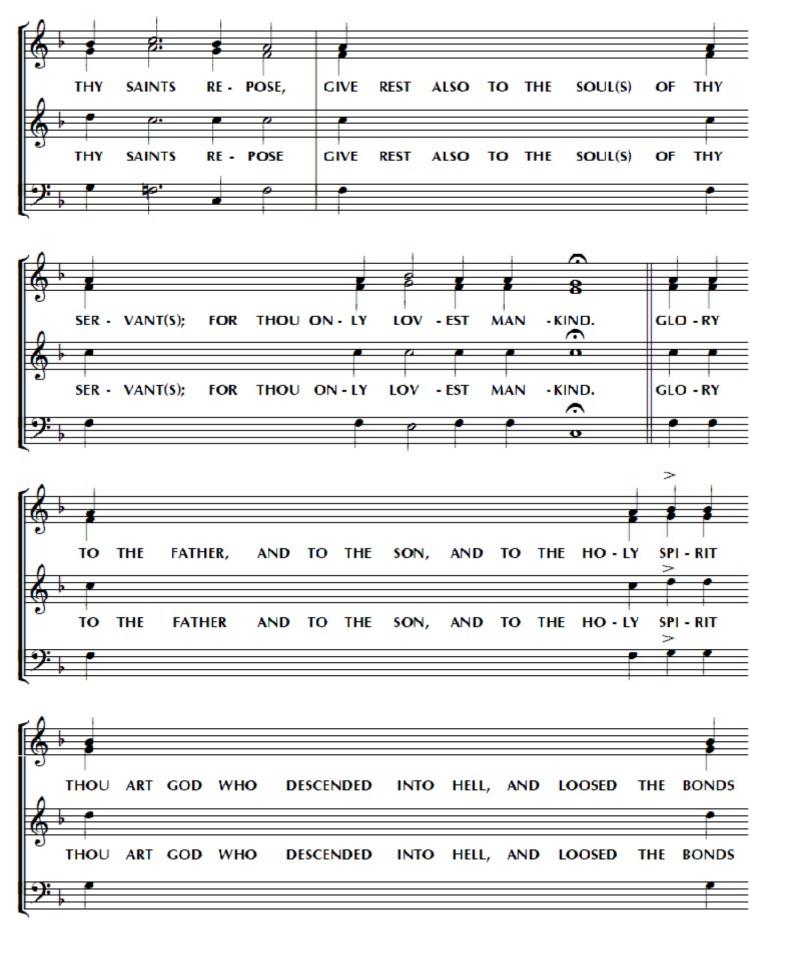


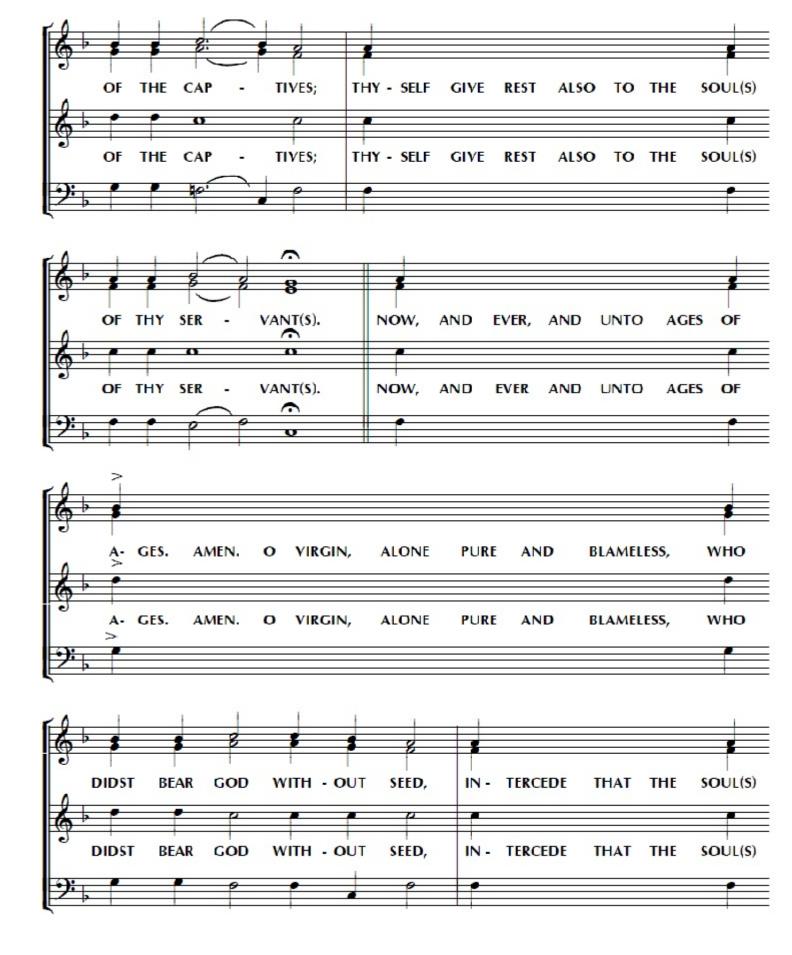


The above verses are repeated as necessary until the veneration of the Cross and the last kiss has been completed and all are returned to their seats. The service concludes as follows;

WITH THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS





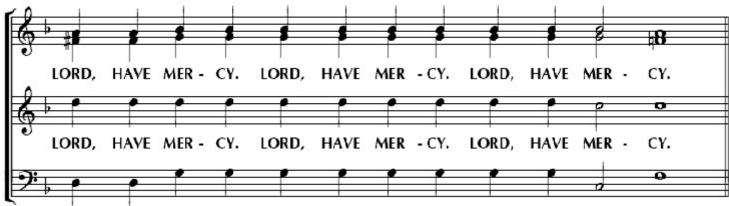




Litany for the Departed

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we beseech Thee, hearken and have mercy.





Priest: Again we pray for the repose of the soul(s) of the servant(s) of God, ____, departed this life: and that he (she, they) may be pardoned all his (her, their) sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

Choir: Lord have mercy (3 times).

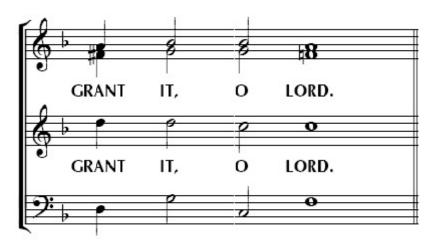
Priest: That the Lord God will establish his (her, their) soul(s)

where the Just Repose.

Choir: Lord have mercy (3 times).

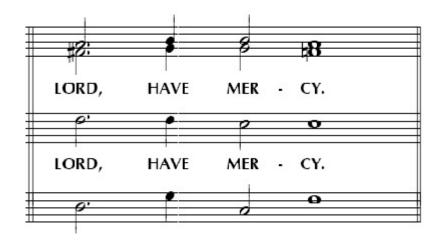
Priest: The mercies of God, the kingdom of heaven, and the remission of his (her, their) sins let us entreat of Christ, our King Immortal, and our God.





Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir:



Priest: O God of spirits, and of all flesh, Who hast trampled down Death, and overthrown the Devil, and given life unto Thy

world: Do Thou, the same Lord, give rest to the soul(s) of Thy departed servant(s)_____, in a place of brightness, a place of refreshment, a place of repose, where all sickness, sorrow and sighing have fled away. Pardon every transgression which he (she, they have) hath committed, whether by word, or deed, or thought.

For Thou art a good God, and loves mankind; because there is no man who lives and sins not; for Thou only art without sin, and thy righteousness is to all eternity, and Thy Word is true.

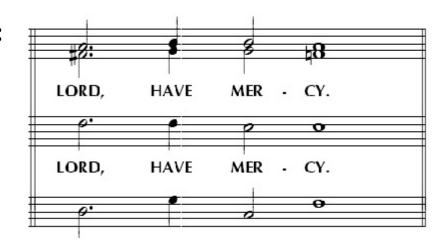
Exclamation: For Thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Thy servant(s)______, who is (are) fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit: now, and ever and unto ages of ages.





Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir:



Prayer of absolution

Priest: Our Lord Jesus Christ, by His divine grace, as also by the gift and power vouchsafed unto His holy Disciples and Apostles, that they should bind and loose the sins of men: (For He said unto them: Receive ye the Holy Spirit: Whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted; and whosesoever sins ye retain they are retained. And whatsoever ye shall bind or loose upon earth shall be bound or loosed also in heaven.)

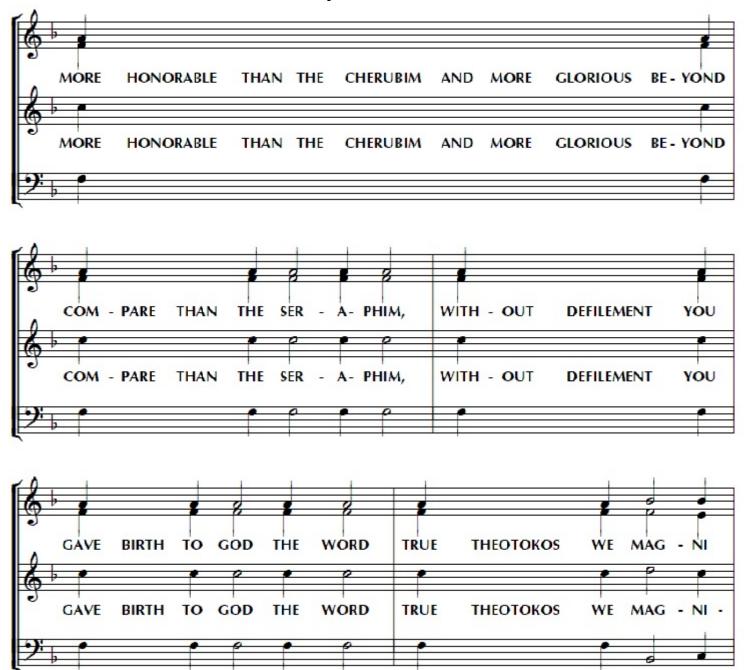
By that same power, also, transmitted unto us from them, this my spiritual child, N., is absolved through me, unworthy though I be, from all things wherein, as mortal, he (she) hath sinned against God, whether in word, or deed, or thought, and with all his (her) senses, whether voluntary or involuntary; whether with knowledge or through ignorance. If he (she) be under the ban or excommunication of a Bishop, or a Priest; or hath sinned by any oath; or hath been bound, as man, by any sins whatsoever, but hath repented him (her) thereof, with contrition of heart: he (she) is now absolved from all those faults and bonds.

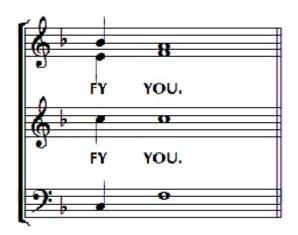
May all those things which have proceeded from the

weakness of his (her) mortal nature be consigned to oblivion, and be remitted unto him (her): Through His loving-kindness; through the prayers of our most holy, and blessed, and glorious Lady, the Mother of our Lord and ever-virgin Mary; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles, and of all the Saints.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Most Holy Theotokos save us!





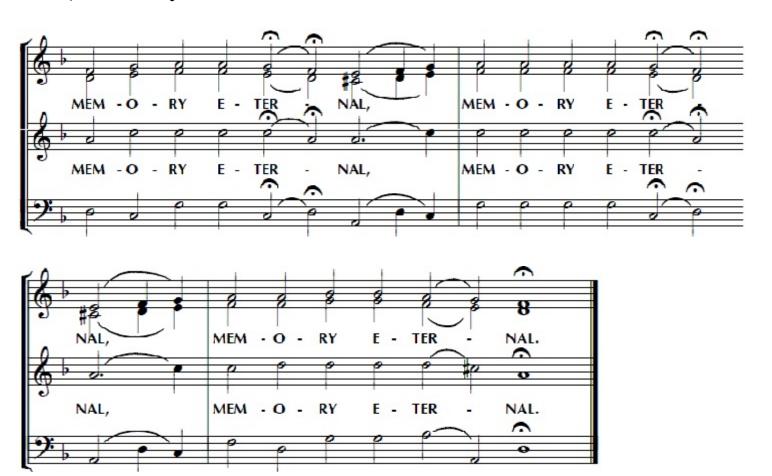
Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God; glory to Thee.



Priest: May He who has dominion over both the living and the dead, who arose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His all-pure Mother; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of our holy and God-bearing Fathers; and of all the Saints; establish the soul(s) of his servant(s), _____, who hath been taken from us, in the mansions of the Righteous: give him (her, them) rest in Abraham's Bosom, and number him (her, them) among the Just; and have mercy on us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

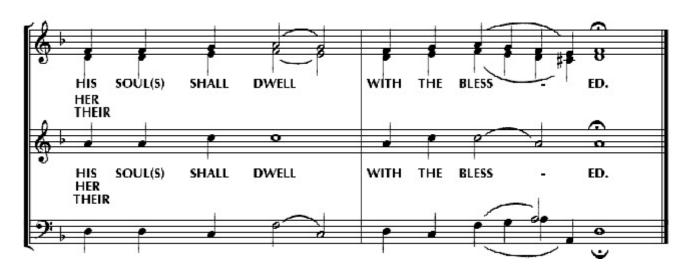
Choir: Amen.

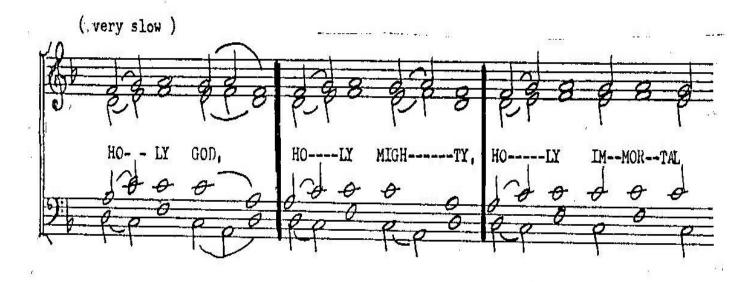
Priest: Grant rest eternal in blessed repose, O Lord, to Thy servant(s), _____, who is (are) fallen asleep, and make his (her, their) memory to be eternal!

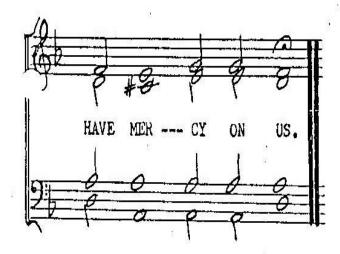


Priest: May God beatify and give him (her) rest, and be merciful unto us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

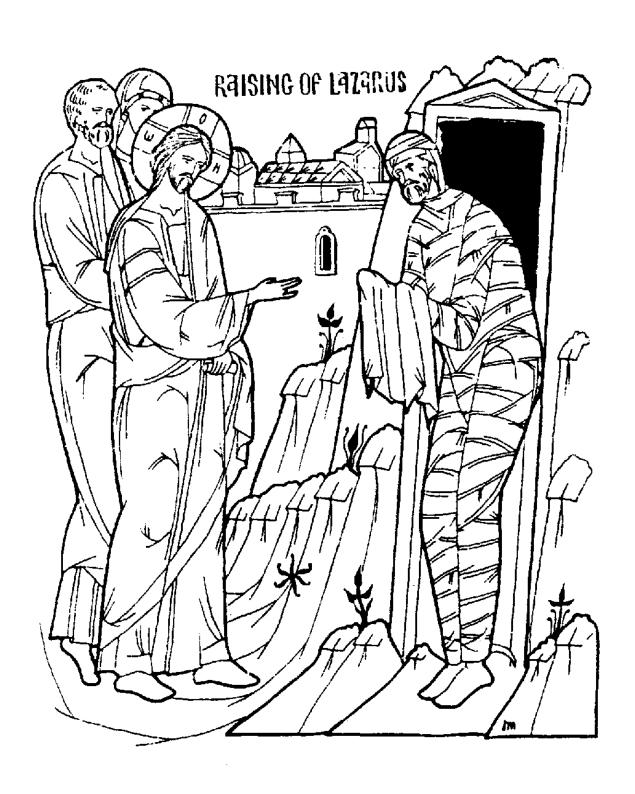
Choir: Amen.



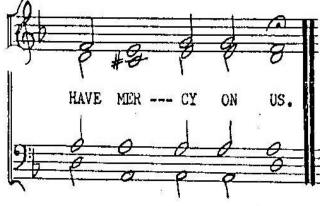




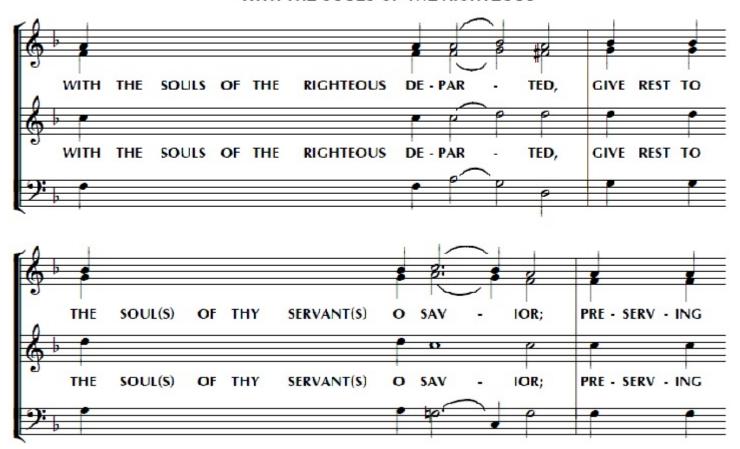
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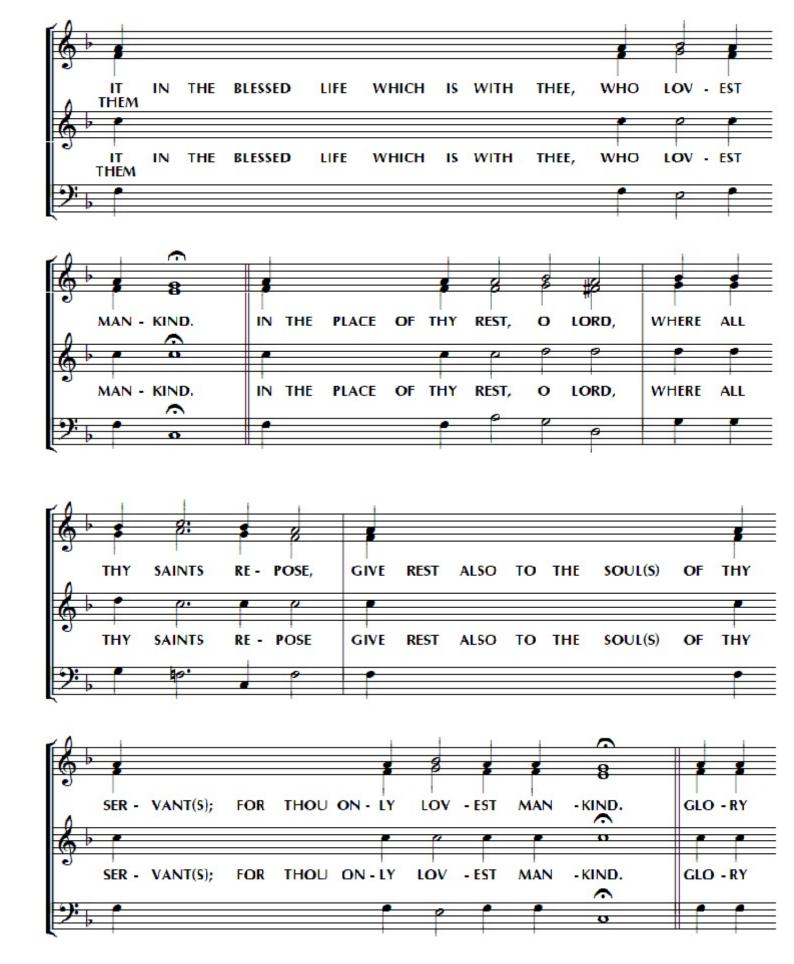


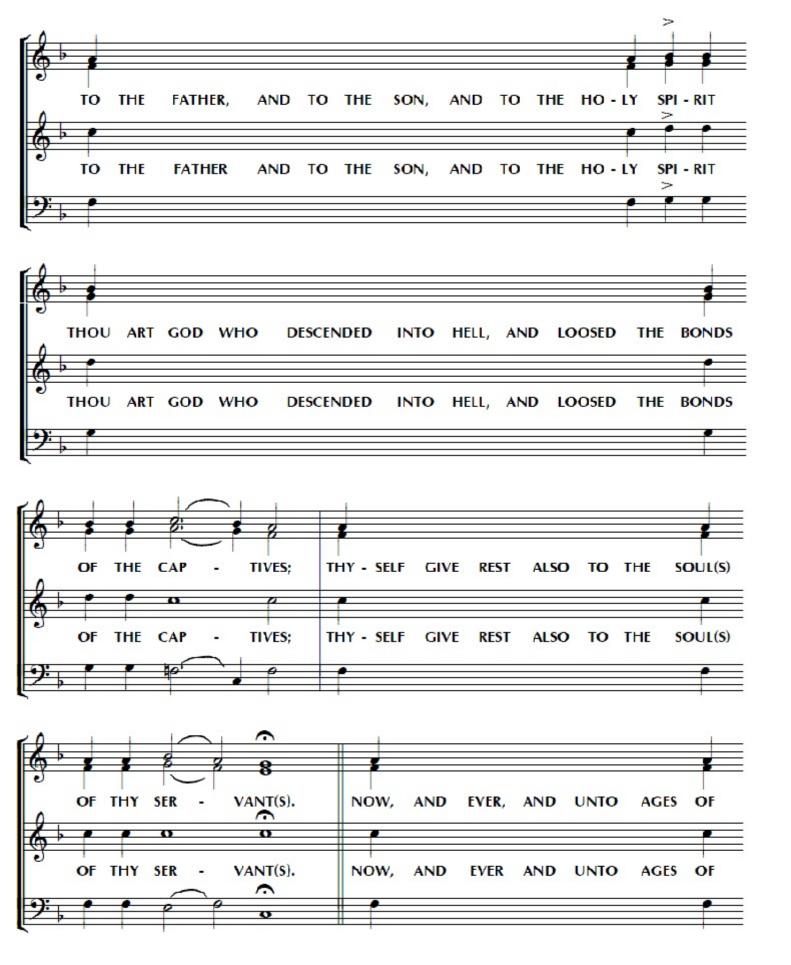


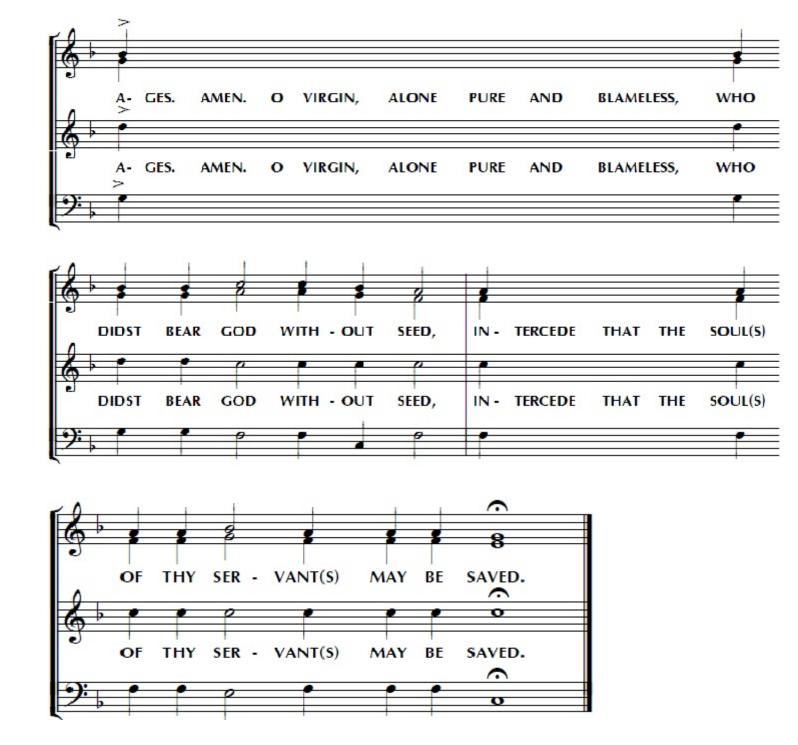


WITH THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS





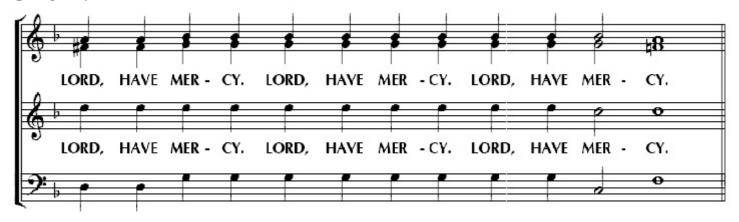




Litany for the Departed

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we beseech Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir:



Priest: Again we pray for the repose of the soul(s) of the servant(s) of God, ____, departed this life: and that he (she, they) may be pardoned all his (her, their) sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

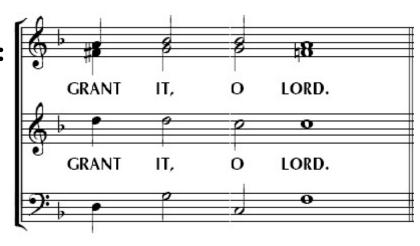
Choir: Lord have mercy (3 times).

Priest: That the Lord God will establish his (her, their) soul(s) where the Just Repose.

Choir: Lord have mercy (3 times).

Priest: The mercies of God, the kingdom of heaven, and the remission of his (her, their) sins let us entreat of Christ, our King Immortal, and our God.

Choir:



Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir:



Exclamation: For Thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Thy servant(s)_____, who is (are) fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit: now, and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir:



Priest: Open O earth and receive that which was taken from thee.

(Making the sign of the cross over the casket with soil he says)

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world round and those that dwell therein (3)

(Taking up the holy water the priest blesses the grave saying)

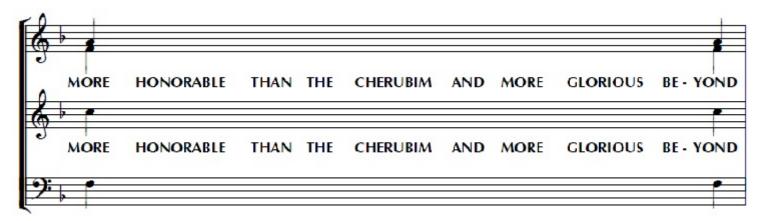
This grave is blessed and sanctified through the sprinkling of this holy water; In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (3)

(Making the sign of the Cross over the grave with the hand cross the priest says;)

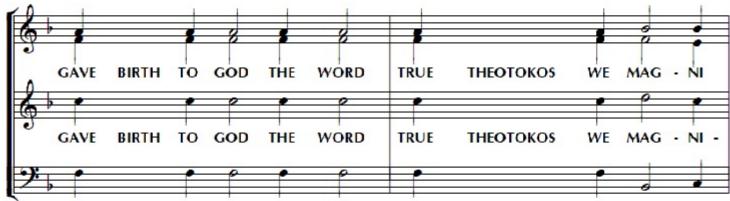
This Grave is sealed until the second coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Most Holy Theotokos save us!

Choir:

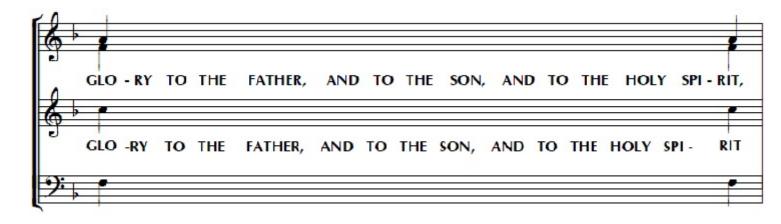


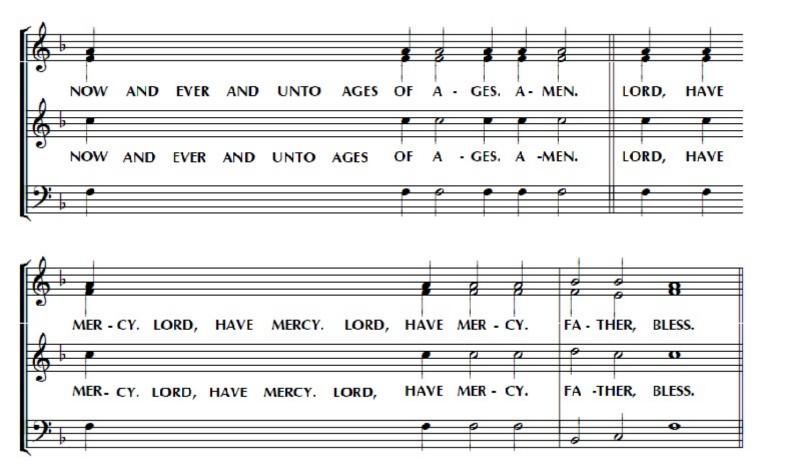






Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God; glory to Thee.



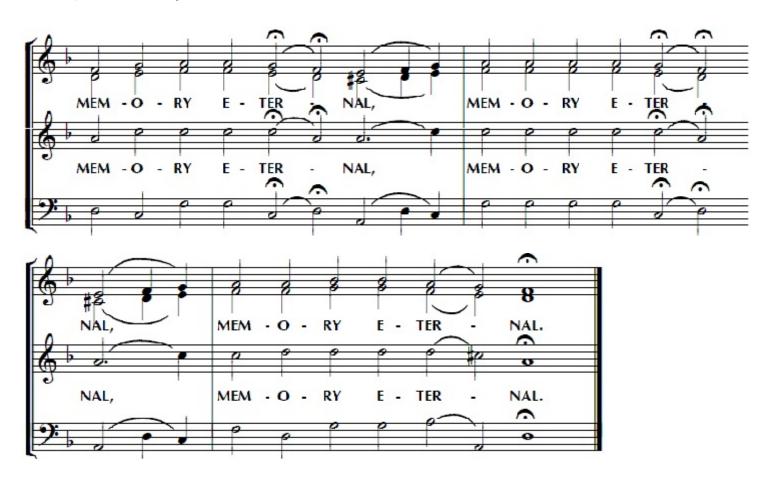


Priest: May He who has dominion over both the living and the dead, who arose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His all-pure Mother; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of our holy and God-bearing Fathers; and of all the Saints; establish the soul(s) of his servant(s), _____, who hath been taken from us, in the mansions of the Righteous: give him (her, them) rest in Abraham's Bosom, and number him (her, them) among the Just; and have mercy on us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Grant rest eternal in blessed repose, O Lord, to Thy servant(s),____, who is (are) fallen asleep, and make his (her,

their) memory to be eternal!



Priest: May God beatify and give him (her) rest, and be merciful unto us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

Choir: Amen.

