

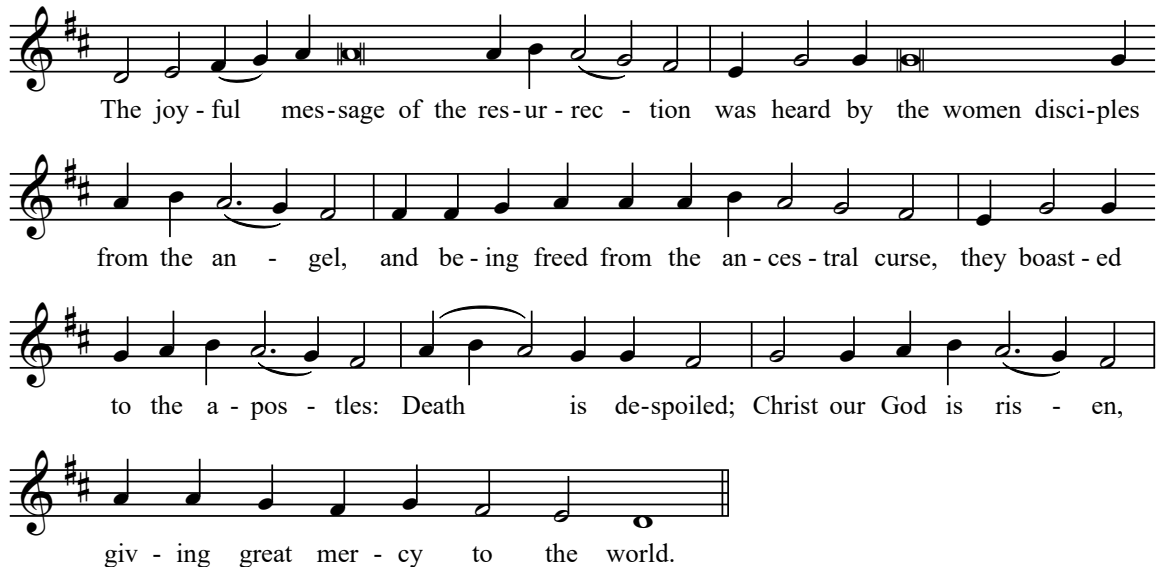
THIRD HOUR PROPERs FOR DECEMBER 20TH, 2020

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

Sunday of the Ancestors

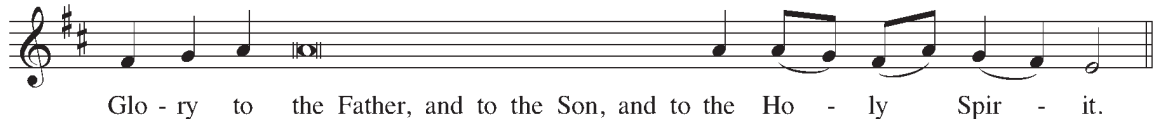
1The holy martyr Ignatius the God-bearer, a bishop and a disciple of St. John the Apostle. He ruled the Church of Antioch second after St. Peter and, condemned to the beasts under the Emperor Trajan, he was sent to Rome and there was crowned with a glorious martyrdom. On his trip, while under guard and experiencing their ferocity as if of leopards, he wrote seven letters to various Churches, by which he beseeched his brothers to serve God in unity with the bishops and not to keep him from being sacrificed as a victim for Christ. (107)

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.

Cantor (*Tone 2*):



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

Troparion of the Ancestors - *Tone 2*



Great are the ac - com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in



the streams of fire as if in re - fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet



shep - herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O



Christ our God, save our souls.

Cantor (Tone 2):



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

Theotokion of Third Hour – Tone 2:



O The - o - tokos, you are the true vine la - den with the Fruit of Life;



where - fore, we im - plore you, O La - dy, to in - ter - cede



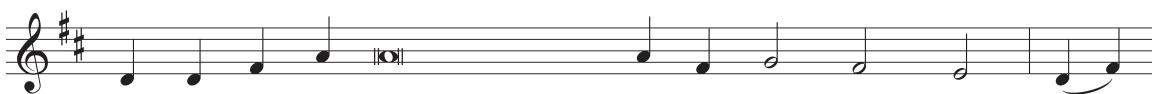
to - gether with the a - pos - tles and all the saints that we may ob - tain



mer - cy for our souls.

Third Hour continues with "May the Lord God be blessed..." on p. 9

Kontakion - Tone 6:



You did not wor - ship a man-made im-age, O thrice - bless'd youths. You

armed yourselves with uncreat-ed di - vin - i - ty. You were glo - ri - fied in the
 trial by fire. With - stand - ing the flames, you stood and called out:
 Has - ten, O compassionate God, and hurry to help us in your mer - cy.
 For you can do what-ev - er you will.

Third Hour continues with "Lord, have mercy..." (40 times) on p. 11