

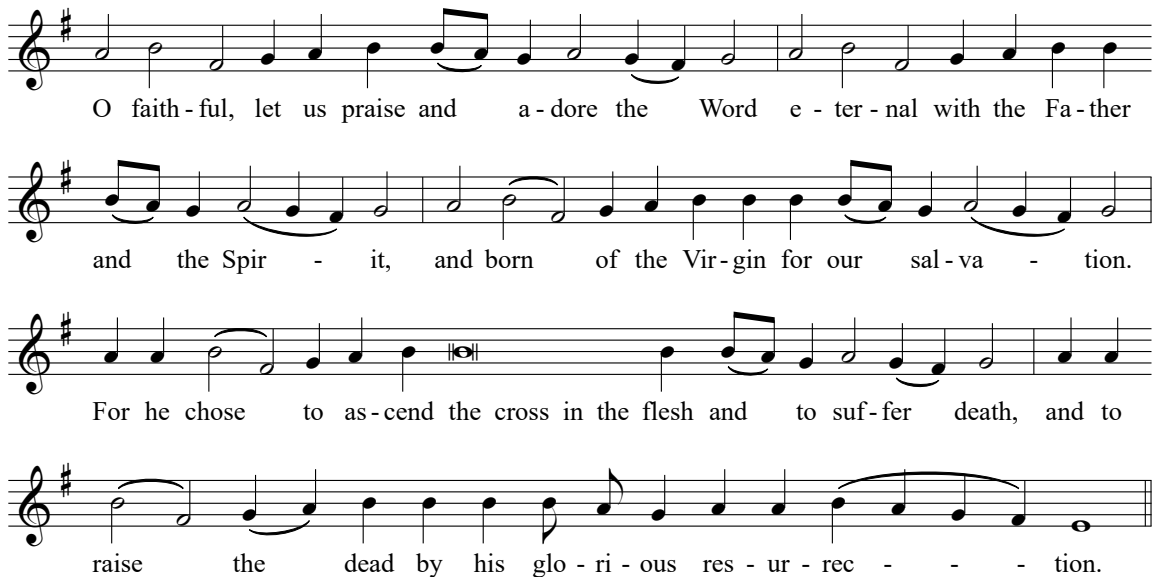
THIRD HOUR PROPER FOR DECEMBER 27TH, 2020

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

The Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed; David the King, and James the Brother of God

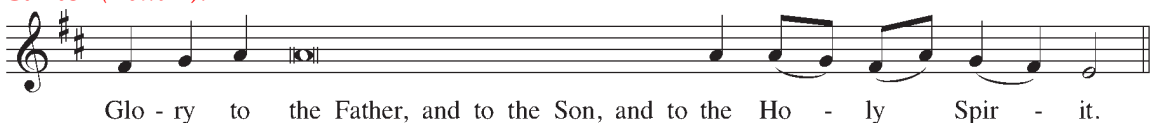
¹THE HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR, AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit. First of seven deacons, whom the Apostles chose to be fellow-laborers in the ministry, he was also the first of the disciples of the Lord to pour out his blood at Jerusalem. He provided testimony for Christ Jesus, whom he saw standing in glory at the right hand of the Father. He was covered over by stones while praying for his persecutors.

Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 5*



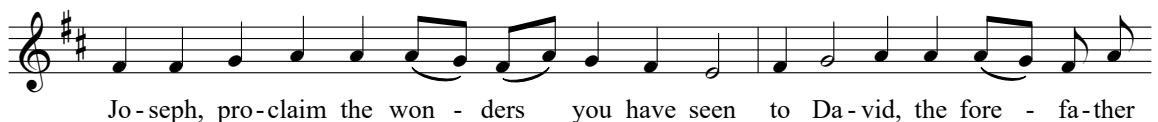
O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e-ter-nal with the Fa-ther
and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal-va - tion.
For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf-fer death, and to
raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous res - ur - rec - - - tion.

Cantor (*Tone 2*):



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

Troparion of the Sunday after the Nativity - *Tone 2*



Jo-seph, pro-claim the won - ders you have seen to Da-vid, the fore - fa-ther



of God: the Vir - gin has giv - en birth; you have giv - en glo - ry



with the shep - herds and wor - shipped with the wise men;



you have been in - struct - ed by the an - gel. Ask Christ our God




to 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 of the Sunday after the Nativity - Tone 3




To - day the god - ly Da - vid is filled with joy; Jo - seph of - fers



hymns of praise with James. Re - joic - ing, they take up the garland of



re - la - tion - ship with Christ. They sing praise to him whose birth on earth



de - fies de - scrip - tion and they cry out: O mer - ci - ful Lord, save



those who hon - or you.

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

¹Special Format