

## Divine Liturgy Propers, December 27, 2020

### The Sunday after Christmas:

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

**OUR PATRON, THE HOLY APOSTLE, PROTOMARTYR, & 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.

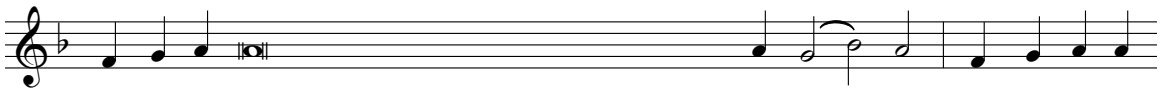
#### First Antiphon (Psalm 9:2):



I shall thank you, O Lord, with all my heart; I shall de-clare all your won-drous deeds.



Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior, save us.



Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it, now and ev-er



and for - ev - er. A - men. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos,



O Sav - ior, save us.

#### Second Antiphon (Psalm 111:1):



Hap - py the man who fears the Lord and great - ly de - lights in his com - mands.

O Son of God, born of the Vir - gin, save us who sing to you:  
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Hymn of the Incarnation:** *(music found on page 18-21)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.  
O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

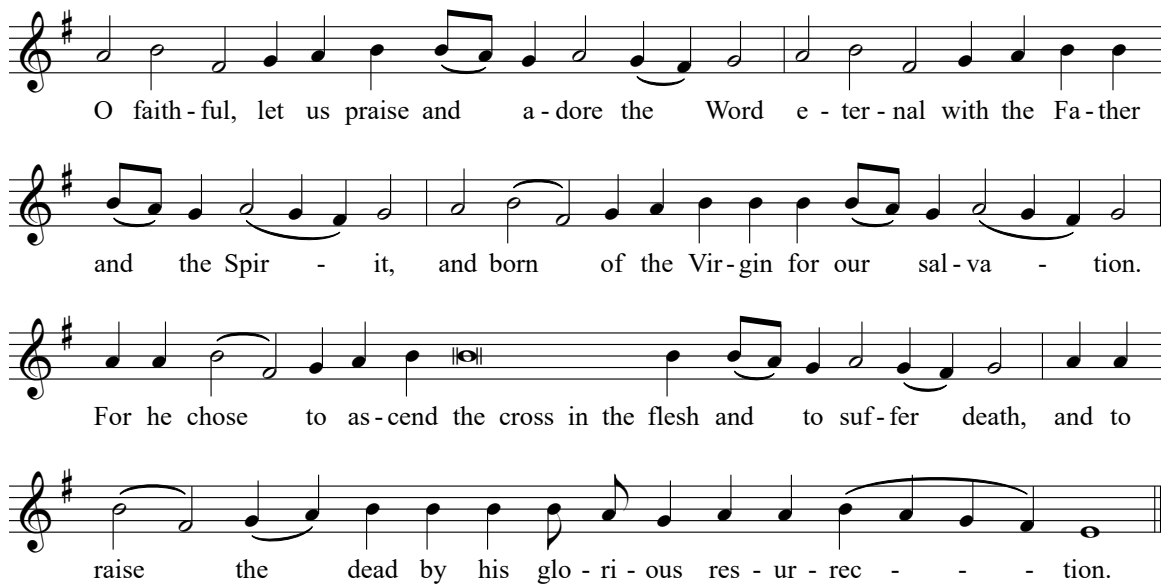
**Post-festive Third Antiphon** (Psalm 94:1):

Come, let us sing joyful-ly to the Lord; let us ac-claim God our Sav - ior.  
O Son of God, born of the Vir - gin, save us who sing to you:  
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Post-festive Entrance Hymn** (Psalm 94:6):

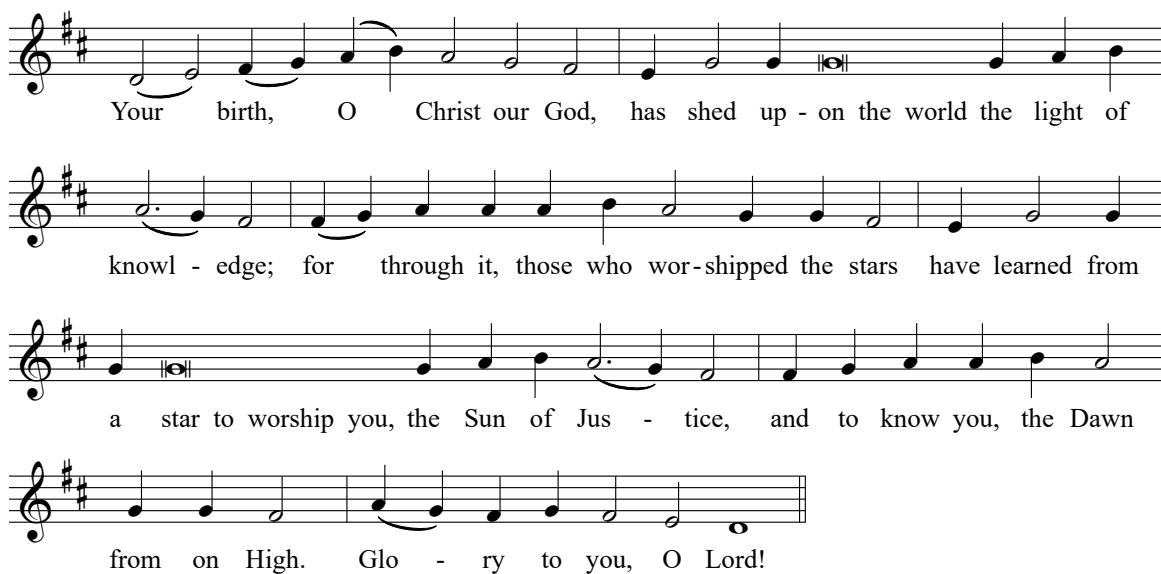
Come, let us wor - ship and bow be - fore Christ. O Son of God,  
born of the Vir - gin, save us who sing to you: Al - le - lu - - ia!

### Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 5*



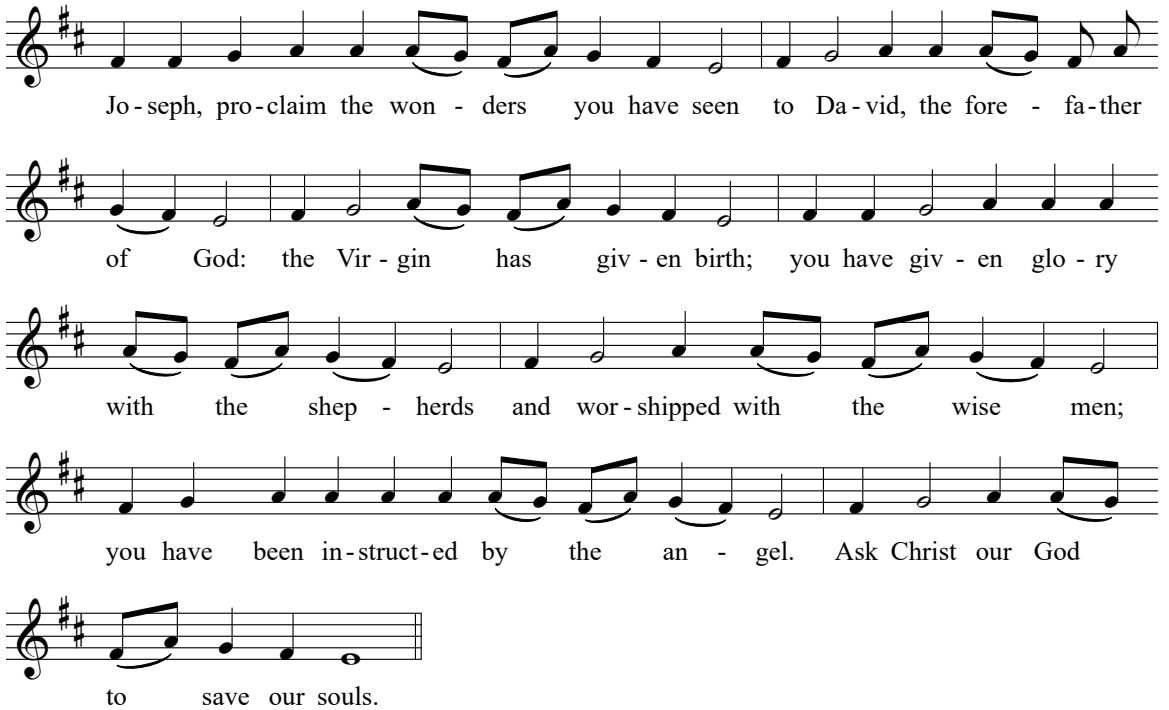
O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e-ter-nal with the Fa-ther  
and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal-va - tion.  
For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf-fer death, and to  
raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous res - ur - rec - - - tion.

### Troparion of the Nativity - *Tone 4*



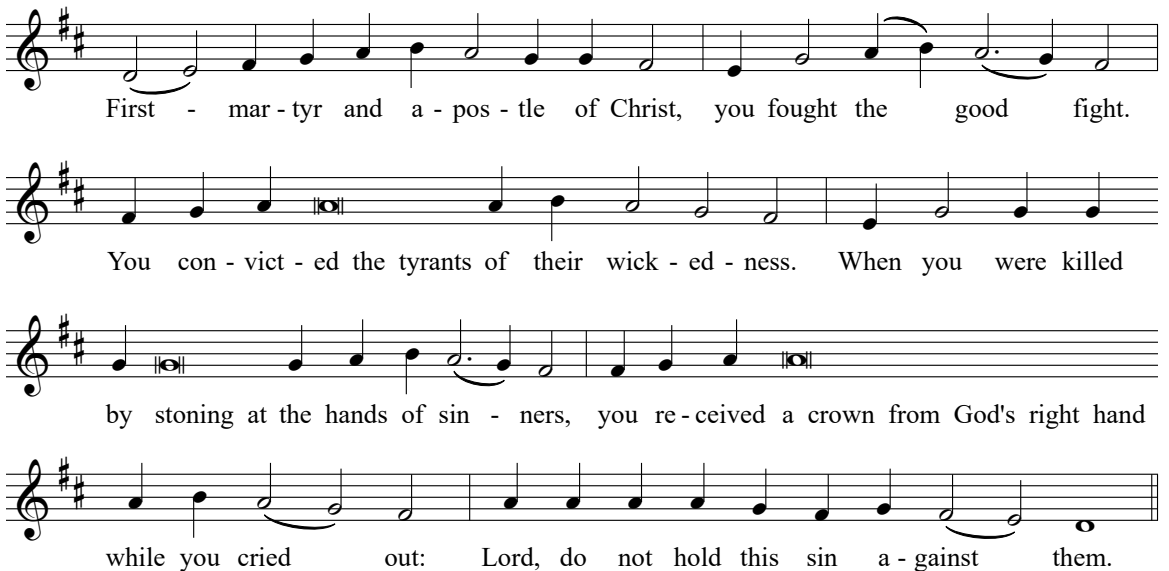
Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed up - on the world the light of  
knowl - edge; for through it, those who wor-shipped the stars have learned from  
a star to worship you, the Sun of Jus - tice, and to know you, the Dawn  
from on High. Glo - ry to you, O Lord!

**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.

**Troparion of the holy first martyr Stephen - Tone 4**



First - mar - tyr and a - pos - tle of Christ, you fought the good fight.  
You con - vict - ed the tyrants of their wick - ed - ness. When you were killed  
by stoning at the hands of sin - ners, you re-ceived a crown from God's right hand  
while you cried out: Lord, do not hold this sin a - gainst them.

*Cantor*

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - - men.

**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.

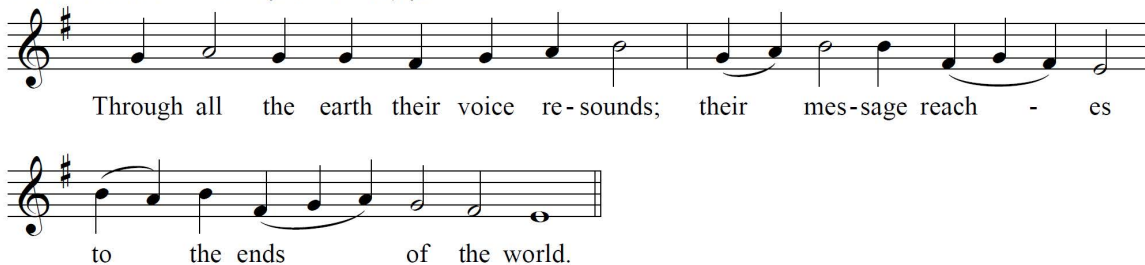
**Prokeimenon of the Resurrection (Psalm 11:8,2):**

You, O Lord, will keep us and pre - serve us for - ev - - - er,  
for - ev - - er from this gen - er - a - - - - tion.

**Verse:** Save me, O Lord, for the righteous have vanished.

*And then immediately:*

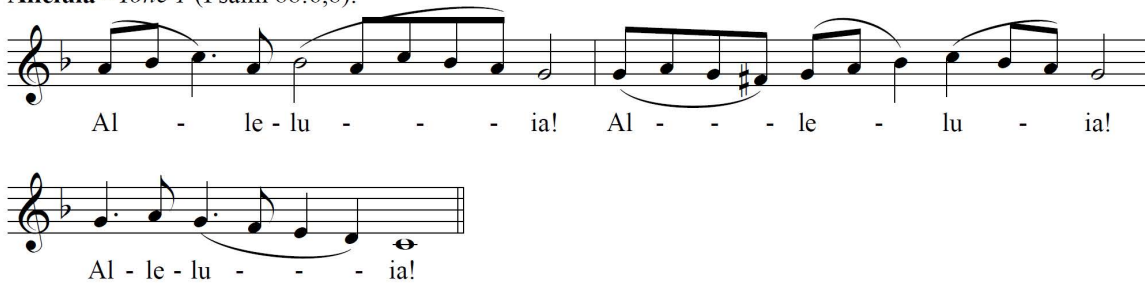
**Prokeimenon - Tone 8** (Psalm 18:5,2):



Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes-sage reach - es  
to the ends of the world.

**Verse:** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Alleluia - Tone 1** (Psalm 88:6,8):



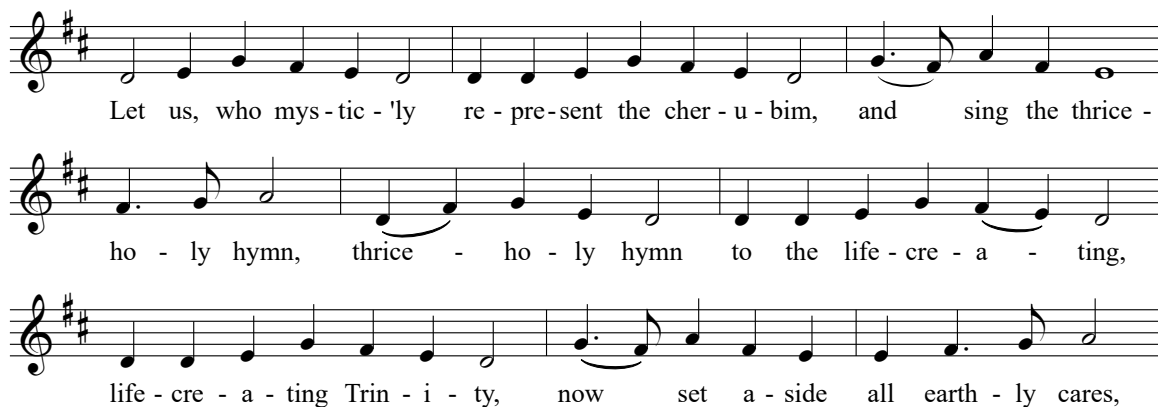
Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Verse:** The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

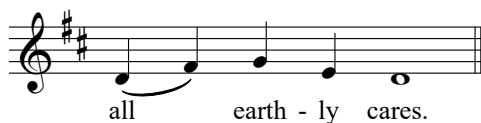
**Verse:** God is glorified in the council of the holy,  
great and awesome above all who surround him.

**Cherubic Hymn**

*melody: Divnaja novina*



Let us, who mys-tic-'ly re-pre-sent the cher-u-bim, and sing the thrice -  
ho - ly hymn, thrice - ho - ly hymn to the life - cre - a - ting,  
life - cre - a - ting Trin - i - ty, now set a - side all earth - ly cares,



all earth - ly cares.

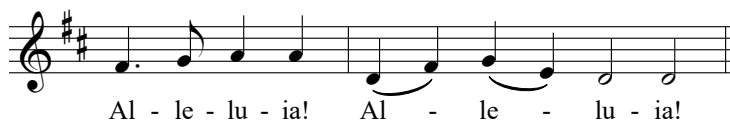
*After the commemorations:*



A - men. That we may re-ceive, may re-ceive the King of All,

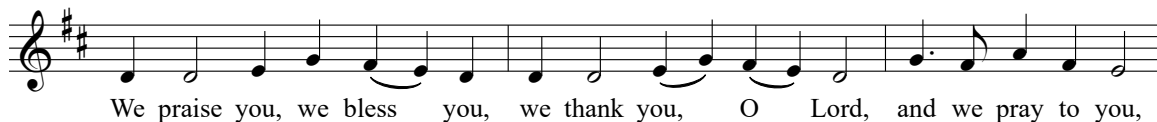


in - vis - i - bly es - cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia!



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

**Anamnesis Acclamation**



We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, O Lord, and we pray to you,



our God, pray to you, our God.

*Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."*

**Magnification:**



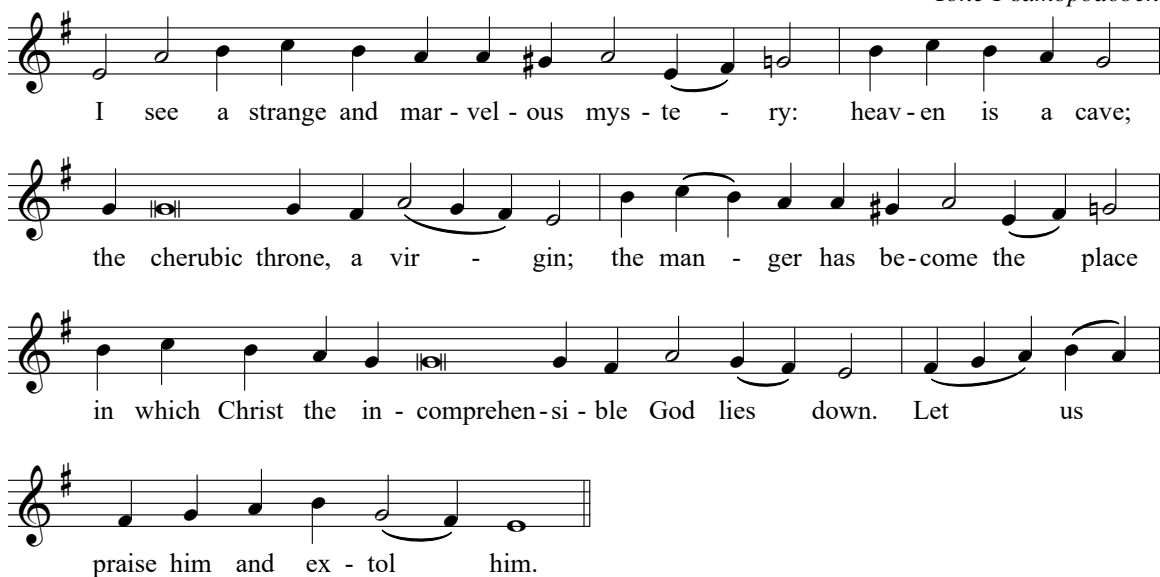
Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,



Christ the King born in a cave, Christ the King, born in a cave.

**Irmos:**

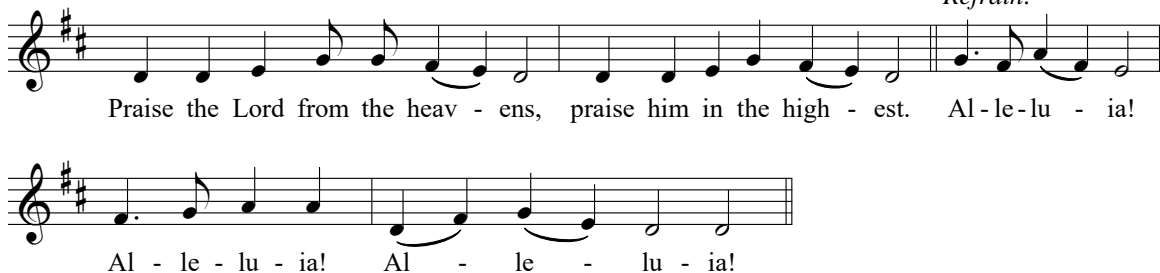
*Tone 1 samopodoben*



I see a strange and mar-vel-ous mys-te-ry: heav-en is a cave;  
the cherubic throne, a vir-gin; the man-ger has be-come the place  
in which Christ the in-comprehen-si-ble God lies down. Let us  
praise him and ex-tol him.

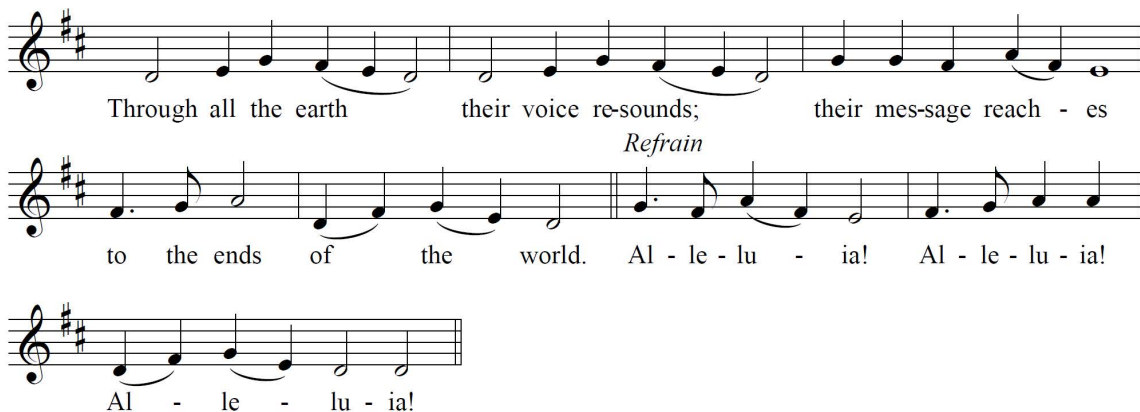
*For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):*

*Refrain:*



Praise the Lord from the heav-ens, praise him in the high-est. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*And for the Holy Martyr Stephen, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 18:5):*



Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes-sage reach-es  
*Refrain*  
to the ends of the world. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia!