

Palfrey Church - Notes on the services 4th May to 25th May 2025

Sunday 4th May Third Sunday of Pasch Joseph and the Myrrhbearing Women

Liturgy

Apolytikia Resurrection Tone 2

**When you went down to death, O immortal life,
Then you slew Hell with the lightning flash of your Godhead:
But when from the depths below the earth you raised the dead,
All the Powers in Heaven cried out:
Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you!**

Saints Tone 2

**The noble Joseph, taking down your most pure body from the Tree,
Wrapped it in a clean shroud with sweet spices
And laid it for burial in a new grave.
But on the third day you arose, O Lord,
Granting the world your great mercy.**

Tone 2

**The Angel standing by the grave cried to the women bearing myrrh:
Myrrh is fitting for the dead,
But Christ has shown himself a stranger to corruption.
But cry aloud:
The Lord is risen, granting the world his great mercy.**

Church Tone 4

**Your nativity O Mother of God
has made joy known to the whole inhabited world,
for from you there dawned the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God.
He abolished the curse and gave the blessing;
and by making death of no effect he bestowed on us eternal life.**

Kontakion Pascha Tone 8:

**Though you descended into a tomb, O Immortal,
Yet you destroyed the power of Hell:
And you arose as victor, O Christ God,
Calling to the Myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!
And giving peace to your Apostles,
O You who grant resurrection to the fallen.**

Liturgy At the beginning: **Christ is risen** (three times)

Antiphons: **Pascha**

Apolytikia **Resurrection** **Tone 3**

**Let everything in Heaven rejoice, let everything on earth be glad,
For the Lord has shown strength with his arm,
By death he has trampled on death,
He has become the first-born from the dead,
From the belly of Hell he has delivered us,
And granted the world his great mercy.**

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For It is truly right (Tone 1):

**The angel cried aloud to her that is full of grace:
Pure Virgin, rejoice! And again I say Rejoice!
For your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day.
Shine, shine, O Jerusalem,
For the glory of the Lord is upon you.
Dance now and be glad O Zion,
And you too rejoice, O Theotokos,
At the arising of Him to whom you gave birth.**

After communion:

For We have seen the true light **Christ is risen** (once)

Liturgy At the beginning: **Christ is risen** (three times). Antiphons of **Pascha**

Apolytikia Resurrection Tone 4

**When the women Disciples of the Lord
Had learnt from the Angel the joyful tidings of the Resurrection,
Casting away the ancestral condemnation,
Triumphantly they said to the Apostles:
Death has been despoiled, Christ God has been raised,
Granting the world his great mercy.**

Mid-feast Tone 8

**At the mid-point of the Feast, O Saviour,
Water my thirsty soul with streams of true devotion;
For you cried out to all:
Any who thirst,
Let them come to me and let them drink.
O source of life, Christ our God, glory to you!**

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After communion: for We have seen the true light: **Christ is risen** (once)

Sunday 25th May **Sixth of Pascha** **The Blind man**
Third finding of the head of St John the Baptist

Liturgy

At the beginning: **Christ is risen** (three times) Antiphons: **Pascha**

Apolytikia

Resurrection Tone 5

**Let us believers praise and let us worship the Word,
Who like the Father and the Spirit is without beginning,
Born from a Virgin for our salvation;
For he was well pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh
And undergo death,
And to raise those who had died,
By his glorious Resurrection.**

Feast Tone 4

**Christ God has revealed to us your venerable head
As a divine treasure that had been concealed in the earth,
O Prophet and Forerunner.
Therefore, as we gather on the feast of its finding,
With our hymns inspired of God we praise Christ the Saviour,
Who by your prayers saves us from every kind of harm.**

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