

March 24: Forefeast of the Annunciation

Troparion, Tone 4

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Court Chant

S
A

T
B

Today the first - fruits of uni-ver-sal joy command us to chant

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of the troparion. It features two vocal staves: Soprano (S) and Alto (A) on the top staff, and Tenor (T) and Bass (B) on the bottom staff. The music is in a minor key with a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Today the first - fruits of uni-ver-sal joy command us to chant".

hymnody of the fore - feast; for lo! Gabriel cometh, bearing

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of the troparion. It features two vocal staves: Soprano (S) and Alto (A) on the top staff, and Tenor (T) and Bass (B) on the bottom staff. The music continues in the same key and time signature. The lyrics are: "hymnody of the fore - feast; for lo! Gabriel cometh, bearing".

a salutation to the Vir - gin, and he cri - eth out to her:

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of the troparion. It features two vocal staves: Soprano (S) and Alto (A) on the top staff, and Tenor (T) and Bass (B) on the bottom staff. The music continues in the same key and time signature. The lyrics are: "a salutation to the Vir - gin, and he cri - eth out to her:". There are some ties and slurs in the notation.

"Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace! The Lord is with thee!"

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth and final line of the troparion. It features two vocal staves: Soprano (S) and Alto (A) on the top staff, and Tenor (T) and Bass (B) on the bottom staff. The music concludes in the same key and time signature. The lyrics are: "Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace! The Lord is with thee!".

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