

GREAT FRIDAY VESPERS

Aposticha

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1.

JO - SEPH OF AR - I - MA - THE - A TOOK THEE DOWN FROM THE TREE,

THE LIFE OF ALL COLD AND DEAD BATH - ING THEE WITH SWEET

AND COST - LY MYRRH, HE GENTLY COVERED THEE WITH FIN - EST

LIN - EN AND WITH SOR - ROW AND TEN - DER LOVE

IN HIS HEART HE EM - BRACED THY MOST PURE BOD - Y,

TREMB - LING AT THIS AWE - SOME SITE HE CRIED OUT TO THEE,

O CHRIST: GLO - RY TO THY CON - DE - SCEN - SION O

LOV - VER OF MAN.

VERSE: The Lord is King! He is robed in majesty!

2.

WHEN THOU, THE RE - DEEM - ER OF ALL WAS PLACED IN A TOMB,

ALL HELL'S POW - ERS QUAKED IN FEAR. ITS BARS WERE BROKEN ITS

GATES WERE SMASHED! ITS MIGHT - Y REIGN WAS BROUGHT TO AN END,

FOR THE DEAD CAME FORTH A - LIVE FROM THEIR TOMBS,

CAST - ING OFF THE BONDS OF THEIR CAP - TIV - I - TY. AD - AM WAS

FILLED WITH JOY! HE GRATE - FUL - LY CRIED OUT TO THEE, O CHRIST:

GLO - RY TO THY CON - DE - SCEN - SION O LOV - VER OF MAN.

VERSE: He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.

3.

IN THE FLESH THOU WAST WILL - ING - LY EN - CLOSED IN A TOMB,

WHO ART BOUND - LESS AND IN - FIN - ITE IN THY DI - VIN - I - TY.

THOU DIDST CLOSE THE CHAM - BER OF DEATH, O CHRIST. THOU HAS EMPTIED ALL

THE PAL - AC - ES OF HELL. THOU HAST HONORED THIS SABBOTH WITH THY

BLESS - ING, GLO - RY AND HON - OR.

VERSE: Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore.

4.

THE POW - ERS OF HEA - VEN SHOOK WITH FEAR,

WHEN THEY SAW THINE IN - EF - FA - BLE FOR - BEAR - ANCE.

THEY BEHELD THEE SLAN - DERED BY LAW - LESS MEN, MOCKED BY TRANS -

GRES - SORS, THEY BE - HELD THE STONE THAT CLOSED

THY TOMB SEALED BY THE SAME HANDS THAT PIERCED THY SIDE,

Musical score for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are: BUT THEY KNEW THAT THY DEATH WOULD BE OUR LIFE, AND JOY - FUL - LY. The music consists of chords and single notes in both staves.

Musical score for the second system, featuring a treble and bass clef. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are: THEY CRIED OUT TO THEE, O CHRIST: GLO - RY TO THY CON - DE - SCEN - SION. The music consists of chords and single notes in both staves.

Musical score for the third system, featuring a treble and bass clef. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are: O LOV - VER OF MAN!. The music consists of chords and single notes in both staves, ending with a fermata.