

Pentecostarion
Friday of the 3rd Week

Stichera at the Aposticha of the Praises

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: *When he took thee*

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1) When they heard the Angel's holy words, the women disciples of Christ God rejoiced with joy passing great, being thus confirmed in faith in the Ascending of Him Who was reckoned among the dead because of our sinners, though not long before the Myrrh-bearers had stood at His tomb mourning Him, and they were bewildered seeing that the stone of a sudeen had been rolled away from Jesus' sepulcher.

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Verse: Thou hast been gracious, O Lord, unto Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.

2) Christ's wom - en dis - ci - ples tru - ly gave His di - vine and
sa - cred dis - ci - ples di - vine and in - fin - ite joy,
do - ing as com - mand - ed by thē an - gel
most di - vine, at whose rai - ment of bril - liant white
a - maze - ment had seized them; so the wom - en
bear - ing myrrh said: Ha - des is de - spoiled
by the ū - ni - ver - sal - ly sav - ing
and di - vine - ly wrought Res - ur - rec - tion
of the King that will - ing - ly had died for us.

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Verse: Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

3) Now the streams of tears that pour a - broad from a dirge - ful
 foun - tain of wail - ing are checked, as tid - ings of joy
 are in - stead con - veyed by the wom - en dis -
 - ci - ples of Christ to the ho - ly eye - wit - ness - es
 of grace, as the wom - en tell them of the
 Word's A - ris - ing and that joy from the grave,
 whence they heard a voice strange and won - drous,
 con - trar - y to sor - row and sad - ness,
 giv - ing them the greet - ing and com - mand: Re - joice.