

## Third Mode

Ἦχος Γα

Let the heav - - ens re - - joice, and let things on earth be\_\_ glad,  
 for the Lord\_\_ has worked pow-er with His arm; He has tram - - pled  
 up-on\_\_ death\_\_ by\_\_ death; He has be-come the first-born of the dead.  
 From the bowels of Ha-des has He de - liv - ered us, and has grant -  
 - ed great mer - cy to the world.

*There is nothing upon earth holier, higher, grander, more solemn, more life-giving  
 than the Liturgy. The temple, at this particular time, becomes an earthly heaven;  
 those who officiate represent Christ Himself, the angels,  
 the cherubim, seraphim and apostles.*

—St. John of Kronstadt