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When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all-radiant Divinity. And, when You, from internal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven’s powers did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God, we give glory (to You).

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