

Royal Hours of Great and Holy Friday

First Hour

(The priest vested in epitrachelion and phelonion opens the curtain. The deacon begins as follows, before the Royal Doors)

DEACON: *Bless, Master.*

PRIEST: *Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

READER: *Amen. Glory to You, O God, glory to You.*

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who is everywhere present and fills all things; Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: *For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

READER: *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. (12X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

(The priest opens the Royal Doors. The priest and deacon take the Gospel and place it in the center of the Church. Afterwards, a full censuring of the Church is begun by censuring around the Gospel, and concluding by again censuring before it.)

Psalm 5

Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my groaning. Harken to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I pray.

O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice to You, and watch. For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not travel with You. The boastful may not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors bloodthirsty and deceitful men.

But in the abundance of Your mercy I will enter Your house. I will worship toward Your holy temple in the fear of You. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before me.

For there is no truth in their mouth; their heart is destruction; their throat is an open sepulcher, they flatter with their tongue. Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of their many transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against You.

But let all who take refuge in You rejoice, let them ever sing for joy; and dwell in them, O Lord, that those who love Your name may exult in You. For You bless the righteous, O Lord; You cover him with favor as with a shield.

Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and His Anointed, saying, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

"I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, You are My Son, today have I begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice in Him with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Psalm 22

1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning? 2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent. 3 But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. 4 Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. 5 They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. 6 But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and

despised by the people. 7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 "He trusted F17 in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" 9 But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God.

11 Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. 13 They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced F18 My hands and My feet; 17 I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. 18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. 19 But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! 20 Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog. 21 Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.

22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. 23 You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. 25 My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the Lord. Let your heart live forever! 27 All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the Lord, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. F19 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations. 29 All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive. 30 A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, 31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3X)

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Troparion – Tone 1

Troparion of the First Hour TONE 1

WHEN YOU WERE CRU - CI - FIED, O CHRIST, OUR GOD, YOU DESTROYED

THE TYRANNY OF THE EN - E - MY, AND TRAMPLED UNDER FOOT HIS

POW - ER, FOR IT WAS NEITHER ANGEL NOR MAN THAT SAVED US,

BUT YOU, O LORD, CAME TO SAVE US: O LORD, GLO - RY TO YOU!

READER: *Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Theotokion

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TONE 1

WHAT SHALL WE CALL YOU, O FULL OF GRACE? HEAVEN, FOR YOU MADE

THE SUN OF RIGHT-EOUS-NESS SHINE FORTH? PAR - A - DISE, FOR

YOU PUT FORTH THE FLOWER OF IM - MOR - TAL - I - TY? VIR - GIN, FOR

YOU RE - MAIN MOST PURE? PURE MO - THER, FOR YOU HELD

IN YOUR ARMS THE GOD OF ALL? PRAY TO HIM TO SAVE OUR SOULS!

TONE 8



TO - DAY THE VEIL OF THE TEM - PLE IS TORN CONDEMNING THE LAWLESS



RU - LERS. THE SUN TURNS BACK AND HIDES ITS RAYS,



SEE - ING THE MAS - TER CRU - CI - FIED. VERSE: WHY DO THE GENTILES RAGE, AND THE PEOPLE IMAGINE VAIN THINGS?



LIKE A SHEEP YOU HAVE BEEN LED TO THE SLAUGH - TER, O CHRIST THE



KING OF ALL. YOU WERE NAILED TO THE CROSS BY LAW - LESS MEN

TO SAVE US FROM OUR MA - NY SINS, O ON - LY LOV - ER OF

MAN - KIND.

VERSE: GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON,
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER, AND
UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

WHILE PER - MIT - TING TRANSGRESSORS TO SEIZE YOU, YOU CRIED

OUT TO THEM, O LORD: "THOUGH YOU SMITE THE SHEPHERD AND

SCATTER THE TWELVE SHEEP, MY DIS - CI - PLES, I AM ABLE

TO SURROUND MYSELF WITH MORE THAN THIRTY LEGIONS OF AN - GELS.

BUT I FORE - BEAR, SO THAT THE SECRET AND HIDDEN THINGS MAY

BE FUL - FILLED WHICH WERE REVEALED TO YOU BY MY PRO - PHETS."

O LORD, GLO - RY TO YOU!

The Prokeimenon of the Prophecy: (Psalm 40)

HE WENT OUT AND SPOKE TO THE MUL - TI - TUDES.

VERSE: BLESSED IS HE WHO IS CONCERNED FOR THE NEEDY AND THE POOR.

READER: *The reading is from Zechariah.*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *{Zech 11:10-13} 10 And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. 11 And it was broken on that day, and so the poor of the flock who waited upon me knew that it was the word of the Lord. 12 And I*

said unto them, "If ye think it be good, give me my price; and if not, forbear." So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. **13** And the Lord said unto me, "Cast it unto the potter" -- a goodly price that I was prized at by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

DEACON: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians.

DEACON: Let us attend.

READER: {Gal 6:14-18} **14** But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. **15** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. **16** And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. **17** From henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. **18** Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

PRIEST: Peace be unto you, reader.

READER: And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOIR:



PRIEST: That we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (3X)

PRIEST: Wisdom, let us attend, let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

CHOIR: And to your spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

CHOIR: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

{Mat 27:1-56} **1** When the morning had come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. **2** And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate, the governor. **3** Then Judas, who had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented and brought back the

thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, **4** saying, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself!" **5** And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. **6** And the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood." **7** And they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. **8** Therefore that field was called the Field of Blood unto this day. **9** Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him that was valued, whom they the children of Israel did value, **10** and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me."

11 And Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, saying, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said unto him, "You say it." **12** And when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. **13** Then said Pilate unto Him, "Do You not hear how many things they witness against You?" **14** And He answered him never a word, so that the governor marveled greatly. **15** Now at that feast, the governor was accustomed to release to the people a prisoner, whomever they would. **16** And they had then a notable prisoner called Barabbas. **17** Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, "Whom will ye that I release unto you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" **18** For he knew that for envy they had delivered Him. **19** When he had sat down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, "Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him." **20** But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. **21** The governor answered and said unto them, "Which of the two will ye that I release unto you?" They said, "Barabbas!" **22** Pilate said unto them, "What shall I do then with Jesus, who is called Christ?" They all said unto him, "Let Him be crucified!" **23** And the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!" **24** When Pilate saw that he could not prevail, but rather that a tumult was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person. See ye to it yourselves." **25** Then answered all the people and said, "His blood be on us, and on our children!"

26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified. **27** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto Him the whole detachment of soldiers. **28** And they stripped Him and put on Him a scarlet robe. **29** And when they had plaited a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head and a reed in His right hand, and they bowed their knees before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of

the Jews!" **30** And they spat upon Him, and took the reed and smote Him on the head. **31** And after they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from Him and put His own raiment on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him. **32** And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; him they compelled to bear His cross.

33 And when they had come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a Place of a Skull, **34** they gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall. And when He had tasted it, He would not drink. **35** And they crucified Him and parted His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They parted My garments among them, and upon My vesture they cast lots." **36** And sitting down, they watched Him there, **37** and set up over His head His accusation, written: **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.** **38** Then there were two thieves crucified with Him, one on the right hand and another on the left. **39** And those who passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads **40** and saying, "You that would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" **41** Likewise also the chief priests mocked Him, with the scribes and elders saying, **42** "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe Him. **43** He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him. For He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" **44** The thieves also, who were crucified with Him, said likewise. **45** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. **46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is to say, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" **47** Some of those who stood there, when they heard it, said, "This Man calls for Elijah." **48** And straightway one of them ran and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed and gave Him to drink. **49** The rest said, "Wait; let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him."

50 Jesus, when He had cried out again with a loud voice, yielded up the Spirit. {+} **51** And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom, and the earth quaked and the rocks rent. **52** And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who slept arose, **53** and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the Holy City and appeared to many. **54** Now when the centurion, and those who were with Him watching Jesus, saw the earthquake and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" **55** And many women were there beholding afar off, who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, **56** among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

CHOIR: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord.

READER: *Order my steps in Your word, and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me. Deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men, and so shall I keep Your commandments. Show the light of Your countenance upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes. Let my mouth be filled with Your praise, O Lord, that I may sing of Your glory and honor all the day long.*

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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PRIEST: *For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

CHOIR: *Amen.*

COME LET US ALL SING THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO WAS CRU - CI - FIED

FOR US. FOR MA - RY SAID WHEN SHE BEHELD HIM UP - ON THE

TREE: "THOUGH YOU EN - DURED THE CROSS, YOU ARE MY SON AND

MY GOD!"

READER: Lord, have mercy. (12X)

At every season and in every hour, in heaven and on earth, You are worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, who is long-suffering, merciful, and compassionate; who loves the just and shows mercy to the sinner; who calls all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come: O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil, and distress. Surround us with Your holy angels, that guarded and guided by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory, for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word: true Theotokos, we magnify you.

In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

PRIEST: *God be bountiful to us, and bless us, and show the light of His countenance upon us, and have mercy on us.*

READER: *Amen.*

O Christ, the True Light who enlightens and sanctifies all mankind, let the light of Your countenance shine upon us, that in it we may behold the unapproachable light, and guide our footsteps aright to the keeping of Your commandments, through the prayers of Your most pure mother, and of all the saints. Amen.

The Third Hour

READER: *Come, let us worship God, our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.*

(As the Psalms are chanted, the deacon censes around the Gospel, after which he censes the altar, the sanctuary, the iconostas, and the people, concluding by censing before the Gospel)

Psalm 35

1 Plead my cause, O Lord, with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me. 2 Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help. 3 Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation." 4 Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life; Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt. 5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the Lord chase them. 6 Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the Lord pursue them. 7 For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit, Which they have dug without cause for my life. 8 Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall. 9 And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; It shall rejoice in His salvation. 10 All my bones shall say, "Lord, who is like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?"

11 Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me things that I do not know. 12 They reward me evil for good, To the sorrow of my soul. 13 But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart. 14 I paced about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother. 15 But in my adversity they rejoiced And gathered together; Attackers gathered against me, And I did not know it; They tore at me and did not cease; 16 With ungodly mockers at feasts They gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue me from their destructions, My precious life from the lions. 18 I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people. 19 Let them not rejoice over me who are

wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me without a cause. 20 For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful matters Against the quiet ones in the land. 21 They also opened their mouth wide against me, And said, "Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen it." 22 This You have seen, O Lord; Do not keep silence. O Lord, do not be far from me. 23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, To my cause, my God and my Lord. 24 Vindicate me, O Lord my God, according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me. 25 Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah, so we would have it!" Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up." 26 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my hurt; Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor Who exalt themselves against me. 27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." 28 And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness And of Your praise all the day long.

Psalm 109

1 Do not keep silent, O God of my praise! 2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue. 3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause. 4 In return for my love they are my accusers, But I give myself to prayer. 5 Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love.

6 Set a wicked man over him, And let an accuser stand at his right hand. 7 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin. 8 Let his days be few, And let another take his office. 9 Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow. 10 Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek their bread also from their desolate places. 11 Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labor. 12 Let there be none to extend mercy to him, Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children. 13 Let his posterity be cut off, And in the generation following let their name be blotted out. 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the Lord, And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. 15 Let them be continually before the Lord, That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth; 16 Because he did not remember to show mercy, But persecuted the poor and needy man, That he might even slay the broken in heart. 17 As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him. 18 As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, So let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones. 19 Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, And for a belt with which he girds himself continually. 20 Let this be the Lord's reward to my accusers, And to those who speak evil against my person.

21 But You, O God the Lord, Deal with me for Your name's sake; Because Your mercy is good, deliver me. 22 For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me. 23 I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust. 24 My knees are weak through fasting, And my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness. 25 I also have become a reproach to them; When they look at me, they

shake their heads. 26 Help me, O Lord my God! Oh, save me according to Your mercy, 27 That they may know that this is Your hand-- That You, Lord, have done it! 28 Let them curse, but You bless; When they arise, let them be ashamed, But let Your servant rejoice. 29 Let my accusers be clothed with shame, And let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle. 30 I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude. 31 For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, To save him from those who condemn him.

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy. According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, and You only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless in Your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, You would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O God! (3X)

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

READER: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

The Judeans, O Lord, condemned You, the Life of all, to death. The ones who crossed the Red Sea through the power of the staff have nailed You to a Cross, and those whom You nursed with honey from

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the rock have brought You gall. But You have willingly endured these things to free us from bondage to the enemy. O Christ our God, glory to You.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

You are the true vine that has put forth the Fruit of Life, O Theotokos. Intercede with the Apostles and all the Saints that mercy may be granted to our souls.

TONE 8



FEAR-ING THE JUDEANS, YOUR FRIEND AND COMPANION PETER DE -NIED

YOU, O LORD, AND LAMENTING HE CRIED OUT SAY - ING:

DO NOT LET MY TEARS FALL IN SI - LENCE, FOR I SAID THAT I WOULD

KEEP FAITH, BUT DID NOT, O COM - PAS - SION - ATE ONE." THERE - FORE

ALSO RECEIVE OUR RE - PEN - TANCE, AND HAVE MER - CY ON US.

VERSE: HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD, AND UNDERSTAND MY CRYING OUT.

AT THE FOOT OF YOUR PRECIOUS CROSS, O LORD, SOLDIERS MOCKED

The first line of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a series of chords. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a series of chords. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

YOU WHILE HOSTS OF ANGELS WERE FILLED WITH WON - DER,

The second line of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a series of chords. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a series of chords. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

FOR HE WHO ADORNED THE EARTH WITH FLOWERS WEARS A CROWN OF

The third line of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a series of chords. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a series of chords. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

MOCK- ER - Y, AS YOU SHOWED TO ALL MANKIND YOUR GREAT COM -

The fourth line of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a series of chords. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a series of chords. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

PAS - SION. O MOST MERCIFUL CHRIST, GLO - RY TO YOU!

The fifth line of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a series of chords. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a series of chords. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

VERSE: GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT,
NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

TONE 5

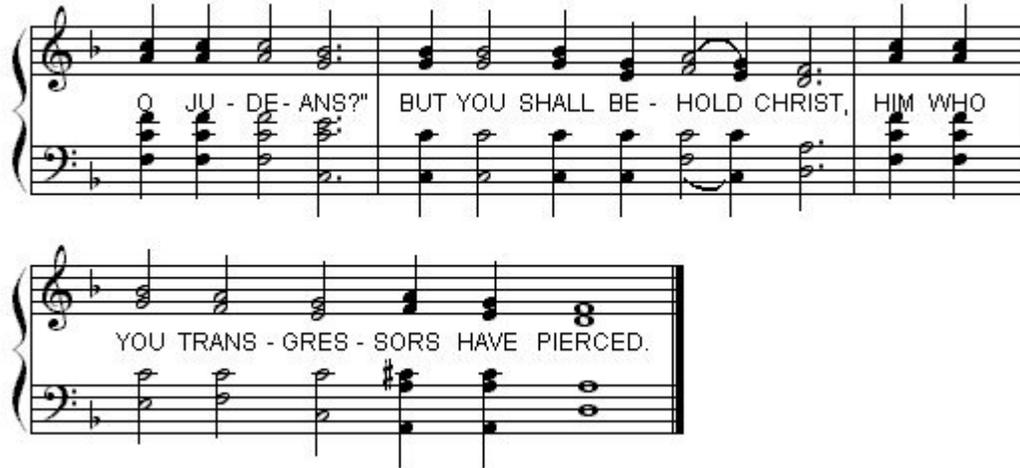
WHEN YOU WERE TAKEN TO THE CROSS, O LORD, YOU CRIED OUT:

"FOR WHICH OF MY WORKS DO YOU CRUCIFY ME, O JU - DE - ANS?

FOR HEAL-ING YOUR PARALYTICS, OR RAISING YOUR DEAD FROM SLEEP?

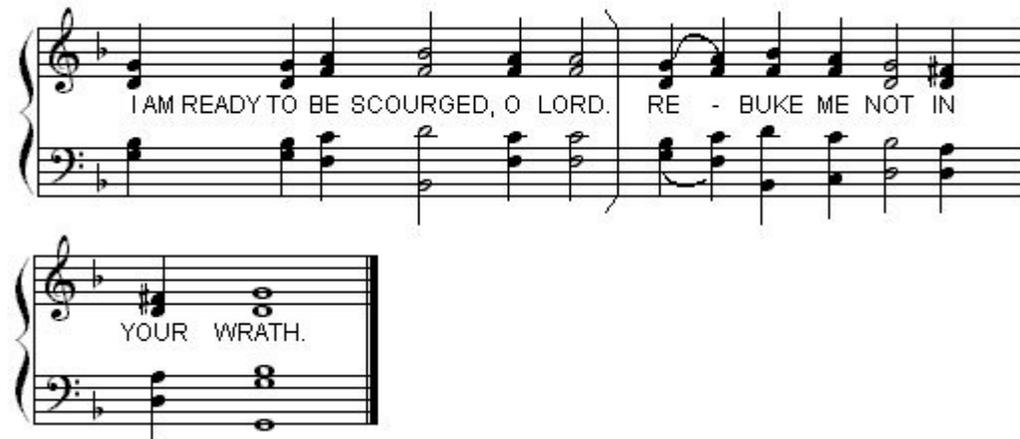
I HEALED THE WOMAN WITH AN ISSUE OF BLOOD AND SHOWED MERCY

TO THE WOMAN FROM CA - NAAN. FOR WHICH OF THESE DO YOU SLAY ME,



O JU - DE - ANS?" BUT YOU SHALL BE - HOLD CHRIST, HIM WHO
 YOU TRANS - GRES - SORS HAVE PIERCED.

The Prokeimenon of the Prophecy: (Psalm 37)



I AM READY TO BE SCOURGED, O LORD. RE - BUKE ME NOT IN
 YOUR WRATH.

VERSE: O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your displeasure.

READER: The reading is from Isaiah.

DEACON: Let us attend.

READER: {Isa 50:4-11} **4** "The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. **5** The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. **6** I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. **7** "For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. **8** He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. **9** Surely the Lord God will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up.

10 "Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord And rely upon his God. **11** Look, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with sparks: Walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled-- This you shall have from My hand: You shall lie down in torment.

DEACON: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

DEACON: Let us attend.

READER: {Rom 5:6-10} **6** For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. **10** For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

PRIEST: Peace be unto you, reader.

READER: And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOIR:



PRIEST: That we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (3X)

PRIEST: Wisdom, let us attend, let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

CHOIR: And to your spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

CHOIR: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord.

PRIEST: *Let us attend.*

{Mk 15:16-41} 16 Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison. 17 And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head, 18 and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshipped Him. 20 And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him. 21 Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross.

22 And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. 23 Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it. 24 And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take. 25 Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. 26 And the inscription of His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27 With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. 28 So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors." 29 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

33 Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" 35 Some of those who stood by, when they heard that, said, "Look, He is calling for Elijah!" 36 Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink, saying, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down." 37 And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last. 38 Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39 So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!" 40 There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, 41 who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

CHOIR: *Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord.*

READER: *Blessed be the Lord God. Blessed be the Lord from day to day, and may the God of our Salvation prosper us, for He is our God, the God of salvation.*

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: *For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

CHOIR: *Amen.*

COME LET US ALL SING THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO WAS CRU - CI - FIED

FOR US. FOR MA - RY SAID WHEN SHE BEHELD HIM UP - ON THE

TREE: "THOUGH YOU EN - DURED THE CROSS, YOU ARE MY SON AND

MY GOD!"

READER: Lord, have mercy. (12X)

At every season, and in every hour, in heaven and on earth You are worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, Who is long suffering, merciful and compassionate, Who loves the just and shows mercy on the sinner, Who calls all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come. O Lord, in this hour receive our supplication and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our minds, cleanse our thoughts, deliver us from every evil and distress. Surround us with Your Holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. For You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

PRIEST: *May God be merciful to us, and bless us, and shine the light of His countenance upon us and have mercy on us.*

READER: *O God and Master, Father Almighty, Lord, Only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit; one Godhead, one Power, have mercy on me a sinner. And by the judgments known to You, save me, your unworthy servant. For You are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

The Sixth Hour

READER: *Come, let us worship God, our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.*

(As the Psalms are chanted, the deacon censes around the Gospel, after which he censes the altar, the sanctuary, the iconostas, and the people, concluding by censing before the Gospel)

Psalm 54

1 Save me, O God, by Your name, And vindicate me by Your strength. 2 Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth. 3 For strangers have risen up against me, and oppressors have sought after my life; They have not set God before them.

4 Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is with those who uphold my life. 5 He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth. 6 I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good. 7 For He has delivered me out of all trouble; And my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.

Psalm 140

1 Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, 2 Who plan evil things in their hearts; They continually gather together for war. 3 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps is under their lips. Selah 4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, who have purposed to make my steps stumble. 5 The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set traps for me. Selah 6 I said to the Lord: "You are my God; Hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord. 7 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Do not grant, O Lord, the desires of the wicked; Do not further his wicked scheme, lest they be exalted. 9 "As for the head of those who surround me, Let the evil of their lips cover them; 10 Let burning coals fall upon them; Let them be cast into the fire, into deep pits, that they rise not up again. 11 Let not a slanderer be established in the earth; Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him." 12 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, And justice for the poor. 13

Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence.

Psalm 91

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." 3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. 4 He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. 5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. 8 Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, 10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. 12 In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. 14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O God! (3X)

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

READER: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

O Christ our God, You have worked salvation in the midst of the earth; You stretched out Your pure hands on the Cross, gathering together all the nations, as they cry out: "O Lord, glory to You."

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Since we have no boldness before you because of the multitude of our sins, O virgin Theotokos, entreat Him Who was born of you; for the prayer of a mother has great power to win the favor of the Master. Do not despise the entreaties of sinners, O most-Pure One, for He Who deigned to suffer for us is merciful and strong to save.

TROPARION OF THE SIXTH HOUR

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YOU HAVE WORKED SALVATION IN THE MIDST OF THE EARTH, O CHRIST

The first line of musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

OUR GOD, BY STRETCHING OUT YOUR MOST PURE HANDS ON THE

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

CROSS. GA - THER - ING TOGETHER ALL THE NA - TIONS WHO CRY:

The third line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

"O LORD, GLO - RY TO YOU!"

The fourth line of musical notation concludes the troparion with a double bar line. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

THUS SAID THE LORD TO THE JEWS: "MY PEOPLE, WHAT HAVE I

DONE TO YOU, OR HOW HAVE I OF - FEN - DED YOU? I GAVE

SIGHT TO YOUR BLIND AND CLEANSED YOUR LEP - ERS. THE PARALYTIC

I RAISED FROM HIS BED. MY PEOPLE, WHAT HAVE I DONE

TO YOU, AND HOW HAVE YOU RE - PAID ME? INSTEAD OF MANNA,

GALL; INSTEAD OF WATER VIN- E - GAR, INSTEAD OF LOVING ME YOU

NAIL ME TO THE CROSS. I CAN BEAR NO MORE! I SHALL

CALL THE GEN - TILES MINE. THEY WILL GLORIFY ME WITH THE FA -

THER AND THE SPI - RIT, AND I SHALL GIVE THEM E - TER - NAL LIFE.

VERSE: THEY GAVE ME GALL FOR FOOD, AND IN MY THIRST THEY
 GAVE ME VINEGAR TO DRINK.

THE CHOIR OF APOSTLES CRIES OUT TO YOU, THE LAWGIVERS OF

ISRAEL, THE SCRIBES AND PHAR - I - SEES: "BE- HOLD THE TEM -

PLE WHICH YOU DES-TROYED! BEHOLD THE LAMB WHOM YOU CRU -

CI - FIED! YOU DELIVERED HIM TO THE TOMB, BUT BY HIS OWN POW -

ER HE A - ROSE. DO NOT BE DE - CEIVED, O JEWS. HE IS

THE ONE WHO SAVED YOU IN THE SEA AND FED YOU IN THE WIL-DER-NESS.

HE IS THE LIFE, THE LIGHT, AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.

VERSE: GLORY TO THE FAHTER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES, OF AGES. AMEN.

TONE 5

COME, O CHRIST BEARING PEO- PLE! LET US SEE WHAT JUDAS AND THE

LAWLESS PRIESTS HAVE PLOTTED AGAINST THE SAV- IOR. TO - DAY

THEY MAKE THE DEATHLESS WORD SUB- JECT TO DEATH. THEY DE -

LIV - ER HIM TO PI - LATE, AND CRUCIFY HIM ON GOL - GA - THA.

SUF - FER - ING THESE THINGS, OUR SAV - IOR CRIES A - LOUD: "FA - THER

FOR - GIVE THEM THIS SIN, THAT ALL NATIONS MAY KNOW MY RES - SUR -

REC - TION FROM THE DEAD."

The Prokeimenon of the Prophecy: (Psalm 8)

O LORD, OUR LORD, HOW WONDERFUL IS THY NAME IN

ALL THE EARTH.

VERSE: *Your majesty is exalted above the heavens.*

READER: *The reading is from Isaiah.*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *{Isa 52:13-15, 53:1-12, 54:1} 13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. 14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.*

1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. 9 And they made His grave with the wicked-- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

1 "Sing, O barren, you who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman," says the Lord.

DEACON: *Wisdom!*

READER: *The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *{Heb 2:11-18} 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." 13 And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."*

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

PRIEST: *Peace be unto you, reader.*

READER: *And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

CHOIR:



PRIEST: *That we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy. (3X)*

PRIEST: *Wisdom, let us attend, let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.*

CHOIR: *And to your spirit.*

PRIEST: *The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.*

CHOIR: *Glory to Your Passion, O Lord.*

PRIEST: *Let us attend.*

{Lk 23:32-49} 32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. 35 And the people stood looking on. But even

the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." 38 And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." 40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. 46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last. 47 So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!" 48 And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. 49 But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

CHOIR: *Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord.*

READER: *Let Your tender mercies speedily come upon us, O Lord, for we are greatly afflicted. Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of Your name. Lord, deliver us and forgive all our sins, for Your name's sake.*

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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PRIEST: For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

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In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

PRIEST: *May God be merciful to us, and bless us, and shine the light of His countenance upon us, and have mercy on us.*

READER: *O God and Lord of Hosts, Author of all creation, Who by the depths of Your mercy which is beyond understanding sent down Your Only – Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of our race, and by His precious Cross tore up the record of our sins, and thereby triumphed over the princes and powers of darkness. Accept also, O Loving Master, the fervent thanksgiving prayers of us sinners. Deliver us from every evil and dark transgression, and from all visible and invisible enemies who seek to do us harm. Nail our flesh with the fear of You, and do not incline our hearts to evil words or thoughts, but pierce our souls with desire for You, that ever gazing up to You, we may be guided by Your Light, and beholding You, the Everlasting Light we may offer unceasing praise and thanksgiving, to the Father, Who is without beginning, and the Only-Begotten Son, and the All-Holy, Good, and Life Creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

The Ninth Hour

READER: *Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3X)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

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CHOIR: Amen.

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(As the Psalms are chanted, the deacon censes around the Gospel, after which he censes the altar, the sanctuary, the iconostas, and the people, concluding by censing before the Gospel)

Psalm 69

1 Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, Where the floods overflow me. 3 I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God. 4 Those who hate me without a cause Are more than the hairs of my head; They are mighty who would destroy me, being my enemies wrongfully; Though I have stolen nothing, I still must restore it. 5 O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You. 6 Let not those who wait for You, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed because of me; Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel. 7 Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Shame has covered my face. 8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children; 9 Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. 10 When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, that became my reproach. 11 I also made sackcloth my garment; I became a byword to them. 12 Those who sit in the gate speak against me, And I am the song of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation. 14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink; Let me be delivered from those who hate me, And out of the deep waters. 15 Let not the floodwater overflow me, nor let the deep swallow me up; And let not the pit shut its mouth on me. 16 Hear me, O Lord, for Your loving kindness is good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies. 17 And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me speedily. 18 Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies. 19 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; My adversaries are all before You. 20 Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none. 21 They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let their table become a snare before them, and their well-being a trap. 23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see; and make their loins shake continually. 24 Pour out Your indignation upon them, and let Your wrathful anger take hold of them. 25 Let their dwelling place be desolate; Let no one live in their tents. 26 For they persecute the ones You have struck, and talk of the grief of those You have wounded. 27 Add iniquity to their iniquity, and let them not come into Your righteousness. 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be

written with the righteous. 29 But I am poor and sorrowful; Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. 31 This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bull, which has horns and hooves. 32 The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live. 33 For the Lord hears the poor, and does not despise His prisoners. 34 Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them. 35 For God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah, that they may dwell there and possess it. 36 Also, the descendants of His servants shall inherit it, and those who love His name shall dwell in it.

Psalm 70

1 To bring to remembrance. Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord! 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused Who desire my hurt. 3 Let them be turned back because of their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!" 4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!" 5 But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm 86

1 Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me; For I am poor and needy. 2 Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You! 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long. 4 Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. 7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. 9 All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. 10 For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God. 11 Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. 12 I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. 13 For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. 14 O God, the proud have risen against me, and a mob of violent men have sought my life, and have not set You before them. 15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Long suffering and abundant in mercy and truth. 16 Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your maidservant. 17 Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, Because You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

READER: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to You, O God. (3X)

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

WHEN THE THIEF SAW THE AUTHOR OF LIFE HANGING UPON THE CROSS HE

SAID: "IF IT WERE NOT GOD IN THE FLESH CRUCIFIED HERE WITH US,

THE SUN WOULD NOT HAVE HIDDEN ITS RAYS NOR WOULD THE EARTH

HAVE TREM - BLED AND QUAKED, BUT REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM,

O LONG -SUF - FER - ING LORD!"

READER: *Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

TONE 7



A STRANGE WON- DER IT IS TO SEE THE CREATOR SUS- PEN- DED ON
 THE CROSS. THE SUN WAS DARKENED AND DAY BE - CAME NIGHT.
 THE EARTH GAVE UP THE BODIES OF THE DEAD FROM THEIR GRAVES.
 WITH THEM WE WOR - SHIP YOU, SAVE US, O LORD!

VERSE: *They parted My garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.*

WHEN TRANSGRESSORS NAILED THE KING OF GLO - RY TO THE CROSS,

HE CRIED OUT TO THEM: "HOW HAVE I CAUSED YOU PAIN?"

OR IN WHAT HAVE I AN - GERED YOU? WHO BEFORE ME DELIVERED

YOU FROM AF - FLIC - TION? AND HOW HAVE YOU RE - WAR - DED ME?

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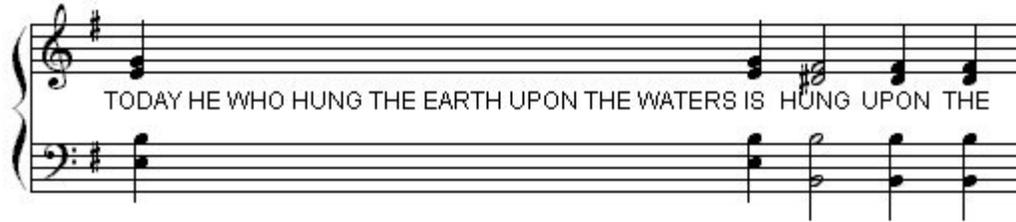
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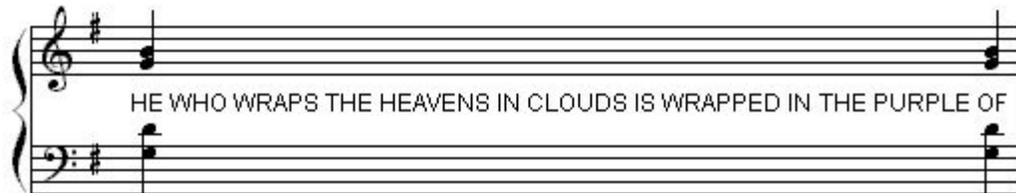
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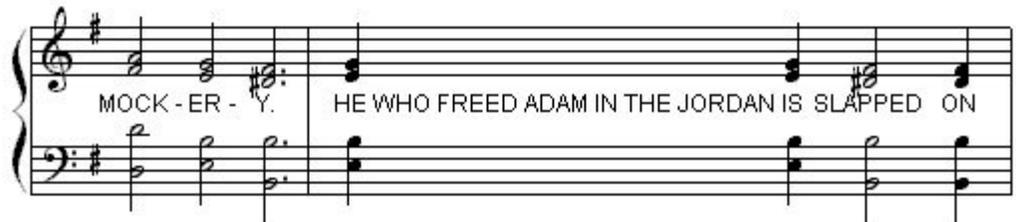
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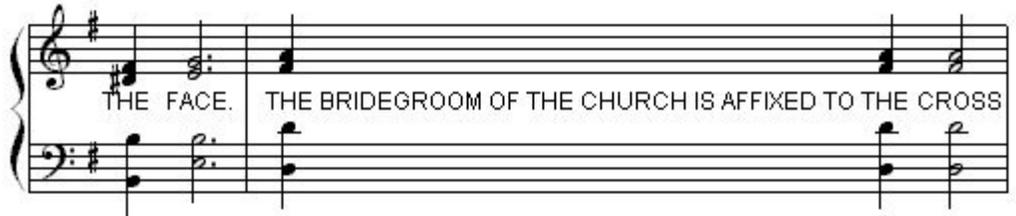
TREE. THE KING OF THE ANGELS IS DECKED WITH A CROWN OF THORNS.



HE WHO WRAPS THE HEAVENS IN CLOUDS IS WRAPPED IN THE PURPLE OF



MOCK - ER - Y. HE WHO FREED ADAM IN THE JORDAN IS SLAPPED ON



THE FACE. THE BRIDEGROOM OF THE CHURCH IS AFFIXED TO THE CROSS

WITH NAILS. THE SON OF THE VIRGIN IS PIERCED BY A SPEAR. WE
 WORSHIP YOUR PAS - SION, O CHRIST. WE WORSHIP YOUR PAS - SION,
 O CHRIST. WE WORSHIP YOUR PAS - SION, O CHRIST. SHOW US
 ALSO YOUR GLORIOUS RES - SUR - REC - TION.

The Prokeimenon of the Prophecy: (Psalm 14)

THE FOOL SAYS IN HIS HEART THERE IS NO GOD.

VERSE: *There is none that does good, no, not one.*

DEACON: *Wisdom.*

READER: *The reading is from the Prophecy of Jeremiah.*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *{Jer 11:18-23, 12:1-4; 9-11; 14-15} 18 Now the Lord gave me knowledge of it, and I know it; for You showed me their doings. 19 But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, "Let us destroy*

the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more." 20 But, O Lord of hosts, You who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You I have revealed my cause. 21 "Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the men of Anathoth who seek your life, saying, 'Do not prophesy in the name of the Lord, lest you die by our hand'-- 22 therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; 23 and there shall be no remnant of them, for I will bring catastrophe on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their punishment.' "

1 Righteous are You, O Lord, when I plead with You; Yet let me talk with You about Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously? 2 You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; They grow, yes, they bear fruit. You are near in their mouth but far from their mind. 3 But You, O Lord, know me; You have seen me, And You have tested my heart toward You. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter. 4 How long will the land mourn, And the herbs of every field wither? The beasts and birds are consumed, For the wickedness of those who dwell there, because they said, "He will not see our final end."

9 My heritage is to Me like a speckled vulture; The vultures all around are against her. Come, assemble all the beasts of the field, bring them to devour! 10 "Many rulers have destroyed My vineyard, they have trodden My portion underfoot; They have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. 11 They have made it desolate; Desolate, it mourns to Me; The whole land is made desolate, because no one takes it to heart.

14 Thus says the Lord: "Against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit--behold, I will pluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. 15 Then it shall be, after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land.

DEACON: Wisdom.

READER: The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

DEACON: Let us attend.

READER: {Heb 10:19-31} **19** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, **20** by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, **21** and having a High Priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil

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conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. **23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. **26** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **27** but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. **28** Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. **29** Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? **30** For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." **31** It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

PRIEST: Peace be unto you, reader.

READER: And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOIR:



PRIEST: That we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (3X)

PRIEST: Wisdom, let us attend, let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

CHOIR: And to your spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

CHOIR: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

{Jn 19:23-37} **23** Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. **24** They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, and for

My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. 25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" 27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

CHOIR: *Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord.*

READER: *Do not forsake us utterly, for Your holy name's sake, and do not annul Your covenant. Do not take Your mercies from us, for the sake of Abraham Your beloved, and Isaac Your servant, and Israel Your holy one.*

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: *For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

CHOIR: *Amen.*



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MY GOD!"

READER: *Lord, have mercy. (12X)*

At every season and in every hour You are worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, Who is long suffering, merciful, and compassionate, who loves the just and shows mercy on the sinner, Who calls all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come. In this hour, receive our supplication and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds, deliver us from all affliction, evil, and distress. Surround us with Your holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory, for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

PRIEST: *May God be merciful to us, and bless us, and shine the light of His countenance upon us, and have mercy on us.*

READER: *O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, forbearing with our faults, and having brought us to this present hour in which, hanging on the Life-giving Cross You prepared the way for the wise thief to enter Paradise, and by death destroyed Death, have mercy on us, Your sinful and unworthy servants, for we have sinned and have transgressed, and are not worthy to lift up our eyes and look toward the heights of heaven. For we have departed from the path of Your righteousness, and have followed the desires of our own hearts. But we implore You, in Your infinite goodness; spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Your mercies, and save us, for the sake of Your holy name, for our days have been wasted, consumed in vanity.*

Wrest from us the hand of the adversary; forgive us our sins, and mortify our carnal thoughts, that casting off the old man, we may be clothed with the new, and so live for You, our Master and Guardian. And thus following Your ordinances, we may attain to eternal rest in the abode of all those who rejoice. For You are the true joy and exultation of those who love You, O Christ our God, and to You we ascribe glory, together with the Father Who is from everlasting, and Your All-Holy, Good, and Life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

READER: *In Your Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your Kingdom.*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven.

PRIEST: *The heavenly ranks praise You, saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory."*

The ranks of the Holy Angels and Archangels with all the heavenly powers praise You, saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory."

PEOPLE: *I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages.

Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man.

And he was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and on the third day He arose again, according to the scriptures.

And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

READER: *Pardon, remit, and forgive, O Lord, our sins committed in knowledge or in ignorance, by word or deed, knowingly or unknowingly; those by night and those by day; those of the mind and those of the senses, and forgive us all, for You are Good and the Lover of mankind.*

PEOPLE: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

PRIEST: *For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

CHOIR: *Amen.*

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READER: Lord, have mercy. (3X)

Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore. (3X)

Psalm 34

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. 4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

11 Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. 14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

And His ears are open to their cry. 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. 17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all. 20 He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken. 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. 22 The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

PRIEST: *Glory to You, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to You.*

CHOIR: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

Father, give the blessing.

PRIEST: *May Christ our true God, Who endured spittings and scourgings and buffetings, the Cross and death for our salvation, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother; through the power of the precious and Life-giving Cross; through the protection of the honored and bodiless Powers of heaven; through the supplications of the honored and glorious Prophet and Forerunner and Baptist John; of the Holy glorious and All-laudable Apostles; of Saint ____, patron of our Holy Church; of the Holy glorious and victorious Martyrs; of our God-bearing Fathers; of the Holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of Saints ____, whom we commemorate today; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for as much as He is good and loves mankind.*

CHOIR: *Amen.*

PRIEST: *Through the prayers of the Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us.*

CHOIR: *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. (3X)