



St. Basil's Divine Liturgy Great and Holy Saturday

(Arise, O God, Judge the Earth!)

**St. Herman of Alaska Eastern Orthodox Church
5107 Darrow Road
Hudson, Ohio**

Saint Basil's Liturgy

for

Holy Saturday

DEACON: *Bless, Master!*

PRIEST: *Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

READER: *Amen.*

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.*

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.

Psalm 102

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty. You cover Yourself with light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent. You have laid the beams of your chambers on the waters. You make the clouds your chariot, You ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At Your rebuke they fled; at the sound of Your thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that You appointed for them. You set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

You make springs to gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every beast of the field; the wild animals quench their thirst. By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From Your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your work. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the heart. The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which He planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers.

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening. Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that You have formed to sport in it. These all look to You to give them their food in due season; when You give to them, they gather it up; when You open your hand, they are filled with good things. When You hide your face, they are dismayed; when You take away their breath, they

die and return to their dust. When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works, Who looks on the earth and it trembles, Who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

The sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night. Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all!

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! (2X)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to You, our God and our Hope, glory to You!

The Great Litany

DEACON: *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



CHOIR:

DEACON: *For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *For His Holiness Patriarch ____, for the Holy Synod, for His Eminence Metropolitan ____, for the honorable Priesthood and the Deaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *For the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *For this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *For seasonable weather, for the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *For travelers by land, by sea, and by air, for the sick and the suffering, for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

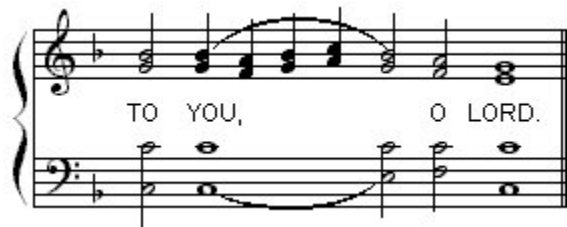
DEACON: *For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *Commemorating our most Holy, most Pure, most Blessed and Glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our lives unto Christ, our God.*



CHOIR:

PRIEST: *For to You are due all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*



CHOIR:

Lord I Call

Tone 1

Lord I call up - on You hear me, hear me, O Lord. Lord I call up - on You hear

me, re - ceive the voice of my prayer. When I call upon You, hear me O Lord.

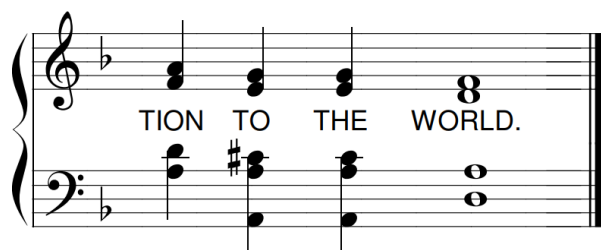
Let my prayer a - rise in Your sight as in - cense, and let the lift - ing up

of my hands be an eve - 'ning sac - ri - fice, hear me, O Lord.

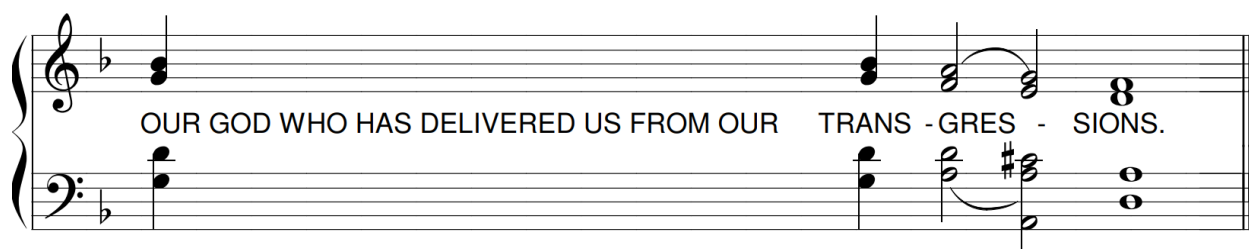
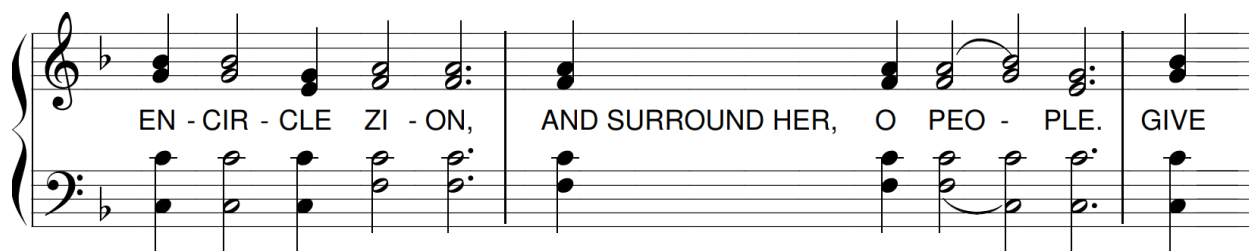
READER: *Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice.*

ACCEPT OUR EVENING PRAYERS, O HO - LY LORD. GRANT US RE -

MIS - SION OF SINS, FOR YOU ALONE HAVE SHOWN THE RES - SUR - REC -



READER: *Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.*



READER: *If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*



FROM THE DEAD, FOR HE IS OUR GOD WHO HAS DELIVERED THE WORLD

FROM THE DECEIT OF THE EN - E - MY.

READER: *For Your Name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord; my soul has waited for Your word, my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

WE HAVE BEEN FREED FROM SUFFERING BY YOUR SUFFERING,

O LORD, WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM CORRUPTION BY

YOUR RESURRECTION, O LORD, GLORY TO YOU.

READER: *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord.*



TO - DAY HELL CRIES OUT GROAN - ING:

"I SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCEPTED THE MAN BORN OF MA - RY.

HE CAME AND DE - STROYED MY POW - ER. HE SHAT - TERED

THE GATES OF BRASS. AS GOD, HE RAISED THE SOULS THAT I HAD HELD

CAP - TIVE."

GLORY TO YOUR CROSS AND RES - SUR - REC - TION,

O LORD.

READER: *For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

TO - DAY, HELL CRIES OUT GROAN - ING: "MY DOMINION HAS BEEN

SHAT - TERED. I RE - CEIVED A DEAD MAN AS ONE OF

THE DEAD, BUT AGAINST HIM, I COULD NOT PRE - VAIL. FROM ETERNITY

I HAD RULED THE DEAD, BUT BE - HOLD HE RAIS - ES ALL.

BECAUSE OF HIM I PER - ISH." GLORY TO YOUR CROSS AND RES -

SUR - REC - TION, O LORD.


READER: *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*



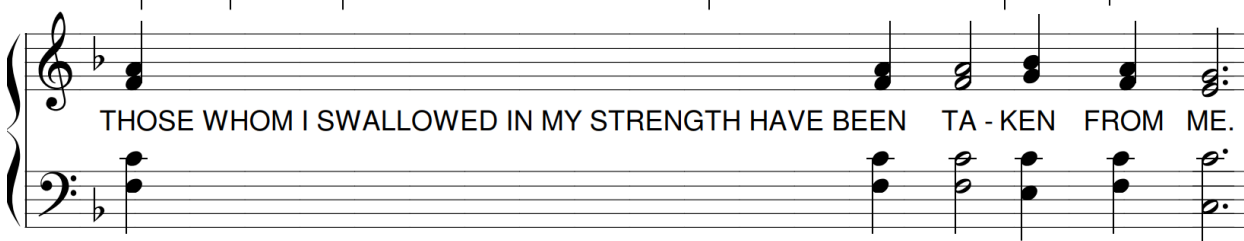
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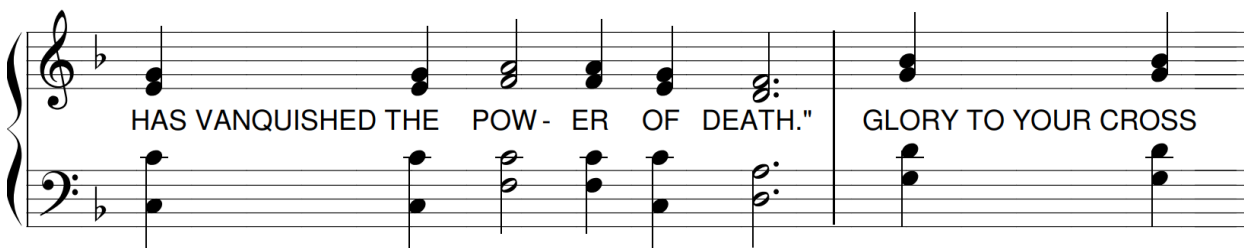
IS RAISED. I HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF THOSE WHOM I RULED.



THOSE WHOM I SWALLOWED IN MY STRENGTH HAVE BEEN TA - KEN FROM ME.



HE WHO WAS CRU - CI - FIED HAS EMP - TIED THE TOMBS, AS HE



HAS VANQUISHED THE POW - ER OF DEATH." GLORY TO YOUR CROSS

AND RES - SUR - REC - TION, O LORD.

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

THE GREAT MOSES MYSTICALLY FORESHADOWED THIS DAY WHEN HE

SAID: GOD BLESSED THE SEV - ENTH DAY. THIS IS THE BLES - SED

SAB - BATH. THIS IS THE DAY OF REST ON WHICH THE ONLY -

BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORKS. THROUGH THE

DIS - PEN - SA - TION OF DEATH, HE KEPT THE SAB - BATH IN THE

FLESH. BUT ON THIS DAY, HE RE - TURNED A - GAIN THROUGH THE RES -

SUR - REC - TION. HE HAS GRANTED TO US E - TER - NAL LIFE,

FOR HE ALONE IS GOOD AND THE LOV - ER OF MAN - KIND.

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

LET US PRAISE THE VIR - GIN MA - RY, THE

GATE OF HEAVEN, THE GLO - RY OF THE WORLD, THE SONG OF AN - GELS

THE BEAUTY OF THE FAITH - FUL. SHE WAS BORN OF MAN YET GAVE BIRTH

TO GOD. SHE WAS RE - VEALD AS THE HEAVEN, AS THE TEMPLE OF THE

GOD - HEAD. SHE DESTROYED THE WALL OF EN - MI - TY. SHE COM -

MENCED THE PEACE, SHE OPENED THE KING - DOM. SINCE SHE IS OUR

FOUN - DA - TION OF FAITH, OUR DE - FEN - DER IS THE LORD WHOM

SHE BORE. COURAGE, COURAGE, O PEO - PLE OF GOD, FOR CHRIST

WILL DES - TROY OUR EN - E - MIES, SINCE HE IS ALL - POW - ER - FUL.

The Little Entrance

DEACON: *Wisdom! Let us attend!*

O Gladsome Light

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the voice staff. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and accidentals. The lyrics are: "O Glad - some light of the Ho - ly glo - ry of the Im - mor - tal Fa - ther: heav - en - ly Ho - ly, Bless - ed Je - sus Christ! Having come to the set ting of the sun, and be - held the light of eve - ning, we praise the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it God! At all times You are wor - thy, You are wor - thy of praise in songs as Son of God Giv - er of Life. There - fore the world glo - ri - fies You."

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First Reading

DEACON: *Wisdom!*

#1 – X

READER: *The Reading is from Genesis*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Gen 1:1-13) In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.*

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

#2 –

READER: *The Reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Isaiah 60:1-16) Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?*

For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings

shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you down, but in my favor I have had mercy on you. Your gates shall always be open; day and night they shall not be shut, so that nations shall bring you their wealth, with their kings led in procession. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste. The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will glorify where my feet rest. The descendants of those who oppressed you shall come bending low to you, and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet; they shall call you the City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age. You shall suck the milk of nations, you shall suck the breasts of kings; and you shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

#3 – X

READER: *The Reading is from Exodus*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Exodus 12:1-11) The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord.*

#4 –

READER: *The Reading is from Jonah*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Jonah 1:1- 4:11) Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.*

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came

and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish." The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" "I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?" The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God. As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!"

Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his

mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish." When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

#5 – X

READER: *The Reading is from Joshua*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Joshua 5:10-15) While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.*

Once when Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you one of us, or one of our adversaries?" He replied, "Neither; but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped, and he said to him, "What do you command your servant, my lord?" The commander of the army of the Lord said to Joshua, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

#6 –

READER: *The Reading is from Exodus*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Exodus 13:20-15:19) They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day*

and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Then the Lord said to Moses: Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall camp opposite it, by the sea. Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, "They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them." I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, so that I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord. And they did so. When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh

that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke saying:

READER: *Let us sing to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *{repeat after every verse}*



READER: *The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. Let us sing to the Lord!*

He is my helper and protector, and my Savior. Let us sing to the Lord!

This is my God and I will glorify Him; the God of my father and I will exalt Him. Let us sing to the Lord!

The Lord brings wars to an end, the Lord is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea. Let us sing to the Lord!

And his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea. Let us sing to the Lord!

The floods cover them, they went down into the depths like a stone. Let us sing to the Lord!

Your right hand, O Lord, has been glorified in power. Let us sing to the Lord!

Your right hand, O Lord, has shattered the enemy, and in the greatness of Your majesty You have overthrown Your adversaries. Let us sing to the Lord!

You send forth Your fury, it consumes them like stubble, and by the spirit of Your displeasure the waters were divided. Let us sing to the Lord!

The waters stood like a wall, the depths congealed in the heart of the sea. Let us sing to the Lord!

The enemy said, "I will pursue and I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, I will satisfy my soul, I will destroy with my sword, my hand shall have dominion. Let us sing to the Lord!"

You sent Your Spirit and the sea covered them. They sank as lead in the mighty waters. Let us sing to the Lord!

Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You – glorified in holiness, marvelous in glory, doing wonders. Let us sing to the Lord!

You stretched out Your right hand and the earth swallowed them. In Your righteousness You have led the people whom You have redeemed. Let us sing to the Lord!

Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed, the leaders of Moab, trembling seizes them. All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Let us sing to the Lord!

Let trembling and fear fall upon them, because of the greatness of Your arm, let them become as stone. Let us sing to the Lord!

Until Your people pass by, O Lord, until the people pass by whom You have purchased. Let us sing to the Lord!

You will bring them in and plant them on Your mountain, the place which You have made for Your abode. The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have made ready. Let us sing to the Lord!

The Lord shall reign forever and ever. For when the horse of the Pharaoh with the chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the Lord brought back the water of the sea upon them. Let us sing to the Lord!

But the children of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. Let us sing to the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Let us sing to the Lord!

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Let us sing to the Lord!

For gloriously has He been glorified!

#7 – X

READER: *The Reading is from Zephaniah*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Zeph 3:8-15) Therefore wait for me, says the Lord, for the day when I arise as a witness. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all the heat of my anger; for in the fire of my passion all the earth shall be consumed. At that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, my scattered ones, shall bring my offering. On that day you shall not be put to shame because of all the deeds by which you have rebelled against me; for then I will remove from your midst your proudly exultant ones, and you shall no longer be haughty in my holy mountain. For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord—the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

#8 –

READER: *The Reading is from the First Book of Kings*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(1Kings 17:8-24) Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.*

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." The Lord listened to the voice of

Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

#9 – X

READER: *The Reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Isaiah 61:10-62:5) I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

#10 –

READER: *The Reading is from Genesis*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Gen 22:1-18) After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."*

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

#11 – X

READER: *The Reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Isaiah 61:1-9) The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.*

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

#12 –

READER: *The Reading is from the Second Book of Kings*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(2Kings 4:8-37) One day Elisha was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to have a meal. So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. She said to her husband, "Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way is a holy man of God. Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us." One day when he came there, he went up to the chamber and lay down there. He said to his servant Gehazi, "Call the Shunammite woman." When he had called her, she stood before him. He said*

to him, "Say to her, Since you have taken all this trouble for us, what may be done for you? Would you have a word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?" She answered, "I live among my own people." He said, "What then may be done for her?" Gehazi answered, "Well, she has no son, and her husband is old." He said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood at the door. He said, "At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son." She replied, "No, my lord, O man of God; do not deceive your servant." The woman conceived and bore a son at that season, in due time, as Elisha had declared to her.

When the child was older, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. He complained to his father, "Oh, my head, my head!" The father said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." He carried him and brought him to his mother; the child sat on her lap until noon, and he died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, closed the door on him, and left. Then she called to her husband, and said, "Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, so that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again." He said, "Why go to him today? It is neither new moon nor Sabbath." She said, "It will be all right." Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Urge the animal on; do not hold back for me unless I tell you." So she set out, and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, "Look, there is the Shunammite woman; run at once to meet her, and say to her, Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is the child all right?" She answered, "It is all right." When she came to the man of God at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi approached to push her away. But the man of God said, "Let her alone, for she is in bitter distress; the Lord has hidden it from me and has not told me." Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, Do not mislead me?" He said to Gehazi, "Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet anyone, give no greeting, and if anyone greets you, do not answer; and lay my staff on the face of the child." Then the mother of the child said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave without you." So he rose up and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. He came back to meet him and told him, "The child has not awakened." When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. So he went in and closed the door on the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. Then he got up on the bed and lay upon the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and while he lay bent over him, the flesh of the child became warm. He got down, walked once to and fro in the room, then got up again and bent over him; the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite woman." So he called her. When she came to him, he said, "Take your son." She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground; then she took her son and left.

#13 – X

READER: *The Reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Isaiah 63:11-64:5) Then they remembered the days of old, of Moses his servant. Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is the one who put within them his holy spirit, who caused his glorious arm to march at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. Like cattle*

that go down into the valley, the spirit of the Lord gave them rest. Thus you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and glorious habitation. Where are your zeal and your might? The yearning of your heart and your compassion? They are withheld from me. For you are our father, though Abraham does not know us and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our father; our Redeemer from of old is your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage. Your holy people took possession for a little while; but now our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary. We have long been like those whom you do not rule, like those not called by your name.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

#14 – X

READER: *The Reading is from the Prophecy of Jeremiah*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Jer 31:31-34) The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

#15 –

READER: *The Reading is from Daniel*

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

READER: *(Dan 3:1-23) In his eighteenth year King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples,*

nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire." Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshipped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up." Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king's command was very strict and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

And they walked about in the midst of the flames, singing hymns to God and blessing the Lord. Then Abednego stood and offered this prayer. In the midst of the fire he opened his mouth and said: "Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and worthy of praise, and Your name is glorified forever. For You are just in all that You have done to us, and all Your works are true and Your ways right, and all Your judgments are truth.

"You have executed true judgments in all that You have brought upon us and upon Jerusalem, the Holy City of our fathers, for in truth and justice You have brought all this upon us because of our sins. For we have sinfully and lawlessly departed from You, and have sinned in all things and have not obeyed Your commandments. We have not observed nor done them, as You have commanded us that it might go well with us.

“So all that You have brought upon us, and all that You have done to us, You have done in true judgment. You have given us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hateful rebels, to an unjust king, the most wicked in all the world. And now we cannot open our mouths. Shame and disgrace have befallen Your servants and worshippers. For Your name’s sake do not give us up utterly, and do not break Your covenant, and do not withdraw Your mercy from us, for the sake of Abraham Your beloved and for the sake of Isaac Your holy one, to whom You promised to make their descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the sands of the sea.

“For we, O Lord, have become fewer than any nation, and are brought low this day in all the world because of our sins. And at this time there is no prince, or prophet, or leader, no burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, no place to make an offering before You or to find mercy.

“Yet with contrite hearts and humble spirits may we be accepted, as though it were with burnt offerings of rams and bulls, and with tens of thousands of fat lambs. Such may our sacrifice be in Your sight this day, and may we wholly follow You, for there will be no shame for those who trust in You.

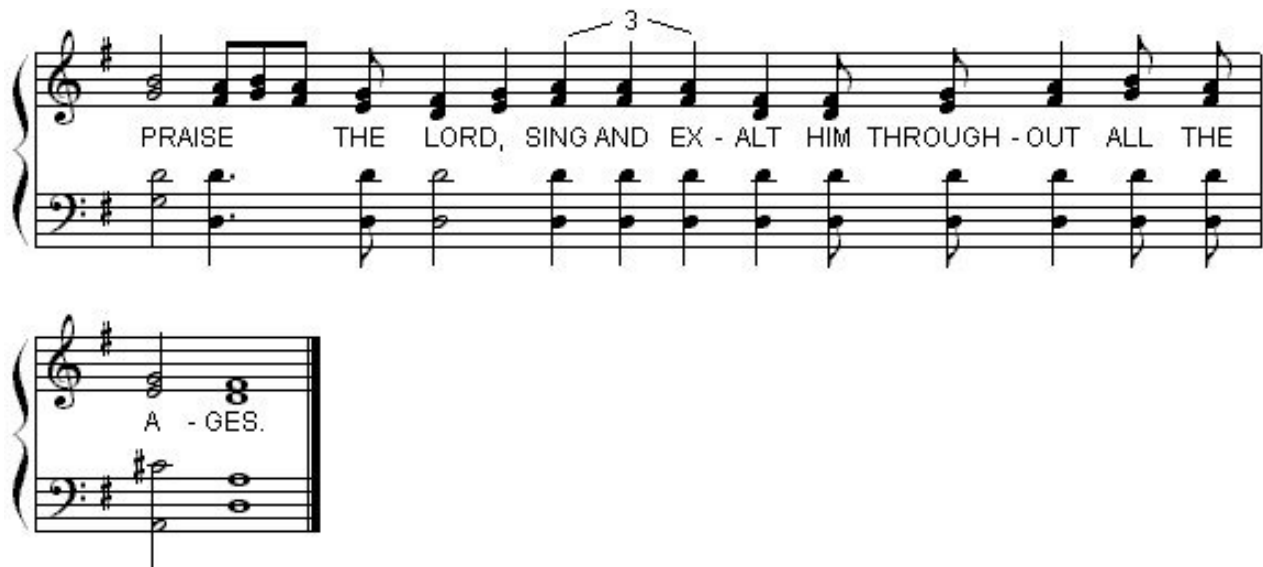
“And now with all our heart we follow You, we fear You and seek Your face. Do not put us to shame, but deal with us in Your forbearance and in Your abundant mercy. Deliver us in accordance with Your marvelous works, and give glory to Your name, O Lord! Let all who do harm to Your servants be put to shame. Let them be disgraced and deprived of all power and dominion, and let their strength be broken. “Let them know that You are the Lord, the only God, glorious over the whole world.”

Now the king’s servants who threw them in did not cease feeding the furnace fires with naptha, pitch, tow and brush. And the flames streamed out above the furnace forty-nine cubits, and it broke through and burned those of the Chaldeans whom it caught about in the furnace. But the angel of the Lord came down into the furnace to be with Abednego and his companions, and drove the fiery flame out of the furnace, and made the midst of the furnace like a moist whistling wind, so that the fire did not touch them at all or hurt or trouble them.

Then the three, as with one voice, praised and glorified and blessed God in the furnace, saying:

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified forever. And blessed is Your glorious and holy name, and praised and glorified forever. Blessed are You, Who sits on the Cherubim and looks upon the deeps, and praised and glorified forever. Blessed are You upon the throne of Your kingdom, and extolled and highly exalted forever. Blessed are You in the firmament of heaven, and to be hymned and glorified forever.”

CHOIR: *{repeat after every verse}*



READER: *Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord.
 Bless the Lord, you heavens,
 Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord.
 Bless the Lord, all waters above the heavens.
 Bless the Lord, sun and moon.
 Bless the Lord, stars of heaven.
 Bless the Lord, all rain and dew.
 Bless the Lord, all winds.
 Bless the Lord, fire and heat.
 Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat.
 Bless the Lord, nights and days.
 Bless the Lord, light and darkness.
 Bless the Lord, ice and cold.
 Bless the Lord, frosts and snows.
 Bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds.
 Let the earth bless the Lord.
 Bless the Lord, mountains and hills.
 Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth.
 Bless the Lord, you springs.
 Bless the Lord, seas and rivers.
 Bless the Lord, you whales and all creatures that move in the waters.
 Bless the Lord, all birds of the air.
 Bless the Lord, all beasts and cattle.
 Bless the Lord, you sons of men.
 Bless the Lord, O Israel.
 Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord.*

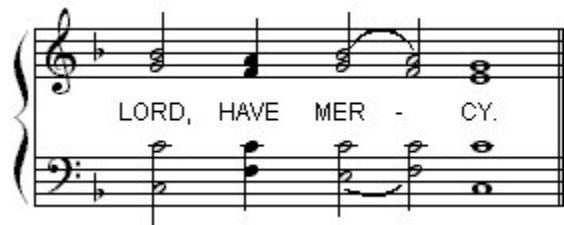
*Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord.
 Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous.
 Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart.
 Bless the Lord, Abednego, Shadrach, and Mishach.
 Bless the Lord, apostles, prophets, and martyrs of the Lord.
 We bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

We praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him throughout all ages.

CHOIR: *Praise the Lord, sing and exalt Him throughout all the ages.*

Little Litany

DEACON: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

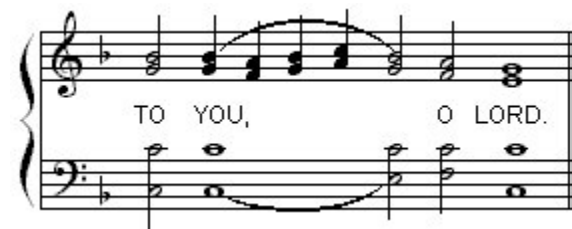


CHOIR:

DEACON: *Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.*



CHOIR:

PRIEST: O Holy God: Who rests in the saints; Who is hymned by the Seraphim with the thrice-holy cry, and glorified by the Cherubim, and worshipped by every heavenly power; Who out of nothing has brought all things into being; Who has created us after Your own Image and Likeness, and has adorned us with every gift; Who gives to those who ask wisdom and understanding; Who does not despise the sinner, but instead has appointed repentance for salvation; Who has granted to us, Your humble and unworthy servants, even in this hour to stand before the glory of Your Holy Altar, and to offer worship and praise which are due to You. O Master, accept even from the mouths of us sinners the

thrice-holy hymn, and visit us in Your goodness. Forgive us every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary. Sanctify our souls and bodies, and enable us to serve You in holiness all the days of our life. Through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and of all the saints who from the beginning of the world have been well-pleasing to You.

DEACON: Bless, Master, the time of the Thrice-Holy.

PRIEST: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

PRIEST: *For You are Holy, O our God, and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever*

DEACON: *and unto ages of ages.*

CHOIR:

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ON CHRIST! AL - LE - LU - IA! REPEAT 3X GLORY TO THE

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The Epistle

DEACON: *Let us attend.*

PRIEST: *Peace be unto all.*

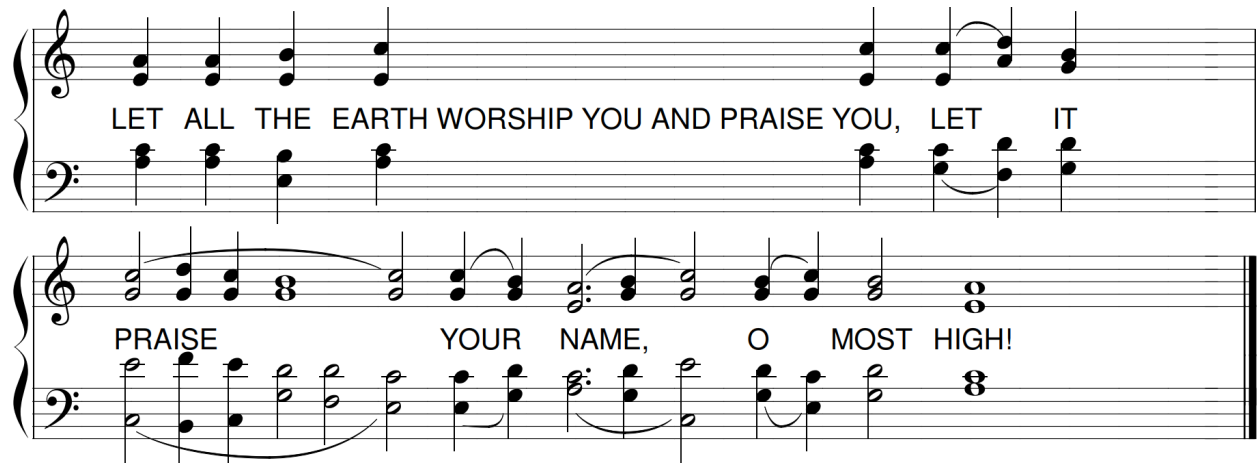
READER: *And with your spirit.*

DEACON: *Wisdom!*

READER: *The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone:*

Let all the earth worship You and praise You. Let it praise Your Name, O Most High!

CHOIR:



READER: *Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise!*

CHOIR: *(repeats Prokeimenon)*

READER: *Let all the earth worship You and praise You.*

CHOIR: *Let it praise Your Name, O Most High!*

DEACON: *Wisdom!*

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

PRIEST: *Let us attend!*

READER: [Rom 6:3-11] *Brethren: Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in*

the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRIEST: *Peace be to you who reads.*

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



CHOIR:

READER: *Blessed is He who considers the poor and needy! The Lord will deliver Him on the day of trouble!*

CHOIR: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

READER: *My enemies say to me in malice: "When will He die and His name perish?"*

CHOIR: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

READER: *He who ate My bread has lifted his heel against me.*

CHOIR: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Arise, O God

READER: *Arise, O God, judge the earth, for to You belong all the nations!*



READER: *God has taken His place in the Divine Council. In the midst of the gods He holds judgment.*

CHOIR: *[repeats “Arise, O God...”]*

READER: *How long will you judge unjustly and accept the faces of sinners?*

CHOIR: *[repeats “Arise, O God...”]*

READER: *Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.*

CHOIR: *[repeats “Arise, O God...”]*

READER: *Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the sinner.*

CHOIR: *[repeats “Arise, O God...”]*

READER: *They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk about in darkness.*

CHOIR: *[repeats “Arise, O God...”]*

READER: *Let all the foundations of the earth be shaken! I say: ‘You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you. Nevertheless you shall die like men, and fall like any prince!’*

CHOIR: *[repeats “Arise, O God...”]*

READER: *Arise, O God, judge the earth, for to You belong all the nations!*

CHOIR: *[repeats “Arise, O God...”]*

The Gospel

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



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



PRIEST: *Let us attend!*

(Mat 28:1-20) Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

CHOIR:



PRIEST: *And grant that being ever protected by Your power that we may ascribe glory to You, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

Let All Mortal Flesh

CHOIR:

The musical score is written for a choir and piano. It consists of five systems of music. The piano part is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The choir part is written in a single staff with a soprano clef. The lyrics are written below the choir staff. The score begins with a piano (pp) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: "Let all mor - tal flesh, let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lent, and in fear, in fear and trem - bling stand, pon - der - ing no - thing, pon - der - ing no - thing earth - ly mind - ed pon - der - ing no - thing pon - der - ing no - thing earth - ly mind - ed. For the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords comes". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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For the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords comes



PRIEST: No one who is bound with the desires and pleasures of the flesh is worthy to approach or draw near or to serve You, O King of Glory; for to minister to You is great and awesome event to the heavenly powers. Nevertheless through Your unspeakable and boundless love for us, You became man, yet without change or alteration, and as Ruler of all became our High Priest, and committed to us the ministry of this liturgical and bloodless sacrifice. For You alone, O Lord our God, rules over those in heaven and on earth; who is borne on the throne of the Cherubim; who is Lord of the Seraphim and King of Israel; who alone is Holy and rests in the saints. Therefore, we entreat You who alone are good and ready to listen: Look down on us sinners, Your unprofitable servants, and cleanse our souls and our hearts from evil consciences; and by the power of the Holy Spirit enable we, who are endowed with the grace of the priesthood, to stand before this, Your holy table, and perform the sacred mystery of Your holy and pure Body and precious Blood. For we draw near to You, and bowing our necks we implore You: Do not turn Your face away from us, nor cast us out from among Your children; but make us, Your sinful and unworthy servants, worthy to offer gifts to You. For You are the Offerer and the Offered, the Receiver and the Received, O Christ our God, and to You we ascribe glory, together with Your Father, who is from everlasting, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRIEST: Let all mortal flesh keep silent, and in fear and trembling stand, pondering nothing earthly minded. For the King of kings, and the Lord of lords comes to be slain, to give Himself as food to the faithful.

DEACON: Before Him go the ranks of angels, all the Principalities and Powers, the many-eyed Cherubim, and the six-winged Seraphim, covering their faces, singing their hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Repeat, 3X

PRIEST: O God, cleanse me a sinner, and have mercy on me. (3X)

The clergy then bow to one another, asking forgiveness of one another, and then turn to the congregation and ask forgiveness from those present. Then, in front of the Table of Preparation, the priest censes the Offering:

DEACON: Lift up, Master.

The priest places the veil on the deacon's left shoulder and gives to him the paten, saying:

PRIEST: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord.

The priest then takes the chalice, and preceded by servers bearing candles, a cross, and the censer, the celebrants make the Great Entrance. During this procession, we commemorate the hierarchy of the Holy Orthodox Church, the President, civil authorities, the city in which the Church is located, parish officers, those departed in blessed repose, and others who request such remembrance in the Liturgy.

The Great Entrance

PRIEST: *May the Lord God remember you and all Orthodox Christians in His Heavenly Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

PEOPLE: May the Lord God remember your priesthood in His Heavenly Kingdom.

At this point, it is customary for the congregation and the faithful to pray:



CHOIR:



the ma - ny eyed, the ma - ny eyed Che - ru - bim, Che - ru - bim;
and the six - winged Ser - a - phim co ver - ing their fac - es:
sing - ing their hymn, sing - ing: Al - le lu - ia,
Al - le lu - ia, Al - le lu - ia.

PRIEST: (Silently) The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree wrapped it in fine linen, anointed it with spices and placed it in a new tomb.

In the tomb with the body and in hell with the soul, in paradise with the thief and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit do You, Boundless Christ, fill all things.

Bearing life and more fruitful than paradise, brighter than any royal chamber: Your tomb, O Christ, is the fountain of our resurrection.

The priest takes the veils from the paten and the chalice and places them onto the altar, saying:

PRIEST: (Silently) The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb.

The priest takes the censer from the deacon and censes the Gifts, saying:

PRIEST: (Silently) 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. (*Psalms 51:18-19*)

The priest returns the censer to the deacon, then bows his head and asks the deacon:

PRIEST: Remember me, my brother and fellow minister.

DEACON: May the Lord God remember your priesthood in His Heavenly Kingdom.

PRIEST: Pray for me, my fellow minister.

DEACON: May the Holy Spirit descend on you, and the power of the Most High overshadow you.

PRIEST: May the Holy Spirit Himself minister together with us all the days of our life.

DEACON: Remember me, holy Master.

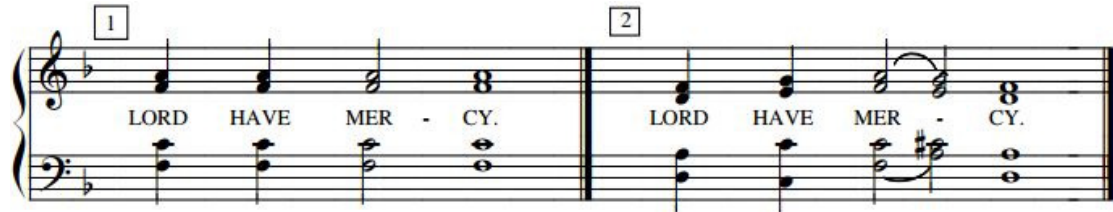
PRIEST: May the Lord God remember you in His Heavenly Kingdom always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

Litany of Supplication

DEACON: *Let us complete our prayer to the Lord.*

CHOIR:



The musical notation is for a two-part setting of the words 'LORD HAVE MERCY.' The first part (marked with a '1' in a box) is in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of a treble and bass line. The second part (marked with a '2' in a box) is also in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of a treble and bass line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

DEACON: *For the precious Gifts now offered, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*


DEACON: *Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*


DEACON: *That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR:

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DEACON: *An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

DEACON: *Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

DEACON: *All things that are good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

DEACON: *That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

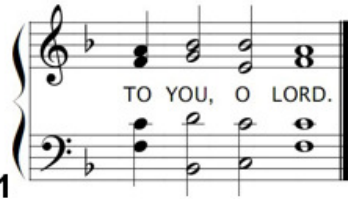
DEACON: *A Christian ending to our life: painless, blameless, and peaceful; and a good defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

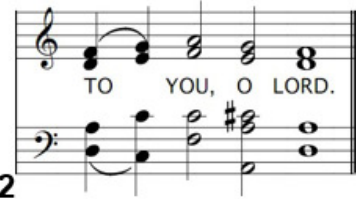
DEACON: *Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.*

CHOIR:

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PRIEST:

O Lord, our God, You have created us and brought us into this life; You have shown us the ways to salvation, and bestowed on us the revelation of heavenly mysteries; You are the One who has appointed us to this service in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Therefore, O Lord, enable us to be ministers of Your new Testament and servants of Your holy Mysteries. Through the greatness of Your mercy, accept us as we draw near to Your Holy Altar, so that we may be worthy to offer to You this reasonable and bloodless sacrifice for our sins and for the errors of Your people. Having received it upon Your holy, heavenly and ideal Altar as a sweet spiritual fragrance, send down upon us in return the grace of Your Holy Spirit. Look down on us, O God, and behold this our service. Receive it as You received the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah, the whole burnt offerings of Abraham, the priestly offices of Moses and Aaron, and the peace offerings of Samuel. Even as You received from Your Holy Apostles this true worship, so now, in Your goodness, accept these gifts from the hands of us sinners, O Lord; that having been accounted worthy to serve without offence at Your Holy Altar, we may receive the reward of wise and faithful stewards on the awesome day of Your just retribution.

Through the compassions of Your only-begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR:

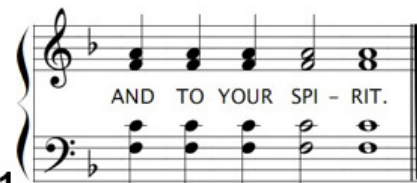


PRIEST:

Peace be unto all.

CHOIR:

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DEACON: *Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess.*

(1Corinthians 1:10)

CHOIR:



The priest kisses the paten, chalice, and the altar.

The clergy first exchange the 'kiss of peace', repeating to one another "Christ is in our midst" and replying "He is and shall be." After the clergy so exchange the kiss, they proceed to the congregation, and repeat the kiss of peace with all of the faithful.

PRIEST: (Silently) I will love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my firm foundation, my refuge, and my deliverer.

PRIEST: Christ is in our midst. (*Luke 24:36*)

DEACON: He is and shall be.

DEACON: *The doors! The doors! In wisdom, let us attend!*

The Creed

The Creed, which follows, is a statement of the basic beliefs of the Church. It was adopted in its present form in 381AD, and contains twelve articles which constitute the 'mission statement' of the Orthodox faith.

PEOPLE: (1) I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

(2) And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. (3) Light of Lights; True God of True God; begotten, not made; (4) of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made;

(5) Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (6) And He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. (7) And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; (8) and He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

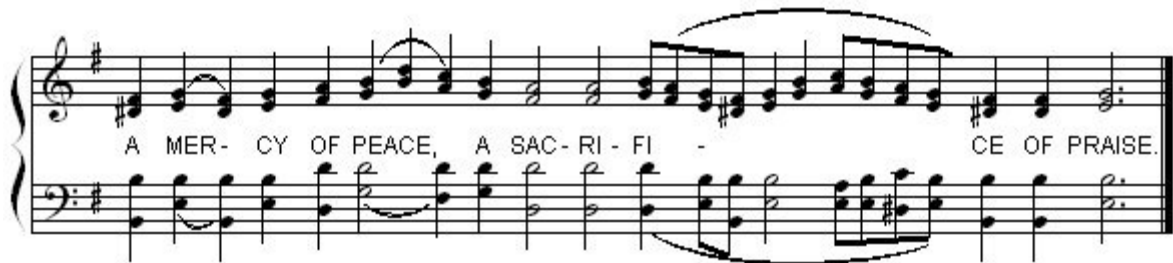
(9) And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets.

(10) And I believe in one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. (11) I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. (12) I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Anaphora

DEACON: *Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear! Let us attend, that we may offer the Holy Oblation in peace.*

CHOIR: (Hebrews 13:15)



PRIEST: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*

CHOIR:



PRIEST: *Let us lift up our hearts.* (Lamentations 3:41)

CHOIR:



PRIEST: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord.*

CHOIR:





PRIEST: O Existing One, Master, Lord God, Father almighty and adorable! It is truly meet and right and befitting the magnificence of Your holiness to praise You, to sing to You, to bless You, to worship You, to give thanks to You, to glorify You – the only truly existing God – and to offer to You this our reasonable worship with a contrite heart and a spirit of humility, for You have granted us the knowledge of Your truth. Who can utter Your mighty deeds? Or make all Your praises known? Or tell of all Your miracles at all times? O Master of all, Lord of heaven and earth and of all creation both visible and invisible; who sits on the throne of glory and beholds the depths; without beginning, invisible, incomprehensible, indescribable, changeless. O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great God and Savior, our hope, Who is the image of Your goodness, the seal of Your very likeness, showing forth in Himself You, O Father – the living Word, the true God, the eternal Wisdom, the Life, the Sanctification, the Power, the true Light, through Whom the Holy Spirit was revealed – the Spirit of Truth, the gift of sonship, the pledge of future inheritance, the first fruits of eternal blessings, the life-creating power, the fountain of sanctification, through Whom every creature of reason and understanding worships You and always sings to You a hymn of glory, for all things are Your servants. You are praised by angels, archangels, thrones, dominions, principalities, authorities, powers, and many-eyed Cherubim. Round about You stand the Seraphim, one with six wings and the other with six wings; with two they cover their faces, with two they cover their feet, and with two they fly, crying to one another with unceasing voices and ever-resounding praises:

Singing the triumphant hymn, shouting, proclaiming, and saying:

As the Priest exclaims the above, the Deacon takes the “star”, the cross shaped cover placed over the host, and making the sign of the Cross by touching each point of the star to the paten removes it, kisses it, and places it aside.

CHOIR: (Isaiah 6:1-3; Matthew 21:9)

HO - LY, HO - LY, HO - LY LORD, SA - BA - OATH, HEA - VEN AND EARTH

ARE FULL OF YOUR GLO - RY, HO - SA - NA, HO - SA - NA IN THE

HIGH - EST! BLES - SED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD,

HO - SA - NA IN THE HIGH - EST!

PRIEST: With these blessed powers, O Master who loves us, we sinners also cry aloud and say: Holy are You – truly most Holy – and there is no bound to the magnificence of Your holiness. You are gracious in all Your deeds, for with righteousness and true judgment You have ordered all things for us. When You created mankind by taking dust from the earth, and honored him with Your own Image, O God, You set him in a paradise of delight, promising him eternal life and the enjoyment of everlasting blessings in the observance of Your commandments. But when he disobeyed You, the true God Who had created him, and was deceived by the guile of the serpent, becoming subject to death through his own transgressions, You, O God, in Your righteous judgment, sent him forth from Paradise into this world, returning him to the earth from which he was taken, yet providing for him the salvation of regeneration in Your Christ Himself. For You did not turn Yourself away forever from Your creature, whom You had made, O Good One, nor did You forget the work of Your hands. Through the tender compassion of Your mercy, You visited him in various ways; You sent prophets; You performed

mighty works by Your saints, who in every generation were well-pleasing to You; You spoke to us by the mouths of Your servants the prophets, foretelling to us the salvation which was to come; You gave us the Law as a help; You appointed angels as guardians. And when the fullness of time had come, You spoke to us through Your Son Himself, by Whom You also made the ages; Who, being the Radiance of Your Glory and the Image of Your Person, upholding all things by the word of His power, thought it not robbery to be equal to You, the God and Father. He was God before the ages, yet He appeared on earth and lived among us, becoming incarnate of the Holy Virgin; He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being likened to the body of our lowliness, that He might liken us to the image of His glory. For as by man sin entered the world, and by sin death, so it pleased Your Only-Begotten Son, Who was in Your bosom, the God and Father, Who was born of a woman, the holy Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, Who was born under the Law, to condemn sin in His flesh, so that those who were dead in Adam might be made alive in Your Christ Himself. He lived in this world and gave us commandments of salvation; releasing us from the delusions of idolatry, He brought us to the knowledge of You, the true God and Father. He obtained us for His own chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Having cleansed us in water, and sanctified us with the Holy Spirit, He gave Himself as a ransom for death, in which we were held captive, sold under sin. Descending through the Cross into hell – that He might fill all things with Himself – He loosed the pangs of death. He arose on the third day, having made for all flesh a path to the resurrection from the dead, since it was not possible for the Author of Life to be a victim of corruption. So He became the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep, the first-born of the dead, that He might be Himself truly the first in all things. Ascending into heaven, He sat down at the right hand of Your majesty on high, and He will come to render to every man according to his works. And as memorials of His saving Passion, He has left us these things which we have set forth according to His command. For when He was about to go forth to His voluntary and ever-memorable and life-creating death – in the night in which He gave Himself up for the life of the world – He took bread into His holy and pure hands; and having shown it to You, the God and Father, having given thanks, blessed and hallowed it, and broken it,

He gave it to His holy Disciples and Apostles saying: Take! Eat! This is My Body which is broken for you for the remission of sins.

CHOIR:



PRIEST:

Likewise He took the cup of the fruit of the vine, and having mingled it and given thanks, blessed and hallowed it,

PRIEST: *He gave it to His holy Disciples and Apostles saying: Drink of it, all of you! This is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins.*

CHOIR:



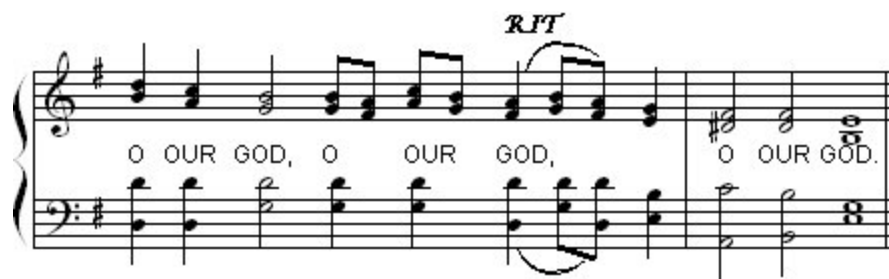
PRIEST: *Do this in remembrance of Me! For as often as you eat this Bread and drink this Cup, you proclaim My Death, you confess My Resurrection! Therefore, we also, O Master, remembering His saving Passion and life-creating Cross, His three-day Burial and Resurrection from the dead, His Ascension into heaven and Sitting at Your right hand of the God and Father, and His glorious and awesome Second Coming,*

PRIEST: *Your own of Your own we offer to You, on behalf of all and for all.* (1
Chronicles 29:14)

As the Priest exclaims the above, the Deacon takes the paten in his right hand, and the Chalice in his left, with his right hand crossed over his left, and lifts them, making the sign of the cross, and returning them to the altar.

CHOIR:





PRIEST: Therefore, most Holy Master, we also Your sinful and unworthy servants, whom You have permitted to serve at Your Holy Altar not because of our own righteousness (for we have done nothing good upon the earth), but because of Your mercy and compassions (which You have so richly poured out on us), we now dare to approach Your Holy Altar and, offering to You the antitypes of the Holy Body and Blood of Your Christ, we pray to You and call upon You, O Holy of Holies, that by the favor of Your goodness Your Holy Spirit may come upon us and upon these gifts now offered, to bless, to hallow, and to show.

O Lord, who sent down Your Most Holy Spirit upon Your apostles at the third hour: Do not take Him from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray to You.

DEACON: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

PRIEST: O Lord, who sent down Your Most Holy Spirit upon Your apostles at the third hour: Do not take Him from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray to You.

DEACON: Cast me not away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. (Psalm 51:11)

PRIEST: O Lord, who sent down Your Most Holy Spirit upon Your apostles at the third hour: Do not take Him from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray to You.

DEACON: Bless, Master, the Holy Bread.

PRIEST: This Bread to be the precious Body of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

CLERGY AND PEOPLE: Amen.

DEACON: Bless, Master, the Holy Cup.

PRIEST: And this Cup to be the precious Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

CLERGY AND PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: Shed for the life of the world.

DEACON: Bless both, Master.

PRIEST: Making the change by Your Holy Spirit.

CLERGY AND PEOPLE: *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

DEACON: Remember me a sinner, holy Master.

PRIEST: May the Lord God remember you in His Heavenly Kingdom; always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

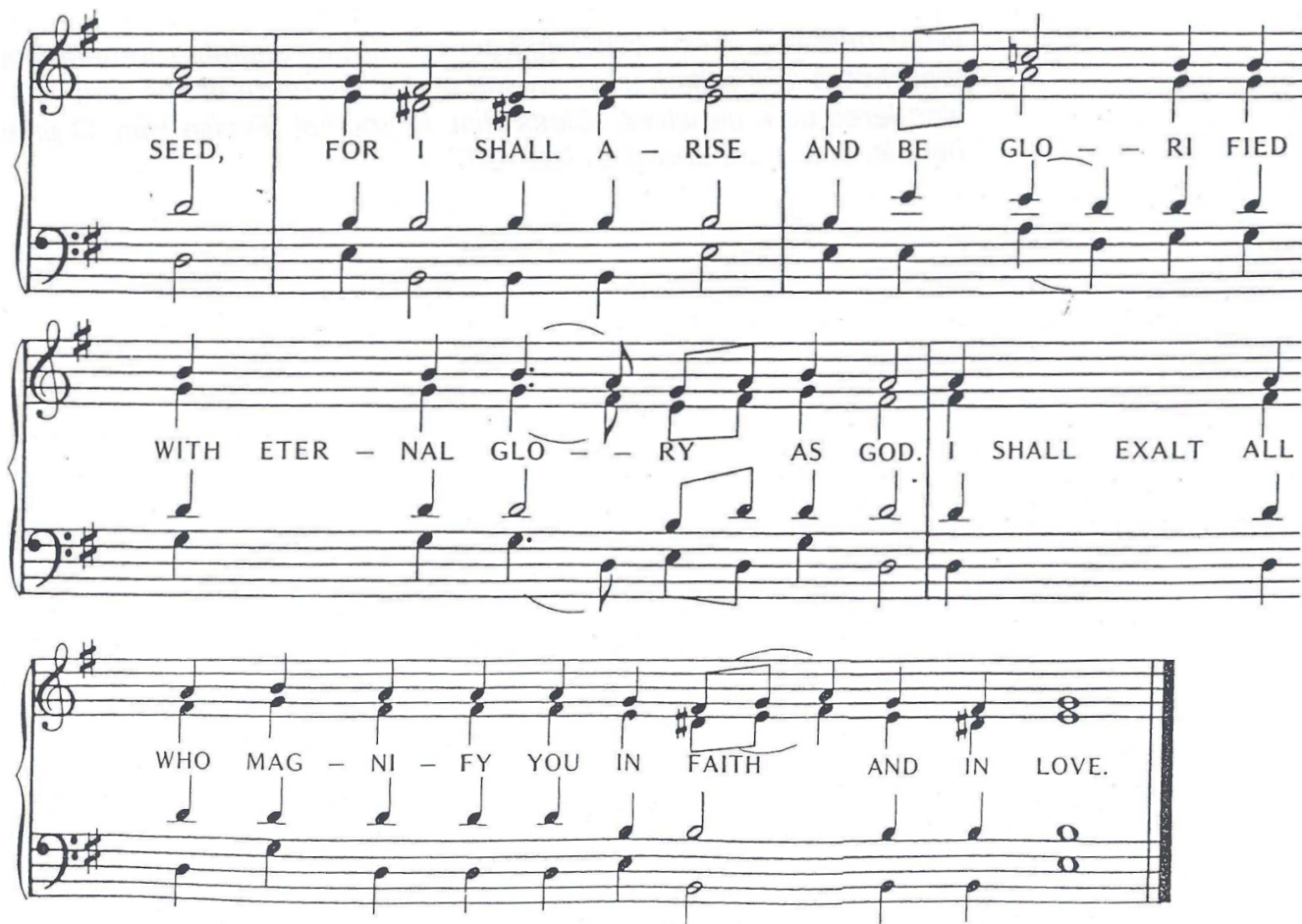
DEACON: Amen.

PRIEST: And unite all of us to one another who become partakers of the one Bread and Cup in the communion of the Holy Spirit. Grant that none of us may partake of the Holy Body and Blood of Your Christ for judgment or condemnation. Instead, may we find mercy and grace with all the saints who through the ages have been well-pleasing to You; ancestors, fathers, mothers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, teachers, and every righteous spirit made perfect in faith.

Especially for our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary.

CHOIR:

The musical score for the choir is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music contains the lyrics: "DO NOT LAMENT ME, O MOTHER, SEE - ING ME IN THE". The second system contains the lyrics: "TOMB, THE SON CON - CEIVED IN THE WOMB WITH - - OUT". The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with many beamed eighth and sixteenth notes, suggesting a rhythmic, chant-like quality.



PRIEST: With the holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; Saint _____, whom we commemorate this day; and with all Your saints. By their prayers, visit us, O God.

For the salvation, visitation, and remission of sins, of the servants of God _____.

Remember all those who have fallen asleep before us in the hope of resurrection to eternal life, especially _____; grant them rest in forgiveness of soul, O our God, in a place where the light of Your countenance shines on them.

Again we entreat You: Remember, O Lord, Your Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, which is from end to end of the universe; give peace to Her whom You have obtained with the precious Blood of Your Christ; also preserve this holy house until the end of the world. Remember, O Lord, those who offered You these gifts, and those for whom and through whom they offered them, and their intentions. Remember, O Lord, those who bring offerings and do good in Your Holy Churches, and those who remember the poor; reward them with Your rich and heavenly gifts; for their earthly, temporal, and corruptible gifts, grant to them Your heavenly ones, eternal and incorruptible. Remember, O Lord, those who are in the deserts, mountains, caverns and pits of the earth. Remember, O Lord, those

who live in chastity and godliness, in austerity and holiness of life. Remember, O Lord, this country and all civil authorities; grant them a secure and lasting peace; speak good things into their hearts concerning Your Church and all Your people, that we, in their tranquility, may lead calm and peaceful lives in all godliness and sanctity. Remember, O Lord, every principality and authority; our brothers and sisters who serve in the government and the armed forces. Preserve the good in goodness, and make the evil to be good by Your goodness. Remember, O Lord, the people here present and also those who are absent for honorable reasons. Have mercy on them and on us according to the multitude of Your mercies. Fill their treasuries with every good thing; preserve their marriages in peace and harmony; raise the infants; guide the young; support the aged; encourage the faint-hearted; reunite the separated; lead back those who are in error and join them to Your Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; free those who are held captive by unclean spirits; sail with those who sail; travel with those who travel by land and by air; defend the widows; protect the orphans; free the captives; heal the sick. Remember, O God, those who are in courts, in mines, in exile, in harsh labor, and those in any kind of affliction, necessity, or distress. Remember, O Lord our God, all those who entreat Your great loving-kindness; those who love us and those who hate us; those who have asked us to pray for them, unworthy though we be; and remember all Your people, O Lord our God. Pour out Your rich mercy upon all of them, granting them all the petitions which are for their salvation. And remember, O God, all those whom we have not remembered through ignorance, forgetfulness or the multitude of names; since You know the name and age of each, even from a mother's womb. For You, O Lord, are the Helper of the helpless, the Hope of the hopeless, the Savior of the bestormed, the Haven of the voyager, the Physician of the sick. Be all things to all people, for You know each of us and our requests, our homes, and our needs. Deliver this city, O Lord, and every city and country, from famine, plague, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, invasion by enemies, and civil war.

Among the first, remember, O Lord, His Holiness Patriarch _____, the Holy Synod, His Eminence Metropolitan _____, His Grace Bishop _____. Grant them for Your holy churches in peace, safety, honor, health, and length of days, rightly to define the word of Your truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

CHOIR:



PRIEST:

Remember, O Lord, all the Orthodox Episcopate, who rightly define the word of Your truth. Remember, O Lord, my unworthiness also, by

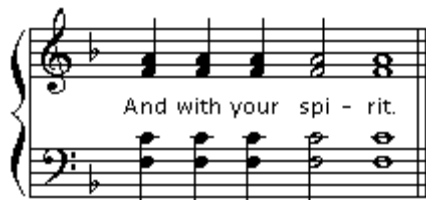
the multitude of Your compassions; forgive my every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary. Because of my sins, do not withhold the Grace of Your Holy Spirit from these Gifts here set forth. Remember, O Lord, the priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and every order of the clergy. Let none of us who stand about Your Holy Altar be put to confusion. Visit us with Your loving-kindness, O Lord; manifest Yourself to us through Your rich compassions. Grant us seasonable and healthful weather; send gentle showers upon the earth so that it may bear fruit; bless the crown of the year with Your goodness. Prevent schisms among the Churches; pacify the ragings of the pagans; quickly destroy the uprisings of heresies by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Receive us all into Your Kingdom, showing us to be children of the light and of the day. Grant us Your peace and Your love, O Lord our God, for You have given all things to us.

And grant that with one mouth and one heart we may praise Your all-honorable and majestic name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST: And the mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ shall be with all of you.

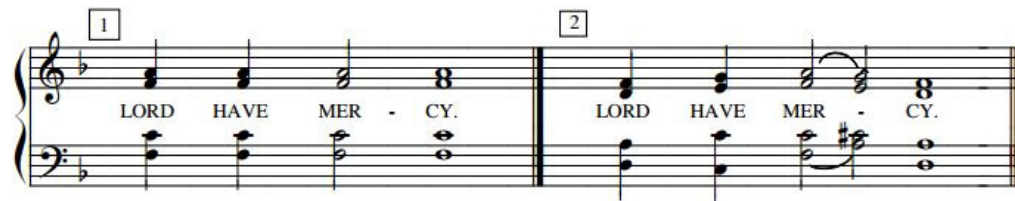
CHOIR:



Litany Before the Lord's Prayer

DEACON: Having remembered all the saints, again and again in peace let us pray un the Lord.

CHOIR:



DEACON: *For the precious Gifts now offered and sanctified, let us pray to the Lord.*



CHOIR:

DEACON: *That our God, who loves us, receiving them upon His holy, heavenly, and ideal altar as a sweet spiritual fragrance, will send down upon us in return His divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

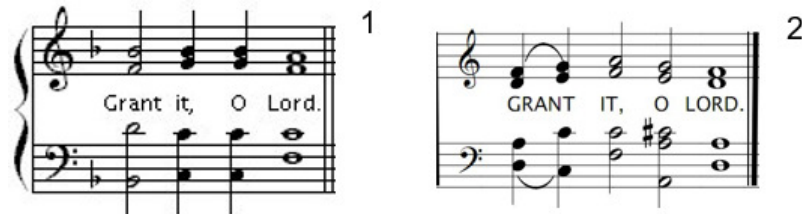
DEACON: *For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.*



CHOIR:

DEACON: *An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

DEACON: *Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

DEACON: *All things that are good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

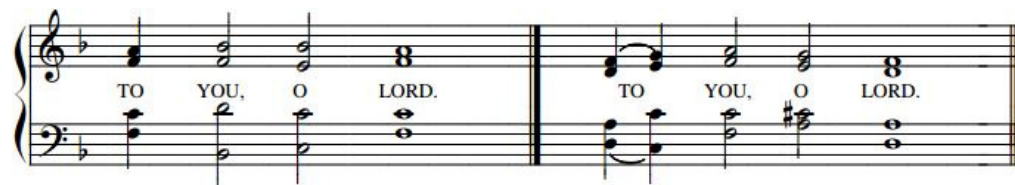
DEACON: *That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

DEACON: *A Christian ending to our life: painless, blameless, and peaceful; and a good defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

DEACON: *Having asked for the unity of the Faith, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.*



CHOIR:

PRIEST: O our God, the God of salvation, teach us to thank You worthily for the benefits which You have performed for us and still perform with us. Having accepted these gifts, O our God, purify us from every defilement of flesh and spirit, and teach us how to perfect our sanctification in the fear of You, so that receiving a portion of Your holy things with a pure conscience we may be united with the Holy Body and Blood of Your Christ. Having received them worthily, may we have Christ dwelling in our hearts, and may we become the Temple of Your Holy Spirit. O our God, let none of us be guilty of these, Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries, nor be infirm in soul and body by partaking of them unworthily. But enable us, even to our last breath, to receive a portion of Your holy things worthily, as a support on the road to eternal life and an acceptable defense at the dread judgment seat of Your Christ. That we also, together with all the saints who through the ages have been well-pleasing to You, may become partakers of Your eternal good things, which You have prepared for those who love You, O Lord.

And make us worthy, O Master, that with boldness and without condemnation we may dare to call on You, the heavenly God, as Father, and to say:

The Lord's Prayer

CHOIR:

Rimsky-Korsakov

OUR FA - THER, WHO ART IN HEA - VEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY

KING - DOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEA - VEN. GIVE US THIS DAY

(a tempo)

OUR DAI - LY BREAD. AND FOR - GIVE US OUR TRES - PAS - SES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE

WHOTRES-PASS A - GAINST US; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMP - TA - TION,

BUT DELIVER US FROM E - VIL.

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:



PRIEST: *Peace be unto all.*

CHOIR:



PRIEST: *Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.*

CHOIR:



PRIEST: O Master, Lord, Father of compassions and God of every consolation: Bless, sanctify, guard, strengthen and confirm those who have bowed their heads to You. Withdraw them from every evil deed; apply them to every good work and make them worthy to partake without condemnation of these, Your most-pure and life-creating Mysteries, for remission of sins and for the communion of the Holy Spirit.

DEACON: *Wisdom!*

PRIEST: *Through the grace and compassion and love toward mankind of Your only-begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.*

CHOIR:



PRIEST: Attend, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, out of Your holy dwelling-place, from the throne of glory of Your Kingdom; and come to sanctify us, O Lord Who sits on high with the Father, and is here invisibly present with us; and by Your mighty

hand impart to us Your most pure Body and precious Blood, and through us to all the people.

O God, cleanse me, a sinner, and have mercy on me. (3X)

DEACON: *Let us attend!*

PRIEST: *Holy things for the holy!*

CHOIR:

One is Ho - ly, One is the Lord Je - sus Christ, to the glory of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Communion

RE - CEIVE ME TO - DAY, O SON OF
GOD, AS PAR - TA - KER OF YOUR MYS - TI - CAL SUP -
PER. FOR I WILL NOT SPEAK, FOR I WILL NOT SPEAK OF YOUR
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(WILL)



DEACON: Divide, Master, the Holy Bread.

The priest reverently divides the Holy Bread into four parts.

PRIEST: Divided and distributed is the Lamb of God: who is divided, yet not disunited; who is ever eaten, yet never consumed; but sanctifies those who partake thereof.

The priest arranges the pieces onto the paten in the form of a cross. The portion containing the symbol **IC** is placed into the chalice. The portion containing the symbol **XC** is used to commune the celebrants. The other two portions, containing symbols **NI** and **KA**, are broken for communion of the faithful.

DEACON: Fill, Master, the Holy Cup.

As the priest places the portion **IC** into the chalice, he makes the sign of the Cross with it over the chalice and says:

PRIEST: The fullness of the Holy Spirit.

DEACON: Amen. Bless, Master, the warm water.

PRIEST: Blessed is the warmth of Your Holy Things always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The deacon pours sufficient water into the chalice in the sign of the Cross, saying:

DEACON: The warmth of faith, full of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRIEST AND

PEOPLE: I believe, O Lord, and confess that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Also I believe that this is truly Your own most pure Body, and that this is truly Your own Precious Blood. Therefore I pray to You: have mercy upon me and pardon my transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, committed in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your most pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Your Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of Your Mystery to Your enemies, neither like Judas will I give You a kiss; but like the thief I will confess You: Remember me, O Lord, in Your Kingdom.

May the communion of Your Holy Mysteries be neither to my judgment, nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body. Amen.

The priest breaks the portion containing the symbol XC into a number of pieces equal to the number of clergy to be communed.

PRIEST: The precious and most holy Body of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ is given unto me, the unworthy priest _____ for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting.

I believe, O Lord, and I confess

After partaking, the priest then says:

PRIEST: Deacon, draw near.

The deacon approaches, bows, asks forgiveness, then kisses the altar saying:

DEACON: Give me, Master, the precious and holy Body of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

The priest gives the deacon a portion of the Holy Bread, saying:

PRIEST: To the deacon _____ is given the precious, holy, and most pure Body of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, for the remission of his sins, and unto life everlasting.

The deacon kisses the priest's hand as he takes the Holy Body, and goes behind the altar and prays with bowed head:

The priest takes a portion of the Holy Body for himself, and prays:

DEACON: I believe, O Lord, and I confess

PRIEST: The precious and holy Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ is given unto me, the unworthy priest _____ for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting. Amen.

The priest then drinks from the chalice three times, saying:

PRIEST: In the name of the Father

DEACON: Amen.

PRIEST: and of the Son

DEACON: Amen.

PRIEST: and of the Holy Spirit.

DEACON: Amen. Amen. Amen.

The priest cleans the chalice and his lips with the cloth and says:

PRIEST: Lo, this has touched my lips, it shall wash away my iniquities, and cleanse me from my sins.
Deacon, draw near.

DEACON: Lo, I draw near unto the immortal King and our God. Give to me, Master, the precious and holy Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

The priest holds the chalice, saying:

PRIEST: The servant of God, the deacon _____, partakes of the precious and holy Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, for the remission of his sins, and unto life everlasting.

The deacon then repeats the practice followed by the priest, after which the priest says:

PRIEST: Lo, this has touched your lips, it shall take away your iniquities, and cleanse you of your sins.

The priest then divides the portions **NI** and **KA** of the Holy Lamb and puts them into the chalice for the communion of the people. One such portion may be divided for use on the paten for distribution in communing the faithful. The chalice is then covered with a veil, the Royal Doors are opened, and the deacon takes the chalice through the doors saying:

DEACON: *In the fear of God, and with faith and love, draw near!*

CHOIR:

BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! GOD IS THE LORD AND HAS REVEALED

HIM - SELF TO US!

The faithful are now communed, with the priest saying to each person:

PRIEST: The precious and all-holy Body and Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ is given to the servant (handmaid) of God _____, for the remission of sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

The faithful then repetitively sing the following hymn while all are awaiting communion:

CHOIR:

RE - CEIVE ME TO - DAY, O SON OF

GOD, AS PAR - TA - KER OF YOUR MYS - TI - CAL SUP -

PER. FOR I WILL NOT SPEAK, FOR I WILL NOT SPEAK OF YOUR

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GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JU - DAS. BUT LIKE THE



After all have been communed, the celebrants return to the altar and replace the chalice. The deacon holds the paten over the chalice as he says the Hymn of the Resurrection:

DEACON: Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the Holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and Your Holy Resurrection we praise and glorify, for You are our God, and we know no other than You; we call on Your name. Come all you faithful, let us venerate Christ's Holy Resurrection! For, behold, through the Cross joy has come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, singing His Holy Resurrection, for by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death. (*Paschal Resurrection Ode*)

Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son! (*Paschal Kanon, Ode 9*)

O Christ! Great and most Holy Pascha! O Wisdom, Word, and Power of God! Grant that we may more perfectly partake of You in the never-ending Day of Your Kingdom.

The deacon then wipes the remaining particles from the paten into the chalice, saying:

DEACON: Wash away, O Lord, the sins of all those remembered here, by Your precious Blood; through the prayers of Your saints.

PRIEST: O God, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

CHOIR:

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THIEF (WILL) WILL I CON - FESS YOU: 'RE -

MEM-BER ME, O LORD, RE - MEM-BER ME, O LORD IN YOUR KING -

DOM."

PRIEST: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and Your glory over all the earth.

The priest gives the paten to the deacon, who carries it reverently above his head to the Table of Preparation. The priest takes the chalice in his right hand, and facing the people says:

PRIEST: Blessed is our God

Always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR:

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MEM - BER ME, O LORD, RE - MEM - BER ME, O LORD IN YOUR KING -

DOM."

DEACON: *Let us attend! Having partaken of the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, life-creating, and awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks to the Lord.*

CHOIR:

Lord, have mer - cy.

DEACON: *Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.*

CHOIR:

LORD HAVE MER - CY.

DEACON: *Asking that the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.*

CHOIR:



PRIEST:

We thank You, O Lord our God, for the participation in Your holy, most-pure, immortal and heavenly Mysteries, which You have granted us for the good and sanctification and healing of our souls and bodies. O Master of all, grant that the communion of the Holy Body and Blood of Your Christ may be to us for a faith unashamed, a love unfeigned, an increase of wisdom, the healing of soul and body, the repelling of every adversary, the observing of Your commandments, and an acceptable defense at the dread judgment seat of Your Christ.

PRIEST:

For You are our Sanctification, and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR:



PRIEST:

Let us depart in peace.

CHOIR:



DEACON: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR:



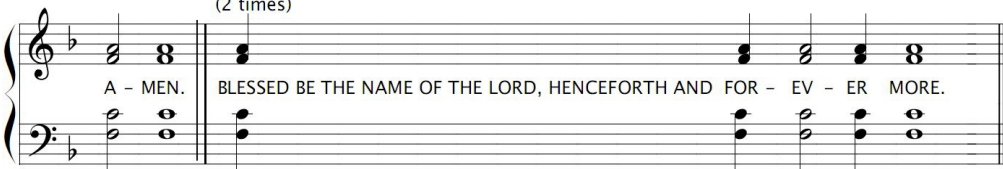
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PRIEST: *O Lord, who blesses those who bless You, and sanctifies those who trust in You: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Preserve the fullness of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house; glorify them in return by Your divine power, and do not forsake us who put our hope in You. Give peace to Your world, to Your churches, to Your priests, to all those in civil authority, and to all Your people. For every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of Lights, and to You we ascribe glory, thanksgiving, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.*

The priest moves through the Royal Doors to the Table of Oblation and says the following prayer:

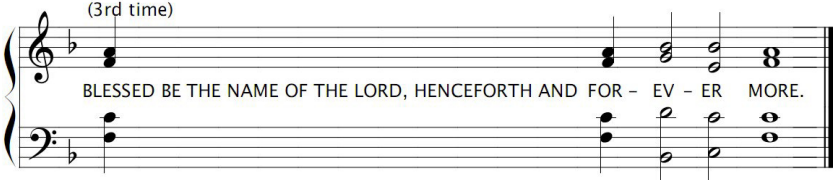
The mystery of Your dispensation, O Christ our God, has been accomplished and perfected as far as it was in our power; for we have had the memorial of Your death; we have seen the type of Your Resurrection; we have been filled with Your unending life; we have enjoyed Your inexhaustible food; which in the world to come be well-pleased to grant to us all, through the Grace of Your eternal Father, and Your holy good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(2 times)



A - MEN. BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD, HENCEFORTH AND FOR - EV - ER MORE.

(3rd time)



BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD, HENCEFORTH AND FOR - EV - ER MORE.

CHOIR:

PRIEST: *The blessing of the Lord be upon you through His grace and love for mankind always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*



A - men.

CHOIR:

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. LORD, HAVE MERCY. LORD, HAVE MERCY.

FA - THER, BLESS!

PRIEST: *May Christ our true God, who is risen from the dead, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, **Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea and Cappadocia**, of Saint _____, patron of this holy church; of the power of the precious and Life-giving Cross; of the protection of the honored bodiless powers of Heaven; through the supplications of the holy, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and victorious Martyrs; of the holy, glorious and All-laudable Apostles; of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves us.*

CHOIR:

A - men.

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

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