

MATINS
OF GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

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

Reader: Amen. Glory to thee, O God, glory to thee.

O heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art everywhere and fillest all things; Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: Come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. *(3x)*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O 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 thy 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 the evil one.

Priest: For Thine 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. In the name of the Lord, Master, bless.

Priest: Glory to the holy, con-substantial, life-creating, and undivided Trinity, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards man *(3x)*.

O Lord, open Thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise *(2x)*.

THE SIX PSALMS

PSALM 3

O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of me, there is no help for him in God. But thou, O Lord, art a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me. I am not afraid of ten

thousands of people who have set themselves against me round about. Arise, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God! For thou dost smite all my enemies on the cheek, thou dost break the teeth of the wicked. Deliverance belongs to the Lord; thy blessing be upon thy people!

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.

PSALM 38

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy anger, nor chasten me in thy wrath! For thy arrows have sunk into me, and thy hand has come down on me. There is no soundness in my flesh because of thy indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; they weigh like a burden too heavy for me. My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness, I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning. For my loins are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am utterly spent and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart. Lord, all my longing is known to thee, my sighing is not hidden from thee. My heart throbs, my strength fails me; and the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me. My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my kinsmen stand afar off. Those who seek my life lay their snares, those who seek my hurt speak of ruin, and meditate treachery all the day long. But I am like a deaf man, I do not hear, like a dumb man who does not open his mouth. Yea, I am like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes. But for thee, O Lord, do I wait; it is thou, O Lord my God, who wilt answer. For I pray, "Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!" For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever with me. I confess my iniquity, I am sorry for my sin. Those who are my foes without cause are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully. Those who render me evil for good are my adversaries because I follow after good. Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

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PSALM 63

O God, thou art my God, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee; my flesh faints for thee, as in a dry and weary land where no water is. So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary, beholding thy power and glory. Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee. So I will bless thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on thy name. My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat, and my mouth praises thee with joyful lips, when I think of thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the watches

of the night; for thou hast been my help, and in the shadow of thy wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to thee; thy right hand upholds me. But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be prey for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall glory; for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

My soul clings to thee; thy right hand upholds me
 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 Thee, O God! (3x)

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.

PSALM 88

O Lord, my God, I call for help by day; I cry out in the night before thee. Let my prayer come before thee, incline thy ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol. I am reckoned among those who go down to the Pit; I am a man who has no strength, like one forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom thou dost remember no more, for they are cut off from thy hand. Thou hast put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep. Thy wrath lies heavy upon me, and thou dost overwhelm me with all thy waves. Thou hast caused my companions to shun me; thou hast made me a thing of horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape; my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call upon thee, O Lord; I spread out my hands to thee. Dost thou work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise thee? Is thy steadfast love declared in the grave, or thy faithfulness in Abaddon? Are thy wonders known in the darkness, or thy saving help in the land of forgetfulness? But I, O Lord, cry to thee; in the morning my prayer comes before thee. O Lord, why dost thou cast me off? Why dost thou hide thy face from me? Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer thy terrors; I am helpless. Thy wrath has swept over me; thy dread assaults destroy me. They surround me like a flood all day long; they close in upon me together. Thou hast caused lover and friend to shun me; my companions are in darkness.

O Lord, my God, I call for help by day; I cry out in the night before thee. Let my prayer come before thee, incline thy ear to my cry!

PSALM 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

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PSALM 143

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications! In thy faithfulness answer me, in thy righteousness! Enter not into judgment with thy servant; for no man living is righteous before thee. For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that thou hast done; I muse on what thy hands have wrought. I stretch out my hands to thee; my soul thirsts for thee like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not thy face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear in the morning of thy steadfast love, for in thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to thee I lift up my soul. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies! I have fled to thee for refuge! Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God!

Let thy good spirit lead me on a level path! For thy name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In thy righteousness bring me out of trouble! And in thy steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am thy servant.

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In thy faithfulness answer me, in thy righteousness! Enter not into judgment with thy servant.

Let thy good spirit lead me on a level path!

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 Thee, O God! (3x)

THE GREAT LITANY

Priest: For unto thee 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: Amen.

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. In the night, my soul rises early for thee, O God, for Thy commandments are a light on the earth.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Learn righteousness, all you inhabitants of the earth.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Jealousy shall grasp an untaught people.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Bring more evils on them, O Lord, bring more evils on those who are glorious on the earth.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE TROPARION

When the glorious disciples were enlightened at the washing of their feet before the supper, then the impious Judas was darkened, ailing with avarice, and to the lawless judges he betrays Thee, the Righteous Judge. Behold, O lover of money, this man who because of money hanged himself. Flee from the greedy soul which dared such things against the Master! O Lord who art good towards all men, glory to Thee!

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

When the glorious disciples were enlightened ...

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

When the glorious disciples were enlightened ...

LITTLE LITANY

Priest: For Thine is the might, and Thine 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 the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

FIRST GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel, according to St. John the Theologian.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(John 13:31-18:1)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

ANTIPHON I (TONE 8)

The rulers of the people have assembled against the Lord and His Christ. A lawless charge is hurled against me//Lord, O Lord, forsake me not. Let us offer our pure senses to Christ. As His friends let us sacrifice our lives for His sake. Let us not be weight down by earthly cares like Judas, but let us cry in the hidden chambers of our heart// “Our Father, who art in heaven, deliver us from evil.”

ANTIPHON II (TONE 6)

Judas hastened to the lawless scribes and said “What will you give me to betray Him to you?” Yet while they conspired against Thee, Thou did invisibly stand in their midst//Spare our souls, O Thou who knows the hearts of men. Let us serve God in acts of compassion, like Mary at the supper. Let us not be possessed by avarice like Judas// so that we may always abide with Christ our God.

ANTIPHON III (TONE 2)

Because of the raising of Lazarus O Lord who loves mankind The Hebrew children cried “Hosanna” to Thee// But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand. At Thy supper, O Christ God, Thou announced to Thy disciples “One of you will betray me.”// But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand. When John asked Thee, O Lord “Who is it that betrays Thee.” Thou revealed who it was by means of the morsel of bread// But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand. For thirty pieces of silver and a treacherous kiss, O Lord, the Jews sought to kill Thee// But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand. At the washing of the feet, O Christ God Thou commanded Thy disciples “Do as you have seen me do.”// But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand. “Keep watch and pray, lest you be tempted” Thou didst say to Thy disciples, O our God// But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand.

LITTLE LITANY

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

Choir: Amen.

SESSIONAL HYMN:

Reader: As Thou gavest food to the disciples at the Supper, knowing the plot for Thy betrayal, Thou hast accused Judas of it. Thou hast understood that he would not come to repentance, yet hast Thou desired to show to all that Thou was betrayed of Thine own will, to save the world from the enemy. O long-suffering Lord, glory to Thee.

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel, according to St. John the Theologian.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(John 18:1-28)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

ANTIPHON IV (TONE 5)

Today Judas forsakes the Master and takes the devil as his friend He is blinded by the passion of avarice. Darkened he falls from light. He sold the sun for thirty pieces of silver How, then, is he able to see? But He who suffers for the world has risen as the dawn for us. To him let us cry aloud//O Thou who suffers for us and with us, Glory to Thee!

Today Judas counterfeits piety and deprives himself of the gift of grace. The disciple becomes a betrayer. In a gesture of friendship he conceals deceit. He foolishly prefers thirty pieces of silver to the Master's love and becomes a guide for the lawless assembly// but let us glorify Christ, our salvation.

As brothers in Christ let us acquire brotherly love. Let us not lack sympathy for our neighbor lest we, like the unmerciful servant be condemned on account of money// or like Judas gain nothing from our regrets.

ANTIPHON V (TONE 6)

The disciple agrees upon the price of the Master He sells the Lord for thirty piece of silver. With a treacherous kiss he betrays Him// to death at the hands of lawless men. Today the Creator of Heaven and earth said to His disciples "The hour has come and Judas rushes to betray me. Let no one deny me when he sees me on the cross between two thieves. For as a man I suffer//And as the Lover of man I save those who believe in Me.

ANTIPHON VI (TONE 7)

Today Judas looks for a way to betray the Lord the Savior of the world before the ages. Who satisfied the multitude with five loaves. Today the transgressor denies the Teacher. Though a disciple, he betrays the Master// He sells for silver Him who fed man with manna in the wilderness. Today His people nail to the Cross the Lord who divided the sea with a rod and led them in the wilderness Today they pierce His side with a spear Who smote Egypt with plagues for their sake// They give Him gall to drink who rained down manna upon them for food. When Thou came to Thy voluntary Passion, O Lord Thou did cry to Thy disciples "If you lack the strength to keep watch with me for a single hour Why did you promise to die for me See how Judas does not sleep but hastens to betray Me to the transgressors Arise and pray, lest anyone deny me When he

sees me on the Cross”//O long-suffering One glory to Thee!

LITTLE LITANY

Priest: For blessed and glorified is Thine 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.

Reader: What reason led thee, Judas to betray the Savior? Did He expel thee from the company of the apostles? Did He deprive thee of the gift of healing? When thou wast at supper with the others, did He drive thee from the table? When He washed the other's feet, did He pass thee by? How many are the blessings that thou hast forgotten! Thou art condemned for thine ingratitude, but His measureless longsuffering and great mercy are proclaimed to all.

THIRD GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(*Matthew 26:57-75*)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

ANTIPHON VII (TONE 8)

While permitting the transgressors to arrest Thee, Thou did cry out to them, O Lord “Though you smite the Shepherd and scatter the twelve sheep my disciples, I am able to surround Myself with more than thirty legions of angels but I forebear so that the secret and hidden things might be fulfilled which were revealed to you by My prophets.”// O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Denying Thee for the third time Peter at once recalled Thy words to him, but he offered Thee tears of repentance// O God have mercy on me and save me!

ANTIPHON VIII (TONE 2)

O transgressors What have you heard from our Savior? Did He not explain the law and the teachings of the prophets Why then did you plan to deliver to Pilate// The Word, God of God, the Redeemer of our souls? “Let Him be crucified,” cried those who had always enjoyed His gracious gifts Those who killed the Righteous ask to receive a malefactor instead of the benefactor but Thou, O Christ, did endure their heedlessness in silence// Desiring to suffer and to save us in Thy love for mankind.

ANTIPHON IX (TONE 3)

They weighed out the thirty pieces of silver the price of Him on whom a price had been set by the sons of Israel Keep watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is indeed willing// but the flesh is weak therefore keep watch. They gave Me gall for food. For My thirst they gave me vinegar to drink but do Thou, O Lord//raise me up that I may requite them.

LITTLE LITANY

Priest: For Thou art our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Reader: O how could Judas, who was once Thy disciple, plot to betray Thee! In his treachery and wickedness he ate with Thee at the supper, and then he went to the priests and said: “What will ye give me, and I will deliver to you Him Who set the Law at naught and defiled the Sabbath?” O longsuffering Lord, glory to Thee.

FOURTH GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel, according to St. John the Theologian.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(John 18:28 – 19:16)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

ANTIPHON X (TONE 6)

He who clothes Himself with light as with a garment stood naked for trial He was struck on the cheek by hands that He Himself had formed A people that transgressed the law nailed the Lord of glory to the Cross. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then the sun was darkened unable to bear the sight of God outraged before Whom all things tremble//let us worship Him. The disciple denied Him but the thief cried out// “Remember me O Lord, in Thy Kingdom!”

ANTIPHON XI (TONE 6)

In exchange for the good things that Thou had done for them A transgressing people condemned Thee to be crucified, O Christ and gave Thee gall and vinegar to drink but reward them according to their deeds, O Lord// for they did not understand Thy condescension. Not content to deliver Thee up, O Christ a transgressing people wagged their heads bringing Thee mockery and derision. But reward them according to their deeds, O Lord// for they plotted against Thee in vain. Neither the shaking of the earth nor the splitting of the rocks neither the tearing of the Temple’s curtain nor the resurrection of the dead convinced a transgressing people. But reward them according to their deeds, O Lord// for they plotted against Thee in vain.

ANTIPHON XII (TONE 8)

Thus says the Lord to the Jews “My people, what have I done to you, or how have I offended you? To your blind I gave sight, your lepers I cleansed, the paralytic I raised from his bed. My people, what have I done to you, and how have you repaid Me? Instead of manna, gall; instead of water, vinegar; instead of loving Me you nail Me to the Cross I can bear no more I shall call the gentiles Mine they will glorify Me with the Father and the Spirit// And I shall give them life eternal”. Today the curtain of the Temple is torn in two to convict the transgressors and even the sun hides his rays// Seeing the Master crucified. The choir of the Apostles cries out to you O lawgivers of Israel, scribes and Pharisees Behold the Temple which you destroyed! Behold the Lamb whom you crucified! You delivered Him to the tomb, but by His own power He arose Do not be deceived, O Jews. He it is that saved you in the sea and fed you in the wilderness//He is the Life, the Light and the Peace of the world.

LITTLE LITANY

Priest: Blessed and glorified be the might of Thy kingdom: of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Reader: When Thou the Judge, O God, wast standing before Caiaphas and wast delivered unto Pilate, then the powers of heaven quaked with fear. Thou wast raised upon the Cross between two thieves, and though sinless Thou wast numbered with transgressors, for the salvation of mankind. O longsuffering Lord, glory to Thee.

FIFTH GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(Matthew 27:3-32)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

ANTIPHON XIII (TONE 6)

The crowd of the Jews O Lord asked Pilate to crucify Thee and though they found no guilt in Thee They freed Barabbas, who indeed was guilty they condemned Thee, the Righteous One and made the charge of murder their inheritance but give them their retribution, O Lord//for they plotted against Thee in vain. To Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God who makes all things fear and tremble who all tongues praise, the priests gave gall and slapped yet He consented to suffer all things desiring to save us from our transgressions by His blood//For He loves mankind.

ANTIPHON XIV (TONE 8)

The thief whose hands were defiled with blood Thou did accept as Thy fellow traveler with him number us also O Lord//For Thou art good and lovest mankind. The thief on the cross uttered a small cry but he found great faith in a moment he was saved and became the first to enter Paradise when its gates were opened// O Lord, who did accept his repentance, glory to Thee

ANTIPHON XV (TONE 6)

Today He who hung the earth upon the waters is hung on the Tree The King of angels is decked with a crown of thorns. He who wraps the heavens in clouds is wrapped in a purple of mockery He who freed Adam in the Jordan is slapped on the face.

The Bridegroom of the church is affixed to the Cross with nails. The son of the Virgin is pierced by a spear We worship Thy Passion, O Christ We worship Thy Passion, O Christ We worship Thy Passion, O Christ//Show us also Thy glorious resurrection Let us not keep the feast like the Jews, for our Passover, Christ God, has been slain for us But let us cleanse ourselves of every defilement and with sincerity let us entreat Him//Arise, O Lord, and save us, for Thou lovest mankind! Thy Cross O Lord is life and resurrection for Thy people. Trusting in it, we praise Thee, our Crucified God!// Have mercy on us.

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

When she who conceived Thee, O Christ Saw Thee hanging on the Cross, she cried out What strange mystery do I behold, O my son? O Giver of Life, how dost Thou die// nailed on the wood in the flesh?

LITTLE LITANY

Priest: For blessed is Thy name, and glorified is Thy Kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Reader: Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the law by Thy precious Blood. Having been nailed to the Cross and pierced with a spear, Thou hast poured forth immortality upon mankind. O our Savior, glory to Thee.

SIXTH GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(Mark 15:16-32)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

THE BEATITUDES

In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom.

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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Reader: Through a tree Adam lost his home in Paradise, but through the tree of the Cross the thief came there to dwell. By tasting of the fruit, the first broke the Creator's commandment, but He who was crucified with Thee confessed Thee, the hidden God. Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: Lawless men bought the Creator of the law from a disciple and brought Him before the judgment seat of Pilate as a transgressor. Though He had given them manna in the wilderness, they cried out : Crucify Him! But we, imitating the righteous thief, cry out in faith: Remember us also,, O Savior in Thy kingdom!

Choir: *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*

Reader: The swarm of those who would kill God, the lawless nation of the Jews, cried out in fury to Pilate: Crucify Him! Christ, the innocent one. And they sought instead the release of Barabbas. But with the wise thief we lift up our voices: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: Thy life-bearing side, O Christ, a fountain flows forth as from Eden, giving drink to Thy Church as to a living paradise. From there it divided to become the four rivers of the Gospels, watering the world, gladdening creation, and teaching the nations to worship Thy kingdom in faith.

Choir: *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.*

Reader: Thou was crucified for my sake, in order to pour forth forgiveness for me. Thy side was pierced so that streams of life might flow for me. Thy hands were transfixed by nails so that, convinced of the height of Thy power by the depth of Thy sufferings, I might cry out to Thee, O Christ, Thou giver of life. Glory to Thy cross and to Thy Passion, O Savior!

Choir: *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Reader: When it beheld Thee crucified, O Christ, all creation trembled. The

foundations of the earth shook for fear of Thy might. The lights of heaven hid themselves, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. The mountains quaked, and the rocks were split, and with us the believing thief cried out to Thee, O Savior: remember me in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: On the cross Thou did destroy the legal bond against us, O Lord. Thou was reckoned with the dead and there did bind the tyrant, delivering all from the bonds of death by Thy resurrection. By it we have been illumined, O Lord who loves mankind, and we cry out to Thee: O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

Choir: Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

Reader: Thou was lifted up upon the cross, O Lord. Thou did destroy the power of death, and as God Thou did cancel the legal bond against us. Grant the repentance of the thief also unto us who worship Thee in faith. O only lover of mankind, and who cry out to Thee, O Christ our God: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: Let us the faithful, all pray that with one voice we may worthily glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: One God existing in three persons yet remaining unconfused, simple, undivided, and unapproachable: by Whom we escape the flames of punishment.

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

Reader: We offer to Thee as an intercessor, O Christ, Thy mother who bore Thee in the flesh without seed, the true virgin who after giving birth remained incorrupt. Through her intercessions, O most merciful Master, grant forgiveness of sins to us who cry unceasingly: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

LITTLE LITANY

Priest: For all the powers praise Thee, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

PROKEIMENON

Priest: Wisdom!

*Priest: **The prokeimenon in the 4th Tone:** They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.*

Choir: They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.

Priest: My God, my God, look upon me. Why hast Thou forsaken me?

Choir: They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.

Priest: They divide my garments among them ...

Choir: ... and for my raiment they cast lots.

SEVENTH GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(Matthew 27:33-54)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

Reader:

PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance. O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering,

thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

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

EIGHTH GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(Luke 23:32-49)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

THE CANON (TONE 6)

ODE 5

Choir: (Irmos) Early will I seek Thee, O Word of God, who without change didst empty Thyself in Thy compassion for fallen man, who without suffering didst bow down to suffering. // Grant peace to me, O Thou who lovest mankind.

Reader: *Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!*

With their feet washed, and themselves purified by their participation in the Divine Mystery. Thy servants, O Christ, now ascend from Zion to the great Mount of Olives, praising Thee, who loves mankind.

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

Thou did say: "See that you are not alarmed, O friends. For the hour is now at hand for me to be seized and slain at the hands of lawless men. All of you will be scattered, forsaking me. But I shall gather you to proclaim me, who loves mankind."

KONTAKION (TONE 8)

Choir: Come let us all sing the praises of Him who was crucified for us, for Mary said when she beheld Him upon the tree: // "Though Thou dost endure the cross, Thou art

my Son and my God.”

IKOS

Reader: Beholding her own lamb led to the slaughter, Mary followed with the other women, in distress and crying out: “Where goest Thou, my child? Why dost Thou run so swift a course? Surely there is not another wedding in Cana to which Thou now dost hasten to change water into wine? Shall I come with Thee, my child, or shall I wait for Thee? Give me a word, O Thou who art the Word. Do not pass me by in silence, O Thou who didst keep me pure, for Thou art my Son and my God”

ODE 8

Choir: (Irmos) The godly youths exposed a monument of godless wickedness, but the lawless assembly is enraged and takes vain counsel against Christ. They plan to kill Him who holds life in the palm of His hand, // Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.

Reader: *Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!*

“O my disciples, now shake off sleep from you eyelids,” said Christ. “Keep watch in prayer, that you may not fall into temptation: and I speak particularly to Simon, since the test is greatest for the strongest. O Peter, acknowledge me, whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.”

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

“O Master, a profane word shall never pass my lips,” cried Peter. “Even if all deny Thee, I shall die with Thee as a loyal friend. For not flesh and blood, but Thy Father has revealed to me Thee whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.”

Let us bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord.

“You have not sought out the depths of divine wisdom and knowledge, “ said the Lord. “You have not comprehended the abyss of my judgments, O man. Do not boast, for you are flesh, and three times will you deny me, whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

“You will not deny your convictions as soon as the question is put to you, O Simon Peter, and the sudden approach of a servant girl will terrify you,” said the Lord. “But after weeping bitterly you will have great mercy from me, whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.”

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

ODE 9

Choir: (Irmos) More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, / without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; // true Theotokos we magnify you.

Reader: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

A destructive band of God-forsaken, wicked murderers of God, the Synagogue, attacked Thee, O Christ, and dragged Thee away as an evil-doer. The Creator of all, whom we magnify.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Impious men, ignorant of the law and hearing the voice of the prophets to no avail, dragged Thee away as a sheep to be unjustly slaughtered. The Master of all, whom we magnify.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

The priests and scribes caused the life that had been betrayed to the Gentiles to be destroyed, striking in their jealous wickedness Him who by nature is the Giver of life, whom we magnify.

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

Like a pack of dogs they surrounded Thee, O King, smiting Thee on the cheek with their hands. They questioned Thee and bore false witness against Thee, yet by enduring all things Thou hast saved all.

EXAPOSTILARION

Choir: The wise thief didst Thou make worthy of paradise in a single moment, O Lord: by the wood of Thy Cross, illumine me as well, and save me.

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

The wise thief ...

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The wise thief ...

NINTH GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel, according to St. John the Theologian.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(John 19:25-37)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

THE PRAISES (PSALM 148, 149, 150)

Reader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host! Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord! For He commanded and they were created. And He established them forever and ever; He fixed their bounds which cannot be passed. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling His command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. His praise in the assembly of the faithful! Let Israel be glad in his Maker, let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with timbrel and lyre! For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to wreak vengeance on the nations and chastisement on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written! This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary, praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness. Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe.

Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let Everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Every member of Thy holy flesh endured dishonor for us. Thy head the thorns, Thy face the spitting, Thy cheeks the buffeting, Thy mouth the taste of vinegar mingled with gall. Thine ears the impious blasphemies, Thy back the scourge, Thy hand the reed, Thy whole body extended upon the Cross Thy joints the nails, thy side the spear. By Thy sufferings Thou hast set us free from suffering. In Thy love for man Thou did stoop down to raise us up// O Almighty Savior, have mercy on us.

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

They have stripped me of my garments and clothed me in a scarlet robe. They have set upon my head a crown of thorns and have given me a reed in my right hand//That I might dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

I gave my back to scourgings I did not turn my face from spittings I stood before the judgment seat of Pilate. And endured the Cross//For the salvation of the world.

To Thee, O Lord our God, belongs glory, and to Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

TENTH GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(Mark 15:43-47)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

Reader: To Thee, O Lord our God belongs glory, and to Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

Reader: Glory to Thee who hast show us the light!

LESSER DOXOLOGY

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy

great glory.

O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou only, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee and praise Thy name forever. Yea, O Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. Lord, to Thee have I fled for refuge, teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For in Thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light. O continue Thy mercy unto those who know Thee.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy commandments. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy precepts. Thy mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Do not despise the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongs worship. To Thee belongs praise. To Thee belongs glory. To the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

Priest: For Thou art the good God and lovest mankind and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: O Holy Lord, who dwells on high and regards the humble of heart, and who with Thine all-seeing eye beholds all creation: to Thee have we bowed the neck of our soul and body and we entreat Thee: Stretch forth Thine invisible hand from Thy holy dwelling-place and bless us all. And if in any way we have sinned, whether voluntary or involuntary, forgive, inasmuch as Thou art a good God, and the lover of mankind, vouchsafing to us Thy earthly and heavenly good things.

For Thine it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and to Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of

ages.

ELEVENTH GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel, according to St. John the Theologian.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(John 19:38-42)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

APOSTICHA

Choir: All creation was changed by fear when it saw Thee hanging upon the Cross, O Christ the sun was darkened and the foundations of the earth were shaken all things suffered with the Creator of all//O Lord who did willingly endure this for us, glory to Thee.

Reader: *They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment, they cast lots.*

An impious and transgressing people why do they imagine vain things? Why do they condemn to death the Life of all? O Great Wonder! The Creator of the world is betrayed into the hands of lawless men. He Who loves mankind is lifted upon the Wood That He might free those bound in Hell who cry// O long-suffering Lord glory to Thee!

They gave me gall for food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Today the blameless Virgin saw Thee suspended upon the Cross, O Word She mourned within herself and was sorely pierced in her heart She groaned in agony from the depth of her soul Exhausted from tearing her hair and cheeks and beating her breast she cried out lamenting “Woe is me, O my Divine Child! Woe is me, O Light of the World! Why has Thou departed from mine eyes, O Lamb of God?” Then the bodiless hosts were seized with trembling and cried// O incomprehensible Lord glory to Thee.

God is our King before the ages, He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

When she who bore Thee without seed saw Thee suspended upon the Tree O Christ, the Creator and God of all. She cried bitterly “Where is the beauty of Thy form O my Son?” I cannot bear to see Thee unjustly crucified Hasten and arise// That I may see

Thy resurrection from the dead on the third day.

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

When Thou did ascend the Cross, O Lord fear and trembling fell upon Creation. Yet Thou did forbid the earth to swallow up those who crucified Thee and Thou did command Hell to send up its captives for the regeneration of the mortals O Judge of the living and the dead Thou has come to grant life not death// O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

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

Now the unjust judges dip the pen of judgment. Jesus is tried and sentenced to the Cross All Creation suffers as it beholds the Lord on the Cross//O Good Lord, Who in Thy human nature did suffer for me, glory to Thee.

TWELFTH GOSPEL READING

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. *(3x)*

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace, be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

(Matthew 27:62-66)

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most-high; to declare Thy steadfast love in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

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.

O 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 thy 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 the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

TROPARION, TONE 4

By Thy precious blood, Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the law. By being nailed to the cross, and pierced by a spear, Thou hast poured forth immortality for man, O our Savior. Glory to Thee!

AUGMENTED LITANY

Priest: For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Priest: Wisdom.

Choir: Master, bless.

Priest: Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Preserve O God, the Holy Orthodox faith and Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages.

Priest: Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

Choir: More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Without corruption you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Lord have mercy (3x). Master, bless.

Priest: May He who endured spitting and scourging, the cross and death, for the salvation of the world, Christ our true God, through the prayers of his most-pure Mother; 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 upon us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind!

Choir: Amen! Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy!