

READER'S SERVICE FOR GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY MORNING

Reader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, who art in all places and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

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

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy One, look upon and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto the 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.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (12 times)

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

O come, let us worship God our King.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ, our King and our God.

PSALM 103

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly. Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire, Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back for ever and ever. The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand. At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid. The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them. Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth. He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run. They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst. Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice. He watereth the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, To bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man. To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart. The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted. There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them. The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the hares. He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down. Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad. Young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God. The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they

lay them down in their dens. But man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labour until the evening. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is filled with Thy creation. So is this great and spacious sea, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great. There go the ships; there this dragon, whom Thou hast made to play therein. All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it. When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled. Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return. Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works. Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble, Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke. I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being. May my words be sweet unto Him, and I will rejoice in the Lord. O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knoweth his going down, Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to Thee, O God. (3 times)

In place of the Great Litany:

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (12 times)

“LORD I CALL...” Tone 1

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!

Hear me, O Lord!

[Music on website]

Let my prayer arise
in Thy sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice!
Hear me, O Lord!

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Tone 1

Accept our evening prayers, O holy Lord!

Grant us remission of sins,

for Thou alone hast manifested the Resurrection to the world.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Encircle Zion

and surround her, O people!

Give glory in her to the One Who rose from the dead!

For He is our God,

Who has delivered us from our transgressions!

If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Come, O people,

let us hymn and fall down before Christ,

glorifying His Resurrection from the dead!

For He is our God,

Who has delivered the world from the Enemy's deceit!

For Thy name's sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

We have been freed from sufferings

by Thy suffering, O Christ.

We have been delivered from corruption

by Thy Resurrection.

O Lord, glory to Thee!

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 8

Today, Hell cries out groaning:

“I should not have accepted the Man born of Mary.

He came and destroyed my power.

He shattered the gates of brass.

As God, He raised the souls that I held captive.”

Glory to Thy Cross and Resurrection, O Lord!

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

Repeat: “Today, Hell cries out groaning... “

Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Today, Hell cries out groaning:

“My dominion has been shattered.

I received a dead Man as one of the dead,

but against Him I could not prevail.

From eternity I had ruled the dead,

but behold, He raises all.

Because of Him do I perish.”

Glory to Thy Cross and Resurrection, O Lord!

For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Today, Hell cries out groaning:

“My power has been trampled down.

The Shepherd is crucified and Adam is raised.

I have been deprived of those whom I ruled.

Those whom I swallowed in my strength I have given up.

He Who was crucified has emptied the tombs.

The power of death has been vanquished.”

Glory to Thy Cross and Resurrection, O Lord!

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

Tone 6

The great Moses mystically foreshadowed this day when he said:

“God blessed the seventh day.”

This is the blessed Sabbath;

this is the day of rest,

on which the only-begotten Son of God rested from all His works.

He kept the Sabbath in the flesh,

through the dispensation of death.

But on this day, He returned again through the Resurrection.

He has granted us eternal life,

for He alone is good and the Lover of man.

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

Tone 1

Let us praise the Virgin Mary!

The gate of heaven, the glory of the world!

The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful!

She was born of man, yet gave birth to God!

She was revealed as the heaven, as the temple of the Godhead!

She destroyed the wall of enmity!

She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom!

Since she is our foundation of faith,

our defender is the Lord Whom she bore!

Courage! Courage! O People of God!

For Christ will destroy our enemies

since He is all powerful.

O GLADSOME LIGHT

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the Immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed, Jesus Christ. Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise, O Son of God, thou Giver of Life; therefore all the world doth glorify Thee.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

*The traditional practice is to read all the readings. In modern Greek practice, only the passages marked *** are normally read. If time is short, it is suggested that you read at least the passages marked *** and those marked ✕ in order to give a fuller understanding of the Paschal mystery.*

- 1) *** Genesis 1:1-13
- 2) Isaiah 60:1-16
- 3) ✕ Exodus 12:1-11
- 4) *** Jonah 1:1-4:11
- 5) Joshua 5:10-15
- 6) ✕ Exodus 13:20-15:1 *When the Reader comes to the beginning of Chapter 15: "Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and he spoke saying," the Reader continues in a louder voice:*

"Let us sing unto the Lord!

Everyone responds "For gloriously has He been glorified!"

This refrain is repeated after each verse of the song: [\[Music on website\]](#)

The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

He was to me a Helper and Protector for salvation. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

This is my God and I will glorify Him; the God of my father, and I will exalt Him. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

The Lord brings wars to naught, the Lord is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea. Let us sing unto the Lord. ***For gloriously ...***

And his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

The floods cover them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Thy right hand, O Lord, has been glorified in power. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Thy right hand, O Lord, has shattered the enemy, and in the greatness of Thy majesty Thou hast overthrown Thy adversaries. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Thou didst send forth Thy fury, it consumes them like stubble, and by the spirit of Thy displeasure the water parted asunder. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

The waters stood up like a wall, the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

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 unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Thou didst send Thy Spirit and the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Who is like Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee – glorified in holiness, marvelous in glory, doing wonders! Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Thou didst stretch out Thy right hand and the earth swallowed them. Thou didst lead in Thy righteousness the people whom Thou didst redeem. Let us sing unto the Lord. ***For gloriously ...***

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 unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Let trembling and fear fall upon them; because of the greatness of Thine arm, let them become as stone! Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Until Thy people pass by, O Lord, until the people pass by whom Thou hast purchased. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Thou wilt bring them in and plant them on Thy mountain, the place, O Lord, which Thou hast made for Thine abode, Thy sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands have made ready. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

The Lord shall reign for ever 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 unto the Lord!
For gloriously ...

But the children of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! Let us sing unto the Lord! ***For gloriously ...***

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Let us sing unto the Lord!
For gloriously has He been glorified!

Then we continue the readings from the Old Testament:

- 7) Zephaniah 3:8-15
- 8) 3 [1] Kings 17:8-24
[3 King(dom)s in Orthodox Bibles; 1 Kings in many English Bibles]
- 9) Isaiah 61:10-62:5
- 10) ✘ Genesis 22:1-18
- 11) Isaiah 61:1-9
- 12) 4 [2] Kings 4:8-37
[4 King(dom)s in Orthodox Bibles; 2 Kings in many English Bibles]
- 13) Isaiah 63:11-64:5
- 14) ✘ Jeremiah 31:31-34
- 15) *** Daniel 3:1-56 Part of this passage does not appear in many English Bibles. The full text is:

In his eighteenth year, King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden image. Its height was sixty cubits and its width, six cubits, and he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather together the high officials, the commanders, the governors, the rulers, and all those in authority, along with all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image King Nebuchadnezzar set up. So the governors, the high officials, the leaders, the great rulers— all those in authority who ruled the provinces came to the dedication of the image King Nebuchadnezzar set up, and they stood before the image Nebuchadnezzar made. Then the herald cried out in a loud voice, “To you it is commanded, O peoples and tribes and languages, that in what

hour you hear the sound of the trumpet, the pipe, the harp, the four-stringed instrument, the psaltery, the symphony, and every kind of music, you shall fall down and worship the golden image King Nebuchadnezzar set up. But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the burning fiery furnace.” So at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the trumpet, the pipe, the harp, the four-stringed instrument, the psaltery, the symphony, and every kind of music, all the peoples, tribes, and languages fell down and worshipped the golden image King Nebuchadnezzar set up. Then Chaldean men came forward and brought charges against the Jews, and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever. You, O king, made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the trumpet, the pipe, the harp, the four-stringed instrument, the psaltery, the symphony, and every kind of music, but does not fall down and worship the golden image shall be cast into the burning fiery furnace. Now there are certain Jews you set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Those men did not obey your decree, O king; and they do not serve your gods, nor do they worship the golden image you set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. So the men were brought before the king. Nebuchadnezzar then answered and said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image I set up? Now then, if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, the pipe, the harp, the four-string ed instrument, the psaltery, the symphony, and every kind of music, that you shall fall down and worship the golden image I made. But indeed, if you do not worship it at that time, you shall be cast into the burning fiery furnace. Then what god is there who will deliver you from my hands?” Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “We have no need to answer you in regard to this thing. For there is a God in the heavens, whom we serve, and He is able to save us from the burning fiery furnace; and He will deliver us from your hands, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image you set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of anger, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. So he commanded them to heat the furnace seven times more, until it burned to its fullest. Then he commanded certain very strong men to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and

Abednego and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Thereupon, those men were bound together with their sandals, caps, leg-coverings, and clothing, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace was exceedingly hot, these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. But they walked about in the midst of the flame, singing to God and praising the Lord. Then Azariah stood and prayed thus and opened his mouth in the midst of the fire and said: "Blessed are You and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name unto the ages. For You are righteous in all You did for us, and all Your works are true. Your ways are upright, and all Your judgments are true. The judgments You made are true, according to all You brought on us and on the holy city of our fathers, because in truth and judgment You did all these things on account of our sins. For we sinned and acted lawlessly to depart from You. We sinned in every way, and did not obey Your commandments. Neither did we treasure or do as You commanded, that it might go well with us. Everything You brought on us and all You did to us, You did in true judgment. You delivered us into the hands of lawless and rebellious enemies and to an unjust king—the most evil in any land. Now it is not for us to open our mouth, for this has become a shame and disgrace to Your servants and to those who worship You. For Your name's sake, do not hand us over to the end, and do not reject Your covenant. Do not withdraw Your mercy from us for the sake of Abraham, who is loved by You, and for the sake of Isaac, Your servant, and of Israel, Your holy one, as You spoke to them, saying that You would multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand along the seashore. Yet we have been diminished in number, O Master, more than all the nations, and we are humbled in all the earth today because of our sins. At this time, there is no prince, no prophet, and no leader; there is no whole burnt offering, no sacrifice, no offering, and no incense; there is no place to bear fruit before You and to find mercy. Yet with a contrite soul and humbled spirit, may we receive mercy, as with whole burnt offerings of rams and bulls, and as with thousands of fatted lambs. So let this be our sacrifice before You today, and may it be accomplished for those who follow You; for there is no shame for those who trust in You. Now we are following You with all our heart, and we fear You and seek Your face. Do not put us to shame, but deal with us according to Your kindness and according to

the abundance of Your mercy. Deliver us by Your wondrous works and give glory to Your name, O Lord. May all those who inflict evils upon Your servants be put to shame and humiliated in their power; and let their strength be crushed. Let them know that You alone are the Lord God and glorious over all the inhabited earth." Now the king's servants who cast them in did not cease to stoke the furnace with naphtha, pitch, coarse fiber, and brushwood. The flame shot forty-nine cubits above the furnace, and it broke out and burned those it found around the furnace of the Chaldeans. But the Angel of the Lord went down into the furnace to join Azariah and his companions, and shook off the fiery flame of the furnace. He made the inside of the furnace to be as though a dew-laden breeze were blowing through it, so the fire did not touch them at all, or cause them pain, or trouble them. Then the three, as if with one mouth, sang, glorified, and blessed God in the furnace, saying: "Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, for You are praiseworthy and exalted beyond measure unto the ages. Blessed is Your name and the temple of your glory, and You are praised exceedingly and exalted beyond measure unto the ages. You are blessed in the holy temple of Your glory, and are highly praised and exceedingly glorious unto the ages. Blessed are You on the throne of Your kingdom, and You are praised and exalted beyond measure unto the ages. Blessed are You who behold the depths and sit upon the cherubim. You are praiseworthy and exalted beyond measure unto the ages. Blessed are You in the firmament of heaven, for You are praised and glorified unto the ages."

Immediately after the Reading all stand and sing:

Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him throughout all the ages!

This refrain is repeated after each verse of the song: [\[Music on website\]](#)

Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, ye heavens! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, ye Angels of the Lord! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, all waters above the heavens! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, all powers! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, sun and moon! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, stars of heaven! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, all rain and dew! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, all winds! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, fire and hear! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, dews and snows! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, nights and days! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, light and darkness! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, ice and cold! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, frosts and snows! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, lightning and clouds! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...)***

Let the earth bless the Lord! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, mountains and hills! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, ye springs! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, seas and rivers! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, ye whales and all creatures that move in the waters!
Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...

Bless the Lord, all birds of the air! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, all beasts and cattle! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, ye sons of men! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, O Israel! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, ye priests of the Lord! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, ye servants of the Lord! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, ye who are holy and humble in heart! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, Ananiah, Azariah, and Mishael! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Bless the Lord, Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs of the Lord! ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord. ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. ***Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him ...***

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

Praise the Lord! Sing and exalt Him throughout all the ages!

Reader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION

Choir: As many as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia! (x 3)

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

Have put on Christ. Alleluia!

As many as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia!

PROKEIMENON

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone.

Reader: Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee; let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

Choir: Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee; let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

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

Choir: Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee; let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

Reader: Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee;

Choir: let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

EPISTLE

Reader: The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Romans 6:3-11)

Reader: Ye Brethren: all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death. We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Instead of the "Alleluia," we sing:

Arise, O God, judge the earth, for to Thee belong all the nations!

This refrain is repeated after each verse:

[\[Music on website\]](#)

*God has taken His place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods He holds judgment. **Arise, O God ...***

*How long will ye judge unjustly and accept the faces of sinners? **Arise, O God ...***

*Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute! **Arise, O God ...***

*Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the sinner! **Arise, O God ...***

*They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk about in darkness. **Arise, O God ...***

*Let all the foundations of the earth be shaken! I say: "Ye are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, ye shall die like men, and fall like any prince." **Arise, O God ...***

Arise, O God, judge the earth, for to Thee belong all the nations!

THE GOSPEL

Reader: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (28:1-20)

Choir: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Reader: After the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulcher. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his 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." While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the

governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed; and this story has been spread among the Jews to this day. Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Amen."

Choir: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Instead of the AUGMENTED LITANY, the Choir sings:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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PRAYER TO THE LORD OF HOSTS

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

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. *(All make a deep reverence)*

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. *(Reverence)*

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.

(Reverence)

The heavenly choir sings to Thee, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Come unto Him and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir sings to Thee, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

The choir of holy Angels and Archangels, with all the Powers of heaven, sing Thy praises and do cry: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE CREED (SYMBOL OF FAITH)

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

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made.

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

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

In One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

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

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Reader: O God, remit, pardon and forgive our sins, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether by words or deeds, whether in knowledge or ignorance, whether by day or night, whether in mind or thought; forgive us all these, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Reader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

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All-holy Trinity, Mighty one in essence, Kingdom undivided, origin of all good things, be graciously inclined also to me, a sinner. Establish me; give understanding to my heart, and purge away all my vileness. Enlighten my mind, that I may glorify, sing praises, and adore Thee, and say:

Choir: One is Holy,/ One is the Lord, Jesus Christ,/ to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Choir: Blessed be the Name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore.
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Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PSALM 33

Reader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to Him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in Him! O fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there who desires life, and covets many days, that he may enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and his ears toward their

cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He kept all his bones; not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

THE ZADOSTOYNIK

Do not lament Me, O Mother,
seeing Me in the tomb,
the Son conceived in the womb without seed!
For I shall arise
and be glorified with eternal glory as God.
I shall exalt all who magnify thee in faith and love.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Bless, O Lord.

Reader: Lord Jesus Christ our True God, through the intercessions of Thy most pure Mother; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honourable bodiless powers of heaven; at the supplications of our Holy, Venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of our Father among the Saints, Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Patron and Protector of this Community, and of all Thy saints, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

All kiss the Gospel Book (or New Testament, or Bible) and the Cross placed on the table. When all have done so, the reader or choir sings slowly:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.