

# Reader's Service for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

*The 'Reader' may be the most senior person present – e.g. a parent or grandparent, according to the situation – or simply the most confident reader or singer. The parts marked for the 'Choir' can be read or sung by everyone together, or by one person alone. Music for some parts may be found on the website: [www.orthodoxcommunityrugby.com/choir/](http://www.orthodoxcommunityrugby.com/choir/) If no one present is a confident singer, the service can be chanted on one note, or simply read. You may prefer to use parts of the service in your own language. If so, please make sure that the prayers are read from an Orthodox prayer book or service book.*

#### Before the Service

*If possible, the Service should be said in front of the household icons – e.g. in the family icon corner. If practical, and if they are available, a Cross and a Book of the Gospels (or a copy of New Testament, or a Bible) should be placed on a table in front of the icons. A lamp or candle, and incense, if available, should be lit before the Service begins.*

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

*In place of the GREAT LITANY, the choir sings:  
Lord, have mercy. (x 12)*

#### FIRST ANTIPHON

##### Psalm 102

**Choir:** Bless the Lord, O my soul:/ Blessed art Thou, O Lord.  
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 forgiveth all thine iniquities,/ Who healeth all thy diseases.  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,/ slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul:/ and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

*In place of the LITTLE LITANY, the choir sings:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

#### SECOND ANTIPHON

##### Psalm 145

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul./ While I live will I praise the Lord;/ I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.  
Put not your trust in princes, nor in any sons of men/ in whom there is no help.  
His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth:/ in that very day his thoughts perish.  
The Lord shall reign forever:/ even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

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

O only-begotten Son and Word of God. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

*In place of the LITTLE LITANY, the choir sings:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

#### THIRD ANTIPHON

##### The Beatitudes

**Choir:** 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 they that mourn:/ for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek:/ for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:/ for they shall be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful:/ for they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart:/ for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers:/ for they shall be called the children of God.  
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:/ for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you,/ and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.  
Rejoice and be exceeding glad:// for great is your reward in Heaven.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

**Choir:** O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## TROPARIA

### Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 1

[Music on website]

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour,  
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Thy Kingdom!//

Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!”

### Troparion of the Holy Fathers in Tone 8

[Music on website]

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God,  
Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.

Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//

O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

## THE TRISAGION

**Choir:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (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.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

## PROKEIMENA

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the First Tone.

**Reader:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.

**Choir:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.

**Reader:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

**Choir:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.

**Reader:** [And] in the Fourth Tone.

**Reader:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and  
glorified is Thy name forever!

**Choir:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and  
glorified is Thy name forever!

## EPISTLE

**Reader:** The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the  
Corinthians [2 Corinthians 9:6-11]

Ye Brethren: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who  
sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has  
made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a  
cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in  
abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may  
provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters  
abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who  
supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply  
your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will  
be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will  
produce thanksgiving to God.

Child Titus: The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so  
that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves  
to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid  
stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the  
law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious,  
after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him,  
knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-  
condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to  
come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do  
your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that  
they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good  
deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All  
who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the  
faith. Grace be with you all. Amen. [Titus 3:8-15]

## ALLELUIA

**Reader:** God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reader:** He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully  
with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reader:** The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from  
the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## THE GOSPEL

*All stand for the reading of the Gospel. The Gospel is read by the most senior person present – e.g. a parent or grandparent – according to the situation.*

**Reader:** The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

**Reader:** The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As he said these things, he cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” [Luke 8:5-15]

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst

send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.” [John 17:1-13]

**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.

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

## 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.

## **KONTAKIA**

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 1**

[[Music on website](#)]

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://

“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### **Kontakion of the Holy Fathers in Tone 6**

[[Music on website](#)]

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.

Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.

Thus, keeping the True Faith, //

the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

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

### **Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6**

[[Music on website](#)]

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,

Constant advocate before the Creator,

despise not the cry of us sinners,

but in thy goodness

come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith.

Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,

for thou dost ever protect those who honour thee.

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy. (x 12)

**Reader:** 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 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. (x 3)

**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

**Choir:**

It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos,  
ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God.  
More honourable than the Cherubim,  
and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim:  
without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word:  
true Theotokos, we magnify thee!

[[Music on website](#)]

### 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.

*[When the service is used in church, the marked sections are omitted.]*

**Reader:** Lord Jesus Christ, Who rose again from the dead, 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 the Holy, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John; of our Holy, Venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of our Father among the Saints, Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Patron and Protector of this Community; of the Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints, have mercy upon us and save us. 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.

*[When the service is used in church, the people come one at a time to venerate the Gospel Book and Cross by making the sign of the Cross and bowing before them, but **without kissing them**. Meanwhile, the Singer quietly repeats the Troparia and Kontakia of the day, or other appropriate hymns.]*

*When all have venerated the Gospel Book and Cross, the Singer sings slowly:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.]*