

VESPERS SUNG ON SATURDAY 19th JUNE 2021

✧ “LORD I CALL...”

Tone 1

[Music on website]

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.

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.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!

Tone 1

[Music on website]

We celebrate the feast of Pentecost
and the coming of the Spirit,
the appointed day of the promise, the fulfilment of hope.
How majestic and great is the mystery!
Therefore we cry aloud to Thee://
“Glory to Thee, O Lord and Creator of all!”

The righteous await me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Repeat: “We celebrate the feast of Pentecost ...”

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

Thou didst renew Thy Disciples, O Christ,
by giving them the gift of foreign tongues,
that through them they might preach of Thee,
the immortal Word and God,//
Who givest great mercy to our souls.

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

The Holy Spirit provides all things:

He pours forth prophecies,
He leads priests to perfection,
He teaches unschooled people wisdom,
He reveals fishermen as theologians,
He confirms the Church.//
O Comforter, one in essence and enthroned with the Father and the Son,
glory to Thee!

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

Tone 2

We have seen the True Light.
We have received the heavenly Spirit.
We have found the true faith,
worshipping the undivided Trinity,//
Who has saved us.

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

Repeat: “We have seen the True Light ...”

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

In the Prophets, O our Saviour,
Thou didst proclaim to us the way of salvation.
In the Apostles the grace of Thy Spirit shone forth.
From the beginning and ever after, Thou art God,//
our God before the ages.

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

In Thy courts I will praise Thee, the Saviour of the world.
On bended knee I will worship Thine invincible might.
In the evening, in the morning, and at noontime//
at all times I will bless Thee, O Lord.

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

In Thy courts, O Lord,
we faithful bend the knees of soul and body;
with songs we proclaim Thee, eternal Father, and co-eternal Son,
and Thine all-holy and co-eternal Spirit, //
Who dost sanctify and enlighten our souls.

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

Let us praise in song the consubstantial Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. //
For this was the preaching of all the Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs.

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

Tone 8

Come, O people,
let us worship the Godhead in three Persons:
the Son in the Father, with the Holy Spirit.
For the Father timelessly begot the Son, co-eternal and co-enthroned
with Him;
and the Holy Spirit was in the Father and is glorified with the Son.
We worship one Power, one Essence, one Godhead,
and we say: "Holy God,
Thou didst create all things through Thy Son
with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit;
Holy Mighty,
through Thee we know the Father;
through Thee the Holy Spirit came to dwell in the world;
Holy Immortal,
Comforting Spirit,
Thou dost proceed from the Father and rest in the Son. //
O Holy Trinity, glory to Thee!"

✠ READINGS

The Reading from the Book of Numbers [11:16-17, 24-29]

The Lord said to Moses: "Gather Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom thou thyself knowest that they are the elders of the people, and their scribes; and thou shalt bring them to the tabernacle of witness, and they shall stand there with thee. And I will go down, and speak there with thee; and I will take of the Spirit that is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear together with thee the assaults of the people, and thou shalt not bear them alone." And Moses went out, and spake the words of the Lord to the people; and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people, and he set them round about the tabernacle. And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and put it upon the seventy men that were elders; and when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied and ceased. And there were two men left in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad; and the Spirit rested upon them, and these were of the number of those who were enrolled, but they did not come to the tabernacle; and they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, and spake, saying: "Eldad and Medad prophesy in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, who attended on Moses, the chosen one, said: "Lord Moses, forbid them." And Moses said to him: "Art thou jealous on my account? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets; whenever the Lord shall put His Spirit upon them."

The Reading from the Prophecy of Joel [2:23-32]

Thus saith the Lord: "Rejoice and be glad, ye children of Zion, in the Lord your God; for He hath given you food fully, and will rain upon you the early and the latter rain, as before. And the floors shall be filled with wheat, and the presses shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will recompense you for the years which the locust, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, and the cankerworm have eaten, even My great army, which I sent against you. And ye shall eat abundantly, and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of the Lord your God for the things which He hath wrought wonderfully with you: and My people shall not be shamed forever. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and there is none else beside Me; and My people shall no more be ashamed forever. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I

will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. And on My servants and handmaids in those days will I pour out of My Spirit. And I will show wonders in heaven, and upon the earth: blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and glorious day of the Lord is come. And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Reading from the Prophecy of Ezekiel [36:24-28]

Thus saith the Lord: “I will take you out from the nations, and will gather you out of all the lands, and will bring you into your own land: and I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be purged from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, and I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and will put a new spirit in you: and I will take away the heart of stone out of your flesh, and will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you, and will cause you to walk in Mine ordinances, and to keep My judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell upon the land which I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God.”

✠ **APOSTICHA**

Tone 6 [Music on website]

The nations did not know the power of the Holy Spirit, which came upon Thine Apostles, O Lord, so they mistook the foreign tongues for drunkenness. But we are strengthened by the Apostles, so we ceaselessly pray to Thee, O good God Who lovest mankind:// “Do not take Thy Holy Spirit from us!”

v: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me!

The coming of the Holy Spirit filled Thine Apostles, O Lord, and made them speak in foreign tongues. To the faithless this wonder was but drunkenness, but to the faithful it brings salvation. We pray to Thee, O good God Who lovest mankind:// “Make us worthy of such enlightenment!”

v: Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me!

O heavenly King,
O Comforter, O Spirit of Truth,
Thou art everywhere present, filling all things;
O 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!

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

Tone 8

The arrogance of building the tower in the days of old led to the confusion of tongues. Now the glory of the knowledge of God brings them wisdom. There God condemned the impious for their transgression; here Christ has enlightened the fishermen by the Spirit. There disharmony was brought about for punishment; // now harmony is renewed for the salvation of our souls.

✠ **TROPARION**

Troparion of Pentecost [Music on website]

Tone 8

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit;
through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. //
O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

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

Repeat: “Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God ...”

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

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