

Bridegroom Matins



of
Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Saint Herman of Alaska Eastern Orthodox Church
Hudson, Ohio

Bridegroom Matins

DEACON: *Bless, Master!*

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

READER: *Amen.*

PRIEST: *Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who is everywhere present and fills all things; Treasury of blessings, and giver of life; come and abide in us, and cleans us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.*

READER: *Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! (3X)*

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

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (3X)

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

PEOPLE: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

PRIEST: *For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

READER: *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. (12X)

Come let us worship God our King. Come let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God. Come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

{The Priest conducts a "Great Censing" of the church, preceded by the Deacon who bears a candle.}

Psalm 19 (20)

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you! May He send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion! May He remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices!

May He grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans! May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!

Now I know that the Lord will help His anointed; He will answer Him from His holy heaven with mighty victories by His right hand. Some boast of chariots, and some of horses; but we boast of the name of the Lord our God. They will collapse and fall; but we shall rise and stand upright.

Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us on the day when we call.

Psalm 20 (21)

In Your strength the king rejoices, O Lord; and in Your help how greatly he exults! You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. For You do not meet him with goodly blessings; You set a crown of fine gold upon his head. He asked life of You, and You gave it to him, length of days for ever and ever. His glory is great through Your help; splendor and majesty You bestow on him. You make him most blessed forever; You make him glad with the joy of Your presence. For the king trusts in the Lord; and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Your hand will find out all Your enemies; Your right hand will find those who hate You. You will make them as a blazing oven when You appear. The Lord will swallow them up in His wrath; and fire will consume them. You will destroy their offspring from the earth, and their children from among the sons of men. If they plan evil against You, if they devise mischief, they will not succeed. For You will put them to flight; You will aim at their faces with Your bows.

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength! We will sing and praise Your power!

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PRIEST: *For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

READER: *Amen.*

Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, grant victory to our kings against the heathen, and protect Your nation by Your Cross.

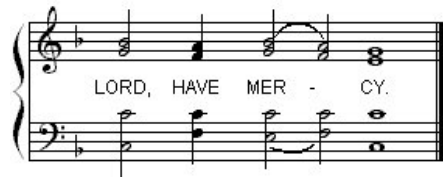
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Christ our God, Who of Your own will was lifted up on the Cross, grant mercy to Your new community named after You: and in Your power gladden our faithful kings, granting them victories against their adversaries. May they have Your alliance, that invincible trophy, a weapon of Peace.

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

Awesome and ever-present protection, all-lauded Theotokos, of your goodness do not overlook our supplications; make firm the community of the Orthodox, save those whom you have called to rule, and grant them victory from Heaven, for you have borne God, and are ever-blessed.

DEACON: *Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we pray You, hear us and have mercy.*



CHOIR:

DEACON: *Again we pray for the pious and Orthodox Christians.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *Again we pray for His Holiness, Patriarch _____, for the Holy Synod, for His Eminence, Metropolitan _____, His Grace Bishop _____, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

PRIEST: *For You, O God, are merciful and full of compassion, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*



CHOIR:

READER: *In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.*

{The Priest takes the censer and makes the sign of the Cross over the Gospel, saying:}

PRIEST: *Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-creating and Undivided Trinity, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

CHOIR: *Amen.*

The Six Psalms

READER: *Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will to all men. (3X)*

Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. (2X)

Psalm 3

Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." But You, my Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me from His holy hill. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. Arise, my Lord; Save me, my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.

Psalm 37 (38)

Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure! For Your arrows pierce me deeply, and Your hand presses me down. There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger, nor any health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. My wounds are foul and festering because of my foolishness. I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. For my loins are full of inflammation, and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart. Lord, all my desire is before You; and my sighing is not hidden from You. My heart pants, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me. My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, and my relatives stand afar off. Those also who seek my life lay snares for me; those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, and plan deception all the day long. But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; and I am like a mute who does not open his mouth. Thus I am like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth is no response. For in You, my Lord, I hope; You will hear, Lord my God. For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me." For I am ready to fall, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin. But my enemies are vigorous, and they are strong; and those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied. Those also who render evil for good, they are my adversaries, because I follow what is good. Do not forsake me, Lord; my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, Lord, my salvation! Do not forsake me, Lord; my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, Lord, my salvation!

Psalm 62 (63)

God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me. But those who seek my life, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him shall glory; but the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped. I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your 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 You, O God. (3x)

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy!

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

Psalm 87 (88)

Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry. For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to the grave. I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like a man who has no strength, adrift among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, whom You remember no more, and who are cut off from Your hand. You have laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the depths.

Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and You have afflicted me with all Your waves. You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; I am shut up, and I cannot get out; my eye wastes away because of affliction. Lord, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You. Will You work wonders for the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise You? Shall Your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the place of destruction? Shall Your wonders be known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? But to You I have cried out, my Lord, and in the morning my prayer comes before You. Lord, why do You cast off my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me? I have been afflicted and ready to die from my youth; I suffer Your terrors; I am distraught. Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your terrors have cut me off. They came around me all day long like water; they engulfed me altogether. Loved one and friend You have put far from me, and my acquaintances into darkness. Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry.

Psalm 102 (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 iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed 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; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them. The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul! In all places of His dominion, bless the Lord, O my soul!

Psalm 142 (143)

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no one living is righteous. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me dwell in darkness, like those who have long been dead. Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is distressed. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; my soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Answer me speedily, My Lord; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me, Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am Your servant. In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant. In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant. Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3x)

Our Lord and our Hope, glory to You!

During the reading of the preceding six Psalms, the Priest silently says the following twelve Morning Prayers, with the first three said while standing before the Holy Altar, and the remaining nine while standing before the Royal Doors.

First Prayer

We give thanks to You, O Lord our God, who has raised us up from our beds, and has put into our mouths the word of praise, that we may adore and call upon Your Holy Name. We pray to You, by the mercy that You have shown at all times in our lives, send down now help to those who stand before the presence of Your glory and who await the rich mercy that comes from You alone. Grant that they may always worship you in fear and love, and that they may praise, hymn and adore Your goodness. For to You are due all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Second Prayer

My soul rises early in the night, O God, for Your commandments are a light upon the earth. Teach us to increase in righteousness and holiness, for we glorify You, our God, who is the Existing One. Incline Your ear and hear us, and remember all those who are present with us and who pray with us, and save them by Your might. Bless Your people and preserve Your inheritance. Give peace to Your world, to Your churches, to Your priests, to all civil authorities, and to all Your people. For blessed and glorified is Your all-Honorable and Majestic Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Third Prayer

My soul rises early in the night, O God, for Your precepts are a light upon the earth. Teach us Your righteousness, Your commandments and Your statutes, O God. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding, so that we may not die in our sins. Dispel all darkness from our hearts. Graciously give to us the Sun of Righteousness, and preserve our lives from attack by the Seal of the Holy Spirit. Guide our steps in peace. Grant that we may come into the dawn and the day with joy, so that we may offer our morning prayers to You. For Yours is the dominion, the majesty, 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. Amen.

Fourth Prayer

Lord our God, holy and beyond understanding, who commanded light to shine from darkness, who refreshes us with nightly sleep, and who raised us to glorify and entreat Your goodness. By Your loving-kindness, accept us who now bow before You and give thanks to You according to the measure of our strength. Grant all of our petitions which are for the good of our salvation. Show us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of Your everlasting good things. Remember, O Lord, by the multitude of Your bounties, all the people here present who pray to You, and all of our brothers and sisters on land, on the sea, or in the air, and in every place of Your dominion, who are in need of Your loving-kindness and help, and grant to them all Your great mercy, that always being preserved in safety of soul and body, we may boldly magnify Your wondrous and blessed Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Fifth Prayer

Treasury of Blessings, eternal Fountain, Father who is all-Holy and who works wonders, all-Powerful and Mighty, we adore and entreat You, calling Your mercy and compassion to the aid and defense of our lowliness. Remember Your servants, O Lord. Accept our morning prayers as incense, and let none of us be found corrupt, but shelter us with Your bounties. Remember, O Lord, those who watch and sing praises to Your glory, and to the glory of Your Only-begotten Son who is our God, and of Your Holy Spirit. Be their Helper and Support. Receive their supplication upon Your most heavenly and ideal altar. For You are our God, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Sixth Prayer

We give thanks to You, the God of our salvation, for You give us all things necessary for the welfare of our life, that we may always look up to You, our Savior and the Benefactor of our souls. For You have refreshed us in the night now past, and have raised us up from our beds, and have led us to stand here in adoration of Your precious Name. Therefore we entreat You, O Lord, grant us grace and power, that we may be enabled with understanding to sing praises to You, and to pray without end, in fear and trembling working out our own salvation through the help of Your Christ. Remember, O Lord, those who cry out to You in the night. Hear them, have mercy on them, and crush under their feet all invisible and warring enemies. For You are the King of Peace and the Savior of our souls, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Seventh Prayer

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has raised us up from our beds and gathered us together at this hour for prayer, grant us grace as we open our lips, and accept our thanksgiving in our weakness, and instruct us in Your statutes. We do not know how to pray as we should unless You, by Your Holy Spirit, guide us. Therefore we implore You, pardon, remit, and forgive whatever sins we may have committed until now, whether by word, or deed, or thought, whether voluntary or involuntary, for if You should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You. Only You are Holy, a mighty help and the defender of our lives, and our song is always of You. Blessed and glorified is the might of Your Kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Eighth Prayer

Lord our God, who has removed from us the sluggishness of sleep, and has gathered us together by a holy call, so that even in the night we may lift up our hands and in thanks for Your righteous judgments; accept our prayers, petitions, confessions of thanks and nightly worship, and grant us an invincible faith, unwavering love, and sure hope. Bless our goings out and our comings in, our deeds, works, words, and thoughts. Grant that we may come to the beginning of this day in praise, singing and blessing Your goodness beyond measure and understanding. For blessed is Your all-Holy Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Ninth Prayer

Illumine our hearts, O Sovereign Master who loves humanity, with the pure light of Your wisdom, and open the eyes of our understanding to the comprehension of Your Gospel. Plant within us the fear of Your blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires we may lead godly lives, both thinking and doing always those things which are pleasing in Your sight. For You are our sanctification, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tenth Prayer

O Lord our God, who has granted to us pardon through repentance, and who has given to us the Prophet David as an example of the acknowledgment of sins and of confession beneficial to forgiveness; Lord, in like manner show mercy upon us, according to Your great mercy, not considering the many and great iniquities into which we have fallen. And through the multitude of Your bounties, blot out our transgressions. For against You have we sinned. You know the secret and hidden things in our hearts, and You alone have the power to forgive sins. As You have created a clean heart within us, and have established us with Your guiding Spirit, and have made known to us the joy of Your salvation, do not cast us away from Your presence. But, since You are good and love humanity, graciously grant to us that until our last breath we may offer to You the sacrifice of righteousness, and an offering before Your holy Altar. Through the mercies and compassions and love toward humanity of Your Only-begotten Son, with

whom You are blessed, together with Your all-Holy, good, and Life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Eleventh Prayer

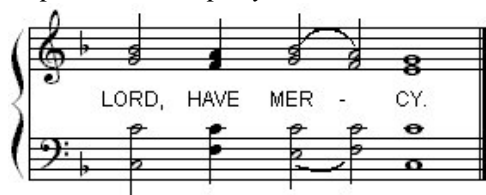
O God, our God, who has brought into being by Your will all the powers which are endowed with speech and reason; we pray and supplicate You: Accept our praise, which we offer together with all Your creation with all our strength, and reward us with the rich gifts of Your goodness. For to You every knee bends, whether in heaven or on earth, or in the regions beneath the earth; and every breath and all creation sings of Your glory which is beyond understanding. For You are the only true and most merciful God. All the powers of heaven magnify You, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Twelfth Prayer

We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, the God of our fathers, for You have brought us in safety through the darkness of night and have shown to us again the light of day. And we entreat of Your goodness: Be gracious and cleanse us from our sin, and accept our prayer through Your tenderness of heart. For we flee to You, the merciful and almighty God. Shine in our hearts with the true Sun of Your Righteousness. Enlighten our minds and guard all of our senses, that walking upright as in the day, in the way of Your statutes, we may attain life eternal, for You are the source of life. Graciously permit us to come to You, the unapproachable Light. For You are our God, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Great Litany

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



CHOIR:

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

DEACON: *For His Holiness, Patriarch _____, His Beatitude, Metropolitan _____, and for His (Eminence, Grace) our (Archbishop, Bishop) _____, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

PEOPLE: *{Most holy Theotokos, save us!}*



CHOIR:

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



CHOIR:

Alleluia

PRIEST: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

In the night my soul rises early for You, my God, for Your commandments are a light upon the earth.

CHOIR: *(With subdued voices...)*



PRIEST: *Learn righteousness, you inhabitants of the earth.*

CHOIR: *(Less subdued...)*

Alleluia! (3X)

PRIEST: *Jealousy shall grasp an untaught people.*

CHOIR: *(Less subdued...)*

Alleluia! (3X)

PRIEST: *Bring more evils on them, O Lord, bring more evils on those who are glorious on the earth!*

CHOIR: *(With great volume....)*

Alleluia! (3X)

The Troparion

BE - HOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMES AT MID - NIGHT,

AND BLESSED IS THE SERVANT WHOM HE SHALL FIND WATCH - ING,

AND A - GAIN UNWORTHY IS THE SERVANT WHOM HE SHALL FIND HEED -

LESS. BE - WARE THEREFORE, O MY SOUL, DO NOT BE WEIGHED DOWN

WITH SLEEP, LEST YOU BE GIVEN UP TO DEATH AND LEST YOU BE SHUT OUT OF THE

KING - - DOM, BUT ROUSE YOUR - SELF CRYING 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY' ARE
 YOU, O OUR GOD, THROUGH THE THE - O - TO - KOS HAVE MER -
 CY ON US.

{Repeat, "Behold, the Bridegroom..." , then sing "Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen." After, sing a third time, "Behold, the Bridegroom...."}

The Little Litany

DEACON: *Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.*

LORD, HAVE MER - CY.

CHOIR:

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

TO YOU, O LORD.

CHOIR:

PRIEST: *For Yours is the majesty and Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

CHOIR:



The Kathisma

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Kathisma Hymns – Holy Monday

TO - DAY CHRIST'S HOLY PASSION DAWNS UPON THE WORLD AS A SAV - ING LIGHT,
FOR HE COMES OF HIS GOODNESS TO SUF - FER. HE WHO HOLDS ALL THINGS
IN HIS HAND CONSENTS TO BE HUNG UP - ON THE WOOD IN OR - DER
TO SAVE MAN - KIND.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: TO - DAY CHRIST'S HOLY PASSION DAWNS UPON THE WORLD AS A SAV - ING LIGHT, FOR HE COMES OF HIS GOODNESS TO SUF - FER. HE WHO HOLDS ALL THINGS IN HIS HAND CONSENTS TO BE HUNG UP - ON THE WOOD IN OR - DER TO SAVE MAN - KIND.

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

{The Kathisma Psalms are inserted here.

Stasis 1 includes Psalms 33 and 34.

Stasis 2 includes Psalms 35 and 36.

Stasis 3 includes Psalm 37.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O God! (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

And then proceed to Hymn #2, as shown below.}

O, IN - VIS - I - BLE JUDGE, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN SEEN IN THE FLESH? HOW

HAVE YOU BEEN SLAIN BY LAW - LESS MEN, CONDEMNING OUR CONDEMNATION BY

YOUR SUF - FER - INGS? THERE - FORE WITH ONE VOICE, O WORD, WE ASCRIBE

GLORY, DOMINION AND PRAISE TO YOUR POW - ER!

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

TO - DAY SHINES AS THE FIRST FRUITS OF THE PAS - SION OF THE LORD.

COME THEN LOVERS OF THE FEAST AND JOIN TO - GET - HER IN HYMNS, FOR THE

CRE - A - TOR COMES TO AC - CEPT THE CROSS, THE AFFLICTIONS, THE BEATINGS,

AND THE JUDGMENT BY PI - LATE. A SER - VANT STRIKES HIM ON THE HEAD,

BUT HE ENDURES ALL THINGS THAT HE MAY SAVE MAN - KIND. THEREFORE LET

US CRY OUT TO HIM: GRANT REMISSION OF SINS TO THOSE WHO VENERATE YOUR

HO - LY PAS - SION IN FAITH, O CHRIST, OUR GOD, WHO LOVES MAN - KIND.

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Kathisma Hymns – Holy Tuesday



LET US LOVE THE BRIDEGROOM, O BRETH - REN. LET US KEEP OUR LAMPS AFLAME

WITH VIR - TUE AND TRUE FAITH, SO THAT WE LIKE THE WISE VIR - GINS OF THE LORD

MAY BE READY TO ENTER WITH HIM INTO THE MAR - RIAGE FEAST, FOR AS GOD, THE

BRIDEGROOM GRANTS TO ALL AN IN - COR - RUP - TI - BLE CROWN.

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

{The Kathisma Psalms are inserted here.

Stasis 1 includes Psalms 71 and 72.

Stasis 2 includes Psalms 73 and 74.

Stasis 3 includes Psalms 75, 76, and 77.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O God! (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

And then proceed to Hymn #2, as shown below.}

IN ENVY THE PRIESTS AND SCRIBES CUNNINGLY GATHERED A COUNCIL AGAINST

YOU, O SAV - IOR, MOV - ING JUDAS TO BE - TRAY - AL. HE SHAMELESSLY WENT

FORTH AND SPOKE A - GAINST YOU, SAYING TO A TRANS - GRES - SING PEO - PLE:

"WHAT WILL YOU GIVE ME IF I DELIVER HIM IN - TO YOUR HANDS?" FROM HIS CONDEMNATION

TION SAVE OUR SOULS, O LORD!

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

JU - DAS LOVES MO - NEY WITH HIS MIND. THE IMPIOUS ONE MOVES AGAINST THE

MAS - TER. HE WILLS AND PLANS THE BE - TRAY - AL. RECEIVING DARKNESS,

HE FALLS FROM THE LIGHT. HE AGREES TO THE PRICE AND SELLS THE PRICE - LESS

ONE. AS PAYMENT FOR HIS DEEDS THE WRETCH GAINS HANG - ING AND A TER -

RI - BLE DEATH. FROM HIS LOT DELIVER US, O CHRIST GOD, GRANTING REMISSION

OF SINS TO THOSE WHO CELEBRATE YOUR IMMACULATE PAS - SION WITH LOVE.

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Kathisma Hymns – Holy Wednesday



THE HARLOT CAME TO YOU, O LOV - ER OF MAN - KIND, POURING MYRRH AND TEARS

ON YOUR FEET. AT YOUR COMMAND SHE WAS DELIVERED FROM THE STENCH OF HER

E - VIL DEEDS, BUT YOUR GRACELESS DISCIPLE, THOUGH HE BREATHED YOUR GRACE,

REJECTED IT AND WAL - LOWED IN FILTH, SELLING YOU IN HIS LOVE OF MO - NEY.

GLO - RY O CHRIST, TO YOUR COM - PAS - SION!

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

[The Kathisma Psalms are inserted here.

Stasis 1 includes Psalm 106.

Stasis 2 includes Psalm 107.

Stasis 3 includes Psalms 108 and 109.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O God! (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

And then proceed to Hymn #2, as shown below.]

DE-CEIT-FUL JU-DAS, BURNING WITH LOVE OF MON-EY DE-CEIT-FUL-LY PLOT-TED

TO BE-TRAY YOU, O LORD THE TREA-SU-RY OF LIFE. HE DRUN-KEN-LY RUNS TO

THE JEWS, AND SAYS TO THOSE TRANS-GRES-SORS: "WHAT WILL YOU GIVE ME, AND I

SHALL DE-LIV-ER HIM TO YOU, THAT HE MAY BE CRU-CI-FIED."

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

IN TEARS THE HARLOT CRIED OUT, O COM -PAS -SION -ATE ONE, AS SHE FERVENTLY WIPED

YOUR MOST PURE FEET WITH THE HAIR OF HER HEAD, AND SHE GROANED FROM THE DEPTHS

OF HER SOUL: "CAST ME NOT AWAY, NEITHER AB HOR ME, O MY GOD. BUT RE -CEIVE ME

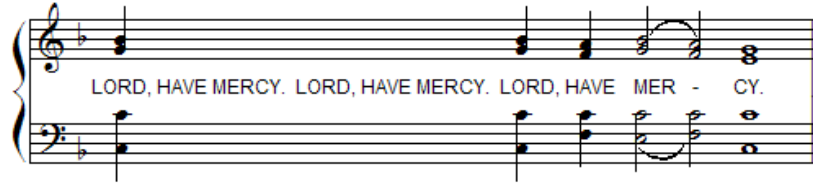
IN MY REPENTANCE ANDSAVE ME, FOR YOU ALONE ARE THE LOVER OF MAN - KIND."

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The Gospel Reading

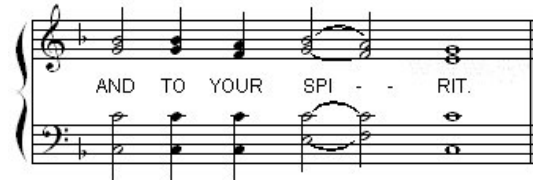
PRIEST: *And that we may be accounted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God.*



CHOIR:

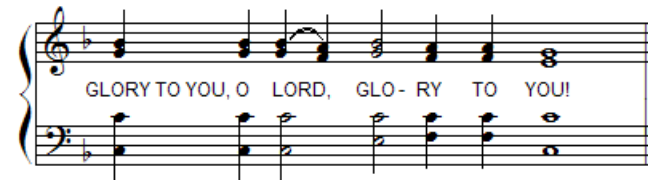
DEACON: *Wisdom, let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.*

PRIEST: *Peace be unto all.*



CHOIR:

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



CHOIR:

The Gospels

{Here follows the Gospel readings for the day, as outlined below}

HOLY MONDAY: *Below*

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The Gospel for Holy Monday *(Mat 21:18-43)*

PRIEST: *Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?" But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: The baptism of John--where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say,*

'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him. "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it."

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The Gospel for Holy Tuesday *(Mat 22:15-46; 23:1-39)*

PRIEST: *Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way. The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her." Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching. But when the Pharisees*



heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore. Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.' Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold? And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.' Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it. He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it. And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up,

then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' "

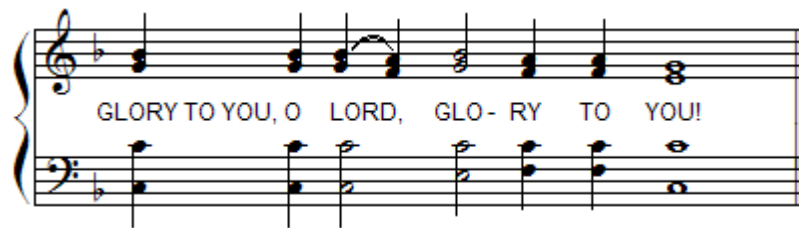
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The Gospel for Holy Wednesday *(John 12:17-50)*

PRIEST: *Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!" Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die. The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?" Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them. But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he*



who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."



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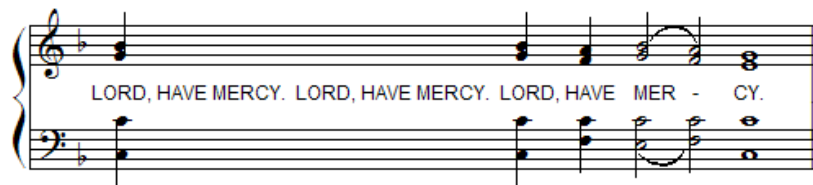
Psalm 50 (51)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your great mercy; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, 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 You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—so that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire 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, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your willing Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall return to You. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, You would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall delight in right sacrifices, with burnt offering and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar.



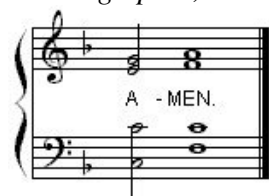
PRIEST: *O God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Visit Your world in mercy and compassion. Exalt the estate of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us Your rich mercies, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary; by the power of the precious and life-creating Cross; through the protection of the honorable bodiless Powers of heaven; through the supplications of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of our Fathers among the Saints, hierarchs, and ecumenical teachers: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; of our Father among the Saints Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in*

Lycia, the Wonderworker; of our venerable Father Herman of Alaska; of our Father among the Saints Innocent, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America; of Saint __, patron of our parish; of Saints __, who are commemorated this day; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the Saints, we pray to You, most merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to You and have mercy on us.



CHOIR:

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



CHOIR:

The Canon

{Here follows the Canons for each day, as outlined below}

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The Canon of Holy Monday

Ode 1

LET US SING TO THE LORD. BY HIS DI - VINE COM - MAND HE DRIED UP THE
RA - GING AND IM - PAS - SI - BLE SEA, AND LED THE PEOPLE OF IS - RA - EL
THROUGH ON FOOT, FOR GLO - IOUS - LY HAS HE BEEN GLO - RI - FIED.

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *The inexpressible condescension of the Word of God! For Christ, who is both God and man, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself and appeared to His disciples in the form of a servant. Gloriously has He been glorified.*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *“With the wealth of My divine nature I came in order to minister to Adam in his poverty. I fashioned his body and now willingly I put it on. Though in My divine nature I am not subject to passion, I lay down my life to ransom his.”*

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

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The Canon of Holy Tuesday and Wednesday

Ode 3

YOU HAVE ES - TAB - LISHED ME ON THE ROCK OF FAITH. YOU HAVE O - PENED
WIDE MY MOUTH A - GAINST MY E - NE - MIES. FOR MY SPIRIT REJOICES
IN SING - ING: NONE IS HO - LY BUT OUR GOD, AND NONE IS RIGHT - EOUS
BUT YOU, O LORD!

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *The assembly of lawless men gathers together for empty discussion and with evil intent, to pronounce sentence upon You, O Christ the Deliverer. But we sing to You: You are our God, and none is holy but You, O Lord.*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *The fearful council of lawless men, with souls full of hatred toward God, intends to kill the righteous Christ as an evildoer. But we sing to You: You are our God, and none is holy but You, O Lord.*

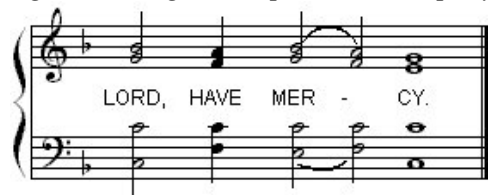
READER: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

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The Little Litany

DEACON: *Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

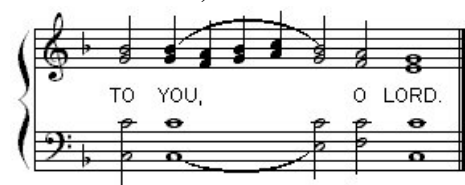


CHOIR:

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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



CHOIR:

PRIEST: *For You are the King of Peace and the Savior of our souls, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*



CHOIR:

The Kontakion and Ikos

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The Kontakion of Holy Monday



JA - COB LA - MEN - TED THE LOSS OF JO - SEPH, BUT HIS NO - BLE SON WAS
SEATED ON A CHARIOT AND HON - ORED AS A KING. FOR WHEN HE RE - FUSED TO
BE ENSLAVED BY THE PLEASURES OF THE EGYPTIAN WO - MAN HE WAS GLO - RI - FIED
BY THE LORD WHO BEHOLDS THE HEARTS OF MEN, AND BE - STOWS UP - ON
THEM AN IN - COR - RUP - TI - BLE CROWN.

The Ikos of Holy Monday

READER: *Today, let us add lamentation to lamentation. Let our tears flow with those of Jacob, who weeps for his celebrated and sober-minded son; for though bodily Joseph was indeed a slave, he preserved the freedom of his soul and was lord over all Egypt. For God prepares for His servants an incorruptible crown!*

The Synaxarion of Holy Monday

READER: *{Read, NOT chanted!} On Great and Holy Monday, we commemorate the blessed and noble Joseph; also the cursing and withering of the fruitless fig tree. The wise Joseph showed himself a just ruler and a provider of grain. What an abundance of blessings! The synagogue of the Hebrews is compared by Christ to*

the fig tree, devoid of spiritual fruits, and He withers it with a curse. Let us flee from a similar fate.

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The Kontakion of Holy Tuesday



YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS THE LAST HOUR O WRETCH - ED SOUL, AND FEAR THE
CUTTING OF THE FIG TREE. WORK DIL - I - GENT - LY THEREFORE AT THE TA - LENT GIV -
EN YOU. KEEP WATCH AND CRY: LET US NOT RE - MAIN OUT - SIDE THE BRI -
DAL CHAM - BER OF CHRIST.

The Ikos of Holy Tuesday

READER: *Why are you heedless, my miserable soul? Why do you imagine vain things? Why do you occupy yourself with that which flows away? The last hour is at hand, and we shall shortly be parted from earthly things. Therefore, gaining time, rouse yourself and cry out: "I have sinned against You, my Savior; do not cut me down like the unfruitful fig tree; but as the merciful Christ, have pity on me, for with fear I cry out: 'May we not remain outside the Bridal Chamber of Christ!'"*

The Synaxarion of Holy Tuesday

READER: *{Read, NOT chanted!} On Great and Holy Tuesday we remember the Parable of the ten virgins. Wherefore, O Bridegroom Christ, number us with the prudent virgins; and including us in Your chosen flock, have mercy on us. Amen.*

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The Kontakion of Holy Wednesday

THOUGH I HAVE TRANSGRESSED MORE THAN THE HARLOT, O GOOD ONE, I HAVE
NOT OFFERED YOU A FLOOD OF TEARS, BUT PRAYING IN SILENCE, I FALL DOWN BE -
FORE YOU. WITH LOVE I EMBRACE YOUR MOST PURE FEET. AS MASTER, GRANT ME
RE - MIS - SION OF SINS WHEN I CRY TO YOU, O SAV - IOR: DELIVER ME FROM THE
FILTH OF MY E - VIL DEEDS.

The Ikos of Holy Wednesday

READER: *The woman, who was once a prodigal, showed herself suddenly wise, despising her shameful sins and carnal pleasure; she reflected on the magnitude of her shame, and the judgment of hell, which harlots and prodigals suffer. Of these I am the first, and I am terrified; but, fool that I am, I persist in my perverse habits. The harlot also was in terror, but she hastened, and came to the Redeemer, crying out: "O Loving and Merciful Master, deliver me from the filth of my evil deeds."*

The Synaxarion of Holy Wednesday

READER: *{Read, NOT chanted!} On Great and Holy Wednesday the Holy Fathers ordained that commemoration should be made of the anointing of the Lord with myrrh by the woman, who was a sinner; for this occurred shortly before the Passion of the Savior. The woman pouring out myrrh on the Body of Christ, anticipates the myrrh and aloes of Nicodemus. Anointed with the perceptible myrrh, O Christ God, set us free from overwhelming passions, and have mercy on us, as the only Merciful and Loving God. Amen.*

The Little Litany

DEACON: *Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.*

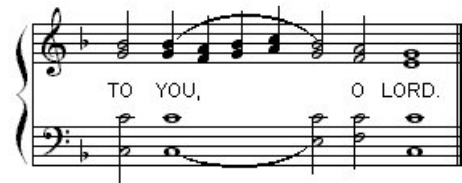


CHOIR:

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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



CHOIR:

PRIEST: *For Yours is the majesty and Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*



CHOIR:

The Canon

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The Canon of Holy Monday

Ode 8

THE RE - LENT - LESS FIRE WAS FED BY FUEL IN END - LESS SUP - PLY, YET IT SHRANK

BE - FORE THE FLESH OF THE HO - LY YOUTHS AS PURE AS THEIR SOULS, AND WHEN

THE NEVER END - ING FLAME WAS QUENCHED, THE SING - ING OF AN E-VER-LAST-ING

HYMN BE - GAN: PRAISE THE LORD, ALL WORKS OF THE LORD, AND EXALT

HIM THROUGH - OUT ALL A - GES!

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *“By this will all men know that you are My disciples,” said the Savior to His friends as He went to His passion, “if you will keep My commandments. Be at peace among yourselves and with all men. Think humbly of yourselves and you will be exalted. And knowing that I am the Lord, you will sing and exalt Me throughout all ages.”*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: “Let your order be contrary to that of the Gentiles, who hold power over their fellow men, for such is not My portion, but rather self-appointed tyranny. He, then, who would be great among you must be the servant of all, and knowing that I am the Lord, he will sing and exalt Me throughout all ages.”

READER: Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

WE PRAISE, BLESS AND WORSHIP THE LORD, SINGING AND EXALTING HIM THROUGHOUT

ALL A - GES.

{The Deacon takes the censer, and standing before the icon of the Theotokos, and with the censer raised before the icon, issues the following proclamation}

DEACON: The Theotokos, the Mother of God, let us honor and magnify in song!

The Canon of Holy Monday

Ode 9

TO - DAY CHRIST'S HOLY PASSION DAWNS UPON THE WORLD AS A SAV - ING LIGHT,

FOR HE COMES OF HIS GOODNESS TO SUF - FER. HE WHO HOLDS ALL THINGS

IN HIS HAND CONSENTS TO BE HUNG UP - ON THE WOOD IN OR - DER
TO SAVE MAN - KIND.

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *You warned Your Apostles, O Wisdom of all: "Flee from all impure passion. Seek instead wisdom worthy of the Kingdom of God. Thus you will be glorified and shine more brightly than the sun."*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *The Lord said to His Disciples, "As you look at Me, do not be haughty, but be joined to the lowly. The cup which I drink, drink also, that you may be glorified with Me in My Father's Kingdom."*

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

{REPEAT ODE 9}

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The Canon of Holy Tuesday

Ode 8



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FOR HE COMES OF HIS GOODNESS TO SUF - FER. HE WHO HOLDS ALL THINGS

IN HIS HAND CONSENTS TO BE HUNG UP - ON THE WOOD IN OR - DER

TO SAVE MAN - KIND.

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *Let us cast aside all idleness, and with shining lamps and hymns meet Christ, the immortal Bridegroom, singing, "Bless the Lord, O works of the Lord!"*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *May we together have enough oil in the vessels of our souls, so that, not wasting the time of rewards in buying more, we may sing, "Bless the Lord, O works of the Lord!"*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *May all who have received a talent from God now, with the help of Christ, increase according to the grace given by Him, and sing, "Bless the Lord, O works of the Lord!"*

READER: *Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

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The Canon of Holy Tuesday

Ode 9



IN YOUR WOMB YOU CONTAINED GOD, WHO CAN - NOT BE CON - TAINED. YOU CON -

CEIVED THE JOY OF THE WORLD. WE PRAISE YOU, MOST HO - LY VIR - GIN.

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *The Good One said to His Disciples, "Watch, for you know not the hour in which the Lord will come to repay each man."*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *At Your dread second coming, O Master, number me with the sheep at Your right hand, overlooking my many transgressions.*

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

{REPEAT ODE 9}

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The Canon of Holy Wednesday

Ode 8



THE COM - MAND OF THE TY - RANT PRE - VAILED; THE FUR - NACE WAS HEAT - ED

SEV - EN - FOLD. BUT THE YOUTHS WERE NOT BURNED IN IT, TRAM - PLING

ON THE KING'S DE - CREE THEY SANG: PRAISE THE LORD, ALL WORKS OF THE LORD,

SING AND EXALT HIM THROUGH - OUT ALL A - GES!

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *The woman poured precious myrrh upon Your Kingly, Divine and awesome head, O Christ. She grasped Your most pure feet with her impure hands and cried, "Praise the Lord, all works of the Lord! Sing and exalt Him throughout all ages!"*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *The woman who was guilty of an abundance of sins washed Your feet with the abundance of her tears and wiped them with her hair. Therefore she was not deprived of absolution for the many sins of her life, but cried, "Praise the Lord, all works of the Lord! Sing and exalt Him throughout all ages!"*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *A sacred rite of redemption, wrought of saving compassion and a flood of tears, is administered to the right-minded woman. Washed in this fountain by her confession, she is not ashamed, but cried out, "Praise the Lord, all works of the Lord! Sing and exalt Him throughout all ages!"*

READER: *Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

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The Canon of Holy Wednesday

Ode 9

WITH PURE SOULS AND BLAME - LESS LIPS, COME LET US MAG- NI - FY THE ALL-

PURE AND SPOTLESS MO-THER OF IM - MAN - U - EL. THROUGH HER LET US

OF - FER PRAYERS TO HIM WHO WAS BORN OF HER: SPARE OUR SOULS,
O CHRIST OUR GOD, AND SAVE US!

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *Envious Judas proved himself both ignorant and evil. He sold the Divine Gift through Whom our debt of sin is loosed. This miserable man sold the grace of God's love. But spare our souls, O Christ our God, and save us!*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *Judas went to the lawless rulers and said, "What will you give me if I betray to you Christ Whom you seek?" From intimate companionship with Christ, Judas is drawn away by gold. But spare our souls, O Christ our God, and save us!*

READER: *Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

VERSE: *O blind and greedy avarice! Have you forgotten what you were taught, that the whole world is not worth your soul? Yet you, O traitor, despaired of your life, and made a noose and hanged yourself. But spare our souls, O Christ our God, and save us!*

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

{REPEAT ODE 9}

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The Little Litany

DEACON: *Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.*



CHOIR:

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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



CHOIR:

PRIEST: *For Yours is the majesty and Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*



CHOIR:

The Exaposteilarion

Musical score for 'The Exaposteilarion' in G minor, 3/4 time. The score consists of three systems of piano accompaniment with lyrics. The lyrics are: YOUR BRI - DAL CHAMBER I SEE ADORNED, O MY SAV - IOR, AND I HAVE NO WEDDING GARMENT THAT I MAY EN - TER, O GIV - ER OF LIGHT, EN - LIGH - TEN THE VES - TURE OF MY SOUL, AND SAVE ME.

(Sing once for Monday and Tuesday, repeat 3X for Wednesday)

The Praises

PRIEST: *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

READER: *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven. And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints-- Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the Lord!*

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify

the humble with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute on them the written judgment-- This honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

The Praises

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The Praises – Holy Monday

VERSE: *Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness!*

TONE 1

AS THE LORD WAS GOING TO HIS VOL - UN - TAR - Y PAS - SION, HE SAID TO HIS A -

POS - TLES ON THE WAY, "BE - HOLD, WE GO UP TO JE - RU - SA - LEM, AND THE SON

OF MAN SHALL BE DE-LIV-ERED UP AS IT IS WRIT - TEN OF HIM." COME THERE -FORE

LET US AL - SO GO WITH HIM, PU - RI - FIED IN MIND. LET US BE CRU -CI -

FIED WITH HIM AND DIE THROUGH HIM TO THE PLEA - SURES OF THIS LIFE. THEN

WE SHALL LIVE WITH HIM AND HEAR HIM SAY: "I GO NO MORE TO THE EARTHLY JE -

RU - SA - LEM TO SUF - FER, BUT TO MY FA - THER AND YOUR FA - THER, TO MY

GOD AND YOUR GOD. I SHALL RAISE YOU UP INTO THE JE - RU - SA - LEM ON

HIGH, IN THE KINGDOM OF HEA - VEN."

VERSE: Praise Him with trumpet sound, praise Him with lute and harp. Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and pipe!

WE HAVE REACHED THE SAVING PASSION OF CHRIST OUR GOD. LET US THE FAITHFUL

GLORIFY HIS INEFFABLE FORE-BEAR-ANCE. THAT IN HIS COM - PAS - SION HE MAY RAISE US

UP WHO WERE DEAD IN SIN, FOR HE IS GOOD AND LOVES MAN - KIND.

VERSE: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

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

TONE 5

GO-ING TO YOUR PAS-SION, O LORD, YOU TOOK YOUR DISCIPLES ASIDE TO RE-AS-SURE

THEM: "HOW HAVE YOU FOR-GOT-TEN THE WORDS I ONCE SPOKE? IS IT NOT WRIT -

TEN: A PROPHET CANNOT BE KILLED BUT IN JE - RU - SA - LEM? NOW IS THE TIME OF

WHICH I TOLD YOU. BE - HOLD, I AM BETRAYED INTO THE HANDS OF SIN - NERS TO

BE MOCKED. THEY WILL NAIL ME TO THE CROSS AND DELIVER ME UP TO BU - RI - AL,

RE - GARD - ING ME AS A DEAD MAN, A THING OF LOATH - ING. YET TAKE COUR - AGE
 FOR I WILL ARISE ON THE THIRD DAY, GIVING TO THE FAITHFUL JOY AND LIFE EV -
 ER - LAST - ING.

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The Praises – Holy Tuesday

VERSE: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness!



HOW SHALL I, THE UN - WOR - THY ONE, APPEAR IN THE SPLEN - DOR OF YOUR SAINTS?
 FOR IF I DARE ENTER YOUR BRI - DAL CHAM - BER WITH THEM, MY GAR - MENT WILL

TONE 1

BE - TRAY ME; IT IS NOT FIT FOR A WED - DING. THE ANGELS WILL CAST ME OUT

IN CHAINS. CLEANSE THE FILTH OF MY SOUL, O LORD, AND SAVE ME IN YOUR LOVE FOR

MAN - KIND.

VERSE: Praise Him with trumpet sound, praise Him with lute and harp. Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and pipe!

O CHRIST THE BRIDE - GROOM, MY SOUL HAS SLUMBERED IN LA - ZI - NESS. I HAVE

TONE 2

NO LAMP A - FLAME WITH VIR - TUES. LIKE THE FOOLISH VIRGINS I WANDER AIMLESSLY

WHEN IT IS TIME FOR WORK. BUT DO NOT CLOSE YOUR COMPASSIONATE HEART TO ME

O MAS-TER. ROUSE ME, SHAKE OFF MY HEA- VY SLEEP. LEAD ME WITH THE WISE

VIRGINS INTO YOUR BRIDALCHAM - BER, THAT I MAY HEAR THE PURE VOICE OF THOSE WHO

FEAST AND CRY UN - CEAS - ING - LY: "O LORD, GLO- RY TO YOU!"

VERSE: *Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!*

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

YOU HAVE HEARD THE CON - DEM - NA - TION, O SOUL OF THE MAN WHO HID HIS TAL - ENT.

TONE 4

HIDE NOT THE WORD OF GOD. PRO - CLAIM HIS WON - DERS, THAT IN - CREAS - ING

THE GIFT OF GRACE, YOU MAY ENTER IN - TO THE JOY OF YOUR LORD.

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The Praises – Holy Wednesday

VERSE: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness!



TONE 1

A HAR - LOT RECOGNIZED YOU AS GOD, O SON OF THE VIR - GIN. WITH TEARS EQUAL TO

HER PAST DEEDS SHE BESOUGHT YOU WEEP - ING: "LOOSE MY DEBT AS I HAVE LOOSED

MY HAIR. LOVE THE WOMAN WHO THOUGH JUSTLY HA - TED LOVES YOU. THEN WITH



THE PUBLICANS I WILL PRO-CLAIM YOU, O BENEFACITOR WHO LOVES MAN -KIND."

VERSE: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp.



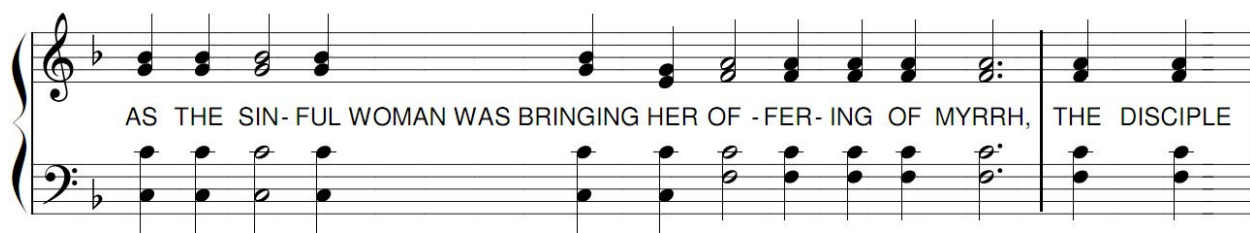
THE HAR -LOT MINGLED PRE - CIOUS MYRRH WITH HER TEARS. SHE Poured IT ON YOUR



MOST PURE FEET AND KISSED THEM. AND AT ONCE YOU JUS - TI - FIED HER. O LORD

WHO Suf - FERED FOR OUR SAKES, FORGIVE US ALSO, AND SAVE US!

VERSE: Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!



AS THE SIN - FUL WOMAN WAS BRINGING HER OF - FER - ING OF MYRRH, THE DISCIPLE



WAS SCHEMING WITH LAW - LESS MEN. SHE REJOICED IN POURING OUT HER PRE - CIOUS

GIFT HE HASTENED TO SELL THE PRICE - LESS ONE. SHE RE - COG - NIZED THE

MASTER, BUT JU - DAS PAR - TED FROM HIM. SHE WAS SET FREE, BUT JUDAS WAS EN -

SLAVED TO THE E - NE - MY. HOW TER - RI - BLE HIS SLOTH - FUL - NESS! HOW GREAT

HER RE - PEN - TANCE! O SAV - IOR WHO SUF - FERED FOR OUR SAKES,

GRANT US ALSO REPENTANCE, AND SAVE US!

VERSE: *Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!*

OH, THE WRETCHEDNESS OF JU - DAS! HE SAW THE HARLOT KISS THE FOOT - STEPS

OF CHRIST, BUT DE - CEIT - FUL - LY HE CONTEMPLATED THE KISS OF BE - TRAY - AL.

SHE LOOSED HER HAIR WHILE HE BOUND HIM - SELF WITH WRATH. HE OF - FERED

THE STENCH OF WICKEDNESS IN - STEAD OF MYRRH, FOR ENVY CANNOT DISTINGUISH

VAL - UE. OH, THE WRETCHEDNESS OF JU - DAS! DELIVER OUR SOULS FROM

THIS, O GOD.

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

THE SINFUL WOMAN RAN TO BUY THE PRE - CIOUS MYRRH WITH WHICH TO ANOINT HER

TONE 2

SAV-IOR. SHE CRIED TO THE MER-CHANT, "GIVE ME MYRRH, THAT I MAY ANOINT

HIM WHO HAS CLEANSSED ALL MY SINS.

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

TONE 6
THE WOMAN WHO WAS EN-GULFED IN SIN FOUND YOU A HAVEN OF SAL-VA-TION.

SHE Poured OUT MYRRH WITH HER TEARS AND CRIED TO YOU, "BEHOLD THE ONE WHO

BRINGS REPENTANCE TO SIN-NERS! RESCUE ME FROM THE TEMPEST OF SIN, O MAS-

TER IN YOUR GREAT MER-CY!"



The Lesser Doxology

PRIEST: *Glory to God, Who has shown us the Light!*

FAITHFUL:

Glory to God in the highest, and upon earth peace, goodwill to all mankind. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You. We give thanks to You for Your great glory, O Lord, Heavenly King and God the Father Almighty; O Lord, Only-begotten Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit!

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us! You that takes away the sins of the world, accept our prayer. You that sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

You alone are Holy. You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever, unto ages of ages.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said, Lord, have mercy on me! Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I flee to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! For with You is the fountain of Life, and in Your Light shall we see light. Show Your mercy to those who know You.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen.

Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes!

Blessed are You, O Master, make me to understand Your commandments!

Blessed are You, O Holy One, enlighten me with Your precepts!

Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Do not despise the works of Your hands. To You belongs worship. To You belongs praise. To You belongs glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!

The Litany of Matins

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



CHOIR:

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

CHOIR: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

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

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

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

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

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

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

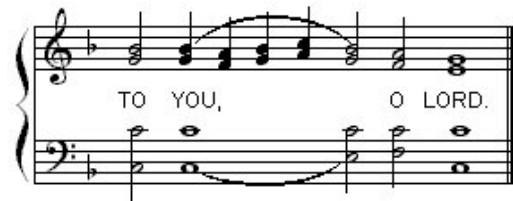
DEACON: *That we may complete the remaining time of our lives in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.*

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

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

CHOIR: *Grant it, O Lord.*

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



CHOIR:

PRIEST: *For You are a good God Who loves us, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

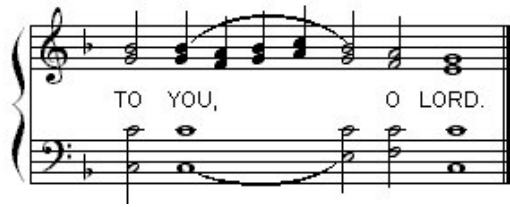


CHOIR:

PRIEST: *Peace be unto all!*

CHOIR: *And to Your spirit.*

DEACON: *Let us bow our heads to the Lord.*



CHOIR:

PRIEST:

Holy Lord, Who dwells on high and looks upon the humble, and Who with Your all-seeing eye looks down upon all creation: to You have we bowed the necks of our soul and body, and we pray, O Holy of holies, stretch forth Your invisible hand from Your holy dwelling place and bless us all. And if in any way we have sinned, either willingly or unwillingly, pardon us, since You are good and You love us, granting to us Your good things in this world and beyond this world.

For You have mercy on us, and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.



CHOIR:

The Apostica

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The Apostica – Holy Monday



INEFFABLE MYSTERY OF YOUR DIS - PEN - SA - TION. SHE ASKED THE HONOR OF A TEM -

POR - AL KING - DOM FOR HER SONS, BUT IN - STEAD YOU PRO - MISED YOUR FRIENDS

THAT THEY SHOULD DRINK THE CUP OF DEATH, A CUP THAT YOU WOULD DRINK BEFORE

THEM FOR THE CLEANS - ING OF SINS. THERE - FORE WE CRY OUT TO YOU: "O SAL - VA -

TION OF OUR SOULS, GLO - RY TO YOU!"

VERSE: *Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as You have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let Your work be manifest to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children.*

YOU TAUGHT YOUR DIS - CI - PLES, O LORD, TO DESIRE WHAT IS PER - FECT, SAY - ING:

"BE NOT LIKE THE GENTILES WHO OP - PRESS THE WEAK. IT SHALL NOT BE SO WITH YOU,

O MY DIS - CI - PLES. FOR OF MY OWN WILL I AM POOR. LET THE FIRST AMONG YOU,

BE THE SER - VANT OF ALL. LET THE RU - LER BE LIKE THOSE WHO ARE RULED.

LET HIM WHO IS FIRST BE LIKE THE LAST. FOR I HAVE COME TO SERVE ADAM IN HIS

PO - VER - TY, AND TO GIVE MY LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR THE MANY WHO CRY TO ME:

"O LORD, GLO - RY TO YOU!"

VERSE: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and let Him establish the work of our hands upon us. Lord, establish our works.

TONE 8

THE FIGTREE WAS WITHERED UP BECAUSE IT WAS UN - FRUIT - FUL. WE SHOULD FEAR THE
SAME PUNISHMENT, O BRETH - REN, AND BRING WORTHY FRUITSO F RE - PEN - TANCE TO
CHRIST, WHO BRINGS TO US GREAT MER - CY.

The musical score consists of three systems of piano accompaniment. Each system has a treble and bass clef staff. The first system includes the lyrics 'THE FIGTREE WAS WITHERED UP BECAUSE IT WAS UN - FRUIT - FUL. WE SHOULD FEAR THE'. The second system includes 'SAME PUNISHMENT, O BRETH - REN, AND BRING WORTHY FRUITSO F RE - PEN - TANCE TO'. The third system includes 'CHRIST, WHO BRINGS TO US GREAT MER - CY.' The music is in a minor key with a common time signature.

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

THE SER PENT FOUND A SECOND EVE IN THE EGYPTIAN WO - MAN AND PLOTTED THE FALL
OF JOSEPH THROUGH WORDS OF FLAT - TER - Y. BUT LEAVING BEHIND HIS GAR - MENT
JOS - EPH FLED FROM SIN. HE WAS NAKED BUT UNASHAMED, LIKE ADAM BE FORE THE

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FALL. THROUGH HIS PRAYERS, O CHRIST, HAVE MER-CY ON US.

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The Apostica – Holy Tuesday



COME, O FAITH-FUL, LET US WORK ZEALOUSLY FOR THE MAS-TER, FOR HE DISTRIBUTES

WEALTH TO HIS SER-VANTS. LET EACH OF US ACCORDING TO HIS A-BIL-I-TY INCREASE

HIS TAL-ENT OF GRACE. LET ONE BE ADORNED IN WIS-DOM THROUGH GOOD WORKS,

LET ANOTHER CELEBRATE A SERVICE IN SPLEN-DOR. THE ONE DISTRIBUTES HIS WEALTH

TO THE POOR, THE OTHER COMMUNICATES THE WORD TO THOSE UN-TAUGHT, THUS

WE SHALL INCREASE WHAT HAS BEEN EN-TRUS-TED TO US, AND AS FAITHFUL STEW -

ARDS OF GRACE, WE SHALL BE ACCOUNTED WORTHY OF THE MAS-TER'S JOY. MAKE US

WORTHY OF THIS, O CHRIST OUR GOD IN YOUR LOVE FOR MAN - KIND.

VERSE: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as You have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let Your work be manifest to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children.

WHEN YOU SHALL COME IN GLORY, O JE - SUS, WITH THE AN - GEL - IC HOSTS, AND

SHALL SIT UPON THE THRONE FOR JUDG - MENT, DO NOT DRIVE ME AWAY, O GOOD

SHEP - HERD, FOR YOU KNOW THE PATHS ON YOUR RIGHT HAND, BUT THOSE ON

YOUR LEFT HAND LEAD A - STRAY. DO NOT DE - STROY ME WITH THE GOATS,

THOUGH I AM COARSE WITH SIN, BUT NUMBER ME WITH THE SHEEP ON YOUR RIGHT

HAND, AND SAVE ME IN YOUR LOVE FOR MAN - KIND.

VERSE: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and let Him establish the work of our hands upon us. Lord, establish our works.

YOU ARE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ALL MEN, O BRIDE-GROOM. YOU HAVE IN - VI - TED US

TO THE SPIRITUAL BANQUET OF YOUR BRIDALCHAM - BER. STRIP ME OF THE UGLY GAR -

MENT OF MY SINS AS I PARTICIPATE IN YOUR PAS - SION. ADORN ME IN THE GLORIOUS

ROBE OF YOUR BEAU - TY THAT PROCLAIMS ME A GUEST IN YOUR KINGDOM, O MER - CI -

FUL LORD.

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

BE - HOLD, THE MASTER HAS ENTRUSTED YOU WITH A TA LENT, O MY SOUL. RE - CEIVE THE

GIFT WITH FEAR. RE - PAY THE ONE WHO GAVE BY GIV - ING TO THE POOR AND GAIN

THE LORD AS YOUR FRIEND, SO THAT WHEN HE COMES IN GLO - RY YOU MAY

STAND AT HIS RIGHT HAND AND HEAR HIS BLES - SED VOICE: "EN - TER MY SER - VANT

INTO THE JOY OF YOUR LORD." THOUGH I HAVE GONE ASTRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY OF

THIS, O SAV - IOR, THROUGH YOUR GREAT MER - CY.

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The Apostica – Holy Wednesday



TODAY CHRIST COMES TO THE HOUSE OF THE PHA - RI - SEE. A SINFUL WOMAN CRAWLS TO

HIS FEET AND CRIES: "LOOK AT ME WHO AM EN - GULFED IN SIN, IN DESPAIR BECAUSE

OF MY E - VIL DEEDS. BUT IN YOUR GOODNESS DO NOT DE - SPISE ME. GRANT ME

FORGIVENESS OF MY EVIL DEEDS, O LORD, AND SAVE ME."

VERSE: *Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as You have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let Your work be manifest to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children.*

THE HARLOT SPREAD OUT HER HAIR TO YOU, O MAS - TER. JUDAS SPREAD OUT HIS

HANDS TO LAW - LESS MEN, SHE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FOR - GIVE - NESS, HE IN

ORDER TO RECEIVE SOME SIL - VER. WE CRY TO YOU, WHO WAS SOLD FOR US TO SET

US FREE: "O LORD, GLO - RY TO YOU!"

VERSE: *Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and let Him establish the work of our hands upon us. Lord, establish our works.*

THE CORRUPT AND FILTHY WO - MAN DREW NEAR TO YOU, O SAV - IOR, SHE POURED OUT

HER TEARS ON YOUR FEET AND THUS ANNOUNCED YOUR PAS - SION. "HOW CAN I GAZE

ON YOU, O MAS - TER? YET YOU CAME TO SAVE THE HAR - LOT. RAISE ME FROM THE

DEPTHS FOR I AM DEAD IN SIN, AS YOU RAISED LAZARUS FROM THE TOMB AFTER FOUR

DAYS. ACCEPT ME IN MY MIS - ER - Y, O LORD, AND SAVE ME!"

VERSE: I will thank you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of Your wondrous works!

DESPAIRING FOR HER LIFE AND DE - SPAIRED OF FOR HER DEEDS, THE WOMAN CAME BEAR -

ING MYRRH TO YOU AND CRIED: "O SON OF THE VIR - GIN, THOUGH I AM A HARLOT, DO

NOT CAST ME A - SIDE. O JOY OF THE AN - GELS, DO NOT DE - SPISE MY TEARS.

AS YOU DID NOT REJECT ME, A SIN -NER, ACCEPT ME NOW AS A PENITENT, IN YOUR

GREAT MER - CY."

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

HYMN OF CASSIA TONE 8

THE WO-MAN HAD FALLEN INTO MANY SINS, O LORD, YET WHEN SHE PERCEIVED YOUR

DI - VI - NI - TY, SHE JOINED THE RANKS OF THE MYRRH - BEAR - ING WO - MEN.

IN TEARS SHE BROUGHT YOU MYRRH BEFORE YOUR BUR - I - AL. SHE CRIED, "WOE IS

ME, FOR I LIVE IN THE NIGHT OF LI - GEN - TIOUS - NESS, SHROUDED IN THE DARK AND

MOON-LESS LOVE OF SIN. BUT ACCEPT THE FOUNTAIN OF MY TEARS, O LORD WHO

GATHERS THE WATERS OF THE SEA INTO CLOUDS. BOW DOWN YOUR EAR TO THE

SIGHING OF MY HEART. O LORD WHO BOWED THE HEAVENS IN YOUR INEFFABLE CON-

DECENSION. ONCE EVE HEARD YOUR FOOTSTEP IN PARADISE IN THE COOL

OF THE DAY, AND IN FEAR, SHE RAN AND HID HERSELF. BUT NOW I WILL TENDERLY EM-

BRACE THOSE PURE FEET AND WIPE THEM WITH THE HAIR OF MY HEAD. WHO CAN

READER: *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most high; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your 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.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: *For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

READER: *Amen.*



The Kontakion

(Here follows the Kontakion for each day, as outlined below)

HOLY MONDAY

READER: *Jacob lamented the loss of Joseph, but his noble son was seated on a chariot and honored as a king; for when he refused to be enslaved by the fascinations of the Egyptian woman, he was glorified by Him Who beholds the hearts of men and bestows an incorruptible crown.*

HOLY TUESDAY

READER: *Having realized, O my soul, the hour of the end, and remembering the cutting down of the fig tree, work therefore most diligently, O wretched soul, with the talent which has been given to you, in vigilance crying out, "May we remain not outside the bridal chamber of Christ."*

HOLY WEDNESDAY

READER: *Having transgressed, O Good Master, more than the harlot, I come to You without the shower of tears. Praying though in silence, I fall down before You, and with fervor I kiss Your sacred feet, that You may grant me forgiveness of my debts as I cry out, "O Savior, deliver me from the mire of my deeds."*

READER: *Lord, have mercy. (12X)*

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

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.

In the name of the Lord, Father, give the blessing.

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

READER: *Amen.*

Heavenly King, establish the Orthodox Christians, confirm the Faith, quiet the heathen, give peace to the world, place our departed fathers and brethren in the tabernacles of the righteous, and accept us sorrowers and penitents, for You are good and the Lover of mankind.

The Prayer of Saint Ephraim

PRIEST: *O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (Prostration)*

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Your servant. (Prostration)

O Lord and King, grant that I may see my own transgressions, and not to judge brother or sister, for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen. (Prostration)

O God, cleanse me a sinner. (12X)

(Then repeat the entire Prayer of Saint Ephraim)

The Dismissal

PRIEST: *Glory to You, O Christ, our God and our Hope, glory to You.*

CHOIR:

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

of a - ges. A - men. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Fa - ther, bless.

PRIEST: *May He who willingly came to His Holy Passion for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure mother, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary; of Saint Herman of Alaska, patron of our parish; of Saint Sophia, patron of our sisterhood; of the power of the precious and Life-creating Cross; of the protection of the Bodiless Powers of Heaven; of the Honorable glorious prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the Holy, glorious, All-laudable Apostles; of the Holy and God-bearing Fathers; of Saints ___ whom we commemorate this day; of the Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for You are good and You love mankind.*

CHOIR: *Amen.*

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

CHOIR: *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. (3X)