

# MATINS OF GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

*The priest, vested in epitrachelion, opens the curtain and takes the censer and begins:*

**Deacon:** Master, bless!

**Priest:** Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating, and undivided Trinity always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, Good Will among men. (3x)  
Lord, you will open my lips and my mouth will proclaim Your praise. (2x)

*During the first three psalms the priest takes the SKOUFIA OFF and reads the first six prayers of the light from before the holy table. When the people finish the third psalm and say "Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. . ." the priest exits the sanctuary and reads the remaining prayers of the light from before the icon of Christ:*

**SIT**

## **Psalm 3**

*A psalm to David, when he escaped from the face of Abesalom his son.*

Lord, why did the one who afflict me multiply? Many rise up upon me.

<sup>2</sup> Many tell my soul, There is not salvation for him in his God.

<sup>3</sup> But you, O Lord, are the one who takes hold of me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

<sup>4</sup> With my voice I cried to the Lord, and he heard me from his holy mountain.

<sup>5</sup> And I lay down and fell asleep, I was awakened, that the Lord will take hold of me.

<sup>6</sup> I will not be frightened by tens of thousands of people who round about set up together upon me.

<sup>7</sup> Rise, O God, save me, my God, for you struck all those who are at enmity with me for nothing, the teeth of sinners you shattered.

<sup>8</sup> Salvation is the Lord's, and your blessing upon your people.

## **Psalm 37**

*A psalm to David, for remembrance concerning the Sabbath.*

Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger, nor chastise me in your wrath.

<sup>2</sup> For your arrows stuck fast in me, and you laid your hand hard upon me.

<sup>3</sup> There is not healing in my flesh from the Face of your wrath, there is not peace in my bones from the face of my sins.

<sup>4</sup> For my iniquities rose over my head, like a heavy burden they weighed upon me.

<sup>5</sup> My bruises stank and rotted, from the face of my mindlessness.

<sup>6</sup> I was wretched and was bent down utterly, all the day I walked about glooming.

<sup>7</sup> For my loins were filled with mockings, and there is not healing in my flesh.

<sup>8</sup> I was distressed and was humbled greatly, I howled from the groaning of my heart.

<sup>9</sup> Lord, in front of you – all my desire, and my groaning from you was not hidden.

<sup>10</sup> My heart was troubled, my strength forsook me, and the light of my eyes, it too is not with me.

<sup>11</sup> My friends and my neighbors drew near in front of me and stood, and those nearest me stood from afar off.

<sup>12</sup> The ones who seek my soul used force, and the ones who seek bad things for me spoke vanities, and were thoughtful of deceits all the day.

<sup>13</sup> But as for me I, like someone deaf, did not hear, and, like someone mute who does not open his mouth.

14 And I became like the one who does not hear, and who does not have reproofs in his mouth.  
15 For in you, O Lord, I have hoped; you will hear, O Lord my God.  
16 For I said, Only let not my enemies be joyful over me. And when my feet faltered, they spoke boastfully over me.  
17 For I am prepared for whippings, and my pain is always before me.  
18 For I will proclaim my iniquity, and will worry about my sin.  
19 But my enemies live and prevailed over me, and the ones who hate me unjustly multiplied.  
20 The ones who repay me bad things for good accused me, since I closely pursued goodness.  
21 Do not forsake me, O Lord. My God, do not keep away from me. Attend to my help, Lord of my salvation.

## **Psalm 62**

*A psalm to David, when he was in the wilderness of Judea.*

O God, my God, at dawn I keep vigil for you. My soul has thirsted for you, how often my flesh – for you in a desert land, untrodden, and waterless.

<sup>2</sup> Thus I appeared to you in the holy place, to see your Power and your Glory.

<sup>3</sup> For your mercy – better than lives, my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup> Thus I will bless you in my life, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

<sup>5</sup> That my soul be filled with marrow and fatness, my mouth will praise you with lips of rejoicing.

<sup>6</sup> If I remembered you upon my bed, at dawn I was thoughtful of you.

<sup>7</sup> For you became my helper, and in the shelter of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup> My soul cleaved to you, and your right hand took hold of me.

<sup>9</sup> But in vain they sought my soul, they will go into the deepest parts of the earth, will be delivered into the hands of the sword, and will be portions for foxes.

<sup>10</sup> But the king will be gladdened in God, everyone who swears in him will be praised, for the mouth of those who speak unrighteous things has been muzzled.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to you, O God. (x3)

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 to the ages of ages.  
Amen.

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## **Psalm 87**

*An ode of psalm to the sons of Kore, to completion, over Maeleth, that a word be answered.  
Of understanding to Aitham the Israelite.*

Lord God of my salvation, I have cried by day and at night in front of you.

<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer come in front of you, incline your ear to my supplication.

<sup>3</sup> For my soul was filled with bad things, and my life drew near to hell.

<sup>4</sup> I was counted with the ones who go down to the pit, I became like a helpless man, free within the dead.

<sup>5</sup> Like ones slain who sleep in a tomb, whom you no longer remembered, and they were driven away from your hand.

<sup>6</sup> They put me in the lowest pit, in dark places and in shadow of death.

<sup>7</sup> Your anger was laid hard upon me, and you brought all your risings upon me.

<sup>8</sup> You took the ones who know me far off from me, and they made me an abomination to themselves.

<sup>9</sup> I was handed over and I did not come out, my eyes weakened from poverty.

<sup>10</sup> I cried to you, O Lord, all the day, I stretched out my hands toward you.

<sup>11</sup> Surely you will not work wonders for the dead? Or will physicians raise up again, and will confess to you?

<sup>12</sup> Surely someone will not describe your mercy in the tomb, and your truth in destruction?

<sup>13</sup> Surely your wonders will not be known in the dark, or your righteousness in a forgotten land?

<sup>14</sup> But I, O Lord, I cried to you, and in the morning my prayer will be before you.

<sup>15</sup> What for, O Lord, did you drive away my soul, what for do you turn your Face from me?

<sup>16</sup> Poor am I and in toils from my youth; and lifted up, I was humbled and brought to despair.

<sup>17</sup> Over me your wraths spread out, and your terrors troubled me.

<sup>18</sup> They encircled me like water, all the day they surrounded me altogether.

<sup>19</sup> You took far off from me friend and neighbor, and the ones who know me because of my misery.

## **Psalm 102**

*To David.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all which are within me – his holy name.

<sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his repayments.

<sup>3</sup> Who is much-forgiving to all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.

<sup>4</sup> Who redeems your life from rotting, who crowns you with mercy and pities.

<sup>5</sup> Who fills your desire with good things, your youth will be renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord who makes mercies, and judgment to all who are wronged.

<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, to the sons of Israel his wills.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord – pitying and merciful, long-suffering and full of mercy. He will not be wrathful utterly, nor will he be enraged to the age.

<sup>9</sup> Not according to our iniquities has he done to us, nor according to our sins has he repaid us.

<sup>10</sup> For according to the height of heaven from the earth, has the Lord strengthened his mercy over the ones who fear him.

<sup>11</sup> As far as the east is from the west, so far off has he taken our iniquities from us.

<sup>12</sup> As a father pities his sons, has the Lord pitied the ones who fear him; for he knew our fashioning, has remembered that we are dust.

<sup>13</sup> The human – his days like grass; like a flower of the field, so he will blossom.

<sup>14</sup> For a wind has passed through it and it will not be, and it will no longer know its place.

- <sup>15</sup> But the mercy of the Lord – from the age, and until the age over the ones who fear him.  
<sup>16</sup> And his righteousness over sons of sons, over the ones who keep his testament, and remember his commandments to do them.  
<sup>17</sup> The Lord in heaven has prepared his throne and his kingdom has dominion over all.  
<sup>18</sup> Bless the Lord, all his angels, powerful in strength, who do his word, in order to hear the voice of his words.  
<sup>19</sup> Bless the Lord, all his powers, his liturgizers who do his will.  
<sup>20</sup> Bless the Lord, all his works, in every place of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

## **Psalm 142**

*A psalm to David, when Abesalom, his son, was pursuing him.*

Lord, hear my prayer, give ear to my supplication in your truth, hear me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> And do not enter into judgment with your servant, for everyone living will not be righteous before you.

<sup>3</sup> For the enemy closely pursued my soul, to the ground he humbled my life.

<sup>4</sup> He made me sit in dark places like the dead of the age, and my spirit became despondent in me, and my heart was troubled within me.

<sup>5</sup> I have remembered days of old, I have been thoughtful of all your works, I was thoughtful of the makings of your hands.

<sup>6</sup> I stretched out my hands toward you, my soul – like waterless land, to you.

<sup>7</sup> Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit has vanished.

<sup>8</sup> Do not turn your Face from me, and I will be like the ones who go down into the pit.

<sup>9</sup> Make your mercy heard to me in the morning, for I have hoped in you.

<sup>10</sup> Lord, make known to me the way in which I will walk, for I have lifted up my soul toward you.

<sup>11</sup> Take me away from my enemies, O Lord, for I have run to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you, you are my God.

<sup>12</sup> Your good Spirit will guide me in a straight land; for your name's sake, O Lord, you will make me live.

<sup>13</sup> In your righteousness you will lead my soul out of affliction, and in your mercy you will destroy my enemies.

<sup>14</sup> And you will lay waste to all who afflict my soul, for I, I am your servant.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to you, O God. (3x).

*The deacon exits the altar and comes before the closed Royal Doors for*

### **THE LITANY OF PEACE.**

**Deacon:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. *(and after each petition)*

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

For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the holy Churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For our Archbishop and Father \_\_\_\_\_, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For the civil authorities of this country and those serving in its armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, for every city, monastery, and countryside, and for those who in faith dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For good temperance of the air, abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful seasons, let us pray to the Lord.

For travelers by land, sea, and air, the sick, the suffering, the imprisoned, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by your grace.

Remembering our all-holy, pure, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one other, and our whole life to Christ God.

**Choir:** To you, O Lord.

**Priest:** For to you is due all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

### *Verses from Isaias 26.*

**Deacon/Priest:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Out of night my spirit keeps vigil for you at dawn, O God, for your commands are light upon the earth.

**Reader:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Deacon/Priest:** Learn righteousness, you who dwell upon the earth.

**Reader:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Deacon/Priest:** Zeal will seize an unchastised people, and now fire will consume the adversaries.

**Reader:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Deacon/Priest:** Set bad things before them, O Lord, set bad things before them, the glorious ones of the earth.

**Reader:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The priest vests in the phelonion and kisses the Holy Table. He opens the Royal Doors and places the Holy Gospel upon the analogion in the center of the church. He makes a full incensation beginning with the Gospel and concluding by censuring before it.*

**STAND**

### **The Troparion (Tone 8)**

When the glorious disciples were enlightened at the washing of their feet before the supper, then the impious Judas was darkened, ailing with avarice, and to the lawless judge he betrays You, the Righteous Judge. Behold, O lover of money, this man who because of money hanged himself. Flee from the greedy soul which dared such things against the Master. O Lord, who are good towards all men, glory to You! (3x)

### **First Gospel**

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to John. (13:31-18:1)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean." When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to

you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of you all; I know whom I have chosen; it is that the scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I tell you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives any one whom I send receives me; and he who receives me receives him who sent me." When Jesus had thus spoken, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was lying close to the breast of Jesus; so Simon Peter beckoned to him and said, "Tell us who it is of whom he speaks." So lying thus, close to the breast of Jesus, he said to him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give this morsel when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the money box, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel, he immediately went out; and it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the cock will not crow, till you have denied me three times. Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in

you. I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world? Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go hence. I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another. If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But all this they will do to you on my account, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sinned; but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sinned; but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It is to fulfill the



word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.' But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said all this to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues; indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you of them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. A little while, and you will see me no more; again a little while, and you will see me." Some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" They said, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he means." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him; so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world. So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name. Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. I have said this to you in figures; the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures but tell you plainly of the Father. In that day you will ask in my name; and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from the Father. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father." His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure! Now we know that you know all things, and need none to question you; by this we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, every man to his home, and will leave me alone; yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You,

since You have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work which You gave me to do; and now, Father, glorify You me in Your own presence with the glory which I had with You before the world was made. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave me out of the world; Yours they were, and You gave them to me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything that You have given me is from You; for I have given them the words which You gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given me, for they are Yours; all mine are Yours, and Yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is the Truth. As You sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth. I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as Your, Father, are in me, and I in You, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent me. The glory which You have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and You in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You have sent me and have loved them even as You have loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which You have given me in Your love for me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known You, but I have known You; and these know that You have sent me. I made known to them Your name, and I will make it known, that the love with which You have loved me may be in them, and I in them." When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

*Choir:* Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

**SIT**

*Antiphon One (Tone 8)*

The rulers of the people have assembled against the Lord and His Christ.

A lawless charge is hurled against me. Lord, O Lord, forsake me not.

Let us offer our pure senses to Christ. As His friends let us sacrifice our lives for His sake. Let us not be weighed down by earthly cares like Judas, but let us cry in the hidden chambers of our heart: "Our Father, who art in heaven, deliver us from evil."

## STAND

### Second Gospel

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to John. (18:1-28)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, procuring a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When he said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word which he had spoken, "Of those whom You gave me I lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?" So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. As this disciple was known to the high priest, he entered the court of the high priest along with Jesus, while Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the maid who kept the door, and brought Peter in. The maid who kept the door said to Peter, "Are not you also one of this man's disciples?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves; Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together; I have said nothing secretly. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing

and warming himself. They said to him, "Are not you also one of his disciples?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a kinsman of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed. Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was early. They themselves did not enter the praetorium, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover.

**Choir:** Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

**SIT**

*Antiphon Four (Tone 5)*

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

**STAND**

**Third Gospel**

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (26:57-75)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter followed him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole council sought false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.'" And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes, and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face, and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?" Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a maid came up to him, and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before them all,

saying, "I do not know what you mean." And when he went out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the cock crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

**Choir:** Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

**SIT**

*Antiphon Seven (Tone 8)*

While permitting transgressors to arrest You, You cried out to them, O Lord: "Though you smite the shepherd and scatter the twelve sheep, my disciples, I am able to surround Myself with more than thirty legions of angels but I forbear so that the secret and hidden things might be fulfilled which were revealed to you by My prophets." O Lord, glory to You!

**STAND**

**Fourth Gospel**

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to John. (18:28-19:16)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was early. They themselves did not enter the praetorium, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." This was to fulfill the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he was to die. Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is

truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again, and told them, "I find no crime in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; will you have me release for you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again, and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

**Choir:** Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

**SIT**

*Antiphon Ten (Tone 6)*

He who clothes Himself with light as with a garment stood naked for trial. He was struck on the cheek by hands that He Himself had formed. A people that transgressed the law nailed the Lord of Glory to the Cross. Then the curtain of the Temple was torn in two, then the sun was darkened, unable to bear the sight of God outraged, before whom all things tremble. Let us worship Him!

**STAND**

**Fifth Gospel**

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (27:3-32)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." And throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." So they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified." And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified." So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross.

**Choir:** Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

**SIT**

*Antiphon Thirteen (Tone 6)*

To Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God, who makes all things fear and tremble, whom all tongues praise, the priests gave gall and slapped. Yet He consented to suffer all things, desiring to save us from our transgressions by His blood for He loves mankind.

*Antiphon Fourteen (Tone 8)*

The thief, whose hands were defiled with blood, You accepted as Your fellow traveler. With him number us also, O Lord, for You are good and love mankind.

**KNEEL** *Antiphon Fifteen (Tone 6) (Repeat as often as necessary until the Cross is in place and the faithful have venerated it.)*

Today He who hung the earth upon the waters is hung on a tree. The King of Angels is decked with a crown of thorns. He who wraps the heavens in clouds is wrapped in the purple of mockery. He who freed Adam in the Jordan is slapped on the face. The Bridegroom of the Church is affixed to the Cross with nails. The Son of the Virgin is pierced by a spear. We worship Your passion, O Christ! We worship Your passion, O Christ! We worship Your passion, O Christ! Show us also Your glorious Resurrection!

**STAND**

**Sixth Gospel**

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. (15:16-32)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the praetorium); and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.



**Choir:** Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

**SIT**

### **The Beatitudes**

In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come in Your kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 4)**

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

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

**Reader:** My God, my God, look upon me! Why have You forsaken me?

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

**Reader:** They divide my garments among them

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

**STAND**

### **Seventh Gospel**

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (27:33-54)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of

God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, la'ma sabach-tha'ni?" that is, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

*Choir:* Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

## REMAIN STANDING

### Psalm 50

*To completion, a psalm to David when Nathan the prophet came to him, at the time when he went in to Virsavee, the woman of Ourias.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your great mercy, and according to the fullness of your compassions blot out my transgression.

<sup>2</sup> More thoroughly wash me from my lawlessness, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I do know my lawlessness, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you only I have sinned and have done the evil before you, so that you are righteous in your words and conquer in your judging.

<sup>5</sup> For, behold, in iniquities I was conceived, and in sins my mother bore me.

<sup>6</sup> For, behold, you have loved truth, the unseen and hidden things of your wisdom you have shown me.

<sup>7</sup> You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be cleansed; you will wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> You will make me hear joy and gladness; the humbled bones will rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> Turn away your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a right Spirit in my inward parts.

<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your Face, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Give me back the joy of your salvation, and make me steadfast with a governing Spirit.

<sup>13</sup> I will teach the lawless your ways, and the impious will turn around to you.

<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from blood, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will rejoice in your righteousness.

<sup>15</sup> Lord, you will open my lips, and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

<sup>16</sup> For if you had willed a sacrifice, I would have given it; you will not well-will whole burnt offerings.

- <sup>17</sup> A sacrifice to God is a shattered spirit; a shattered and humbled heart God will not despise.  
<sup>18</sup> Do good, Lord, to Sion in your good pleasure and the walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt.  
<sup>19</sup> Then you will well-will sacrifice of righteousness, offering and whole burnt offerings.  
<sup>20</sup> Then they will offer calves upon your altar.

## STAND

### Eighth Gospel

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to *Luke*. (23:32-49)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, and said, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the multitudes who assembled to see the sight, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things.

**Choir:** Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

## SIT

### Holy Friday Canon (Tone 6)

Early will I seek You, O Word of God, Who without change emptied Yourself in Your compassion for fallen man. Who without suffering bowed down to suffering. Grant peace to me, O You who love mankind.

### *Kontakion (Tone 8)*

Come, let us all sing the praises of Him who was crucified for us, for Mary said when she beheld Him upon the tree: Though You endure the Cross, You are my Son and my God.

### *Ikos*

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

### *The Exaposteilarion (Tone 3)*

The wise thief You made worthy of paradise in a single moment, O Lord; by the wood of Your Cross illumine me as well and save me.

## STAND

### **Ninth Gospel**

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to John. (19:25-37)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this Jesus, knowing that all was now completed, said (to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst." A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is completed"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness -- his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth -- that you also may believe. For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of him shall be broken." And again another scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they have pierced."

**Choir:** Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

### *The Praises*

Every member of Your holy flesh endured dishonor for us: Your head – the thorns, Your face – the spitting, Your cheeks – the buffeting, Your mouth – the taste of vinegar mixed with gall, Yours ears – the impious blasphemies, Your back – the scourge, Your hand – the reed, Your whole body – extension upon the Cross, Your joints – the nails, Your side – the spear. By Your sufferings You have set us free from suffering. In Your love for man You did stoop down to raise us up. O Almighty Savior, have mercy on us.

### STAND

#### Tenth Gospel

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to *Mark*. (15:43-47)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

**Choir:** Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

#### *Then the Reader says:*

To you is due glory, Lord our God, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, Good Will among men.

We hymn you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great Glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father all-ruling; Lord Son only-begotten, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit.

Lord God, the lamb of God, the Son of the Father, who take up the sin of the world, have mercy on us, you who take up the sins of the world.

Receive our supplication, you who sit at the right of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Every day I will bless you, and I will praise your name to the age, and to the age of age.  
Count us worthy, Lord, to be kept in this day without sin.  
Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified your name to the ages. Amen.

Lord, your mercy be upon us, as we have hoped in you.  
Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your precepts.  
Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your precepts.  
Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your precepts.  
Lord, you have become a refuge to us in generation and generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned to you.  
Lord, I fled to you, teach me that I do your will, for you are my God.  
For from you is the spring of life, in your Light we will see light.  
Stretch out your mercy to the ones who know you.

### LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

*Deacon/Priest:* Let us complete our morning supplication to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us, O God, by your grace.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

The whole day, perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant it, O Lord. *(and after the next petitions)*

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

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

The things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

To complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

The completions of our life to be Christian, painless, blameless, and peaceful; and a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

Remembering our all-holy, pure, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Birthgiver of God and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ God.

*Choir:* To You, O Lord

*Priest:* For you are a God of mercy, compassions, and love for mankind, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

## STAND

### BOWING OF HEADS

**Priest:** Peace to all.

**Choir:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon/Priest:** Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

**Choir:** To You, O Lord.

**Priest:** Holy Lord, who dwell on high and regard the lowly and with your all-seeing eye watch over all creation, to you we have bent the neck of our soul and body, and we implore you, Holy of holies: stretch forth your invisible hand from your holy dwelling place and bless us all, and, whether we have sinned voluntarily or involuntarily, forgive as a good God who loves mankind, granting us your earthly and heavenly good things, for yours it is to have mercy and to save us, our God, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

### Eleventh Gospel

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to John. (19:38-42)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

**Choir:** Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

*During the singing of the Aposticha the priest makes a complete incensation of the church.*

### *The Aposticha (Tone 1)*

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

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **(Tone 8)**

When You ascended the Cross, O Lord, fear and trembling fell upon creation. Yet You forbade the earth to swallow up those who crucified You, and You commanded Hades to send up its captives for the regeneration of mortals. O Judge of the living and the dead, You came to grant life, not death. O Lover of Mankind, glory to You!

Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Now the unjust judges dip the pen of judgment. Jesus is tried and sentenced to the Cross. All creation suffers as it beholds the Lord on the Cross. O good Lord, who in Your human nature suffered for me, glory to You!

**STAND**

### **Twelfth Gospel**

**Deacon:** And that we be accounted worthy of hearing to the holy Gospel, let us implore the Lord our God.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy (*thrice*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright! Let us hear the holy Gospel!

**Priest:** Peace to all!

**Choir:** And to your spirit!

**Priest:** The reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (27:62-66)

**Choir:** Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord!

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore order the sepulcher to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the sepulcher secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

**Choir:** Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord!

*At the conclusion of the Twelfth Gospel, the priest makes the sign of the cross with the Gospel and carries it into the altar.*

**Reader:** It is good to confess to the Lord, and to chant to your name, O Most High. So that to proclaim your mercy in the morning and your truth through the night. (*Psalm 91:2*)

Holy God. Holy Mighty. Holy Immortal. Have mercy on us. (x3)

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



All-Holy Trinity: Have mercy on us. Lord: Cleanse our sins. Master: Pardon our transgressions.  
Holy One: watch over and heal our infirmities, for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

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

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

*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 to the ages of ages.

*Reader:* Amen.

#### **The Troparion (Tone 4)**

By Your precious Blood, You have redeemed us from the curse of the law. By being nailed to the Cross and pierced by a spear, You have poured forth immortality for man. O our Savior, glory to You!

#### **THE AUGMENTED LITANY**

*Deacon:* Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. (3x) [and after each petition]

Again we pray for pious and right-glorifying Christians.

Again we pray for our Archbishop and Father (name).

Again we pray for our brethren, priests, ieromonks, deacons, ierodeacons, and monastics, and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, care, and the pardon and remission of the sins of all pious and right-glorifying Christians who dwell in or visit this town, and the members, stewards, founders, and benefactors of this holy church.

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-remembered founders of this holy Church and for all our right-glorifying fathers and brethren who are in their rest before us who piously lie asleep here and everywhere.

Again we pray for those who bring offerings and those who make acceptable sacrifices in this holy and all-venerable temple, for those who labor, those who sing, and all the people standing here, awaiting the great and rich mercy that is from you.

**Priest:** For you are a merciful God and love mankind, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

### THE GREAT DISMISSAL

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Priest:** Blessed is He-who-is, Christ our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

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

**Priest:** All-holy Birthgiver of God, save us!

**Choir:** 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!

**Priest:** Glory to You, Christ God our hope, glory to You!

**Choir:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Father, bless!

**Priest:** He who endured spitting and whippings and beatings and crucifixion and death for the salvation of the world Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-blameless holy Mother; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, as one who is good and loves mankind.

**Choir:** Amen.

*The priest turns toward the east and says:*

**Priest:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ God, have mercy on us.

**Choir:** Amen.

Having endured the Passion for us, Jesus Christ, O Son of God, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us! (3x)