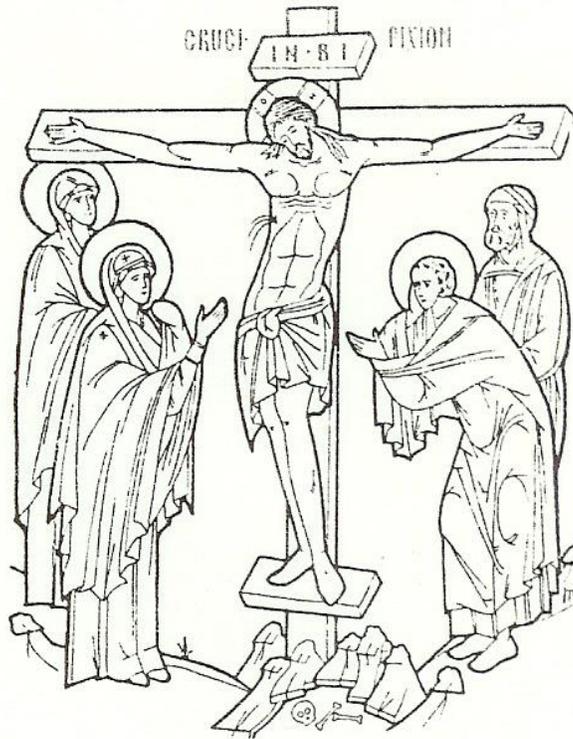


THE MATINS OF GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

With The Reading of the Twelve Gospel Lessons
(Served, in anticipation, on Thursday night - abridged for parish use)



The faithful stand.

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

People: Amen. Glory to Thee, our God, Glory to Thee. O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth; Who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessings and Giver of life: come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

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.

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us! O Lord, cleanse us from our sins! O Master, pardon our transgressions! O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy 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 Thine 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. In the name of the Lord, bless, Father.

Priest: Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-giving and Undivided Trinity, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men! (3x)
O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. (2x) (...)

The Faithful stand until the censuring is completed, as the reader continues this selection from the assigned six psalms

PSALM 143

Hear my prayer, O Lord: give ear to my supplication. In Thy faithfulness answer me: in Thy righteousness enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for no man living is righteous before Thee.

For the enemy has pursued me: he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness, like those long dead.

Therefore my spirit faints within me, and my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that Thou hast done; I muse on what Thy hands have wrought.

I stretch out my hands to Thee, my soul thirsts for Thee like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord!

My spirit fails; Hide not Thy face from me lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

Let me hear in the morning of Thy mercy, for in Thee have I put my trust.

Teach me the way I should go, for to Thee I lift up my soul.

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to Thee for refuge.

Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. Let Thy good spirit lead me on a level path.

For Thy name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life. In Thy righteousness bring me out of trouble. And in Thy mercy, cut off my enemies and destroy all my adversaries, for I am Thy servant.

In Thy faithfulness answer me, in Thy righteousness enter not into judgment with Thy servant.

Let Thy good spirit lead me on a level path. (...)

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 Thee, O God. (3x)

Priest/Deacon & Choir: The Great Litany

The Faithful stand

Priest/Deacon: Alleluia in the Eighth Tone:

My spirit seeks Thee early from the night, O God, for Thy commandments are a light on the earth.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (*Refrain*)

Priest/Deacon: 2. Learn righteousness, you that dwell upon the earth. ®

3. Anger shall fall upon the people who have not corrected themselves. ®

4. Bring more evils upon them, O Lord, bring more evils upon the glorious ones of the earth. ®

THE TROPARION

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 Judas he betrays thee, 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 art good, towards all men, glory to thee! (...)

During the Troparion, the priest, now vested in phelonian, opens the Royal Doors and takes the Gospel Book and places it in the center of the Church, after which he makes a full censing around it.

Priest/Deacon: That we may be accounted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord, have Mercy! (3x)



Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *FIRST GOSPEL (St. John 13:31-18:1)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

The faithful may sit as the CHOIR continues

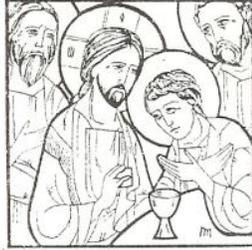
ANTIPHON 1

Choir: 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. (...)

ANTIPHON III

2 Readers (alternately):

- Because of the raising of Lazarus,
O Lord who lovest mankind,
The Hebrew children cried: 'Hosanna' to Thee,
But Judas, the transgressor,
Was unwilling to understand.
- At Thy supper, O Christ God,
Thou didst announce to Thy disciples,
'One of you will betray me.'
But Judas, the transgressor,
Was unwilling to understand.



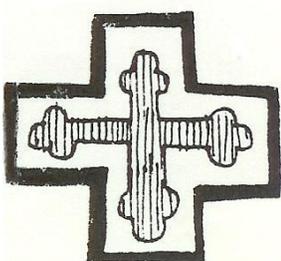
- When John asked Thee, O Lord,
‘Who is it that betrays Thee?’
Thou didst reveal who it was by the
means of a morsel of bread,
But Judas, the transgressor,
Was unwilling to understand.

- For thirty pieces of silver,
And a treacherous kiss, O Lord,
The Jews sought to kill Thee,
But Judas, the transgressor,
Was unwilling to understand.

- At the washing of their feet, O Christ God,
Thou didst command Thy disciples: ‘Do as you have
seen me do.’
But Judas, the transgressor,
Was unwilling to understand.

- ‘Keep watch and pray, lest you be tempted,’
Thou didst say to Thy disciples, O our God,
But Judas, the transgressor,
Was unwilling to understand. (...)

Faithful stand



Priest/Deacon: That we may be
accounted worthy to listen to the Holy
Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord, have Mercy! (3x)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend!
Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to
St. John.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *SECOND GOSPEL (St. John 18:1-28)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

Faithful may sit as the CHOIR continues

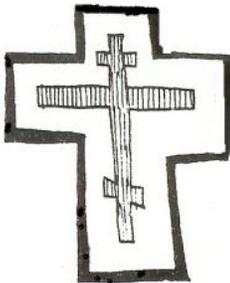
ANTIPHON IV:

Choir: 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 thou who sufferest for us and with us,
Glory to thee! (...)

Reader: As brothers in Christ
let us acquire brotherly love.
Let us not lack sympathy for our neighbor.
Lest we, like the unmerciful servant,
Be condemned on account of money,
Or like Judas gain nothing from our regrets. (...)

The faithful stand.



Priest/Deacon: That we may be
accounted worthy to listen to the Holy
Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord, have Mercy! (3x)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let
us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *THIRD GOSPEL (St. Matthew 26:57-75)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering. O Lord.

The faithful may sit as the CHOIR continues.

ANTIPHON VII

Choir: While permitting transgressors to arrest thee,
Thou didst cry 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 things might be fulfilled
Which were revealed by the prophets.'
O Lord, glory to thee!

Reader: Denying thee for the third time, Peter at once
recalled thy words to him. But he offered tears of
repentance: 'O God, have mercy on me, and save me.'
(...)

The faithful stand.



Priest/Deacon: That we may be
accounted worthy to listen to the
Holy Gospel, let us pray to the
Lord God.

Choir: Lord, have Mercy! (3x)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *FOURTH GOSPEL (St. John 18:28-19:16)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering O Lord.

The faithful may sit as the CHOIR continues.

ANTIPHON X

Choir: 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 out-raged,
Before whom all things tremble. Let us worship him. (...)

ANTIPHON XII

Reader: Thus says the Lord to the Jews:
My people, what have I done to you,
or how have I offended you?
To your blind, I gave sight; your lepers, I cleansed; the
paralytic, I raised from his bed.

My people, what have I done to you, and how have you repaid me?
Instead of manna, gall; instead of water, vinegar; instead of loving me, you nail me to the cross.
I can bear no more.
I shall call the Gentiles mine.
They will glorify me with the Father and the Spirit,
And I shall give them life eternal. (...)

The faithful stand.



Priest/Deacon: That we may be accounted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord, have Mercy! (3x)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend!
Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *FIFTH GOSPEL (St. Matthew 27:3-32)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

The faithful may sit as the CHOIR continues.

ANTIPHON XIII

Choir: The crowd of the Jews, O Lord, asked Pilate to crucify thee,
And though they found no guilt in thee,

They freed Barabbas, who, indeed, was guilty.
They condemned thee, the righteous one,
And made the charge of murder their inheritance.
But give them their retribution, O Lord,
For they plotted against thee in vain. (...)

The Faithful **kneel**, as the Cross is brought from the sanctuary
in solemn procession

ANTIPHON XV

Priest: 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 Thy Passion, O Christ. (3x)
Show us also Thy glorious Resurrection. (...)

The faithful stand from kneeling

TROPARION (Tone 4)

CHOIR: By Thy Precious Blood,
Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the law.
By being nailed to the Cross and pierced by a spear,
Thou hast poured forth immortality for man.
Our Saviour, glory to Thee!

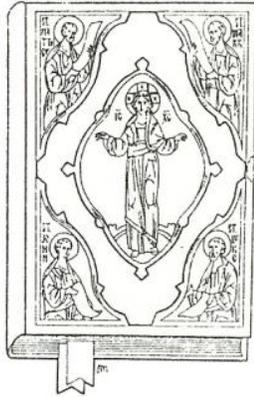
Priest/Deacon: That we may be accounted worthy to
listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord, have Mercy (3x)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the
Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!



Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *SIXTH GOSPEL (St. Mark 15:16-32)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

The faithful may sit as the CHOIR continues.

BEATITUDES

Choir/Readers (Alternately):

Choir: In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Reader: Through a tree, Adam lost his home in paradise,

But through the tree of the cross, the thief came there to dwell.

By tasting of the fruit, he first broke the Creator's commandment,

But he who was crucified with Thee confessed Thee, the hidden God.

Remember us also, O Saviour, in Thy kingdom!

Choir: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Reader: Lawless men bought the Creator of the law
from a disciple
And brought Him before the judgment seat of Pilate as a
transgressor.
Though He had given them manna in the wilderness,
They cried out: 'Crucify Him!'
But we, imitating the righteous thief,
Cry out in faith:
'Remember us also, O Saviour, in Thy kingdom!'

Choir: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain
mercy.

Reader: The swarm of those who would kill God,
The lawless nation of the Jews,
Cried out in fury to Pilate: 'Crucify Him!'
Christ, the innocent one.
And they sought instead the release of Barabbas.
But with the wise thief we lift up our voices:
'Remember us also, O Saviour, in Thy kingdom!'

Choir: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see
God.

Reader: From Thy life-bearing side, O Christ,
A fountain flows forth as from Eden, Giving drink to Thy
Church - as to a living paradise.
From there, it divided to become the four rivers of the
Gospels,
watering the world, gladdening creation, and teaching the
nations to worship Thy kingdom in faith.

Choir: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be
called the sons of God.

Reader: Thou wast crucified for my sake,
In order to pour forth forgiveness for me.
Thy side was pierced, so that streams of life might flow

for me.
Thy hands were transfixed by nails
So that, convinced of the height of Thy power –
by the depth of Thy sufferings –
I might cry out to Thee, O Christ,
Thou giver of life:
'Glory to Thy Cross and to Thy Passion, O Saviour!'

Choir: Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: When it beheld Thee crucified, O Christ,
All creation trembled.
The foundations of the earth shook for fear of Thy might.
The lights of heaven hid themselves, and the curtain of
the temple was torn in two.
The mountains quaked,
And the rocks were split,
And with us the believing thief cried out to Thee, O
Saviour:
'Remember me in Thy kingdom!'

Choir: Blessed are you when men shall revile you and
persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against
you falsely for my sake.

Reader: On the cross Thou didst destroy the legal bond
against us, O Lord.
Thou wast reckoned with the dead and there didst bind
the tyrant,
Delivering all from the bonds of death by Thy
resurrection.
By it we have been illumined, O Lord who lovest
mankind,
and we cry out to Thee:
Remember us also, O Saviour, in Thy kingdom!

Choir: Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your
reward in heaven.

Reader: Thou wast lifted up upon the cross, O Lord.
Thou didst destroy the power of death, and as God Thou
didst cancel the legal bond against us.
Grant the repentance of the thief also unto us, who
worship Thee in faith,
O only lover of mankind,
and who cry out to Thee, O Christ our God:
'Remember us also, O Saviour, in Thy kingdom!'

The faithful stand.

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

Reader: Let us, the faithful, all pray that with one voice,
We may worthily glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit:
One God existing in three persons
Yet remaining unconfused, simple, undivided, and
unapproachable;
By Whom, we escape the flames of punishment.

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

Reader: We offer to Thee as an intercessor, O Christ,
Thy mother who bore Thee in the flesh without seed,
The true virgin who after giving birth remained incorrupt.
Through her intercessions O most merciful Master,
Grant forgiveness of sins to us who cry unceasingly:
'Remember us also, O Saviour, in Thy kingdom!'

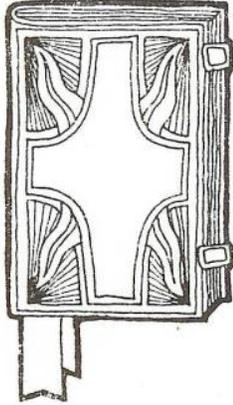
Priest/Deacon & Choir: Little Litany ending with:

Priest: For all the powers praise Thee, and unto Thee
we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: now, and ever, and unto ages of ages

Choir: Amen.

Cantor: The Prokiemenon (Tone 4: *select verses from Psalm 22*)

- They divide my garments among them,*
And for my raiment they cast lots.
- My God, my God, look upon me!*
Why hast Thou forsaken me?



Priest/Deacon: That we may be accounted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord, have Mercy! (3x)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to your passion, O Lord!

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *SEVENTH GOSPEL (St. Matthew 27:33-54)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

(Faithful may sit as the READER continues)

PSALM 50 (51)

Reader: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy: according to the multitude of Thy 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 Thee, Thee only, have I sinned and done evil in

Thy sight: that Thou may be justified in Thy sentence,
and blameless in Thy judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity: and in sin did my
mother conceive me.
Behold, Thou desirest 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: let the bones which Thou
hast broken, rejoice.
Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God: and put a new and
right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy
Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me
with a willing spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways: and sinners
will return to Thee.
Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my
salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy
deliverance.
O Lord, open Thou my lips: and my mouth shall declare
Thy praise.
For Thou hast no delight in sacrifice: were I to give a
burnt offering, Thou wouldst not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit: a
humble and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not
despise.
Do good to Zion in Thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls
of Jerusalem, then shalt Thou be pleased with the
sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offering, and
whole burnt offerings: then shall they offer bulls upon
Thy altar.

The faithful stand.

Priest/Deacon: That we may be accounted worthy to

listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord , have Mercy! (3x)



Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *EIGHTH GOSPEL (St. Luke. 23:32-49)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

The faithful may sit as the CHOIR continues, and giving the responsorial verse[s] as indicated

CANON: ODE 5

Choir: Early will I seek thee.

O word of God.

Who without change didst empty thyself in thy
compassion for fallen man.

Who, without suffering, didst bow down to suffering.

Grant peace to me,

O thou who lovest mankind.

People: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Reader: With their feet washed,

And themselves purified by their participation

Thy servants, O Christ,

Now ascend from Zion to the great Mount of Olives,

Praising Thee, who lovest mankind. (...)

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

Kontakion (Tone 8):

Cantor: 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 Thou dost endure the cross,//
Thou art my Son and my God. (...)

ODE 8

Choir: The Godly youths exposed a monument of
Godless wickedness,
But the lawless assembly is enraged and takes vain
counsel against Christ.
They plan to kill him, who holds life in the palm of his
hand,
Whom creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.

People: Glory to Thee, our God, Glory to Thee.

Reader: "O my disciples now shake off sleep from your
eyelids," said Christ.
"Keep watch in prayer, that you may not fall into
temptation;
And I speak particularly to Simon,
Since the test is greatest for the strongest.
O Peter, acknowledge me,
Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all
ages." (...)

The faithful stand.

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

Choir: We praise, bless, and worship the Lord,
Singing and exalting Him throughout all ages.

ODE 9

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. (...)

People: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Reader: The priests and scribes
Caused the Life that had been betrayed to the Gentiles,
to be destroyed,
Striking in their jealous wickedness Him,
Who by nature is the Giver of Life,
Whom we magnify.

People: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Reader: Like a pack of dogs they surrounded Thee, O
King,
Smiting Thee on the cheek with their hands.
They questioned Thee and bore false witness against
Thee,
Yet by enduring all things
Thou hast saved all. (...)

The faithful kneel.

EXAPOSTOLARION

(Slowly and with reverence)

Choir/Cantor: The wise thief didst Thou make worthy of
paradise*

In a single moment, O Lord;*
By the wood of thy Cross//
Illumine me also, and save me. (...)

The faithful stand.



Priest/Deacon: That we may be accounted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord, have Mercy! (3x)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord!

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *NINTH GOSPEL (St. John 19:25-37)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

The faithful may sit as the READERS continue.

THE PRAISES

(Psalms 148, 149, 150)

2 Readers, alternately by section:



- Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights!

- Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host!

- Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars!

- Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

- Let them praise the name of the Lord! For He commanded, and they were created.
- And He established them for ever and ever; He fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.
- Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling His command!
- Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!



- Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
- Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.
- He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him.
- Sing to the Lord a new song. His praise in the assembly of the faithful!
Let Israel be glad in his Maker, let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King!
- Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with timbrel and lyre! For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with victory.
- Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on

their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to wreak vengeance on the nations and chastisement on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written!

- This is glory for all His faithful ones. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament!
- Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His exceeding greatness! Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp! (...)

The faithful stand.

Cantor: Every Member of Thy Holy Flesh endured dishonor for us:*
Thy Head - the thorns; Thy Face - the spitting;*
Thy Cheeks - the buffeting;*
Thy Mouth the taste of vinegar mixed with gall;*
Thine Ears - the impious blasphemies; Thy Back - the scourge;*
Thy Hand - the reed; Thy whole Body - the extension on the Cross,*
Thy Joints - the nails; thy Side the spear.*
By thy sufferings Thou hast set us free from suffering.*
In Thy Love for man, Thou didst Stoop Down to raise us up.//
O Almighty Saviour, have mercy on us. (...)

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

Cantor: I gave my Back to scourging.*
I did not turn my Face from spittings.*
I stood before the judgment seat of Pilate.//

And endured the Cross, for the salvation of the world.



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Choir: Lord, have Mercy! (3x)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *TENTH GOSPEL (St. Mark 15:43-47)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord. (...)
The faithful REMAIN standing.

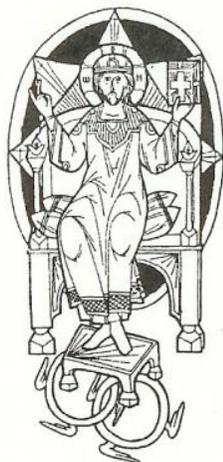
Lesser Doxology

2 Readers, alternately by section:

- Glory to Thee who hast shown us the light!
- Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
- We praise Thee! We bless Thee! We worship Thee!
- We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory!
- Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty!
- Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit!
- Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!
- Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
- Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy on us!

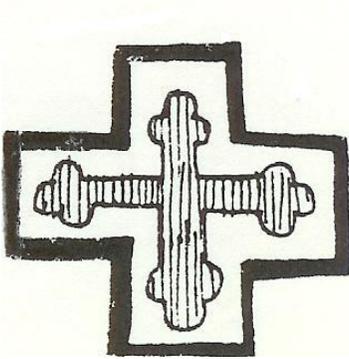
- For Thou alone art holy, Thou alone art Lord, Thou only, O Jesus Christ, art most high in the glory of God the Father, Amen.
- Every day will I give thanks to Thee and praise Thy name forever and ever!
- Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation!



- I said, Lord be merciful to me, heal my soul for I have sinned against Thee.
 - Lord, I flee unto Thee. Teach me to do Thy will. for Thou art my God.
 - For with Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light.
 - Continue forth Thy mercy unto those who know Thee!
 - Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
 - Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers.
- And praised and glorified be Thy name forever. Amen.
 - Let Thy mercy, O Lord be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.
 - Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes!
 - Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy commandments!
 - Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy precepts!
 - Thy mercy, O Lord, endures forever, O despise not the works of Thy hands!
 - To Thee belongs worship! To Thee belongs praise!
 - To Thee belongs 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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Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *ELEVENTH GOSPEL (St. John 19:38-42)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long suffering, O Lord.

The faithful may sit as the CHOIR continues.

THE APOSTICHA (Tone 1)

Choir: All creation was changed by fear
When it saw thee 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 didst willingly endure this for us,
Glory to thee. (...)

The faithful stand.

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Choir: Lord, have Mercy! (3x)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the

Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Priest/Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: *TWELFTH GOSPEL (St. Matthew 27:62-66)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

The faithful REMAIN standing

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most-high; to declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy Truth by night.

People: 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.

O Most-holy Trinity: have mercy on us.

O Lord: cleanse us from our sins.

O Master: pardon our transgressions.

O Holy One: visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy 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 Thine 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: AMEN.

TROPARION (Tone 4)

By Thy precious blood,
Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the law.
By being nailed to the Cross and pierced by a spear,
Thou hast poured forth immortality for man our Saviour,
Glory to Thee!

Priest/Deacon & Choir: Litany

Great Dismissal

Priest: Wisdom!

Choir: Father, Bless.

Priest: Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed 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: Most holy Theotokos 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 Thee, O Christ, our God, and our hope, glory to Thee!

Choir: Glory to the father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Amen. Lord, have Mercy (3x) Father, bless.

Priest: May He who endured spitting and scourging, the cross and death, for the salvation of the world, Christ our

true God, through the prayers: of his most-pure Mother; of the holy glorious and all-laudable Apostles, of the Holy Great Martyr, George, the patron of our church, of all the Saints glorified in North America, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and lovest mankind.

Choir: Amen.

***We quietly come to venerate the Gospel Book and the
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