

Royal Hours of Great & Holy Friday

First Hour

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

Reader: Amen. Glory to Thee, O 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! **(three times)**

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

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

Lord, have mercy. **(three times)**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine are the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **(twelve times)**

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

Come, let us worship God our King!

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

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

Psalm 5

Unto my words, give ear, O Lord; hear my cry. Attend unto the voice of my supplication, O my King and my God; for unto Thee will I pray, O Lord. In the morning Thou shalt hear my voice. In the morning shall I stand before Thee, and Thou shalt look upon me; for not a God that willest iniquity art Thou. He that worketh evil shall not dwell near Thee, nor shall transgressors abide before Thine eyes. Thou hast hated all them that work iniquity; Thou shalt destroy all them that speak a lie. A man that is bloody and deceitful shall the Lord abhor. But as for me, in the multitude of Thy mercy shall I go into Thy house; I shall worship toward Thy holy temple in fear of Thee. O Lord, guide me in the way of Thy righteousness; because of mine enemies, make straight my way before Thee. For in their mouth there is no truth; their heart is vain. Their throat is an open sepulcher, with their tongues have they spoken deceitfully; judge them, O God. Let them fall down on account of their own devisings; according to the multitude of their ungodliness, cast them out, for they have embittered Thee, O Lord. And let all them be glad that hope in Thee; they shall ever rejoice, and Thou shalt dwell among them. And all shall glory in Thee that love Thy name, for Thou shalt bless the righteous. O Lord, as with a shield of Thy good pleasure hast Thou crowned us.

Psalm 2

Why have the heathen raged, and the peoples meditated empty things? The kings of the earth were aroused, and the rulers were assembled together, against the Lord, and against His Christ. Let us break their bonds asunder, and let us cast away their yoke from us. He that dwelleth in the heavens shall laugh them to scorn, and the Lord shall deride them. Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and in His anger shall He trouble them. But as for Me, I was established as king by Him, upon Sion His holy mountain, proclaiming the commandment of the Lord. The Lord said unto Me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. Ask of Me, and I will give Thee the nations for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession. Thou shalt herd them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt shatter them like a potter's vessels. And now, O ye kings, understand; be instructed, all ye that judge the earth. Serve ye the Lord with fear, and rejoice in Him with trembling. Lay hold of instruction, lest at any time the Lord be angry, and ye perish from the righteous way. When quickly His wrath be kindled, blessed are all that have put their trust in Him.

Psalm 21

O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions. My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? and by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me. But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel. In Thee have our fathers hoped; they hoped, and Thou didst deliver them. Unto Thee they cried, and were saved; in Thee they hoped, and were not brought to shame. But as for me, I am a worm, and not a man, a reproach of men, and the outcast of the people.

All that look upon me have laughed me to scorn; they have spoken with their lips and have wagged their heads: He hoped in the Lord; let Him deliver him, let Him save him, for He desireth him. For Thou art He that drewest me forth from the womb; my hope from the breasts of my mother. On Thee was I cast from the womb; from my mother's womb, Thou art my God. Depart not from me, for tribulation is nigh, for there is none to help me. Many bullocks have encircled me, fat bulls have surrounded me. They have opened their mouth against me, as might a lion ravenous and roaring. I have been poured out like water, and scattered are all my bones; my heart is become like wax melting in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue hath cleaved to my throat, and into the dust of death hast Thou brought me down. For many dogs have encircled me, the congregation of evil doers hath surrounded me; they have pierced my hands and my feet. They have numbered all my bones, and they themselves have looked and stared upon me. They have parted my garments amongst themselves, and for my vesture have they cast lots. But Thou, O Lord, remove not Thy help far from me; attend unto mine aid. Rescue my soul from the sword, even this only-begotten one of mine from the hand of the dog. Save me from the mouth of the lion, and my lowliness from the horns of the unicorns. I will declare Thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I hymn Thee. Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him; all ye that are of the seed of Jacob, glorify Him; let all fear Him that are of the seed of Israel. For He hath not set at naught nor abhorred the supplications of the pauper, nor hath He turned His face from me; and when I cried unto Him, He hearkened unto me. From Thee is my praise; in the great church will I confess Thee; my vows will I pay before them that fear Thee. The poor shall eat and be filled, and they that seek the Lord shall praise Him; their hearts shall live for ever and ever. All the ends of the earth shall remember and shall turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Him. For the kingdom is the Lord's and He Himself is sovereign of the nations. All they that be fat upon the earth have eaten and worshipped; all they that go down into the earth shall fall down before Him. Yea, my soul liveth for Him, and my seed shall serve Him. The generation that cometh shall be told of the Lord, and they shall proclaim His righteousness to a people that shall be born, which the Lord hath made.

Reader: 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! **(three times)**

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

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

Tone 1 **Obikhod**

The ty - rant hath been destroyed by Thy cru - ci - fix - ion,
O Christ. The might of the enemy hath been tram - pled down.
For neither an an - gel nor a man but Thou Thy - self
hast saved us. O Lord, glor - y to Thee!

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

Theotokion

What shall we call thee, O thou who art full of grace? Heaven?-for from thee shone forth the Sun of righteousness; Paradise?-for thou hast budded forth the Flower of immortality; Virgin?-for thou hast remained undefiled; Pure Mother?-for thou hast held in thy holy embrace a Son, who is God of all. Beseech him to save our souls.

First Hour - Sticheri

Verse 3

Tone 8

Obikhod

To - day the curtain of the temple is torn in two,
to convict the trans - gres - sors, and e - ven
the sun hides its rays, seeing the Master cru - ci - fied!

Reader: vs 2: Why have the heathen raged, and the peoples meditated empty things?

Choir: "Thou wast led ..."

Reader: vs 1: The kings of the earth were aroused, and the rulers were assembled together, against the Lord, and against His Christ.

Tone 8 **Obikhod**

Thou wast led as a sheep to the slaughter, O Christ

our King, and as an in - no - cent Lamb,

Thou wast nailed to the Cross by trans - gres - sors,

Because of our sins, O Lov - er of man - kind!

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

Choir: "While permitting..."

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

Tone 8 **Obikhod**

While per - mit - ting transgressors to ar - rest Thee,

Thou didst cry out to them, O Lord: "Though you smite

the Shepherd and scatter the twelve sheep, my dis - ci - ples,

I am able to surround myself with more than thirty legions of an - gels,

but I forbear, so that the secret and hidden things might be ful - filled,

which were revealed to you by my pro - phets." O Lord, glor - y to Thee!

The Prophecy and Epistle Readings

Reader: The Prokeimenon of the Prophecy is in the 4th tone:

He gathered iniquity unto himself; he went forth, and spake in a like manner.

Choir:

Tone 4 **Obikhod**

He gathered iniquity un - to him - self;
he went forth, and spake in a like man - ner.

Reader: Blessed is the man who hath understanding for the poor man and the pauper; in an evil day the Lord will deliver him.

Choir: <He gathered iniquity ...>

Reader: He gathered iniquity unto himself;

Choir: <... he went forth ...>

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from the Prophet Zechariah.

Priest: Let us attend.

Zechariah 11:10-13

Reader: Thus says the Lord, "And I shall take my staff Beauty, and I shall cast it away, to break My covenant which I made with all the people. And in that day they will be scattered about. And the Canaanites shall know the flock is kept safe, for this is the word of the Lord." And I shall say to them, "If it is fitting in your judgment, give me My payment, or refuse it." And they established My wage at thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me, "Drop them into the smelting furnace and see if it is proven, as in the same manner I was proven for their sake." And I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the smelting furnace in the house of the Lord, as the Lord commanded me.

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from the epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians.

Priest: Let us attend.

Galatians 6:14-18

Reader: God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The Gospel Reading

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

Choir: ^{Kievan}



Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be unto all!

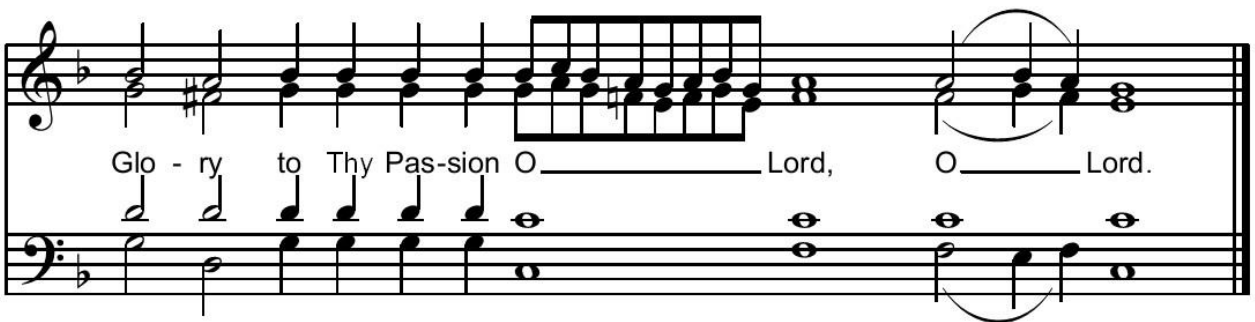
Choir: ^{Kievan}



And to thy spir - it.

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

Choir:



Glo - ry to Thy Pas-sion O Lord, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

Matthew 27:1-56

Choir:



Glo - ry to Thy Long-suffer-ing O Lord, O Lord.

Reader:

Psalm 118:133-135; 70:7

My steps do Thou direct according to Thy saying, and let no iniquity have dominion over me. Deliver me from the false accusation of men, and I will keep Thy commandments. Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and teach me Thy statutes. Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that I may hymn Thy glory and Thy majesty all the day long.

Trisagion Prayers

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! **(3 times)**

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

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

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

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

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine are 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.

Kontakion

Tone 8 (Troparion)

Obikhod

Come, let us all sing the praises of Him who was cru - ci - fied for us,
for Ma - ry said when she beheld Him u - pon the tree:
"Though Thou dost en - dure the Cross, Thou art my Son and my God."

Reader: Lord, have mercy **(40 times)**

Thou who at all times and in every hour, both in heaven and on earth art worshiped and glorified, O Christ our God; long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and compassion; Who lovest the just and showest mercy to those who are hardened in sin; Who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come: do Thou, the same Lord, receive also our supplications at this present time, and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls; hallow our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all calamity, wrath, and distress. Compass us round about with Thy holy angels, that guided and guarded by their host, we may attain unto the unity of the Faith and unto the comprehension of Thine ineffable glory. For blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee.

In the Name of the Lord, Father bless!

Priest: O God, take pity on us and bless us, and show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Reader: Amen.

O Christ the true Light that enlightenest and sanctifiest every man that comes into the world: Let the light of Thy countenance shine upon us, that in it we might behold the unapproachable light. Guide our footsteps in the keeping of Thy commandments, by the prayers of Thy Most-Pure Mother and of all Thy Saints. Amen.

Third Hour

Reader: Come, let us worship God our King!

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

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

Psalm 34

Judge them, O Lord, that do me injustice; war against them that war against me. Take hold of weapon and shield, and arise unto my help. Draw out a sword, and shut the way against them that persecute me; say to my soul: I am thy salvation. Let them that seek my soul be shamed and confounded. Let them be turned back, and be utterly put to shame, they that devise evils against me. Let them become as dust before the face of the wind, an angel of the Lord also afflicting them. Let their way become darkness and a sliding, an angel of the Lord also pursuing them. For without cause have they secretly prepared for my destruction in their snare, without reason have they cast reproach on my soul. Let a snare come upon him, which he knoweth not; and let the trap, which he hath hidden, catch him, and into that same snare let him fall. But my soul shall rejoice in the Lord, it shall delight in His salvation. All my bones shall say: Lord, O Lord, who is like unto Thee? Delivering the beggar from the hand of them that are stronger than he, yea, poor man and pauper from them that despoil him. Unjust witnesses rose up against me; things I knew not they asked me. They repaid me with evil things for good, and barrenness for my soul. But as for me, when they troubled me, I put on sackcloth. And I humbled my soul with fasting, and my prayer shall return to my bosom. As though it had been a neighbour, as though it had been our brother, so sought I to please; as one mourning and sad of countenance, so humbled I myself. Yet against me they rejoiced and gathered together; scourges were gathered together upon me, and I knew it not. They were rent asunder, yet not pricked at heart; they tempted me, they mocked me with mockery, they gnashed upon me with their teeth. O Lord, when wilt Thou look upon me? Deliver my soul from their evil doing, even this only-begotten one of mine from the lions. I will confess Thee in the great congregation; among a mighty people will I praise Thee. Let not them rejoice against me that unjustly are mine enemies, they that hate me without a cause, and wink with their eyes. For peaceably indeed they spake unto me, but in their wrath were they devising deceits. And they opened wide their mouth against me; they said: Well done, well done, our eyes have seen it. Thou hast seen it, O Lord; keep not silence. O Lord, depart not from me. Arise, O Lord, and be attentive unto my judgement, my God, and my Lord, unto my cause. Judge me, O Lord, according to Thy righteousness; O Lord my God, let them not rejoice against me. Let them not say in their hearts: Well done, well done, our soul. Let them not say: We have swallowed him up. Let them be shamed and confounded together who rejoice at my woes. Let them be clothed with shame and confusion who speak boastful words against me. Let them rejoice and be glad who desire the righteousness of my cause, and let them that desire the peace of Thy servant say continually: The Lord be magnified. And my tongue shall treat of Thy righteousness, and of Thy praise all the day long.

Psalm 108

O God, my praise do not pass over in silence; for the mouth of the sinner and the mouth of the deceitful man are opened against me. They have spoken against me with a deceitful tongue, and with words of hatred have they encompassed me, and they have warred against me without a cause. In return for my love, they have falsely accused me; but as for me, I gave myself to prayer. And they repaid me evil for good, and hatred for my love. Set Thou a sinner over him, and let the devil stand at his right hand. When he is judged, let him go forth condemned, and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few, and his bishopric let another take. let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children be vagabonds without a dwelling-place, and let them beg; let them be cast out from their ruined dwellings. Let his creditor search out all his substance, and let strangers plunder all his labours. Let there be for him no helper, nor anyone to pity his fatherless children. Let his children be given over to utter destruction; in a single generation let his name be blotted out. Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the Lord, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. Let them be before the Lord continually, and let the memory of them perish from off the earth, Because he remembered not to show mercy; and persecuted a man that was poor and a beggar, and one broken in heart, that he might slay him. And he loved cursing, and it shall come upon him; and he delighted not in blessing, and it shall be far from him. And he put on cursing like a garment, and it went in like water into his bowels, and like oil into his bones. Let it be for him like a garment wherewith he is clothed, and like a girdle wherewith continually he is girded. This is the dealing of the Lord with them that slander me, and with them that speak evil things against my soul. But Thou, O Lord, O Lord, deal Thou with me for Thy name's sake; for Thy mercy is good. Deliver me, for a poor man am I and a pauper, and my heart is troubled within me. Like a shadow when it declineth am I taken away, I am shaken off as the locusts. My knees are grown weak through fasting, and my flesh is changed for want of oil. And I am become a reproach unto them; they saw me and wagged their heads. Help me, O Lord my God, and save me according to Thy mercy. And let them know that this is Thy hand and that Thou, O Lord, hast wrought it. They will curse, and Thou wilt bless; let them that rise up against me be put to shame, but Thy servant shall be glad. Let them that slander me be clothed with confusion, and let them be covered with shame as with a mantle. I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth, and in the midst of many will I praise Him. For He hath stood at the right hand of the poor, to save my soul from them that persecute me.

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins

did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made manifest unto me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

Reader: 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! **(three times)**

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

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

Troparion - Third Hour

Tone 6

Obikhod

O Lord, the life of all, the Jews delivered Thee o - ver to death.

Thou didst lead them through the Red Sea by Mo - ses' rod, yet they

handed Thee over to be cru - ci - fied. Thou didst feed them with hon - ey

from the rock, and they repaid Thee with gall and vin - e - gar,

but Thou didst will - ing - ly en - dure these things to free us

from bondage to the en - e - my. O Christ our God, glor - y to Thee!

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

Theotokion

O Theotokos, thou art the true vine that hast put forth the Fruit of life. We pray thee, O Lady, intercede together with the apostles and all the saints, that mercy may be granted to our souls.

Third Hour - Sticheri

Verse 3

Tone 8

Obikhod

For fear of the Jews, O Lord, Thy friend and companion

Peter de - nied Thee. In bitter grief, he cried a - loud:

"O Compassionate Mas - ter, turn not away in si - lence from my tears!

I said that I would keep faith, but have failed Thee."

Accept also our repentance and have mercy on us, O Lord!

Reader: vs 2: Unto my words, give ear, O Lord; hear my cry.

Choir: "Before Thy crucifixion ..."

Reader: vs 1: Attend unto the voice of my supplication, O my King and my God.

Tone 8

Obikhod

Be - fore Thy cru - ci - fix - ion, O Lord, as the soldiers were
mock - ing Thee, the angels hid their faces, un - a - ble to bear the sight,
for Thou who didst adorn the earth with flow'rs wast arrayed in
a crown of thorns; Thou who hast wrapped the heav - ens
with clouds wast clothed in a robe of mock - er - y,
yet all these things fulfilled Thy sav - ing plan,

The image displays two systems of musical notation, each consisting of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The first system contains the lyrics "by which Thy com - pas - sion was re - vealed to us." The second system contains the lyrics "O Christ of great mercy, glor - y to Thee!". The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The first system has 8 measures, and the second system has 6 measures.

by which Thy com - pas - sion was re - vealed to us.

O Christ of great mercy, glor - y to Thee!

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

Choir: "When Thou wast raised ..."

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

Tone 5

Obikhod

When Thou wast raised upon the Cross, O Lord, Thou didst cry
out to the Jews: "For what deeds do you crucify me, O
my peo - ple? Is it because I made your par - a - ly - tics walk?
Because I raised the dead as from sleep? Because I healed
the woman with the is - sue of blood, and took pi - ty on the
woman of Ca - naan? For what deeds do you seek to kill me?

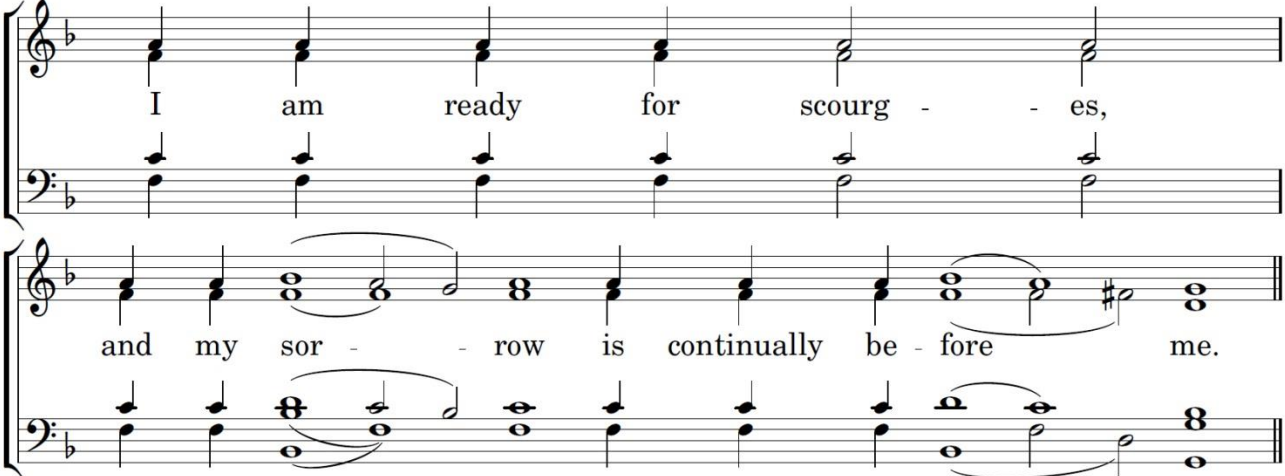
You shall look upon Him whom you have pierced,
 upon your Mes - si - ah, O trans - gres - sors!"

The Prophecy and Epistle Readings

Reader: The Prokeimenon of the Prophecy is in the 4th tone:

I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

Choir: **Tone 4** **Obikhod**



I am ready for scourges,
and my sorrow is continually before me.

Reader: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

Choir: <I am ready ...>

Reader: I am ready for scourges,

Choir: <... and my sorrow ...>

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from the Prophet Isaiah.

Priest: Let us attend.

Isaiah 50:4-11

Reader: The Lord gives Me the tongue of the learned, so as to know when to speak a word at a fitting time; and He causes My ear to listen each morning. The Lord's instruction opens My ears, and I am not disobedient, nor do I contradict Him. I gave My back to whips, and My cheeks to blows; and I turned not away My face from the shame of spitting. The Lord became My helper; therefore, I was not disgraced. But I made My face like a solid rock, and knew I would not be ashamed. For He who pronounces Me righteous draws near. Who is he who judges Me? Let him oppose Me at the same time. Who is he who judges Me? Let him come near Me. Behold, the Lord will help Me. Who will harm Me? Behold, all of you will grow old like a garment, and old age will devour you, as a moth does a garment. Who among you fears the Lord? Let him listen to the voice of His Servant. You who walk in darkness and have no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon God. Behold, all of

you kindle a fire, and feed a flame. Walk in the light of your fire and the flame you kindled. This happened to you for My sake, and you shall lie down in sorrow.

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from the epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Priest: Let us attend.

Romans 5:6-10

Reader: Brethren, when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

The Gospel Reading

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

Choir: ^{Kievan}

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be unto all!

Choir: ^{Kievan}

And to thy spir - it.

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

Choir:

Glo - ry to Thy Pas-sion O Lord, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

Mark 15:16-41

Choir:

Glo - ry to Thy Long-suffer-ing O Lord, O Lord.

Reader:

Psalm 67:20-21

Blessed is the Lord God, blessed is the Lord day by day; the God of our salvation shall prosper us along the way; our God is the God of salvation.

Trisagion Prayers

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! **(3 times)**

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

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

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

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

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine are 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.

Kontakion

Tone 8 (Troparion)

Obikhod

Come, let us all sing the praises of Him who was cru - ci - fied for us,

for Ma - ry said when she beheld Him u - pon the tree:

"Though Thou dost en - dure the Cross, Thou art my Son and my God."

Reader: Lord, have mercy **(40 times)**

Thou who at all times and in every hour, both in heaven and on earth art worshiped and glorified, O Christ our God; long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and compassion; Who lovest the just and showest mercy to those who are hardened in sin; Who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come: do Thou, the same Lord, receive also our supplications at this present time, and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls; hallow our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all calamity, wrath, and distress. Compass us round about with Thy holy angels, that guided and guarded by their host, we may attain unto the unity of the Faith and unto the comprehension of Thine ineffable glory. For blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee.

In the Name of the Lord, Father bless!

Priest: O God, take pity on us and bless us, and show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Reader: Amen.

O God the Master, Father almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, and Thou, O Holy Spirit, one Divinity, one Power: Have mercy upon me, a sinner, and by Thy judgments, save me, Thine unworthy servant; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Sixth Hour

Reader: Come, let us worship God our King!

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

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

Psalm 53

O God, in Thy name save me, and in Thy strength do Thou judge me. O God, hearken unto my prayer, give ear unto the words of my mouth. For strangers are risen up against me, and mighty men have sought after my soul and have not set God before themselves. For behold, God helpeth me, and the Lord is the protector of my soul. He will bring evils upon mine enemies. Utterly destroy them by Thy truth. Willingly shall I sacrifice unto Thee; I will confess Thy name, O Lord, for it is good. For out of every affliction hast Thou delivered me, and mine eye hath looked down upon mine enemies.

Psalm 139

Rescue me, O Lord, from the evil man; from the unjust man deliver me. Who have devised injustice in their heart; all the day long have they arrayed themselves for wars. They have whetted their tongue like that of a serpent; the venom of asps is under their lips. Keep me, O Lord, from the hand of the sinner; rescue me from unjust men who have devised to undermine my steps. The proud have hid a snare for me, and with cords have they spread a snare for my feet; stumbling-blocks near the paths have they set for me. I said unto the Lord: Thou art my God; give ear, O Lord, unto the voice of my supplication. Lord, O Lord, Thou strength of my salvation, Thou hast overshadowed my head in the day of battle. Because of my desire, O Lord, give me not up unto the sinner. They have taken counsel against me; forsake me not, lest they should be exalted. As for the head of those that encircle me, the mischief of their lips shall cover them. Coals shall fall upon them; in fire shalt Thou cast them down, and they shall not stand in afflictions. A babbling man shall not prosper on the earth; evils shall hunt an unjust man to his destruction. I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor and the justice of the paupers. Surely the righteous shall confess Thy name, and the upright shall dwell in Thy presence.

Psalm 90

He that dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven. He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my helper and my refuge. He is my God, and I will hope in Him. For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunters and from every troubling word. With His shoulders will He overshadow thee, and under His wings shalt thou have hope. With a shield will His truth encompass thee; thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for

the arrow that flieth by day, Nor for the thing that walketh in darkness, nor for the mishap and demon of noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but unto thee shall it not come nigh. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and thou shalt see the reward of sinners. For Thou, O Lord, art my hope. Thou madest the Most High thy refuge; No evils shall come nigh thee, and no scourge shall draw nigh unto thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. On their hands shall they bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Upon the asp and basilisk shalt thou tread, and thou shalt trample upon the lion and dragon. For he hath set his hope on Me, and I will deliver him; I will shelter him because he hath known My name. He shall cry unto Me, and I will hearken unto him. I am with him in affliction, and I will rescue him and glorify him. With length of days will I satisfy him, and I will show him My salvation.

Reader: 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! **(three times)**

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

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

Troparion - Sixth Hour

Tone 2 **Obikhod**

Thou hast worked salvation in the midst of the earth,

O Christ our God; by stretch - ing out Thy most pure

hands u - pon the Cross. Gathering together all

the na - tions, who cry: "O Lord, glor - y to Thee!"

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

Theotokion

As there is no boldness in us because of the multitude of our sins, do thou, O Virgin Theotokos, intercede with the Son whom thou hast borne, for the entreaty of a mother has great power to win the favor of the Master. Despise not, O all venerable Lady, the prayers of us sinners, for He who took upon Himself to suffer for our sake is merciful and strong to save.

Sixth Hour - Sticheri

Verse 3

Tone 8

Obikhod

Thus says the Lord to the Jews: "My people, what have

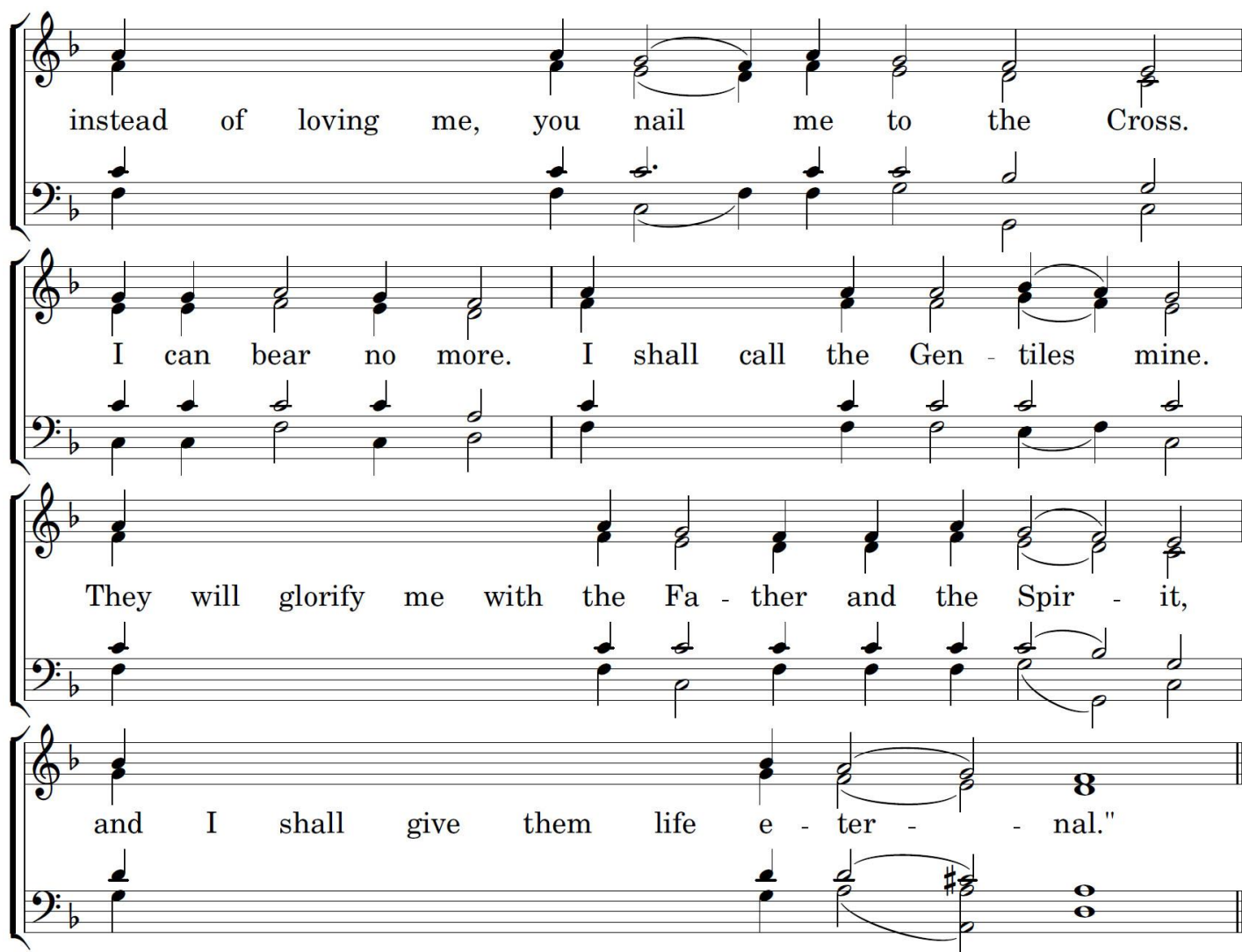
I done to you, or how have I of - fend - ed you?

To your blind I gave sight, your le - pers I cleansed,

the paralytic I raised from his bed. My people,

what have I done to you, and how have you re - paid me?

Instead of manna, gall; instead of water, vi - ne - gar;



instead of loving me, you nail me to the Cross.

I can bear no more. I shall call the Gen - tiles mine.

They will glorify me with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it,

and I shall give them life e - ter - - nal."

Reader: vs 2: They gave me gall for my food and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Choir: "The choir of Apostles ..."

Reader: vs 1: Save me, O God, for the waters are come into my soul.

Tone 8

Obikhod

The choir of apostles cries out to you, O law - givers of Israel,
scribes and Phar - i - sees; behold the tem - ple which you de - stroyed!
Behold the Lamb whom you cru - ci - fied! You delivered Him to the
tomb, but by His own pow'r He a - rose. Do not be de - ceived, O Jews.
He it is that saved you in the sea and fed you in the wil - der - ness.
He is the Life, the Light, and the Peace of the world.

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

Choir: "Come, O Christ-bearing ..."

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

Tone 5

Obikhod



Come, O Christ-bearing people! Let us see what the traitor

Judas and the lawless priests have plotted against our Sav - ior.

To-day they made the deathless Word sub - ject to death. They de-liv - ered

Him to Pi - late and crucified Him on Gol - go - tha. Suf - fer - ing these

things our Savior cried a-loud and said: "Fa - ther, for-give them this sin,

that all nations may know my Re - sur - rec - tion from the dead."

The Prophecy and Epistle Readings

Reader: The Prokeimenon of the Prophecy is in the 4th tone:

O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Thy Name in all the earth.

Choir: **Tone 4** **Obikhod**

O Lord, our Lord, how won - - - der - ful is Thy Name in all the earth.

Reader: For Thy magnificence is lifted high above the heavens.

Choir: <O Lord, our Lord, ...>

Reader: O Lord, our Lord,

Choir: <... how wonderful ...>

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from the Prophet Isaiah.

Priest: Let us attend.

Isaiah 52:13-54:1

Reader: Thus says the Lord, "Behold, My Servant shall have wisdom, and He shall be exalted and glorified exceedingly. Just as many shall be astonished at You, so Your form and glory shall be dishonored by men. Thus many nations shall marvel at Him, and kings shall shut their mouth, because they to whom no report was brought concerning Him shall see; and they who did not hear shall understand." O Lord, who has believed our report, and to whom was the arm of the Lord revealed? We proclaimed His presence as a Child, as a Root in a thirsty land. He had no form or glory, and we saw Him; and He had no form or beauty. But in comparison to all men, His form was lacking in honor. He was a man in suffering, and knew how to bear sickness. His face was turned away, and He was dishonored and not esteemed. He bears our sins and suffers for us, yet we considered Him to be in pain, suffering, and ill-treatment. But He was wounded because of our lawlessness,

and became sick because of our sins. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His bruise we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray. Man has gone astray in his way, and the Lord delivered Him over for our sins. Although He was ill-treated, He opened not His mouth. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb is silent before his shearers, so He opens not His mouth. In His humiliation His judgment was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth, and because of the lawlessness of My people, He was led to death. I will appoint evil men for His burial and rich men for His death, because He committed no lawlessness, nor was deceit found in His mouth. The Lord wishes to cleanse Him of His wound, and if You give an offering for sin, Your soul shall see a long-lived seed. The Lord wishes to take away the pain of His soul, to show Him light, to form Him with understanding, and to pronounce righteous the Righteous One who serves many well; and He shall bear their sins. Therefore He shall inherit many, and will divide the spoil with the strong, because His soul was delivered over to death. He was considered among the lawless, and He bore the sins of many, and was delivered over because of their sins. "Be glad, O barren woman who does not bear; break forth and cry out, you who are not in travail, for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman," says the Lord.

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from the epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

Priest: Let us attend.

Hebrews 2:11-18

Reader: Brethren, both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

The Gospel Reading

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

Choir: ^{Kievan}

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be unto all!

Choir: ^{Kievan}

And to thy spir - it.

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

Choir:

Glo - ry to Thy Pas-sion O Lord, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

Luke 23:32-49

Choir:

Glo - ry to Thy Long-suffer-ing O Lord, O Lord.

Reader:

Psalm 78:8-9

Let Thy compassions quickly go before us, O Lord, for we are become exceedingly poor. Help us, O God our Savior, for the sake of the glory of Thy name; O Lord, deliver us and be gracious unto our sins for Thy name's sake.

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Reader: Amen.

O God, the Lord of hosts, and Author of all creation, who in Thine ineffable tender mercy hast sent down Thine Only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of our kind, and through His Holy Cross hast torn up the handwriting of our sins and thereby triumphed over the princes and dominions of darkness: do Thou, O Master, who lovest mankind, accept these prayers of thanksgiving and supplication even from us sinners, and deliver us from every deadly and dark transgression, and from all the visible and invisible enemies that seek to do us harm. Nail our flesh with the fear of Thee, and let not our hearts incline to evil words or thoughts, but wound our souls with Thy love, that ever gazing upon Thee, guided by Thy light and beholding Thee, the eternal Light that no man can approach, we may send up unceasing praises and thanks unto Thee, the Father without beginning, together with Thine Only-begotten Son and Thy most Holy, Good, and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Ninth Hour

Reader: Come, let us worship God our King!

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

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

Psalm 68

Save me, O God, for the waters are come in unto my soul. I am stuck fast in the mire of the deep, and there is no sure standing. I am come into the deeps of the sea, and a tempest hath overwhelmed me. I am grown weary with crying, my throat is become hoarse; from my hoping in my God, mine eyes have failed me. They that hate me without a cause are multiplied more than the hairs of my head. Mine enemies are grown strong, they that persecute me unjustly; then did I restore that which I took not away. O God, Thou knowest my foolishness, and my transgressions are not hid from Thee. Let not them that wait on Thee be ashamed for my sake, O Lord, Thou Lord of hosts. Nor let them that seek after Thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel. Because for Thy sake I have borne reproach, shame hath covered my face. I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto the sons of my mother. For the zeal of Thy house hath eaten me up, and the reproaches of them that reproach Thee are fallen on me. Yea, with fasting I covered my soul, and it was turned into a reproach for me. And I made sackcloth my clothing, and I became a proverb to them. And they prated against me, they that sit in the gates; and they made a song about me, they that drink wine. But as for me, with my prayer I cry unto Thee, O Lord; it is time for Thy good pleasure. O God, in the multitude of Thy mercy hearken unto me, in the truth of Thy salvation. Save me from the mire, that I be not stuck therein; let me be delivered from them that hate me and from the deeps of the waters. Let not the tempest of water overwhelm me, nor let the deep swallow me up, nor let the pit shut its mouth upon me. Hearken unto me, O Lord, for Thy mercy is good; according to the multitude of Thy compassions, look upon me. Turn not Thy countenance away from Thy servant, for I am afflicted; quickly hearken unto me. Attend unto my soul and deliver it; because of mine enemies, rescue me. For Thou knowest my reproach, my shame and my humiliation. Before Thee are all that afflict me; my soul hath awaited reproach and misery. And I waited for one that would grieve with me, but there was no one; and for them that would comfort me, but I found none. And they gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. Let their table before them be for a snare, for a recompense and for a stumbling-block. Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and their back do Thou continually bow down. Pour out upon them Thy wrath, and let the fury of Thy wrath take hold upon them. Let their habitation be made desolate, and in their tents let there be none to dwell. For they persecuted him whom Thou hast smitten, and to the pain of my wounds have they added. Add iniquity to their iniquity, and let them not enter into Thy righteousness. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and with the righteous let them not be written. Poor and in sorrow am I; may Thy salvation, O God, be quick to help me. I will praise the name of my God with an ode, I will

magnify Him with praise. And this shall please God more than a young calf that hath horns and hooves. Let beggars behold it and be glad; seek after God, and your soul shall live. For the Lord hath hearkened unto the poor and hath not despised them that are fettered for His sake. Let the heavens and the earth praise Him, the sea and all the creeping things therein. For God will save Sion, and the cities of Judea shall be builded; and they shall dwell therein and inherit it. And the seed of Thy servants shall possess it, and they that love Thy name shall dwell therein.

Psalm 69

O God, be attentive unto helping me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me. Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say unto me: Well done! Well done! Let them be glad and rejoice in Thee all that seek after Thee, O God, and let them that love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified. But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God, come unto mine aid. My helper and my deliverer art Thou, O Lord; make no long tarrying.

Psalm 85

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hearken unto me, for poor and needy am I. Preserve my soul, for I am holy; save Thy servant, O my God, that hopeth in Thee. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for unto Thee will I cry all the day long; make glad the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. For Thou, O Lord, art good and gentle, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer, and attend unto the voice of my supplication. In the day of mine affliction have I cried unto Thee, for Thou hast heard me. There is none like unto Thee among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like unto Thy works. All the nations whom Thou hast made shall come and shall worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name. For Thou art great and workest wonders; Thou alone art God. Guide me, O Lord, in Thy way, and I will walk in Thy truth; let my heart rejoice that I may fear Thy name. I will confess Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Thy name for ever. For great is Thy mercy upon me, and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hades. O God, transgressors have risen up against me, and the assembly of the mighty hath sought after my soul, and they have not set Thee before them. But Thou, O Lord my God, art compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy, and true. Look upon me and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thy handmaiden. Work in me a sign unto good, and let them that hate me behold and be put to shame; for Thou, O Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

Reader: 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! **(three times)**

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

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

Troparion - Ninth Hour

Tone 8

Obikhod

When the thief be - held the Author of life hanging upon the Cross,
he said: "If it were not God in the flesh crucified here with us,
the sun would not have hid - den its rays nor would the earth have quaked
and trem - bled, but re - mem - ber me in Thy kingdom, O long - suf - fer - ing Lord!"

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

Theotokion

O Lord, who for our sake was born of a Virgin, and suffered crucifixion, O Good One, and destroyed death through death, and as God revealed the Resurrection; do not despise those whom Thou hast created with Thine own hand; show forth Thy love for mankind, O Merciful One; accept the intercessions of Thy mother, the Theotokos, for us, and save Thy despairing people.

Ninth Hour – Sticheri

Verse 3

Tone 7

Obikhod

A strange won - der it was to see the Maker of heaven and
earth sus - pend - ed on the Cross. The sun was darkened and the day
was changed in - to night. The earth gave up the bodies of the dead
from their graves. With them we wor - ship Thee: save us, O Lord!

Reader: vs 2: They have parted my garments among themselves, and for my vesture have they cast lots.

Choir: "When the Transgressors ..."

Reader: vs 1: They gave me gall for food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Tone 7 **Obikhod**

When the transgressors nailed the King of Glor - y to the Cross,
He cried out to them: "How have I caused you pain?
Or in what way have I an - gered you? Who be - fore me
delivered you from af - flic - tion? And how have you
now re - ward - ed me? By re - turn - ing e - vil for good.
For the pil - lar of fire you nail me to the Cross.



For the cloud, you dig me a grave. Instead of man - na, you
bring me gall. Instead of wa - ter, you give me vin - e - gar to drink.
Hence - forth I shall call the Gen - tiles, and they
will glorify me with the Father and the Ho - ly Spir - it."

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6

Obikhod

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (one sharp). It consists of six systems, each with two staves. The lyrics are as follows:

Today He who hung the earth upon the waters is hung on the Tree.

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The King of the angels is decked with a crown of thorns.

He who wraps the heavens in clouds is wrapped in the purple of mock-er-y.

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 Pas - sion,

O Christ! We worship Thy Pas - sion, O Christ! We worship Thy

Pas - sion, O Christ! Show us also Thy glorious Re - sur - rec - tion!

The Prophecy and Epistle Readings

Reader: The Prokeimenon of the Prophecy is in the 4th tone:

The fool hath said in his heart: There is no God.

Choir:

Tone 4 **Obikhod**

The fool hath said in his heart:
There is - - - no God.

Reader: There is none that doeth good, no not one.

Choir: <The fool has said ...>

Reader: The fool hath said in his heart:

Choir: <... there is no God.>

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Priest: Let us attend.

Jeremiah 1:18-12:5a, 9b-11a, 14-15

Reader: O Lord, teach me, and I will know. Then I saw their purpose. For I did not know I was like an innocent lamb, led to be sacrificed. They plotted an evil device against me, saying, "Come, let us put wood in his bread, and destroy him root and branch from the land of the living, so his name might not be remembered any longer." But, O Lord, You who judge righteously, who tests minds and hearts, let me see Your vengeance on them, for I have revealed my righteous plea to You. "Therefore thus says the Lord, against the men of Anathoth, against those who seek my life, and who say, Do not prophesy in the name of the Lord, lest you die by our hands' Behold, I will visit them. The young men shall die by the sword, and their sons and daughters shall die by famine. There shall be no remnant of them, for I will bring calamities on the inhabitants of Anathoth in the year of their visitation." O Lord, You are righteous, that I may plead my case with You, to speak to You concerning

judgments. Why does the way of the ungodly prosper, and all who deal treacherously flourish? You planted them, and they took root. They bear children, and are fruitful. You are near in their mouth, but far from their mind. But You, O Lord, know me. You have proven my heart before You. Set them apart for the day of slaughter. How long will the land mourn, and the grass of the field wither, because of the vices of those who dwell in it? The cattle and the birds are destroyed, because they said, "God will not see our ways." Your feet run, and grow weary. Gather together all the wild beasts of the field, and let them come to devour her. Many shepherds destroyed My vineyard, and defiled My portion. They turned My pleasant portion into an impassable desert. It was made a complete ruin. For thus says the Lord: "Concerning all the evil neighbors who touch My inheritance, which I divided to My people Israel behold, I shall draw them away from their land, and will cast out Judah from their midst. Then it shall come to pass, after I cast them out, that I will return them, and have mercy on them. I will settle them, each in his inheritance and each in his land."

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from the epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

Priest: Let us attend.

Hebrews 10:19-31

Reader: Brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

The Gospel Reading

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

Choir: ^{Kievan}



Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be unto all!

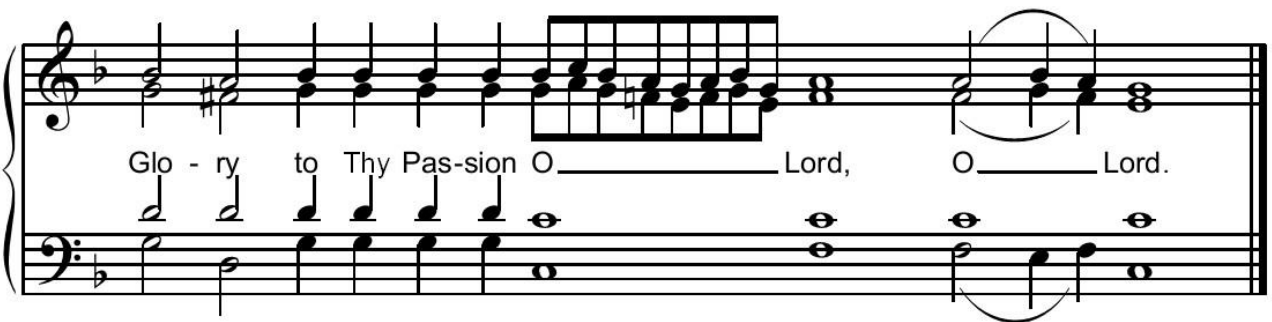
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And to thy spir - it.

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

Choir:



Glo - ry to Thy Pas-sion O Lord, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend!

John 18:28 – 19:37

Choir:



Glo - ry to Thy Long-suffer-ing O Lord, O Lord.

Reader:

Song of the Three 11 - 12

Deliver us not up utterly, for Thy holy name's sake, neither disannul Thou Thy covenant, and cause not Thy mercy to depart from us, for Abraham's sake, Thy beloved, and for Isaac's sake, Thy servant, and for Israel's, Thy holy one.

Trisagion Prayers

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! **(3 times)**

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

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

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

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

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine are 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.

Kontakion

Tone 8 (Troparion)

Obikhod

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"Though Thou dost en - dure the Cross, Thou art my Son and my God."

Reader: Lord, have mercy **(40 times)**

Thou who at all times and in every hour, both in heaven and on earth art worshiped and glorified, O Christ our God; long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and compassion; Who lovest the just and showest mercy to those who are hardened in sin; Who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come: do Thou, the same Lord, receive also our supplications at this present time, and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls; hallow our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all calamity, wrath, and distress. Compass us round about with Thy holy angels, that guided and guarded by their host, we may attain unto the unity of the Faith and unto the comprehension of Thine ineffable glory. For blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee.

In the Name of the Lord, Father bless!

Priest: O God, take pity on us and bless us, and show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Reader: Amen.

O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who has patiently endured our sins, and Who has led us even to the present hour in which, as Thou didst hang upon the life-giving tree Thou didst make a way into Paradise for the repentant thief, and by death destroyed death: cleanse us sinners and Thine unworthy servants; for we have sinned and have dealt iniquitously, and we are not worthy to lift our eyes to the heights of heaven, for we have abandoned the part of Thy righteousness, and have walked after the desires of our own hearts. But we implore Thy boundless goodness: spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, and save us, for Thy holy Name's sake; for our days have passed away in vanity. Pull us away from the hand of the adversary, and forgive our sins and deaden in us fleshy imagination; that putting off the old man, we may be clothed with the new man, and may live unto Thee, our Master and Benefactor; and that following Thy commandments, we may attain to eternal rest, where is the dwelling-place of all those who rejoice. For Thou art, in truth, the true joy and exultation of those who love Thee, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with the Father, Who has no beginning, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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The Reader then quickly says:

The Beatitudes

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.

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 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.

Reader continues:

The Heavenly Choir singeth Thy praises and crieth: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory."

Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

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

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

Reader:

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day, he rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Reader: Loose remit and forgive, O God, our transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary; whether in word or in deed; whether in knowledge or in ignorance; whether by day or by night; whether in the mind or in thought. Forgive us all, for Thou art good and the Lover of Mankind.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.

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Reader: Lord, have mercy **(40 times)**

O All-holy Trinity, Consubstantial Power, Undivided Kingship, Origin of all Good: be graciously inclined unto me, a sinner. Confirm and instruct my heart and take away from me every defilement. Enlighten my mind, that I may ever glorify, praise and worship Thee, and say: One is Holy. One is the Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore. **(3 times)**

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

Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations. Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations. The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him. O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him. Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing. Come ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there that desireth life, who loveth to see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit. Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all. The Lord keepeth all their bones, not one of them shall be broken. The death of sinners is evil, and they that hate the righteous shall do wrong. The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants, and none of them will do wrong that hope in Him.

Priest: Wisdom.

Choir:

"Joy of the Heavenly Hosts" Melody

It is tru - ly meet to bless thee, O The - o - to - kos,

ev - er bless - ed and most pure and the mo - ther of our God.____

Priest: Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Choir:

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More hon' - ra - ble than the cher - - u - bim,

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and more glo - rious beyond compare than the ser - a - phim. —

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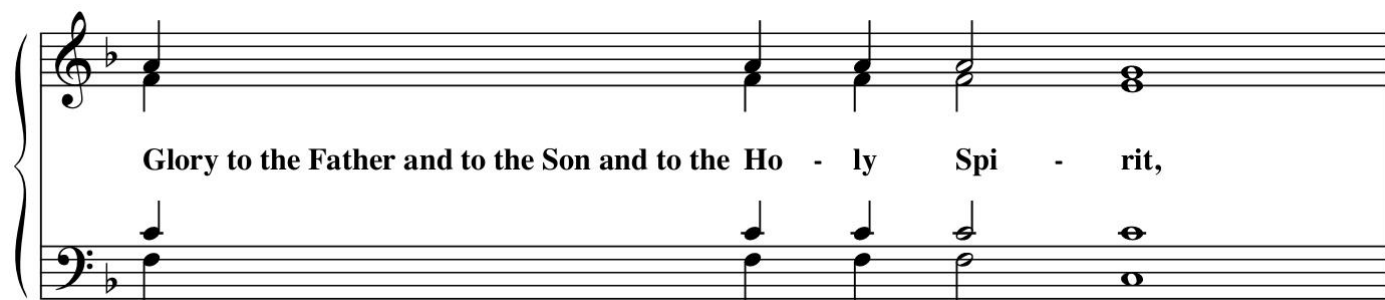
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True The - o - to - kos, we mag - ni - fy thee. (or) thee.

The musical score is written for a choir in a two-staff system (treble and bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score consists of four systems, each with a measure number (3, 4, 5, 6) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system ends with a comma, the second with a long dash, the third with a colon, and the fourth with a period and an alternative phrasing in parentheses. The final system includes a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our Hope, glory to Thee.

Choir:

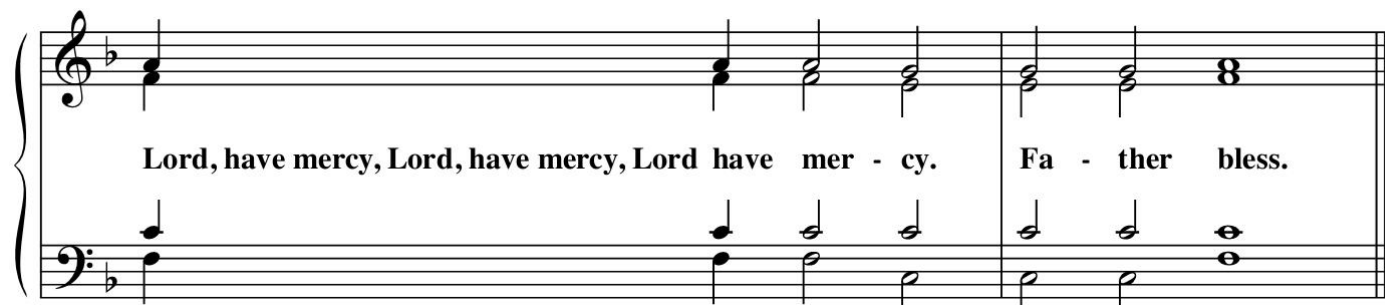
Common Chant



Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



now and ever and unto ages of a - - ges. A - men.



Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord have mer - cy. Fa - ther 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; **(saint of the day)** of Saint _____, whom we commemorate today; 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 loveth mankind.

Choir:



A - men.

(Usually sing "Many Years" here instead of "Amen")