A PRAYER FOR SINGERS

Adapted from Abbess Thaisa's prayers

O come, let us worship and fall down before Him, and let us weep before the Lord Who made us.

Ps. 94:6

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast said, 'Without me ye can do nothing.' I therefore beseech Thee, may Thy grace be upon me, bringing attentiveness to my heart and sobriety into my mind. May my mouth, which Thou hast fashioned, become the mouth of the Church. May I sing and chant not for myself only but for all present in the Church. May I sing with understanding, taking heed that I am present before Thy dread Throne, coming before Thine invisible face, O Thou King of Glory, presenting my feeble and insignificant voice to participate with the innumerable angels and all the Heavenly Hosts in their ceaseless and ineffable doxology to Thee. Enlighten my heart that I may begin to fathom the importance of the work I perform by Thy mercy. Grant, O Lord, that I may sing not only with my lips but with the heart; singing with all my mind, soul, will, desire, and my whole being. May every part of me become luminous with Thy Divine light as I participate in Thy Grace and glorify Thee. O Lord, may I strive with all my strength to concentrate attentively on the words I pronounce. Grant that they would come from the depth of my soul. May the vivifying grace of the Holy Spirit that is vested in them pour into the hearts of those who hear them, and may they who hear be raised from earth to heaven, becoming enlightened, strengthened and sanctified by Thy might. O Sun of Righteousness, shine on us and in our hearts that we, in humility of mind and holiness of heart, might praise Thee with fitting hymns from our lips of clay. May our prayers become a sweet spiritual fragrance that rises before Thee for all mankind, filled with hope and love toward Thee. Grant that we who praise Thee would be united by Thy Holy Spirit in the bond of love, that with one mouth and one heart we might praise, bless, glorify, and worship Thee, the Light above all Lights, the True Life, and the Salvation that abideth unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Glory and Praise unto Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

GREAT DOXOLOGY

for Romanian Liturgy

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty;

O Lord, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;

Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For Thou only art holy,

Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee and I will praise Thy name forever, yea forever and ever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers,

and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us according as we have hoped in Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.

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Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in generation and generation.

I said: O Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

O Lord, unto Thee have I fled for refuge, teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God;

For in Thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light.

O continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

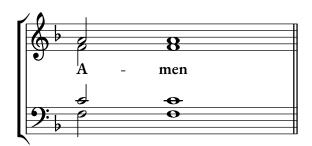
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GREAT LITANY

Deacon Bless, master. (Said only if a deacon serve)

Priest Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CHOIR





During the Paschal Season:

Clergy Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. *(twice)*

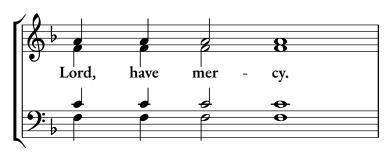
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Clergy Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death:

CHOIR And upon those in the tombs, bestowing life.

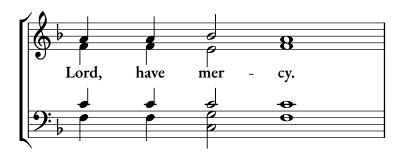


Deacon In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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

CHOIR



Deacon For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God, and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon For our Great Lord and Father, His Holiness, Patriarch N.; for our lord the Very Most Reverend Metropolitan N., First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad; for our lord the Most Reverend (Archbishop or Bishop N.); for the venerable priesthood, the deaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon For this land, its authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon For the God preserved land of Rus' and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and in the diaspora, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon That He may deliver His people from enemies both visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon For this city (or this town, or this holy monastery), for every city and country, and the faithful that dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon For seasonable weather, abundance of the fruits of the earth, and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

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

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

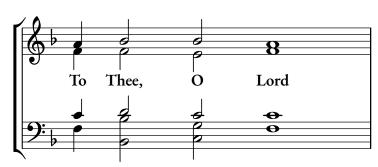
CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

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

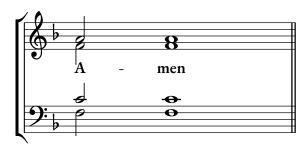
CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR



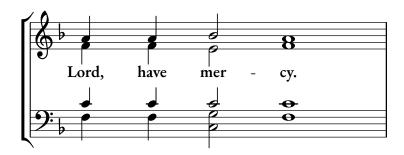
Priest For unto Thee is due all glory, honor and worship; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.



LITTLE LITANY

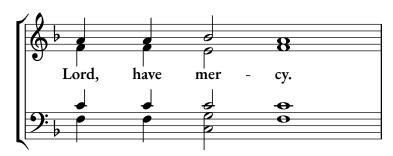
Deacon Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR



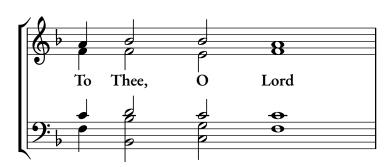
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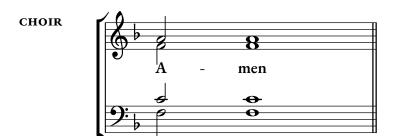


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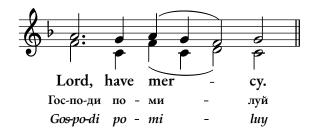
Priest For Thine is the dominion, and Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.



LITTLE LITANY

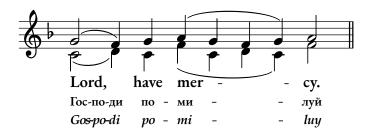
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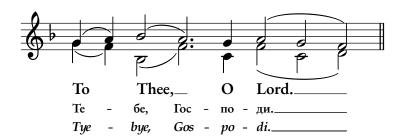
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CHOIR



Deacon Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR



Priest For a good God art Thou, and the Lover of mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.



Priest: For holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever: *(and if a priest serve alone, he continues:)* and unto ages of ages.



But if a deacon serve, the deacon exclaims:

Deacon O Lord, save the pious.

O Lord, save the pi - ous.

Deacon And hear us.



Deacon And unto ages of ages.



THE EPISTLE

Deacon Let us attend.

Priest Peace be unto all.

Reader And to thy spirit.

Deacon Wisdom!

Reader The prokeimenon in the __ tone:

And he gives the prokeimenon, and the choir chant it. Then the reader gives the stichos, and the choir repeat the prokeimenon. Finally, the reader gives the first half of the prokeimenon, and the choir chant the second half. But if there be two prokeimena, instead of repeating the first half of the prokeimenon, the reader gives the second prokeimenon and the tone, and the choir chant it in full.

Deacon Wisdom!

Reader The Reading from (the Acts of the Holy Apostles, or: the catholic Epistle

of N., or: the Epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to the N.)

Deacon Let us attend!

Reader And he readeth the Epistle

THE GOSPEL

Priest Peace be unto thee.

Reader And to thy spirit.

Deacon Wisdom!

Reader Alleluia in the __ tone: (If there be two prokeimena, he may also give a

stichos before the choir chant the first time)

CHOIR Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader Stichos.

CHOIR Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader Stichos.

CHOIR Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon Wisdom! Aright! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest Peace be unto all.

CHOIR



Deacon The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to N.





Priest Let us attend.

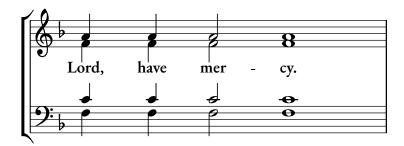
Deacon The deacon then reads the Holy Gospel.



AUGMENTED LITANY

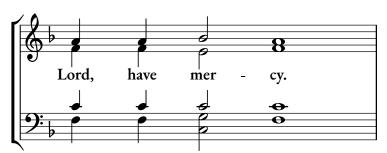
Deacon Let us all say with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say.

CHOIR



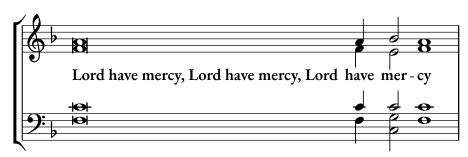
Deacon O Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

CHOIR



Deacon Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

CHOIR



Deacon Again we pray for our Great Lord and Father, His Holiness, Patriarch N.; for our lord the Very Most Reverend Metropolitan N., First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad; for our lord the Most Reverend (Archbishop or Bishop N., whose diocese it is) and all our brethren in Christ.

CHOIR LORD, HAVE MERCY. LORD, HAVE MERCY. LORD, HAVE MERCY.

(Slowly, if there be no deacon.)

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The priest prays secretly:

O Lord, our God, accept this fervent supplication from Thy servants, and have mercy on us according to the multitude of Thy mercies, and send down Thy compassion upon us, and upon all Thy people that await of Thee abundant mercy.

Deacon Again we pray for this land, its authorities and armed forces.

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

Deacon Again we pray for the God preserved Land of Rus' and its Orthodox people, both in the homeland and in the diaspora, and for their salvation.

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

Deacon Again we pray for the God preserved Russian Land and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and in the diaspora and for their salvation.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Again we pray to the Lord our God that He may deliver His people from enemies visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety.

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

Deacon Again we pray for our brethren, the priests, priestmonks, and all our brethren in Christ.

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

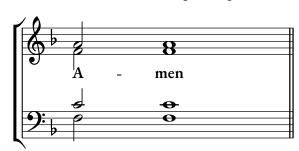
Deacon Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable, holy Orthodox patriarchs; for pious kings and right-believing queens; and for the founders of this holy temple (if it be a monastery: this holy monastery): and for all our fathers and brethren gone to their rest before us, and the Orthodox here and everywhere laid to rest.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Again we pray for them that bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for them that minister and them that chant, and for all the people here present, that await of Thee great and abundant mercy.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest For a merciful God art Thou, and the Lover of mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.



LITANY OF THE CATECHUMENS

Deacon Pray, ye catechumens, to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Ye faithful, for the catechumens let us pray, that the Lord will have mercy

on them.

Lord, have mercy. **CHOIR**

That He will catechize them with the word of Truth. Deacon

Lord, have mercy. **CHOIR**

Deacon That He will reveal unto them the Gospel of righteousness.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon That He will unite them to His Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Save them, have mercy on them, help them, and keep them, O God, by

Thy grace.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Ye catechumens, bow your heads unto the Lord. Deacon

To Thee, O Lord. (Slowly, if there be no deacon.) **CHOIR**

The priest prays secretly:

St. John:

ST. BASIL:

O Lord our God, who dwellest on high and lookest down on things that are lowly, Who unto the human race hast sent forth salvation, Thine Only-Begotten Son and God our mens, who have bowed their necks before Thee,

O Lord our God who dwellest in the heavens and lookest down upon all Thy works; look down upon Thy servants the CatechuLord Jesus Christ: Look upon Thy servants the catechumens, who have bowed their necks before Thee, and vouchsafe unto them at a seasonable time the laver of regeneration, the remission of sins, and the garment of incorruption; unite them to Thy Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, and number them among Thy chosen flock.

and grant them an easy yoke. Make them honorable members of Thy holy Church; and vouchsafe them the laver of regeneration, the remission of sins, and the garment of incorruption, unto the knowledge of Thee, our true God.

Priest

That they also with us may glorify Thy most honorable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CHOIR Amen.

LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL

Deacon As many as are catechumens, depart; catechumens, depart; as many as are catechumens, depart; let none of the catechumens remain; as many as are of the faithful, again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.



The priest prays secretly:

St. John:

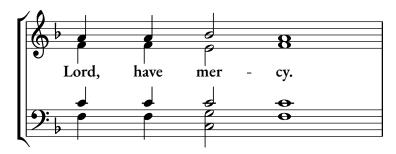
We thank Thee, O Lord God of Hosts, who hast vouchsafed us to stand even now before Thy Holy Altar, and to fall down before Thy compassion for our sins, and for the errors of the people. Receive, O God, our supplication; make us to be worthy to offer unto Thee supplications and entreaties and bloodless sacrifices for all Thy people. And enable us whom Thou hast placed in this Thy ministry, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, without condemnation or faltering, with the clear witness of our conscience, to call upon Thee at all times and in every place, that, hearkening unto us, Thou mayest be gracious unto us in the multitude of Thy goodness.

ST. BASIL:

Thou, O Lord, hast shown unto us this great mystery of salvation. Thou hast vouch-safed us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, to be ministrants of Thy holy altar. Do Thou enable us with the power of Thy Holy Spirit for this ministry, that standing uncondemned before Thy holy glory, we may offer unto Thee a sacrifice of praise: For Thou art He who worketh all things in all men. Grant O Lord, also that our sacrifice for our sins, and for the errors of the people be acceptable and well pleasing before Thee.

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

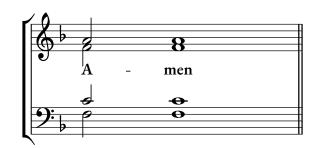
CHOIR



Deacon Wisdom!

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

CHOIR



Deacon Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR LORD, HAVE MERCY. (Slowly, if there be no deacon.)

The priest prays secretly:

St. John:

Again and often times we fall down before Thee, O Good One and Lover of mankind, that, regarding our supplication, Thou wilt cleanse our souls and bodies of all defilement of flesh and spirit, and grant us to stand guiltless and uncondemned before Thy holy altar. Grant also, O God, to them that pray with us, advancement in life and faith and spiritual understanding. Grant them ever to serve Thee with fear and love, and to partake, guiltless and

ST. BASIL:

O God, who in mercy and compassion hast visited our lowliness; Who appointed us, Thy humble, and sinful, and unworthy servants to minister at thy holy altar in the presence of Thy holy glory: Do Thou strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit for this service, and grant us speech in the opening of our mouth, with which to invoke the grace of Thy Holy Spirit upon the gifts that we desire to offer.

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uncondemned, of thy Holy Mysteries, and to be vouchsafed Thy heavenly kingdom.

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If there be no deacon, the following petitions are not said.

Deacon For the peace from above, and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the

Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of

God, and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear

of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and necessity, let us

pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.



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

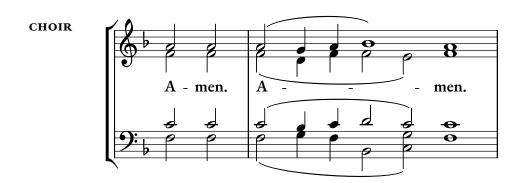
CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Wisdom!

Priest That always being guarded under Thy dominion, we may send up glory

unto Thee: to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and

ever, and unto the ages of ages.



THE GREAT ENTRANCE

Deacon

Our Great Lord and Father, His Holiness N., Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia; our lord the Very Most Reverend N., Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York, and First Hierarch of the Russian Church abroad; our lord the Most Reverend N., Archbishop (or Bishop) of ____, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

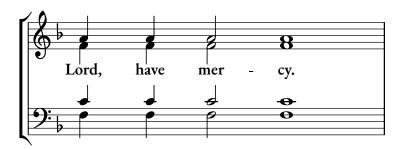
Priest

This American land, its authorities and the faithful that dwell therein, the God-preserved Russian land and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and in the diaspora, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

The clergy, the monastics, all that are persecuted and suffer for the Orthodox Faith; the founders, benefactors and the brotherhood of this holy temple (or holy monastery), and all of you Orthodox Christians, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

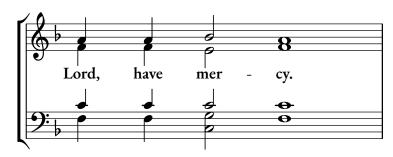
Deacon Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.

CHOIR



Deacon For the precious gifts set forth, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR



Deacon For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR LORD, HAVE MERCY. (Slowly, if there be no deacon.)

The priest prays secretly:

St. John:

O Lord God Almighty, who alone art holy, Who dost accept a sacrifice of praise from them that call upon Thee with their whole heart: Accept also the supplication of us sinners, and bring it to Thy Holy Altar, and enable us to of-

ST. BASIL:

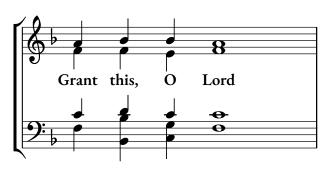
O Lord, our God, who hast created us and brought us into this life; Who hast shown us the way of salvation, Who hast granted us the revelation of heavenly mysteries: for Thou hast appointed us to this ministry by the power of fer unto Thee both gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our sins and for the errors of the people, and vouchsafe us to find grace before Thee, that our sacrifice may be acceptable unto Thee, and that the good Spirit of Thy grace may rest upon us, and upon these Gifts set forth, and upon all Thy people.

Thy Holy Spirit; be pleased, therefore, O Lord, that we be servitors of Thy new covenant, ministers of Thy Holy Mysteries; accept us who draw nigh to Thy Holy Altar, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, that we may be worthy to offer to Thee this rational and bloodless sacrifice for our sins, and for the errors of the people; accepting which upon Thy holy and most heavenly and noetic Altar, as an odor of spiritual fragrance, do Thou send down upon us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Look down upon us, O God, and behold this our service, and accept it as Thou didst accept the gifts of Abel, the sacrifice of Noah, the offerings of Abraham, the priesthood of Moses and Aaron, and the peace offerings of Samuel. According as Thou didst accept of thy holy apostles this true ministry, receive thus also from the hands of us sinners these gifts in Thy goodness, O Lord; that having been vouchsafed to minister without blame at Thy holy altar, we may receive the reward of faithful and wise stewards in the awesome day of Thy just rewarding.

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

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

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



Deacon An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let

us ask of the Lord.

CHOIR Grant this, O Lord.

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

CHOIR Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon Things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us

ask of the Lord.

CHOIR Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repen-

tance, let us ask of the Lord.

CHOIR Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good

defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

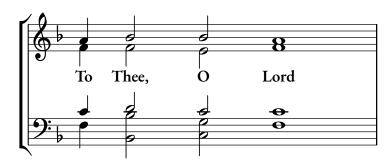
CHOIR Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious

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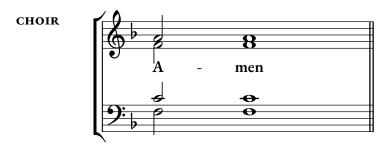
ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR



Priest Through the compassions of Thine Only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit,

now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

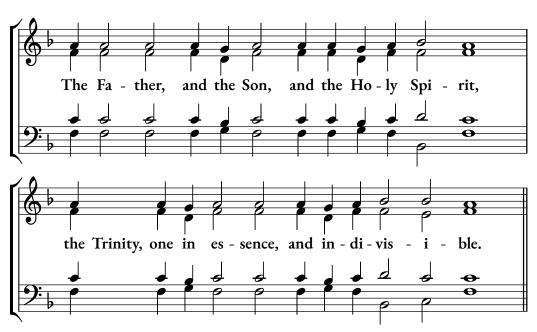


Priest Peace be unto all.

CHOIR And to thy spirit.

Priest Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess:

CHOIR



Deacon The doors! In Wisdom let us attend.

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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,

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 sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

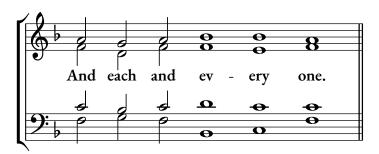
And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets.

In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

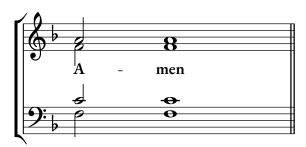
Priest Among the first, remember, O Lord, our Great Lord and Father, His Holiness, Patriarch N.; and our lord the Very Most Reverend Metropolitan N., First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad; and our lord the Most Reverend (Archbishop or Bishop N.), whom do Thou grant unto Thy holy churches, in peace, safety, honor, health, and length of days, rightly dividing the word of Thy truth.

CHOIR



Priest And grant us with one mouth, and one heart, to glorify and hymn Thy most honorable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CHOIR



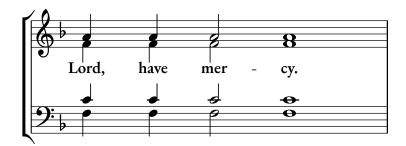
Priest And may the mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

CHOIR



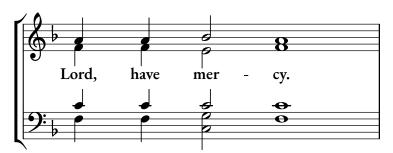
Deacon Having called to remembrance all the saints, again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR



Deacon For the precious Gifts offered and sanctified, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR



Deacon That our God, the Lover of mankind, having accepted them upon His holy and most heavenly and noetic altar as an odor of spiritual fragrance, will send down upon us divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Deacon That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR LORD, HAVE MERCY. (Slowly, if there be no deacon)

The priest prays secretly:

St. John:

Unto thee we offer our whole life and hope O Master, Lover of mankind, and we ask Thee, and pray Thee, and supplicate Thee, vouchsafe us to partake of Thy heavenly and dread Mysteries of this holy and spiritual Table, with

ST. BASIL:

O, our God, the God of salvation, do Thou teach us how we may worthily give thanks unto Thee for Thy benefits, through which Thou hast dealt and dealest with us. Having accepted these Gifts, O our God, do Thou pu-

a pure conscience, unto remission of sins, unto pardon of offenses, unto communion of thy Holy Spirit, unto inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, unto boldness towards Thee; not unto judgment, nor unto condemnation.

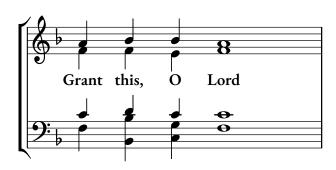
rify us from every defilement of flesh and spirit, teach us to achieve holiness in Thy fear, that we, receiving a portion of Thy Holy Things in the witness of a pure conscience toward Thee, mayest be made one with the holy Body and blood of Thy Christ; and that having received them worthily, we may have Christ abiding in our hearts and mayest become a temple of Thy Holy Spirit.

Yea, O our God, let none of us be guilty of these, Thy fearful and heavenly Mysteries, nor be infirm in soul and body by partaking of them unworthily, but enable us, even unto our last breath, worthily to receive a portion of Thy Holy Things, which is a support upon the road to life eternal, and an acceptable defense at the dread judgment seat of Thy Christ. That we also together with all the Saints who in all times have been pleasing unto Thee, mayest be made partakers of Thy eternal good things, which Thou hast prepared for those who love Thee, O Lord.

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

CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

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



Deacon An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let

us ask of the Lord.

CHOIR Grant this, O Lord.

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

CHOIR Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon Things good and profitable for souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of

the Lord.

CHOIR Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repen-

tance, let us ask of the Lord.

CHOIR Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good

defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

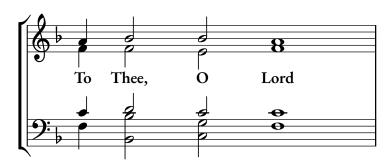
CHOIR Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon Having asked for the unity of the faith and the communion of the Holy

Spirit, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ

our God.

CHOIR



Priest And vouchsafe us, O Master, with boldness and without condemnation

to dare to call upon Thee the heavenly God as Father, and to say:

CHOIR

Our Father, who art in Heavens, / 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.

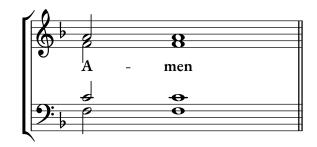
Отче наш, Иже еси на небесех, / Да святится имя Твое, да приидет Царствие Твое, / да будет воля Твоя, яко на небеси и на земли. / Хлеб наш насущный даждь нам днесь; / и остави нам долги наша, якоже и мы оставляем должником нашим; / и не введи нас во искушение, / но избави нас от лукаваго.

Otche nash, izhe yesi na nyebyesekh, / Da svyatitsya imya Tvoye, da priidyet Tsarstviye Tvoye, / da budyet bolya Tvoya, yako na nyebyesi i na zyemli. / khleb nash nasuschiy dazhd nam dnyes; / i ostavi nam dolgi nasha, yakozhe i muy ostavlyayem dolzhnikom nashim; / i nye bbyedi nas ba iskusheniye, / no izbavi nas ot lukavago.

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 the ages of ages.

CHOIR



Priest Peace be unto all.

CHOIR



Deacon Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

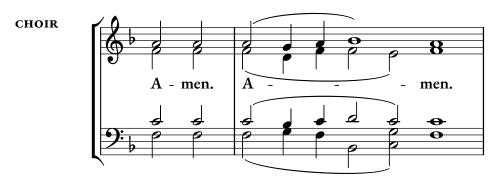
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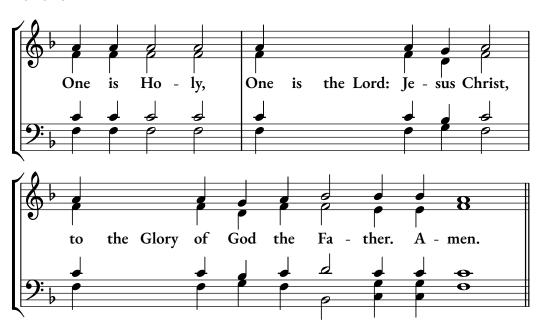
Priest

Through the grace and compassions and love for mankind of Thine Onlybegotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.



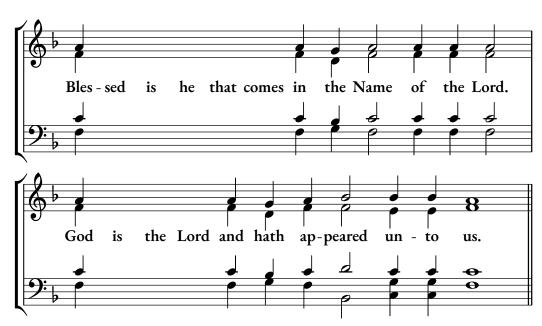
Deacon Let us attend!

Priest Holy Things are for the holy.



Deacon With fear of God and with faith, draw nigh.

CHOIR

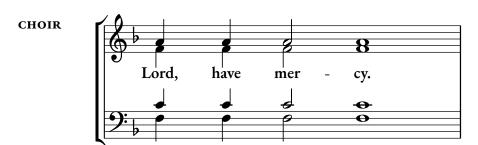


Priest I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first.

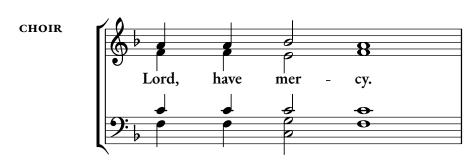
I believe, also, that this is truly Thine own most pure Body, and that this is truly Thine Own Precious Blood. Therefore, I pray Thee: Have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, committed in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thy most pure Mysteries, for the remission of sins, and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant. For I will not speak of Thy mystery to Thine enemies. Neither, like Judas, will I give Thee a kiss; but like the thief will I confess Thee: remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

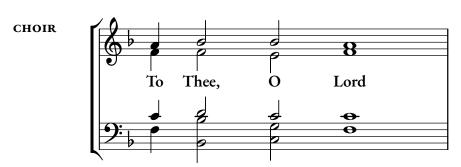
May the communion of Thy Holy Mysteries be neither to my judgment nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body. **Deacon** Aright! Having partaken of the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, and life-creating, fearful Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks unto the Lord.



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

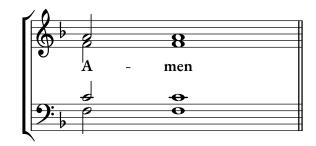


Deacon Having asked that the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.



Priest For Thou art our sanctification, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CHOIR



Priest Let us depart in peace.

CHOIR

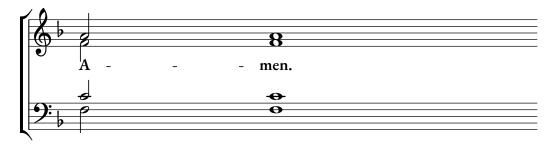


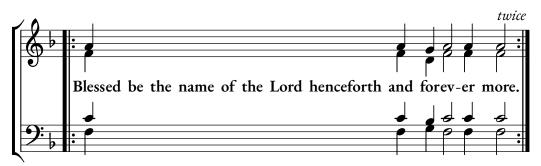
Deacon Let us pray to the Lord.

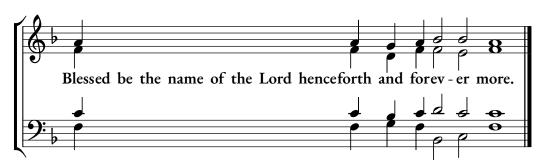
CHOIR Lord, have mercy.

Priest

O Lord Who dost bless them that bless Thee and sanctify them that put their trust in Thee: Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; preserve the fullness of Thy Church, sanctify them that love the beauty of Thy house; do Thou glorify them by Thy divine power, and forsake us not that hope in Thee. Give peace to Thy world, to Thy churches, to the priests, and to all Thy people. For every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from Thee, the Father of lights, and unto Thee do we send up glory and thanksgiving and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.



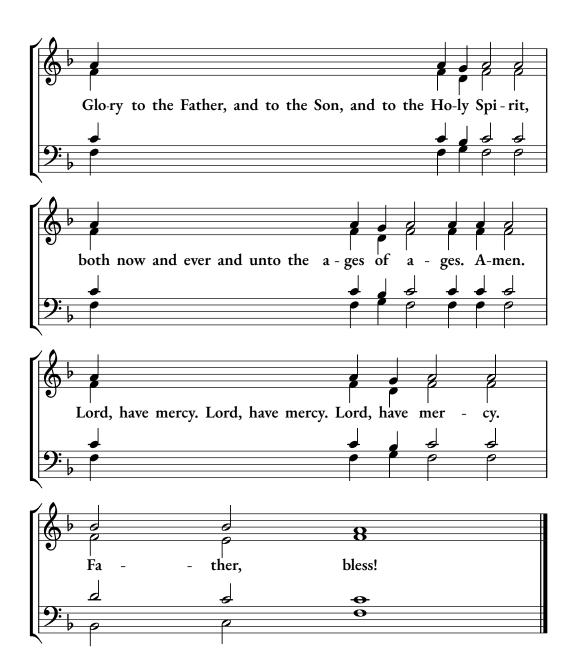




Priest The blessing of the Lord be upon you, through His grace and love for mankind, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CHOIR Amen.

Priest Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee.



Priest May Christ our true God, (on Sundays: Who rose from the dead), through the intercessions of His most pure Mother; of the holy and glorious apostles; of our father (or Basil the Great, archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia); and Saint(s) N.(N.) (to whom the church is dedicated); and Saint(s) N.(N) (of the day); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim

and Anna; and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

CHOIR Amen.