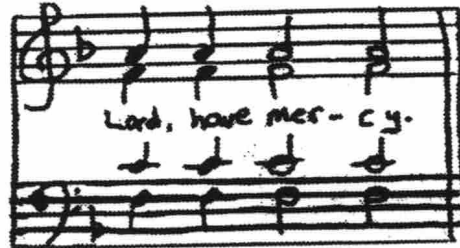


The Prayer before the Trisagion

DEACON: *Bless, master, the time of the thrice-holy.*

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE:



PRIEST: [O holy God, Who resteth in Thy holy place, Who art hymned by the seraphim with thrice-holy cry and glorified by the cherubim and worshiped by every heavenly power, Who out of nothing hast brought all things into being, Who hast created man after thine image and likeness and hast adorned him with Thine every gift, Who givest to him that askest wisdom and understanding, Who despisest not the sinner but hast appointed repentance unto salvation, Who hast vouchsafed unto us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, even in this hour, to stand before the glory of Thy holy altar and to offer the worship and praise which are due unto Thee: Thyself, O Master, accept even from the mouth of us sinners the Hymn of the Trisagion, and visit us in Thy goodness. Forgive us every transgression both voluntary and involuntary; sanctify our souls and bodies; and grant us to serve Thee in holiness all the days of our life, through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and of all the saints, who from the beginning of the world have been well-pleasing unto Thee,]

for holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever

DEACON: and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE:

The "Amen" is sung in the key of the "Holy God to be sung."