

FIRST HOUR

READER

Come, let us worship and bow down
before God our King.

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before Christ God our King.

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before Him, Christ our King and God.

Psalm 5.

Give ear to my words, O Lord, Hear my cry. Give heed to the voice of my supplication, my King and my God, for to You will I pray, O Lord. In the morning You shall hear my voice; in the morning I will stand before You, and I will watch. For You are not a God who wills lawlessness, nor shall the evildoer dwell with You. The lawless shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all the workers of lawlessness; You shall destroy all who speak falsehood; the Lord abhors the man of violence and deceit. But as for me, in the fullness of Your mercy I will come into Your house; in fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make straight Your way before me. For there is no truth in their mouth; their heart is vain; their throat is an open grave; they deal deceptively with their tongues. Judge them, O God. Let them fall by their false accusations; cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they provoked You, O Lord. But let all who hope in You be glad; they will greatly rejoice forever, for You will dwell in them; and all who love Your name will boast in You. For You will bless the righteous; O Lord, You

crowned us with the shield of Your goodwill.

[SAAS]

Psalm 89 (90).

O Lord, You became a refuge to us in generation and generation; before the mountains were made, and before the earth and the world were formed, and from everlasting to everlasting, You are. Do not let man be turned back to humiliation, and You said, "Return, you sons of men." For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday, which passed, and like a watch in the night. Years shall be objects of contempt to them; in the morning let man pass by like grass; in the morning let him blossom, and pass by; in the evening let him fall off, be dried up and withered. For we fainted in Your wrath, and in Your wrath we were troubled. You set our transgressions before You, our time in the light of Your face. For all our days failed, and in Your wrath we fainted; our years were spent in thought like a spider. As for the days of our years, their span is seventy years, but if we stay strong, perhaps eighty; and most of them are labor and pain; for meekness came upon us, and we shall be chastened. Who knows the power of Your wrath, and who knows Your anger because of Your fear? So make known Your right hand to us, that we may number our days, and our heart may be bound with wisdom. Return, O Lord; how long? and be entreated concerning Your servants. We were filled with Your mercy in the morning, and in all our days we greatly rejoiced and were glad; gladden us in return for the days You humbled us, for the years we saw evil things. And behold Your servants and Your works, and guide their

sons; and let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the works of our hands. [SAAS]

Psalm 100 (101).

O Lord, I will sing to You of mercy and judgment; I will sing and understand in a blameless way; when will You come to me? I walked in the innocence of my heart in the midst of my house. I have not set any lawless thing before my eyes; I hated those Who commit transgressions; a crooked heart shall not cleave to me; as for the evil man who turned away from me, I did not know him. He who secretly slanders his neighbor, this one I chased away; the one with an arrogant eye and insatiable heart, with this one I did not eat. My eyes were on the faithful of the earth, so they might dwell with me; he who walks in a blameless way, this one ministered to me. he who acts arrogantly did not dwell in the midst of my house; he who speaks unjustly did not prosper before my eyes. In the morning I slew all the sinners of the earth, so as to destroy from the city of the Lord all the workers of lawlessness. [SAAS]

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3)

Lord, have mercy. (3)

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

From Octoechos - - -

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 3.

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy. [SD]

For the Cross.

Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth. [GOA]

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion.

What shall we call you, O Lady full of grace? Heaven? For you gave rise to the Sun of righteousness. Paradise? For you blossomed the flower of incorruption. Virgin? For you remained incorrupt. Pure Mother? For you held in your holy embrace a Son who is the God of all. Entreat Him to save our souls. [SD]

Direct my steps according to Your teaching and let no lawlessness rule over me.

Ransom me from the slander of men, and I will keep Your commandments. [SAAS]

Make Your face shine upon Your servant and teach me Your ordinances. [SAAS]

Let my mouth be filled with Your praise, O Lord, that I may sing of Your glory and of Your magnificence all the day long. [SAAS]

Trisagion Prayers.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
have mercy on us. (3)

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us.
Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our
transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our
infirmities for your name's sake.

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed
be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. [GOA]

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 forever and to the
ages of ages. (Amen.)

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Amen.

From Octoechos - - -

Hypakoe. Mode 3.

Astounding in appearance, refreshing by
the words he spoke, the flashing Angel said
to the myrrh-bearing women: Why do you
look in a tomb for the Living One? He is risen
and has emptied the tombs. Know Him, the
unchanging Changer of corruption. Say to

God: How awesome are Your works! For You
have saved the human race. [SD]

Kontakion.

From Triodion - - -

Grave Mode. Automelon.

The fiery sword is not guarding the
entrance to Eden anymore. For it was
extinguished in paradoxical manner by the
tree of the Cross. The sting of death and the
victory of Hades have been stricken. And You,
my Savior, came and cried out to those in
Hades: Enter again into Paradise. [SD]

Lord, have mercy. (40)

O Christ our God, who at all times and at
every hour, both in heaven and on earth, are
worshipped and glorified, long suffering and
plenteous in mercy and compassion; who love
the just and show mercy to the sinners; who
call all men to salvation through the promise
of the blessings to come: Do you, the same
Lord, receive also our supplications at this
present time, and direct our lives according
to your commandments. Sanctify our souls;
purify our bodies; set our minds right; clear
up our thoughts, and deliver us from every
sorrow, evil and distress. Surround us with
your holy Angels so that being guarded and
guided by their presence, we may arrive at the
unity of the faith and the knowledge of your
ineffable glory; for blessed are you unto the
ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

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

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and
in glory greater beyond compare than the

Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

May God have compassion on us and bless us; may his face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

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Amen.

PRIEST

O Christ, the true light that enlightens and sanctifies every man who comes into the world, let the light of Your countenance shine on us, that in it we may behold the unapproachable light. And direct our steps to keep Your commandments, by the intercessions of Your all-immaculate Mother and all the saints. (*Amen.*)

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

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

Father, bless!

PRIEST

May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous

and God-bearing fathers, (*local patron saint*); 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 loves mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us [and save us].

(*Amen.*)