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# Paschaltide

## The Bright Resurrection of Christ, The Pascha of the Lord

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 77:65

A Psalm of David.

the Lord awoke as from sleep,

like a strong man drunk from wine.

And He built His sanctuary like the horn of a unicorn;

He established it in the earth forever.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 16:2-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Very early on the first day of the week, they arrived at the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone was [already] rolled back, although it was extremely large.

Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is not here! Behold, the place where they laid him! But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you.’”

They went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

Now, after Jesus had risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went and told [this to] those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. When they heard that he was alive, and had been seen by her, they disbelieved. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 117:24, 25,

A Psalm of David.

This is the day which the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, save us!

O Lord, straighten our way.

God is the Lord, and has shone upon us.

Alleluia.

##### John 20:1-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, on the first [day] of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. At this, she ran [back] and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she told them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him!”

Then, Peter and the other disciple went out toward the tomb. Both ran together: the other disciple outran Peter and arrived at the tomb first Bending over and looking inside, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not enter in. Then Simon Peter arrived, following him, and he entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, and the cloth that had been [placed] on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Finally, the other disciple (who had arrived first at the tomb) also entered in, and he saw and believed. (For as yet, they still did not understand the Scripture: that Jesus had to rise from the dead). After this, the disciples returned to their own homes.

However, Mary remained standing outside the tomb, weeping. As she was crying, she stooped to look inside the tomb, and saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, and one at the feet. They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She answered, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” After saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she answered, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned around and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni!” (which is to say, “Teacher!”)

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brethren and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Fatherand your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. Glory be to God forever.

### Monday of the First Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 95:10ab

A Psalm of David.

Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns from the Tree!

Indeed, He established the world, and it will not be shaken.

Alleluia.

##### John 20:19-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

In the evening on that [same] day (the first day of the week), and as the doors [of the place] where the disciples were assembled were locked, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. At this, the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Then again, Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and told them, “Receive the Holy Spirit! If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 96:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;

let the many islands be glad!

Clouds and darkness are around Him;

righteousness and judgment are the foundation of His throne.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 24:1-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they and some others came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. So they entered in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Terrified, the women bowed their faces to the ground.

They said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he is risen! Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and [on] the third day rise again?”

Then they remembered his words. Returning from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. Now, they were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them told these things to the apostles. But these words seemed to be nonsense to them, and they did not believe them. However, Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves. He returned to his home, wondering what had taken place. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 103:24ab (part), 31

A Psalm of David.

How magnificent are Your works, O Lord!

You have made all things

Let the glory of the Lord be forever;

the Lord will be glad in His works.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 24:13-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

It then happened that two of the disciples were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was sixty stadia from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about all of these things which had taken place. And as they were talking together and discussing this, Jesus himself came near and went along with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you talking about as you walk?” And they stopped walking, looking sad.”

One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know what has happened there in these days?”

He said to them, “What things?”

They replied, “The things concerning Jesus, the Nazarene! He was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people; and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and had him crucified. But we were hoping that he was the one who would redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things have taken place. Also, certain women of our company have amazed us: having arrived early at the tomb, they did not find his body. And they came back saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive! Some of us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

He said to them, “Foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. As they were approaching the village where they were going, he acted like he would continue on his way.

But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is almost evening, and the day is almost over!”

So he went in to stay with them. Now, it happened that when he had sat down at the table with them, he took the bread and gave thanks. Breaking it, he gave it to them. And their eyes were opened; they recognized him, and he vanished out of their sight. Then they said one to another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?” They rose up that very hour, returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together and [also] those who were with them. They were saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then, the two related what had happened along the way, and how they had recognized him in the breaking of the bread. Glory be to God forever.

### Tuesday of the First Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 91:5, 6

A Psalm of David.

For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your works,

and I will rejoice at the works of Your hands.

How magnificent are Your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

Alleluia.

##### John 6:15-22

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus therefore, perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force in order to make him king, withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea where they got into the boat and headed across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not returned to them. Because a great wind was blowing, the sea became rough. After rowing about three or four miles, the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea and approaching the boat. And they were frightened, but Jesus said to them, “It is I! Do not be afraid!” At this, they were willing to receive him into the boat, and immediately, the boat reached the shore where they were going.

On the next day, the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except the one in which his disciples had embarked, and that Jesus had not entered with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 104:1, 2, 3a

A Psalm of David.

Confess the Lord and call on His Name;

tell of His works among the nations.

Sing to Him and praise Him;

recount all His wonderful works.

Glory in His holy Name.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 28:16-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some [still] doubted. Jesus came to them and said, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 104:3b, 4, 5

A Psalm of David.

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord be glad.

4 Seek the Lord and be strengthened;

continually seek His face.

Remember the wonders He has done,

His miracles and the judgments of His mouth,

Alleluia.

##### Mark 16:9-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, after Jesus had risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went and told [this to] those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. When they heard that he was alive, and had been seen by her, they disbelieved. After these things, he was revealed in another form to two of them, as they walked, on their way into the country. They went on their way and told it to the rest who did not believe them, either.

Afterward, Jesus was revealed to the eleven themselves as they sat at the table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen him after he had risen. He said to them, “Go into all the world, and preach the Good News to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who disbelieves will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my Name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new languages; they will take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it will in no way hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

And so, the Lord, after he had spoken to them, was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. They went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied [them]. Amen. Glory be to God forever.

### Wednesday of the First Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 29:6cd, 7, 8

A Psalm of David.

In the evening weeping may pitch its tent,

but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said to myself in my prosperity,

“I will never be shaken.”

O Lord, in Your love [You granted] power to my beauty;

but You turned away Your face,

and I became troubled.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 9:15-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then, they will fast. No one puts a piece of new cloth on an old garment because the patch would [shrink and] tear away from the garment, and a worse hole would be made. Neither do people put new wine into old wineskins, or else the skins would burst, and the wine be spilled, and the skins ruined. No, they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 104:43, 45

A Psalm of David.

He brought out His people with joy,

and His chosen ones with gladness,

that they might keep His statutes,

and seek out His law.

Alleluia.

##### John 1:9-14

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The true light who enlightens everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world had come into existence through him, and the world did not recognize him. He came to his own, and those who were his own did not receive him. But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God’s children, to those who believe in his Name. They were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We beheld his glory, glory as a Father’s only-begotten son, full of grace and truth. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 105:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Confess the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Who will tell of the mighty acts of the Lord,

[who will] make all His praises heard?

Alleluia.

##### John 2:12-25

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After this, he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they did not stay there [more than] a few days.

Now, the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple, he found those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers sitting [at their booths]. So, he made a whip of cords and drove [them] all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; he also poured out the changers’ money and overthrew their tables. To those who sold the doves, he said, “Take these things out of here! Do not make my Father’s house a marketplace!” Then, his disciples remembered that it was written:

*“Zeal for your house will consume me.”*

Therefore, the Jews declared, “What sign do you show us, since you do these things?”

Jesus answered and responded to them, “Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up!”

The Jews then said, “It took forty-six years to build this sanctuary, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the sanctuary of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

Now, when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in his Name, observing the signs which he was performing. But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew everyone, and because he did not need a witness about human nature, for he himself knew what was in man. Glory be to God forever.

### Thursday of the First Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 96:8, 9

A Psalm of David.

Zion heard and was glad,

and the daughters of Judah rejoiced

because of Your judgments, O Lord;

for You are the Lord Most High over all the earth,

You are exalted far above all the gods.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 2:3-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Four men came, carrying a paralytic to him. Since they could not come near to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof where he was. When they had broken it up, they let down the mat that the paralytic was lying on. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

But there were some of the scribes sitting there, and they reasoned in their hearts, “Why does this man speak blasphemies like that? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Immediately, Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were reasoning within themselves in this way. He asked them, “Why do you reason these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to tell the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven;’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed, and walk?’ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” - he said to the paralytic - “I tell you, arise, take up your mat, and go to your house!”

The man arose, and at once took up the mat, and went out in front of them all. The people were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Jesus went out again by the seaside. The crowd came to him and he taught them. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 105:4, 5

A Psalm of David.

Remember us, O Lord, in Your love for Your people;

visit us with Your salvation,

that we may see it in the goodness of Your chosen ones,

that we may be glad in the gladness of Your nation,

that we may sing praises in the midst of Your inheritance.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 9:28-36

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

About eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter, John, and James, and went up to the mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became white and dazzling. And behold, two men were talking with him, who were Moses and Elias. They appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Now, Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. As Moses and Elias were departing from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elias”. He did not know what he was saying.

While Peter was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud. A voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!” And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They kept silent and told no one in those days of what they had seen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 105:48

A Psalm of David.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say, “Amen! Amen!”

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:11-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Soon afterwards, Jesus went to a city called Nain. Many of his disciples, along with a great multitude, went with him. Now, when Jesus drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a dead person was being carried out, who was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. Many people of the city were with her. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, “Do not cry.” He came near and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He then said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. Jesus then gave him to his mother.

They were all filled with awe and glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited his people!” This news concerning Jesus spread throughout Judea and in all the surrounding countryside. Glory be to God forever.

### Friday of the First Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 11:5c, 6

A Psalm of David.

Who is lord over us?”

“Because of the oppression of the needy

and the groaning of the poor,

now I will arise,” says the Lord;

“I will set him in safety and manifest Myself in it.”

Alleluia.

##### Luke 4:38-42

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He rose up from the synagogue, and entered into Simon’s house. Simon’s mother-in-law was afflicted with a great fever, and they begged him for her. He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately, she rose up and served them. When the sun was setting, all those who had anyone sick with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. Demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!” Rebuking them, Jesus did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

When it was day, he departed and went into an uninhabited place. The people were looking for him and came to [see] him. They held on to him in order to prevent Jesus from leaving them. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 105:47

A Psalm of David.

Save us, O Lord our God,

and gather us from among the nations,

that we may confess Your holy Name

and boast in Your praise.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 20:27-39

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Some of the Sadducees came to him, people who deny that there is a resurrection. They asked him, “Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man dies having a wife and without a child, his brother should take the wife and raise up a posterity for his brother. There were therefore seven brothers: the first took a wife and died childless. The second took her as wife, and he [also] died childless. The third took her, and likewise all seven [brothers] left no children and died. Afterwards, the woman also died. Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as a wife.”

Jesus replied to them, “The children of this age get married and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead do not marry or are given in marriage. For they cannot die any more, because they are like the angels, and they are children of God, being children of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the [story of the burning] bush, when he called the Lord ‘The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ Now, he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, because all are alive to him!”

Some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you speak well!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 106:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Confess the Lord, He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Let those redeemed by the Lord say so,

whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 16:2-8

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Very early on the first day of the week, they arrived at the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone was [already] rolled back, although it was extremely large.

Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is not here! Behold, the place where they laid him! But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you.’”

They went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid. Glory be to God forever.

### Saturday of the First Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 118:10, 11

A Psalm of David.

I searched for You with my whole heart;

do not drive me away from Your commandments.

I hid your words in my heart,

that I might not sin against You.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:54-58

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood dwells in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; whoever eats me will also live because of me. This is the bread which came down out of heaven - not [such] as the fathers [who] ate the manna and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 76:3bcd

A Psalm of David.

I sought God

with my hands uplifted to Him in the night,

and I was not deceived;

my soul refused to be comforted.

Alleluia.

##### John 20:19-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

In the evening on that [same] day (the first day of the week), and as the doors [of the place] where the disciples were assembled were locked, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. At this, the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Then again, Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and told them, “Receive the Holy Spirit! If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 118:73

A Psalm of David.

Your hands made me and fashioned me;

give me understanding, and I will learn Your commandments.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 9:28-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

About eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter, John, and James, and went up to the mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became white and dazzling. And behold, two men were talking with him, who were Moses and Elias. They appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Now, Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. As Moses and Elias were departing from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elias”. He did not know what he was saying.

While Peter was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud. A voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!” Glory be to God forever.

## Thomas Sunday

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 32:3, 4

A Psalm of David.

Sing a new song to Him;

sing praises beautifully with a shout,

for the word of the Lord is true,

and all His works are faithful.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 5:1-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now it happened, while the multitude pressed on him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and they were washing their nets. Jesus entered into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch.”

Simon answered him, “Master, we worked all night and took nothing! But at your word, I will let down the net.” When they had done this, they caught a great multitude of fish, and their net was breaking. They beckoned to their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so [much] that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord!” He and all who were with him were amazed at their catch of fish; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid! From now on, you will be catching people alive.”

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 95:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Sing a new song to the Lord,

sing to the Lord, all the earth;

sing to the Lord, praise His Name;

proclaim His salvation from day to day.

Alleluia.

##### John 21:1-14

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, Jesus manifested himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias. He manifested himself in this way: Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathaniel of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing!”

They replied, “We are also coming with you!” At once, they went out and got into the boat; however, but they caught nothing that night! Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Therefore, Jesus asked them, “Children, do you have anything to eat?”

They answered him, “No!”

He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.”

And so, they cast the net, and now, they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish! At this, that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his undergarment around him (for he was partly dressed) and threw himself into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat dragging the net full of fish (for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards away). When they got out on the shore, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus told them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.”

Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of great fish, one hundred fifty-three; and even though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, “Come and eat breakfast!”

None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” knowing that it was the Lord.

Then, Jesus came and took the bread, gave it to them, and the fish likewise. This was now the third time that Jesus was manifested to his disciples, after he had risen from the dead. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 97:1ab, 4

A Psalm of David.

Sing a new song to the Lord,

for the Lord has done wondrous things;

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

sing and rejoice, and sing psalms.

Alleluia.

##### John 20:19-31

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

In the evening on that [same] day (the first day of the week), and as the doors [of the place] where the disciples were assembled were locked, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. At this, the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Then again, Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and told them, “Receive the Holy Spirit! If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.”

However, Thomas called ‘the Twin’, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But Thomas replied, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will not believe!”

After eight days, his disciples were inside once again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them, and he said, “Peace be with you.” Then, he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands! Place your hand here and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing!”

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed! Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed.”

Now, Jesus accomplished many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. However, these ones are written, so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in his Name. Glory be to God forever.

### Monday of the Second Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 26:13, 14

A Psalm of David.

I believe that I will see the goodness of the Lord

in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord,

have courage, and let your heart be strong;

and wait on the Lord!

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 14:23-33

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After he had sent the people away, he went up into the mountain by himself in order to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, distressed by the waves, because the wind was against it. In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately, Jesus spoke to them, saying “Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you upon the waters.”

And Jesus said, “Come!”

Peter stepped down from the boat and walked on the waters to come to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was strong, he became afraid and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately, Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of Peter, and said, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got up into the boat, the wind ceased. Those who were in the boat came and worshiped him, saying, “You are truly the Son of God!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 111:4, 6b, 7a

A Psalm of David.

A light has risen in the dark for the upright,

for [the Lord God] is merciful, compassionate and just.

a righteous person will be in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of evil tidings.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 8:23-27

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When he got into a boat, his disciples followed him. Behold, a violent storm came up on the sea, so much that the waves swept over the boat, but he was asleep. They came to him and woke him up, saying, “Save us, Lord! We are dying!”

He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then he stood up, rebuked the wind and the sea, and there was a great calm.

The men marveled, saying, “What kind of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 69:6

A Psalm of David.

You are my helper and my deliverer;

O Lord, do not delay!

But I am poor and needy;

help me, O God!

Alleluia.

##### John 3:31-36

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He who comes from above is above all. He who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and from the earth he speaks. He who comes from heaven is above all. What he has seen and heard is what he bears witness to, but no one accepts his testimony. He who has accepted his testimony has set his seal [to this], that God is true. Indeed the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever does not believe in the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. Glory be to God forever.

### Tuesday of the Second Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 9:20

A Psalm of David.

Arise, O Lord, do not let man prevail!

Let the nations be judged in Your presence.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 17:19-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Then, the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why were not we able to cast it out?”

He replied, “Because of your unbelief! Amen, I tell you that if you have faith [even] like a grain of mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you! But this kind [of spirit] does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

While they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and the third day, he will be raised up.”

They were extremely distressed. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 7:7ab, 9bcd

A Psalm of David.

Arise, O Lord, in Your wrath;

be exalted to the very boundaries of my enemies.

judge me, O Lord,

according to my righteousness,

and according to the innocence within me.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 9:27-31

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As Jesus passed by from there, two blind men followed him, calling out and saying, “Have mercy on us, son of David!”

When he entered the house, the blind men came to him. Jesus asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?”

They replied, “Yes, Lord.”

He then touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith, let it be done to you!” And their eyes were opened. Jesus strictly commanded them, saying, “See that no one knows about this.” However, they went out and spread abroad his fame in all that land. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 7:7bc, 8, 9a

A Psalm of David.

Awaken, O Lord my God,

in the statute You have commanded,

and a congregation of peoples will gather around You;

therefore I will ascend on high.

The Lord will judge the peoples.

Alleluia.

##### John 5:22-24

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As it is, the Father judges no one, but he has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son even as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him!

Amen, amen, I tell you; the one who hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. Glory be to God forever.

### Wednesday of the Second Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 40:3

A Psalm of David.

The Lord will guard him and give him life,

and will bless him on the earth,

and will not give him up into the hands of his enemies.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 9:36-38

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But when he saw the crows, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered, like sheep without a shepherd. He then said to his disciples, “The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the workers are few! Pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 62:2ab, 3

A Psalm of David.

O God, my God, I rise early to be with You;

My soul thirsts for You.

So I appear before You in the sanctuary,

to see Your power and Your glory.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 9:32-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As they were leaving out, behold, a mute man who was demon-possessed was brought to him. When the demon was cast out, the mute began to speak. The multitudes marveled, saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!”

But the Pharisees said, “It is by the prince of the demons that he casts out demons.”

Jesus went about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom. He also healed every kind of disease and sickness among the people. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 9:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord, with my whole heart;

I will tell of all Your wonders.

I will be glad and rejoice in You;

I will sing to Your Name, O Most High.

Alleluia.

##### John 5:31-37a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

If I bear witness about myself, my testimony is not valid. There is another who bears witness to me, and I know that the testimony by which he bears witness about me is true. You have sent [messengers] to John, and he has testified to the truth. But the testimony which I receive is not from man. However, I say these things so that you may be saved. Johnb was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But the testimony which I have is greater than that of John, because the works which the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, they bear witness about me, that the Father has sent me. The Father himself, who sent me, he has testified about me. Glory be to God forever.

### Thursday of the Second Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 89:14

A Psalm of David.

We were filled with Your mercy in the morning,

and we will rejoice and be glad all our days.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 11:11-15

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, I tell you: among those born of women, there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptizer! Yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptizer until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John [came]. If you are willing to accept it, this [John] is Elias who was to come. Let anyone with ears listen!

Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 5:4, 5

A Psalm of David.

You will hear my voice in the morning.

I will stand before You early in the morning

and You will visit and watch over me.

For You are not a God Who wills iniquity;

the evil doer will not dwell with You.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 11:2-6

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, when John heard about the works of Christ from his prison, he sent two of his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who comes or should we look for another?”

Jesus replied to them, “Go and tell John about the things you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have Good News preached to them. Blessed is he who finds no occasion for stumbling in me.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 8:5, 6b

A Psalm of David.

What is man that You remember him,

or the son of man that You visit him?

You have crowned him with glory and honor.

Alleluia.

##### John 5:39-47

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me. Yet, you will not come to me to have life. I do not receive glory from men. But I know you, that you do not have God’s love in yourselves. I have come in my Father’s Name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him! How can you believe, since you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. The one who accuses you is in fact Moses, on whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe me because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?” Glory be to God forever.

### Friday of the Second Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 15:9

A Psalm of David.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices greatly,

and even my flesh rests in hope.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 17:14-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When they came to the crowd, a man came to him who knelt down before him and said: “Lord, have mercy on my son! He is epileptic and suffers terribly as he often falls into the fire and in the water. And so, I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

Jesus answered, “Faithless and perverse generation! how much longer must I be with you? How long must I bear with you? Bring him to me.” When Jesus rebuked it, the demon went out of the boy and he was cured from that hour. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 15:10, 11ab

A Psalm of David.

For You will not leave my soul in Hades,

nor allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

You made the ways of life known to me;

You will fill me with gladness in Your presence.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 16:21-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

From that time, Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the presbyters, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.

Peter then took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This will never be done to you!”

But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God but on the things of men.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 9:11, 12

A Psalm of David.

Let those who know Your Name put their hope in You,

for You have never forsaken those who seek You, O Lord.

Sing to the Lord Who dwells in Zion.

Declare His ways among the nations.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:54-58

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood dwells in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; whoever eats me will also live because of me. This is the bread which came down out of heaven - not [such] as the fathers [who] ate the manna and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever!” Glory be to God forever.

### Saturday of the Second Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 41:9ab, 12cd

A Psalm of David.

The Lord will command His mercy in the daytime,

and in the night His song is with me,

Hope in God, for I will confess Him;

My God is the salvation of my face.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 18:35-43

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As he came near Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the road, begging. Hearing a crowd going by, he asked what this meant. People told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. He cried out, “Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on me!” Then, those who led the way rebuked him, ordering him to be quiet. But the blind man cried out all the more, “You son of David, have mercy on me!”

Standing still, Jesus commanded that the blind man be brought to him. When the man had come near, Jesus asked him, ”What do you want me to do?”

The man replied, “Lord, that I may see again!” Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you.”

Immediately, the man received his sight and began to follow Jesus, glorifying God. When all the people saw this, they praised God. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 110:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord, with my whole heart,

in the council of the upright and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great,

all His wishes are sought out.

Alleluia.

##### John 5:37-47

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The Father himself, who sent me, he has testified about me. You have never heard his voice at any time, and you have never seen his outward appearance. You do not have his word living in you, because you do not believe him whom he sent.

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me. Yet, you will not come to me to have life. I do not receive glory from men. But I know you, that you do not have God’s love in yourselves. I have come in my Father’s Name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him! How can you believe, since you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. The one who accuses you is in fact Moses, on whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe me because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 106:20, 22a

A Psalm of David.

He sent His Word and healed them,

and delivered them from their corruption.

and let them offer a sacrifice of praise.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:1-14

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee (or [also called] of Tiberias). A great multitude followed him, because they saw the signs he accomplished on those who were sick. Jesus went up into the mountain and sat there with his disciples. Now, the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. When Jesus looked up and saw that a great crowd was coming to him, he asked Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these [people] may eat?” But he said this to test Philip, for he himself knew what he would do.

Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, so that everyone might receive [even] a little!”

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves [of bread] and two fish, but what are these among so many?”

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now, there was much grass in that place; and so the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, and having given thanks, he distributed [it] to the disciples, and the disciples to those who were sitting down; and [he did] likewise with the fish, as much as they desired. When they were filled, he said to his disciples, “Gather up the broken pieces which are left over, so that nothing be lost!” And so, they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign which Jesus had accomplished, they said, “This is truly the prophet who comes into the world!” Glory be to God forever.

## The Third Sunday of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 110:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord, with my whole heart,

in the council of the upright and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great,

all His wishes are sought out.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:16-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea where they got into the boat and headed across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not returned to them. Because a great wind was blowing, the sea became rough. After rowing about three or four miles, the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea and approaching the boat. And they were frightened, but Jesus said to them, “It is I! Do not be afraid!” At this, they were willing to receive him into the boat, and immediately, the boat reached the shore where they were going.

On the next day, the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except the one in which his disciples had embarked, and that Jesus had not entered with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples had gone away alone. However, [a few] boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 110:3, 4

A Psalm of David.

Confession and majesty are His work,

and His righteousness endures unto ages of ages.

He made a memorial of His wonders;

the Lord is merciful and compassionate.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:24-33

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

And so, when the multitude noticed that neither Jesus nor his disciples was not there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum to seek Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you arrive here?”

Jesus answered them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were satisfied. Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For the Father has sealed him – [even] God!”

As a result, they asked him, “What must we do, that we may accomplish the works of God?”

Jesus answered, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent!”

So they said to him, “What then do you do for a sign, so that we may see and believe you? What work do you accomplish? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness! As it is written, ‘He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’”

Jesus therefore said to them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; it was not Moses who gave you the bread out of heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is what comes down out of heaven, and [it] gives life to the world.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 110:9, 10a

A Psalm of David.

He has sent redemption to His people;

He has commanded His covenant forever.

His Name is holy and fearful.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:35-45

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus told them, “I am the bread of life! The one who comes to me will not be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But I told you that you have seen me, and yet, you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who is coming to me I will in no way reject. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but [to do] the will of the one who sent me. This is the will of my Father who sent me: that of all he has given me, I should lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. This is the will of the one who sent me: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and this one I will raise up on the last day.”

At this, the Jews began to murmur concerning him, because he had said, “I am the bread which came down out of heaven.” They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he say, ‘I have come down out of heaven?’”

Therefore, Jesus answered them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and this one I will raise up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Therefore, everyone who hears from the Father and has learned comes to me. Glory be to God forever.

### Monday of the Third Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 95:5b, 6

A Psalm of David.

But the Lord made the heavens.

Confession and beauty are before Him;

holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 18:1-5

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

At that time, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?”

Jesus called a little child to himself and set him in their midst. He then said, “Amen, I tell you that unless you change and become as little children, you will in no way enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever receives such a little child in my Name receives me. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 18:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands.

Day after day utters speech,

and night after night imparts knowledge.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 17:10-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

His disciples asked him, “Why then is it that the scribes say that Elias must come first?”

Jesus answered them, “Elias indeed comes first, and he will restore all things. But I tell you that Elias has already come, and they did not recognize him. Instead, they did to him whatever they wanted to. Likewise, the Son of Man will also suffer at their hands.” Then, the disciples understood that he was speaking about John the Baptist. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 7:2a, part of b, 18

A Psalm of David.

O Lord my God, I hope in You;

save me

I will confess the Lord according to His righteousness;

and I will sing to the Name of the Lord Most High.

Alleluia.

##### John 7:39-42

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This is truly the prophet!” Others said, “This is the Christ!” But some said, “What? Does the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” Glory be to God forever.

### Tuesday of the Third Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 56:7

A Psalm of David.

They prepared a trap for my feet,

and they bowed down my soul.

They dug a pit before me,

and fell into it themselves.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 18:6-7

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for such a person that a huge millstone be hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Woe to the world because of occasions of stumbling! Such occasions are bound to come, but woe to the one through whom the occasion does come! Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 56:2ab, 6

A Psalm of David.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me,

for my soul trusts in You;

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

and Your glory over all the earth.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 17:20b-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, I tell you that if you have faith [even] like a grain of mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you! But this kind [of spirit] does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

While they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and the third day, he will be raised up.”

They were extremely distressed. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 7:11, 12a

A Psalm of David.

Righteous help comes to me from God,

Who saves the upright in heart.

God is a righteous judge, strong and patient.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:12-16

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Then again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.”

At this, the Pharisees said to him, “You bear witness to yourself! Your testimony is not true!”

Jesus answered them, “Even if I bear witness to myself, my testimony is true, because I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I came from or where I am going. You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one. Even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me.'z Glory be to God forever.

### Wednesday of the Third Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 43:24, 27

A Psalm of David.

Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord?

Arise, and do not reject us forever.

Arise, O Lord; help us,

and redeem us for the sake of Your Name.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 20:29-34

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As they were leaving Jericho, a great crowd was following Jesus. Behold, two blind men were sitting by the road, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, “Lord, have mercy on us, you son of David!” The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but the blind men cried out even more, “Lord, have mercy on us, you son of David!”

Jesus stood still and called them, asking, “What do you want me to do for you?”

They told him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened!”

Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes, and immediately their eyes received their sight, and they began to follow him. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 56:9b, 10, 11a (part)

A Psalm of David.

I will arise at dawn.

I will confess You, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to You among the nations,

for Your mercy is magnified

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 20:17-19

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the Twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death, and they will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, scourge and crucify him. And on the third day, he will be raised up.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 17:47, 50

A Psalm of David.

The Lord lives! And my God is blessed;

and let the God of my salvation be exalted,

therefore I will confess You

among the nations, O Lord,

and I will sing praise to Your Name.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:23-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you therefore that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am {he}, you will die in your sins.”

Therefore, they asked him, “Who are you?”

Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning! I have much to say concerning you and [much] to condemn.

However he who sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these [things] I say to the world.” Glory be to God forever.

### Thursday of the Third Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 100:1, 2a, 4ab (part)

A Psalm of David.

I will sing to You of mercy and judgment, O Lord;

I will sing and understand a blameless way.

A crooked heart will not cling to me.

I did not know [it].

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 13:53-58

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus had finished [speaking] these parables, he departed from there. Coming into his own country, he taught the people in their synagogue and they were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? Are not all of his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all of these things?” And they stumbled because of him.

But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country and in his own house!” He did not do many deeds of power there because of their unbelief. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 100:8

A Psalm of David.

Each morning I slay all the sinners of the land,

that I may purge all workers of iniquity

from the city of the Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 22:34-40

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered together.

One of them, a lawyer, then asked him a question in order to test him. “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?”

Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. The second is likewise, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 32:20, 21

A Psalm of David.

Our soul waits for the Lord;

for He is our helper and protector;

For our heart rejoices in Him,

and we hope in His holy Name.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:28-30

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am {he}. I do nothing of myself, but as my Father taught me, this is what I proclaim. He who sent me is with me. The Father has not left me alone because I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

As he spoke these things, many believed in him. Glory be to God forever.

### Friday of the Third Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 145:7c, 8

A Psalm of David.

The Lord releases those who are bound.

The Lord raises up those cast down;

the Lord gives wisdom to the blind;

the Lord loves the righteous.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 11:20-24

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He then began to rebuke the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent.

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes! But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you! You, Capernaum, who [thought that you] were exalted to heaven, you will go down to hades! For if the deeds of power which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this [very] day. But I tell you: on the day of judgment, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom, than for you.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 145:1, 2a, 5

A Psalm of David.

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord all my life;

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob;

whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 22:41-46

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now while the Pharisees were assembled, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

They answered, “[He is the son] of David.”

Jesus said to them, “How, then, does David, in the Spirit, call him ‘Lord’, saying:

*‘The Lord said to my Lord,*

*sit at my right hand,*

*until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’*

If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”

No one was able to answer him a word, and from that day on, no one dared to ask him any more questions. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 85:12, 10

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

And I will glorify Your Name forever,

For You are great, and work wonders;

You alone are the great God.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:31-39a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus therefore said to those Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free!”

They answered him, “We are Abraham’s seed and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin! A slave does not live in the house forever, [but] a son remains forever. If therefore the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed! I know that you are Abraham’s seed, yet you seek to kill me, because my word finds no place in you. I say the things which I have seen with my Father; and you also do the things which you have seen with your father.”

They answered him, “Our father is Abraham!” Glory be to God forever.

### Saturday of the Third Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 31:8

A Psalm of David.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should walk;

I will fix My eyes upon you.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 15:29-31

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus departed and came near the sea of Galilee. He went up into the mountain and sat there. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, blind, mute, crippled, and many others; and they put them down at his feet. He healed them, and the crowds were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 106:1, 2a

A Psalm of David.

Confess the Lord, He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Let those redeemed by the Lord say so.

Alleluia.

##### John 7:10-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

However, when his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly, but as it were, in private. As a result, the Jews were looking for him at the feast, and they were asking, “Where is he?” There was much murmuring among the multitudes concerning him. Some said, “He is a good man!” Others replied, “Not so, but he leads the multitude astray!” However, no one spoke openly about him for fear of the Jews. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 19:6c, 7

A Psalm of David.

May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

Now I know that the Lord has saved His Christ;

He will hear Him from His holy heaven,

and with mighty acts show the salvation of His right hand.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:47-56

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, amen, I tell you; the one who is believing in me has eternal life. I am the bread of life! Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, its purpose is that anyone may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, this one will live forever! Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

At this, the Jews disputed with one another, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus therefore said to them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood dwells in me, and I in him. Glory be to God forever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 114:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

I love [Him], because the Lord will hear

the voice of my supplication,

because He has inclined His ear to me;

therefore I will call upon Him in all my days.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:12-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Then again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.”

At this, the Pharisees said to him, “You bear witness to yourself! Your testimony is not true!”

Jesus answered them, “Even if I bear witness to myself, my testimony is true, because I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I came from or where I am going. You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one. Even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me. It is also written in your law that the testimony of two people is truthful. I am one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me [also] bears witness to me.”

At this, they asked him, “Where is your Father?”

Jesus answered, “You do not know me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” Jesus spoke these words in the treasury, as he taught in the temple. Yet no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 114:4, 6

A Psalm of David.

I called on the Name of the Lord,

“O Lord, save my soul!”

The Lord is the protector of infants;

I was humbled, and He saved me.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:21-30

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Then, Jesus spoke to them again, “I am going away; you will seek me, and you will die in your sins. Where I go, you cannot come.”

At this, the Jews said, “Will he kill himself, since he says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’”

Jesus said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you therefore that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am {he}, you will die in your sins.”

Therefore, they asked him, “Who are you?”

Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning! I have much to say concerning you and [much] to condemn. However he who sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these [things] I say to the world.”

They did not understand that he spoke to them about the Father. So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am {he}. I do nothing of myself, but as my Father taught me, this is what I proclaim. He who sent me is with me. The Father has not left me alone because I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

As he spoke these things, many believed in him. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 113:20, 21

A Psalm of David.

The Lord has remembered us and blessed us;

He has blessed the house of Israel,

He has blessed the house of Aaron;

He has blessed those who fear the Lord,

[both] the small and the great.

Alleluia.

##### John 4:1-42

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Then, when the Lord learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but his disciples), he left Judea and departed into Galilee. Now, he needed to pass through Samaria. And so, he arrived at a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph; and Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me [something] to drink.” (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food).

The Samaritan woman then said to him, “How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water!”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw [water] with, and the well is deep! Where then do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well and drank of it himself, as did his children and his livestock?”

Jesus replied, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again! But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. Not only this, the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or come all the way here to draw [water]!”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

The woman answered, “I have no husband!”

Jesus replied, “You said well, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truthfully.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet! Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where people should worship.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, a time is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming,” (he who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”

Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then, his disciples arrived. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What are you looking for?” or, “Why do you speak with her?” Then, the woman left her water jar, went away into the city, and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I have done! Could this be the Christ?”

The people [then] went out of the city, and were coming to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, saying, “Rabbi, eat!”

But he told them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

The disciples then said one to another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months until the harvest comes?’ Behold, I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields! They are already white for the harvest! [Already], he who reaps is receiving his wages and gathering fruit to eternal life; so that both the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together! For in this, the saying is true, ‘One sows, and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into [the rewards of] their labor.”

Many of the Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the word of the woman who had testified, “He told me everything that I did!” For this reason, when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them. So, he stayed there two days, and many more believed because of his word. Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, but because we have heard for ourselves and [we] know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.” Glory be to God forever.

### Monday of the Fourth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 42:5

A Psalm of David.

Why are you deeply grieved, O my soul?

And why do you trouble me?

Hope in God, for I will confess Him;

He is the salvation of my face, and my God.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 16:17-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

These signs will accompany those who believe: in my Name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new languages; they will take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it will in no way hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

And so, the Lord, after he had spoken to them, was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. They went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied [them]. Amen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 42:3

A Psalm of David.

Send out Your light and Your truth,

that they may guide me and lead me

to Your holy mountain, and to Your Tabernacle.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 4:30-34

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said, “What can we compare the Kingdom of God to? Or with what parable will we illustrate it? It is like a grain of mustard seed sown in the ground! Even though it is smaller than all the seeds on earth, when it is sown and grows up, it becomes greater than all garden plants! It puts out great branches and the birds of the sky can find shelter under its shade.”

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to the people, as much as they were able to hear it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but to his own disciples, he explained everything in private. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 118:105, 135

A Psalm of David.

Your word is a lamp to my feet,

and a light to my paths.

Make Your face shine upon Your servant,

and teach me Your statutes.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:30b-42

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now, you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth which I heard from God! Abraham did not do this. You do the works of your father.”

They replied to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality! We have one Father, God.”

Therefore, Jesus said to them, “If God were your father, you would love me, for I came out and have come from God. Indeed, I have not come of myself, but he has sent me. Glory be to God forever.

### Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 66:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

May God have compassion on us and bless us,

and may He manifest His face upon us,

and have mercy upon us, *(Pause)*

that we may know Your way upon the earth,

[and] Your salvation among all nations.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 4:35-41

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

That day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, his disciples took him with them in the boat, just as he was; and there were also other small boats with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so much that the boat was already filling. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. They woke him up and told him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

Jesus awoke and rebuked the wind, saying to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He then asked his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?”

They were greatly afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 66:6, 7b, 8a

A Psalm of David.

Let the peoples confess You, O God;

let all the peoples confess You.

May God, our God, bless us.

may God bless us.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 1:40-44

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

A leper came to him, begging to him, kneeling down before him, and saying, “If you want to, you can make me clean!”

Being moved with compassionb, Jesus stretched out his hand, touched the man, and said to him, “I want to! Be made clean.” When Jesus said this, the leprosy immediately departed from the leperc and he was made clean. Jesus strictly warned him, and sent him out at once, 44saying, “See that you do not say anything to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest. Offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 53:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

O God, save me in Your Name,

and judge me in Your power.

O God, Hear my prayer;

give ear to the words of my mouth.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:51-55

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, amen, I tell you; whoever keeps my word will never see death.”

Then the Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, and [so did] the prophets; and [yet] you say, ‘whoever keeps my word will never see death.’ Are you greater than our father, Abraham, who died? The prophets died [too]. Who do you claim to be?”

Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is our God. You have not known him, but I know him. If I said, ‘I do not know him,’ I would be like you, a liar. But I [do] know him, and I keep his word. Glory be to God forever.

### Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 118:49, 50

A Psalm of David.

Remember Your word to Your servant,

by which You have given me hope.

This comforted me in my humiliation,

for Your sayings revived me.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 6:47-52

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and Jesus was alone on the shore. Seeing the disciples hard pressed in their rowing as the wind was against them, he came to them when it was about the fourth watch of the night. He walked on the sea and would have passed by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought that it was a ghost and cried out. They all saw him and were troubled, but immediately, Jesus spoke with them, and said, “Rejoice! It is I! Do not be afraid!” He got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. They were utterly astonished and marveled greatly because they had not understood about the [miracle of the] loaves, but their hearts were hardened. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 118:33, 34

A Psalm of David.

Make the way of Your statutes my law, O Lord,

and I will seek it at all times.

Make me understand, and I will search out Your law,

and keep it with my whole heart.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 3:31-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

His mother and his brothers came and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A large group was sitting around him, and they told him, “Behold, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, looking for you.”

He answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” Looking around at those who sat around him, he said, “Behold, my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God is my brother, and my sister, and mother.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 73:12, 13, 22a, 23a

A Psalm of David.

Yet God is our eternal King;

He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

You strengthened the sea by Your power;

You crushed the heads of the dragons upon the water.

Arise, O God, plead Your cause;

Do not forget the cry of Your suppliants.

Alleluia.

##### John 7:14-29

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But when it was the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. At this, the Jews were amazed and said, “How does this man have such learning without having been educated?”

Jesus therefore answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but [it comes] from him who sent me. Anyone who desires to do God’s will, he will recognize the teaching, whether it is from God, or if I am speaking from myself. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is true, and [there is] no unrighteousness in him. Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill me?”

The crowd replied, “You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?”

Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you all marvel because of it. Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers), and on the Sabbath, you circumcise a boy. If a boy receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, [why] are you angry with me because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but make a right judgment.”

Then, some people from Jerusalem said, “Is this not the one whom they seek to kill? Behold, he is speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Could it be indeed that the rulers acknowledge that this is truly the Christ? However, we know where this man comes from! But when the Christ comes, no one will know where he comes from.”

Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, “You both know me, and know where I am from. I have not come of myself, but he who sent me is true, and you do not know him. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.” Glory be to God forever.

### Thursday of the Fourth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 126:2d, 3a

A Psalm of David.

He gives His beloved ones sleep.

Behold, sons are the inheritance from the Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 7:1-4

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came from Jerusalem and gathered to [see] Jesus. When they saw some of his disciples were eating bread with defiled (that is, unwashed) hands, they found fault. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews hold to the tradition of the presbyters and do not eat unless they wash their hands and forearms. [Also], they do not eat when they return from the marketplace unless they [first] bathe themselves; and there are many other things which they have received and observe: washings of cups, pitchers, bronze vessels, and couches.) Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 96:7c, 8

A Psalm of David.

Worship Him, all His angels!

Zion heard and was glad,

and the daughters of Judah rejoiced

because of Your judgments, O Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 4:21-25

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a basket or under a bed? Is not it placed on a stand? For there is nothing hidden that may not be made manifest, and nothing was made secret that should not come to light. Anyone who has ears for listening should listen!”

He also told them, “Pay attention to what you hear! With whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you, and more will be given to those who hear. For whoever has will receive even more, but to the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 66:2, 7b, 8a

A Psalm of David.

May God have compassion on us and bless us,

and may He manifest His face upon us,

and have mercy upon us, *(Pause)*

May God, our God, bless us.

May God bless us.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:54-59

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is our God. You have not known him, but I know him. If I said, ‘I do not know him,’ I would be like you, a liar. But I [do] know him, and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He saw it, and was glad!”

At this, the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; before Abraham came into existence, I am.”

Therefore, they took up stones to throw at him, but Jesus was hidden, and <having gone through their midst and so passing by>, he went out of the temple. Glory be to God forever.

### Friday of the Fourth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 69:2, 3cd

A Psalm of David.

[O God, attend to my help;]

O Lord, make haste to help me!

May all who wish me evil

be turned back and put to shame.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 8:10-15

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Immediately, he got into the boat with his disciples and arrived into the region of Dalmanutha. The Pharisees came out and began to question him, seeking from him a sign from heaven, and putting him to the test. Jesus sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, “Why is this generation seeking a sign? Amen, I tell you: no sign will be given to this generation!”

He left them, and again entered into the boat and departed to the other side. But the disciples forgot to take bread and had only one loaf in the boat with them. Jesus warned them in these words, “Be watchful, beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Herod.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 69:2, 6ab

A Psalm of David.

[O God, attend to my help;]

O Lord, make haste to help me!

But I am poor and needy;

help me, O God!

Alleluia.

##### Mark 4:26-29

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said, “The Kingdom of God is as if a man would scatter seed on the ground, and then go to sleep. Night and day, whether he sleeps or rises, the seed springs up and grows, even if he does not know how. For the earth bears fruit: first the blade comes, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the fruit is ripe, at once the man pulls out his sickle, because the harvest has come.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 23:1, 4a

A Psalm of David.

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,

the world and all who dwell in it,

He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

Alleluia.

##### John 10:34-38

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods?’ If he called them gods, (those to whom the word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of him whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You blaspheme,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God?’ If I do not do the works of my Father, do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may recognize and believe that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.” Glory be to God forever.

### Saturday of the Fourth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 128:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

“Many times have they warred against me from my youth”

—let Israel now say—

“many times have they warred against me from my youth,

yet they could not prevail against me.”

Alleluia.

##### Luke 11:17b-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. A house divided against itself falls. If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul! But if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. However, if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come to you!

When a strong man is fully armed and guards his own house, his goods are safe. But when someone stronger attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

Whoever is not with me is against me! Whoever does not gather with me scatters! Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 145:10

A Psalm of David.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

Alleluia.

##### John 7:31-36

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But of the multitude, many believed in him. They said, “When the Christ comes, he will not do more signs than the ones which this man has done, will he?” The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things concerning him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

Then Jesus said, “I will be with you a little while longer, then I go to him who sent me. You will seek me and will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.”

The Jews therefore said among themselves, “Where will this man go, so that we will not find him? Will he go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What is this word that he said, ‘You will seek me, and will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come’?” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 14:4ab

A Psalm of David.

He disdains those who do evil in his sight,

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

Alleluia.

##### John 7:14-24

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But when it was the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. At this, the Jews were amazed and said, “How does this man have such learning without having been educated?”

Jesus therefore answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but [it comes] from him who sent me. Anyone who desires to do God’s will, he will recognize the teaching, whether it is from God, or if I am speaking from myself. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is true, and [there is] no unrighteousness in him. Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill me?”

The crowd replied, “You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?”

Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you all marvel because of it. Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers), and on the Sabbath, you circumcise a boy. If a boy receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, [why] are you angry with me because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but make a right judgment.” Glory be to God forever.

## The Fifth Sunday of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 117:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Confess the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say that He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:57-69

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; whoever eats me will also live because of me. This is the bread which came down out of heaven - not [such] as the fathers [who] ate the manna and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever!” He said these things in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Therefore, many of his disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying! Who can listen to it?”

But knowing in himself that his disciples grumbled at this, Jesus said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble? What then if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and [they] are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were those who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him. He said, “For this reason, I have told you that no one can come to me, unless it is given to him by my Father.”

At this, many of his disciples went back and no longer walked with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?”

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life! We have come to believe and know that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 117:28

A Psalm of David.

You are my God, and I will confess You;

You are my God, and I will exalt You;

I will confess You, for You heard me,

and became my salvation.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:51-59

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, amen, I tell you; whoever keeps my word will never see death.”

Then the Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, and [so did] the prophets; and [yet] you say, ‘whoever keeps my word will never see death.’ Are you greater than our father, Abraham, who died? The prophets died [too]. Who do you claim to be?”

Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is our God. You have not known him, but I know him. If I said, ‘I do not know him,’ I would be like you, a liar. But I [do] know him, and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He saw it, and was glad!”

At this, the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; before Abraham came into existence, I am.”

Therefore, they took up stones to throw at him, but Jesus was hidden, and <having gone through their midst and so passing by>, he went out of the temple. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 117:14, 15, 16

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my strength and my song,

and He has become my salvation.

The sound of rejoicing and salvation

is in the tents righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord worked power;

the right hand of the Lord exalted me;

the right hand of the Lord worked power.”

Alleluia.

##### John 12:35-50

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus therefore said to them, “The light is with you a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness may not overtake you. Whoever walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

After Jesus had said this, he left and hid from them. But even though he had performed so many signs in front of them, they did not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaias the prophet:

*Lord, who has believed our report?*

*To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

For this reason, they could not believe, for Isaias said elsewhere:

*He has blinded their eyes and he hardened their heart,*

*lest they should see with their eyes,*

*and perceive with their heart,*

*and would turn,*

*and I would heal them.*

Isaias said these things when he saw his glory and spoke of him. Still, even many among the rulers believed in him, but because of the Pharisees, they did not confess it [openly], so that they would not be put out of the synagogue, for they loved human praise more than God’s praise.

Jesus cried aloud, “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in the one who sent me! Whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as a light into the world, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in the dark. If anyone listens to my sayings and does not believe, I do not judge this person. For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world! Whoever rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge [already]: the word that I spoke is what will judge such a person in the last day. For I did not speak from myself; instead, the Father who sent me has given me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. I know that his commandment is eternal life. And therefore what the Father has told me is what I speak.” Glory be to God forever.

### Monday of the Fifth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 42:5

A Psalm of David.

Why are you deeply grieved, O my soul?

And why do you trouble me?

Hope in God, for I will confess Him;

He is the salvation of my face, and my God.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 5:21-43

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus had crossed back over in the boat to the other side, a great crowd was gathered to [welcome] him and he remained by the seashore. Behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue whose name was Jairus came forward. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet, and profusely begged him, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death! Please come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made healthy and live.”

Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed him, pressing upon him on all sides. There was a certain woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years. She had endured much at the hands of many physicians and spent all that she had. Yet, she was not feeling better but worse. Having heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. For she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be made well!” And immediately, the flow of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

Jesus, perceiving at once in himself that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

His disciples said to him, “You see the multitude pressing against you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

Jesus looked around to see the woman who had done this. But she, fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came forward and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well! Go in peace, and be cured of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, people came from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying, “Your daughter is dead! Why bother the Teacher any longer?”

But when Jesus heard the message, he immediately said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not be afraid, only believe!” He allowed no one to follow him, except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). He arrived at the synagogue ruler’s house, and saw a commotion with weeping and great wailing. When Jesus had entered in [the house], he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but asleep!” At this, they laughed at him. But Jesus, having put them all out, took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him, and went into the room where the child was lying. Taking the child by the hand, Jesus said to her, “Talitha cumi!” which means, “Little girl, I tell you, get up!” Immediately, the girl (who was twelve years old) rose up and began to walk. At this, they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 117:15c, 17

A Psalm of David.

The right hand of the Lord worked power;

I will not die, but live,

and proclaim the works of the Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 4:30-34

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said, “What can we compare the Kingdom of God to? Or with what parable will we illustrate it? It is like a grain of mustard seed sown in the ground! Even though it is smaller than all the seeds on earth, when it is sown and grows up, it becomes greater than all garden plants! It puts out great branches and the birds of the sky can find shelter under its shade.”

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to the people, as much as they were able to hear it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but to his own disciples, he explained everything in private. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 69:6

A Psalm of David.

But I am poor and needy;

help me, O God!

You are my helper and my deliverer;

O Lord, do not delay!

Alleluia.

##### John 3:25-30

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, there arose a discussion on the part of John’s disciples with some Jews about ceremonial washing. They came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you bore witness, behold, this one is [now] baptizing and everyone is coming to him!”

John answered, “No one can receive anything, unless it has been given him from heaven. You yourselves testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent before him.’ He who has the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom who stands [by] and hears him rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. And so my joy is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.” Glory be to God forever.

### Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 117:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Confess the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say that He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Alleluia.

##### John 3:31-36a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He who comes from above is above all. He who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and from the earth he speaks. He who comes from heaven is above all. What he has seen and heard is what he bears witness to, but no one accepts his testimony. He who has accepted his testimony has set his seal [to this], that God is true. Indeed the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. The one who believes in the Son has eternal life. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 117:18, 19

A Psalm of David.

The Lord chastened me with chastening,

but He did not give me up to death.

Open the gates of righteousness to me;

I will enter by them and confess the Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 4:35-41

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

That day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, his disciples took him with them in the boat, just as he was; and there were also other small boats with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so much that the boat was already filling. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. They woke him up and told him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

Jesus awoke and rebuked the wind, saying to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He then asked his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?”

They were greatly afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 33:6, 9

A Psalm of David.

Come to Him and be enlightened,

and your faces will never be ashamed.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed is the man who hopes in Him.

Alleluia.

##### John 12:44-48

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus cried aloud, “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in the one who sent me! Whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as a light into the world, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in the dark. If anyone listens to my sayings and does not believe, I do not judge this person. For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world! Whoever rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge [already]: the word that I spoke is what will judge such a person in the last day. Glory be to God forever.

### Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 18:3, 5

A Psalm of David.

Day after day utters speech,

and night after night imparts knowledge.

Their message went out into all the earth,

and their words to the ends of the world.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 12:35-40

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As he taught in the temple, Jesus responded, saying, “How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? For David himself said in the Holy Spirit:

*‘The Lord said to my Lord,*

*Sit at my right hand,*

*until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet.’*

Therefore, David himself calls him Lord, so how can he be his son?”

The large crowd listened to him with delight. In his teaching he told them, “Beware of the scribes! They like to walk in long robes, to be greeted in the marketplace, and [to have] the best seats in the synagogues and at banquets. They devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense say long prayers. Such men will be punished most severely.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 117:24, 25

A Psalm of David.

This is the day which the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, save us!

O Lord, straighten our way!

Alleluia.

##### Mark 12:28-34

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

One of the scribes came and heard them debating. Knowing that Jesus had answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the greatest of all?”

Jesus answered, “The greatest is, ‘Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The scribe said to him, “It is well, teacher, that you have said truly that he is one, and there is none other but he, and to love him with the whole heart, and with the whole mind, with the whole soul, and with the whole strength; and to love one’s neighbor as oneself. It is more important than any whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that the scribe had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God!”

No one dared to ask him any [other] question after that. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 117:8, 9

A Psalm of David.

It is better to trust in the Lord

than to trust in man.

It is better to hope in the Lord

than to hope in rulers.

Alleluia.

##### John 13:16-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, amen, I tell you; a servant is not greater than his master, neither is the one who is sent greater than he who sent him. Now that you know these things, blessed are you if you do them! I do not speak about all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is in order that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘He who eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me.’ From now on, I tell you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe that I am he. Amen, amen, I tell you; whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.” Glory be to God forever.

### Thursday of the Fifth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 17:47, 48

A Psalm of David.

The Lord lives! And my God is blessed;

and let the God of my salvation be exalted,

the God Who sees that I am avenged,

and subdues peoples under me.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:70-7:1

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus told them, “Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And [yet] one of you is a devil!” Now, he was speaking about Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he who would betray him, and he was one of the Twelve.

After these things, Jesus went about in Galilee; he did not wish to travel around in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill him. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 117:26, 27a

A Psalm of David.

Blessed be he who comes in the Name of the Lord;

we have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, and has enlightened us.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 7:5-8a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why is it that your disciples do not live by the tradition of the presbyters, but eat their bread with unwashed hands?”

Jesus answered them, “Well did Isaias prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

*‘This people honors me with their lips,*

*but their heart is far from me.*

*But in vain do they worship before me,*

*teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’*

Indeed, you set aside the commandment of God and hold fast to the tradition of men.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 38:13

A Psalm of David.

Hear my prayer, O Lord,

and give ear to my supplication;

do not be silent at my tears.

For I am a sojourner before You,

and a stranger, as all my fathers were.

Alleluia.

##### John 17:18-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As you sent me into the world, I too have sent them into the world. I sanctify myself for their sake, so that they too may be sanctified in truth. I do not pray only for these, but also for those who [will] believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you. May they be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. Glory be to God forever.

### Friday of the Fifth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 117:8, 9

A Psalm of David.

It is better to trust in the Lord

than to trust in man.

It is better to hope in the Lord

than to hope in rulers.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 14:7-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus noticed how people chose the best seats, he told the guest a parable, saying, “When you are invited by anyone to a marriage feast, do not sit in the best seat. It could be that someone more honorable than you might have been invited by the host, and he who invited both of you would come and tell you, ‘Make room for this person.’ Then, with shame, you would proceed to take the lowest place. Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place. And so, when the host comes, he may tell you, ‘Friend, move up higher!’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 117:28

A Psalm of David.

You are my God, and I will confess You;

You are my God, and I will exalt You;

I will confess You, for You heard me,

and became my salvation.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 14:12-15

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not call your friends, brothers, kinsmen or rich neighbors because they might return the favor and pay you back. Instead, when you give a feast, ask the poor, the maimed, the lame, or the blind [to come]. Then, you will be blessed, because they do not have the means to pay you back. For you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

When one of those who sat at the table with him heard these things, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will feast in the Kingdom of God!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 118:145, 146

A Psalm of David.

I cry with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord;

I will seek [after] Your statutes.

I cry to You; save me,

and I will keep Your testimonies.

Alleluia.

##### John 17:22-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The glory which you have given me, I have given to them, so that they may be one even as we are one; I in them, and you in me. May they be perfected into one, so that the world may know that you sent me, and [that you have] loved them, even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those whom you have given me would be with me where I am, so that they may see my glory which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world has not known you, but I knew you; and these have known that you have sent me. I made your Name known to them, and I will [continue to] make it known; so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them.” Glory be to God forever.

### Saturday of the Fifth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 134:19, 20

A Psalm of David.

Bless the Lord, O house of Israel!

Bless the Lord, O house of Aaron!

Bless the Lord, O house of Levi!

Bless the Lord, O you who fear the Lord!

Alleluia.

##### Luke 14:1-6

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, it happened that Jesus went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat bread, and they were watching him [closely]. And behold, a certain man who had swollen arms and legs was [standing] in front of him. Jesus answered and spoke to the experts in the law and to the Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”

But they remained silent.

So taking hold of the man, Jesus healed him and sent him away. He answered them, “Which of you, if your donkey or ox falls into a well on a Sabbath day, would not immediately pull it out?”

And they could not answer him regarding these things. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 35:6, 7a

A Psalm of David.

O Lord, Your mercy is in heaven,

and Your truth reaches to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God.

Alleluia.

##### John 7:37-46

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, on the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and spoke loudly, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! The who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within such a one rivers of living water will flow!” But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This is truly the prophet!” Others said, “This is the Christ!” But some said, “What? Does the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” And so, there arose a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them would have arrested him, but no one laid hands on him. And so, the officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they asked the officers, “Why did you not bring him?”

The officers answered, “No one has ever spoken like this man!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 135:3, 5

A Psalm of David.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

sing to His Name, for it is good,

for I know that the Lord is great,

and our Lord is above all the gods.

Alleluia.

##### John 14:1-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Have faith in God! Have also faith in me! In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will return and receive you to myself, so that where I am, you may be there also. You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

Thomas asked him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going! How can we know the way?”

Jesus replied to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on, you know him, and you have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us!”

Jesus answered, “I have been with you for such a long time, and still, do you not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father! How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words that I tell you, I do not speak from myself, but the Father who lives in me accomplishes his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and that the Father is in me; or else believe on account of the works themselves. Glory be to God forever.

## The Sixth Sunday of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 134:6ab, 21

A Psalm of David.

Whatever the Lord willed, He did,

in heaven and on the earth.

Blessed be the Lord from Zion,

He Who dwells in Jerusalem.

Alleluia.

##### John 14:21-25

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them that person is someone who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and will reveal myself to him.”

Judas (not Iscariot) asked him, “Lord, what has happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?”

Jesus answered him, “Anyone who loves me will keep my word; my Father will love him and we shall come to him and make a home in him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. The word which you hear is not mine, but it belongs to the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while still living with you. But the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my Name, will teach you all things and remind you of all that I said to you. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 134:19, 20

A Psalm of David.

Bless the Lord, O house of Israel!

Bless the Lord, O house of Aaron!

Bless the Lord, O house of Levi!

Bless the Lord, O you who fear the Lord!

Alleluia.

##### John 15:4b-8

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, neither can you, unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you [are] the branches! Whoever remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me, you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown out as a branch and is withered. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned! If you remain in me and if my words remain in you, you mayask whatever you desire and it will be done for you. In this is my Father glorified: that you bear much fruit; and [this is how] you will be my disciples. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 135:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Confess the Lord, for He is good,

for His mercy endures forever;

confess the God of gods,

for His mercy endures forever.

Alleluia.

##### John 14:1-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Have faith in God! Have also faith in me! In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will return and receive you to myself, so that where I am, you may be there also. You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

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### Monday of the Sixth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 46:2

A Psalm of David.

Clap your hands, all you nations;

shout to God with a voice of rejoicing.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 6:30-34

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The apostles came back together around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. Because there were many [people] coming and going, the apostles did not even have time to eat. Jesus then said to them, “You should go away into a deserted place and rest for a while.” They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. The multitudes saw them going away and many recognized Jesus. People rushed there on foot from all the [surrounding] cities and arrived before them, arriving there ahead of them. Jesus came out, saw a great crowd and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He then began to teach them many things. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 46:7, 8b, 9a

A Psalm of David.

Sing praises to our God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises;

sing praises with understanding,

[for] God reigns over the nations.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 8:22-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When he arrived at Bethsaida, people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. Jesus took hold of the blind man by the hand and brought him out of the village. He spit on his eyes, laid his hands on the man, and asked him if he saw anything.

The man looked up and said, “I see people! I see them like trees walking!”

Again, Jesus laid his hands on the man’s eyes who then looked [around] intently. His sight was then restored and he saw everyone clearly. Jesus sent him away to his home, saying, “Do not enter into the village and do not tell anyone in the village.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 27:9, 8a

A Psalm of David.

Save Your people and bless Your inheritance;

shepherd them and raise them up forever.

The Lord is the strength of His people.

Alleluia.

##### John 16:15-23a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Everything the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he takes of [what is] mine and will declare it to you. In a little while, you will no longer see me, and then after a little while you will see me <because I go to the Father>.”

At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he is saying to us, ‘In a little while, you will no longer see me, and then after a little while you will see me’ and, ‘because I go to the Father?’” And so they kept asking, “What is this that he says, ‘A little while?’ We do not understand what he is saying!”

Now, Jesus perceived that they wanted to ask him [about these things], and he said to them, “Are you discussing among yourselves concerning this, that I said, ‘In a little while, you will no longer see me, and then after a little while you will see me?’ Amen, amen, I tell you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy! When a woman gives birth, she hassorrow because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she does not remember the anguish any more because of the joy that a human being is born into the world. Therefore, you now have sorrow, but I will see you again; and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you!

In that day you will ask me no [more] questions. Glory be to God forever.

### Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 46:5, 6

A Psalm of David.

He has chosen us for His own inheritance,

the beauty of Jacob, whom He loved. *(Pause)*

God ascended with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 9:14-29

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Returning to the [other] disciples, Jesus saw a great crowd around them and scribes questioning them. At once, when all the people saw him, they were greatly amazed and rushed to greet him. Jesus asked the scribes, “What are you asking them about?”

In the crowd, someone said, “Teacher, I brought you my son who has a mute spirit. Wherever the spirit seizes him, it throws him to the ground and my son foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they were not able.”

Jesus answered him, “Unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to me.”

They brought the son to him, and when he saw Jesus, the spirit immediately convulsed the boy who fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood”, he answered. Often, it has thrown him both into the fire and into water, in order to destroy him. But if you are able to do anything, have compassion on us and help us!”

Jesus said to the man, “If you are able! All things are possible to the one who believes!”

Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears, “I believe! Help my unbelief!”

When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!”

The spirit cried out, convulsed greatly and came out of the boy. He became as dead, so much that most of the people said, “He is dead!” But Jesus took him by the hand, raised him up; and the boy arose.

When Jesus entered into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not we cast it out?” He told them, “This kind can come out by nothing, except by prayer and fasting.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 46:3, 4

A Psalm of David.

He subdued peoples under us,

and nations under our feet.

He has chosen us for His own inheritance,

the beauty of Jacob, whom He loved.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 9:30-32

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

They left that place and passed through Galilee, [and] Jesus did not want anyone to know it. He was teaching his disciples and told them, “The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and when he is killed, he will rise again on the third day.”

But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask him. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 114:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

I love [Him], because the Lord will hear

the voice of my supplication,

because He has inclined His ear to me;

therefore I will call upon Him in all my days.

Alleluia.

##### John 16:23b-33

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, amen, I tell you; whatever you may ask of the Father in my Name, he will give it to you. Until now, you have asked nothing in my Name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete! I have told you these things in figures of speech. But the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day, you will ask in my Name. And I do not tell you that I will pray to the Father for you, because the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and believed that I came forth from God. I came out from the Father, and I have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and return to the Father.”

His disciples said to him, “Behold, now you speak plainly, not in figures of speech. Now we know that you know all things and we do not need for anyone to ask questions from you. By this we believe that you came forth from God.”

Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the time is coming, yes, and it has now come, when you will be scattered, everyone to his own place, and you will desert me. Yet, I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have distress, but rejoice! I have overcome the world.” Glory be to God forever.

### Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 22:5

A Psalm of David.

You have prepared a table before me

against those that afflict me;

You anointed my head with oil,

and Your chalice has inebriated me as strong drink.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 9:33-37

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus arrived in Capernaum, and when he was in the house, he asked his disciples, “What were you arguing among yourselves on the way?”

But they remained silent because on the way, they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

He sat down, called the Twelve and told them, “If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and the servant of all.” He took a little child and set him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives such a little child in my Name, receives me; and whoever receives me, does not receive me, but the one who sent me.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 22:1, 2a, 3a

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I will lack nothing.

He settles me in a place of green pastures,

He restores my soul.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 9:38-42

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in your Name; and we forbade him, because he does not follow us!”

But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him, for no one who does a mighty work in my Name will be able to quickly speak evil of me. For whoever is not against us is on our side. Amen, I tell you that whoever will give you a cup of water to drink in my Name, because you belong to Christ, will not lose his reward. But if someone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for such a person to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around the neck”. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 39:14, 18d

A Psalm of David.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:

O Lord, be attentive to helping me.

O my God, do not delay.

Alleluia.

##### John 17:1-8

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said these things, and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, “Father, the time has come! Glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you. Even as you gave him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

This is eternal life: that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ.

I have glorified you on the earth! I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do! Now, Father, glorify me with yourself with the glory I had with you before the world existed. I revealed your Name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me; they have kept your word. Now, they have known that all things you have given me are from you. The words you have given me, I have given to them. They have received them and they have known for certain that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you sent me. Glory be to God forever.

## The Feast of the Ascension

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 67:33, 34a, 35

A Psalm of David.

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,

sing to the Lord. *(Pause)*

Sing to God, Who ascended to the heaven of heavens towards the East;

Give glory to God;

His magnificence is over Israel,

and His power is in the clouds.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 9:51-62

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

It came to pass, when the days were near for him to be taken up, that he resolutely set his face to go to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. They went and entered into a village of the Samaritans in order to make preparation for him. But the people did not receive him because he was heading for Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and destroy them, just as Elias did?”

But Jesus turned around and rebuked them, “You do not know of what kind of spirit you are. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people’s lives but to save them.”

They went on to another village. As they went on the way, a certain man said to him, “I want to follow you wherever you go, Lord!”

Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes, and the birds of heaven have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

He said to another, “Follow me!”

But the man said, “Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.”

But Jesus replied, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But you go and announce the Kingdom of God.”

Another also said, “I want to follow you, Lord, but first allow me to say goodbye to those who are at my house!”

But Jesus said to him, “No one who has put his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 67:19ab, 20ab

A Psalm of David.

You ascended on high, You led captivity captive;

You received gifts for mankind;

Blessed be the Lord God;

blessed be the Lord from day to day;

Alleluia.

##### Mark 16:12-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, he was revealed in another form to two of them, as they walked, on their way into the country. They went on their way and told it to the rest who did not believe them, either.

Afterward, Jesus was revealed to the eleven themselves as they sat at the table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen him after he had risen. He said to them, “Go into all the world, and preach the Good News to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who disbelieves will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my Name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new languages; they will take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it will in no way hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

And so, the Lord, after he had spoken to them, was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. They went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied [them]. Amen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 23:9, 10

A Psalm of David.

Lift up the gates, you rulers!

And be lifted up, you eternal doors!

And the King of Glory will enter.

Who is this King of Glory?

The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 24:36-53

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be to you!”

But they were startled and frightened, supposing that they had seen a spirit.

He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is truly me. Touch me and see! A spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see that I have.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they still did not believe for joy and were wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

They gave him a piece of a broiled fish and a honeycomb from a beehive. He took them, and ate in front of them. He said to them, “This is what I told you, while I was still with you, that all things which are written in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me must be fulfilled.”

He then opened their minds, so that they might understand theScriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written, that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his Name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things! Behold, I send forth the promise of my Father on you. But wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.”

He led them out as far as Bethany, lifted up his hands, and blessed them. It happened, while he was blessing them, that he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. They worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple,

praising and blessing God. Amen. Glory be to God forever.

### Friday of the Sixth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 98:1b, 2

A Psalm of David.

He sits upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion,

and He is high over all the peoples.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 8:34-9:1

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus called the multitude to himself with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Indeed, whoever wants to save his life will lose it; and whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. What does it profit if someone, to gain the whole world, looses his life? For what will someone give in exchange for his life? Whoever will be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, I tell you that there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God come with power.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 109:1, 2a

A Psalm of David.

The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand,

until I make Your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

The Lord will send forth the rod of Your power from Zion.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 9:2-7

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and brought them up to a high mountain in private, by themselves. [There], he was transfigured in front of them. His clothing became radiant, extremely white like snow, such as no launderer on earth could whiten them. Elias and Moses appeared to them, and they were talking with Jesus.

Peter told Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elias.” He did not know what to say, for they were very afraid.

A cloud came which overshadowed them and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son! Listen to him.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 68:33b, 34a, 31

A Psalm of David.

Seek God, and your soul shall live,

for the Lord hears the poor,

I will praise the Name of God with a song;

I will magnify Him with praise.

Alleluia.

##### John 14:26-31a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my Name, will teach you all things and remind you of all that I said to you.

Peace I leave with you! My peace I give to you! I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not let it be afraid.

You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away, and I [shall] return to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced because I said ‘I am going to my Father;’ for the Father is greater than I. Now, I have told you before it happens so that, when it happens, you may believe. I will not speak with you much longer because the prince of the world is coming, and he has nothing in me. But so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father has commanded me.” Glory be to God forever.

### Saturday of the Sixth Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 50:10

A Psalm of David.

Create a clean heart in me, O God,

and renew an upright spirit within me.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 11:53-12:3

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As he said these things to them, the scribes and Pharisees began a furious attack on him and tried to force answers from him on many questions. They were lying in wait for him and seeking to catch him in something he might say, in order to accuse him.

Meanwhile, a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so much so that they trampled on each other. Jesus began to speak, first of all to his disciples, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed; or hidden, that will not be known. Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light. What you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 111:4

A Psalm of David.

A light has risen in the dark for the upright,

for [the Lord God] is merciful, compassionate and just.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 10:21-24

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

In that same hour, Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I confess you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for doing so was well-pleasing in your sight.”

Turning to the disciples, he said, “All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is, except the Father, and who the Father is, except the Son, and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

Turning to the disciples, Jesus said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see but they did not see them; and to hear what you hear, but they did not hear them.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 135:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Confess the Lord, for He is good,

for His mercy endures forever;

confess the God of gods,

for His mercy endures forever.

Alleluia.

##### John 16:15-23a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Everything the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he takes of [what is] mine and will declare it to you. In a little while, you will no longer see me, and then after a little while you will see me <because I go to the Father>.”

At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he is saying to us, ‘In a little while, you will no longer see me, and then after a little while you will see me’ and, ‘because I go to the Father?’” And so they kept asking, “What is this that he says, ‘A little while?’ We do not understand what he is saying!”

Now, Jesus perceived that they wanted to ask him [about these things], and he said to them, “Are you discussing among yourselves concerning this, that I said, ‘In a little while, you will no longer see me, and then after a little while you will see me?’ Amen, amen, I tell you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy! When a woman gives birth, she hassorrow because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she does not remember the anguish any more because of the joy that a human being is born into the world. Therefore, you now have sorrow, but I will see you again; and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you!

In that day you will ask me no [more] questions. Glory be to God forever.

## The Seventh Sunday of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 145:1, 2, 10

A Psalm of David.

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I exist.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 12:28-37a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

One of the scribes came and heard them debating. Knowing that Jesus had answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the greatest of all?”

Jesus answered, “The greatest is, ‘Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The scribe said to him, “It is well, teacher, that you have said truly that he is one, and there is none other but he, and to love him with the whole heart, and with the whole mind, with the whole soul, and with the whole strength; and to love one’s neighbor as oneself. It is more important than any whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that the scribe had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God!”

No one dared to ask him any [other] question after that.

As he taught in the temple, Jesus responded, saying, “How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? For David himself said in the Holy Spirit:

*‘The Lord said to my Lord,*

*Sit at my right hand,*

*until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet.’*

Therefore, David himself calls him Lord, so how can he be his son?” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 146:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Praise the Lord, for psalmody is a good thing;

may our praise delight our God.

The Lord is building Jerusalem,

He will gather together the dispersed of Israel.

Alleluia.

##### John 14:8-14

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us!”

Jesus answered, “I have been with you for such a long time, and still, do you not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father! How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words that I tell you, I do not speak from myself, but the Father who lives in me accomplishes his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and that the Father is in me; or else believe on account of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I tell you; whoever believes in me will also accomplish the works that I accomplish and will do [even] greater works than these, because I am going to my Father. Whatever you will ask in my Name is what I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you will ask anything in my Name, I will accomplish it. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 147:1, 7b

A Psalm of David.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

He will blow His breath, and the waters will flow.

Alleluia.

##### John 16:23b-33

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, amen, I tell you; whatever you may ask of the Father in my Name, he will give it to you. Until now, you have asked nothing in my Name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete! I have told you these things in figures of speech. But the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day, you will ask in my Name. And I do not tell you that I will pray to the Father for you, because the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and believed that I came forth from God. I came out from the Father, and I have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and return to the Father.”

His disciples said to him, “Behold, now you speak plainly, not in figures of speech. Now we know that you know all things and we do not need for anyone to ask questions from you. By this we believe that you came forth from God.”

Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the time is coming, yes, and it has now come, when you will be scattered, everyone to his own place, and you will desert me. Yet, I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have distress, but rejoice! I have overcome the world.” Glory be to God forever.

### Monday of the Seventh Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 21:3

A Psalm of David.

O my God, I will cry out by day, and You will not hear,

and by night, yet it is not foolish of me.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 4:38-41

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He rose up from the synagogue, and entered into Simon’s house. Simon’s mother-in-law was afflicted with a great fever, and they begged him for her. He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately, she rose up and served them. When the sun was setting, all those who had anyone sick with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. Demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!” Rebuking them, Jesus did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 118:164, 165a

A Psalm of David.

Seven times a day I have praised You

for the judgments of Your righteousness.

Those who love Your law have great peace.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 4:43-5:3

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But he said to them, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God to the other cities also. I have been sent for this reason!” And he continued preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Now it happened, while the multitude pressed on him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and they were washing their nets. Jesus entered into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 81:8, 6

A Psalm of David.

Arise, O God, judge the earth,

for You will inherit all the nations.

I said, “you are gods

and all of you are sons of the Most High.”

Alleluia.

##### John 15:1-8

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, so that it may bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, neither can you, unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you [are] the branches! Whoever remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me, you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown out as a branch and is withered. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned! If you remain in me and if my words remain in you, you may ask whatever you desire and it will be done for you.

In this is my Father glorified: that you bear much fruit; and [this is how] you will be my disciples. Glory be to God forever.

### Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 47:2

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is Great, and greatly to be praised

in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 9:14-29

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Returning to the [other] disciples, Jesus saw a great crowd around them and scribes questioning them. At once, when all the people saw him, they were greatly amazed and rushed to greet him. Jesus asked the scribes, “What are you asking them about?”

In the crowd, someone said, “Teacher, I brought you my son who has a mute spirit. Wherever the spirit seizes him, it throws him to the ground and my son foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they were not able.”

Jesus answered him, “Unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to me.”

They brought the son to him, and when he saw Jesus, the spirit immediately convulsed the boy who fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood”, he answered. Often, it has thrown him both into the fire and into water, in order to destroy him. But if you are able to do anything, have compassion on us and help us!”

Jesus said to the man, “If you are able! All things are possible to the one who believes!”

Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears, “I believe! Help my unbelief!”

When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!”

The spirit cried out, convulsed greatly and came out of the boy. He became as dead, so much that most of the people said, “He is dead!” But Jesus took him by the hand, raised him up; and the boy arose.

When Jesus entered into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not we cast it out?” He told them, “This kind can come out by nothing, except by prayer and fasting.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 137:1ac

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord, with all my heart,

for You have heard the words of my mouth.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 6:12-16

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

It happened in these days, that Jesus went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night, in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve from among them, which he also named ‘apostles’: Simon, whom he also named Peter; Andrew, his brother; James; John; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus; Simon, who was called the Zealot; Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who also became a traitor. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 12:7, 6

A Psalm of David.

I will sing to the Lord, my benefactor,

and I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

But [as for me] I hope in Your mercy;

my heart will rejoice in Your salvation.

Alleluia.

##### John 15:9-15a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Even as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you! Remain in my love! If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, even as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: that you love one another, even as I have loved you. No one has a greater love than this: that someone would lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you. I no longer call you servants because the servant does not know what his lord is doing. Glory be to God forever.

### Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 118:130

A Psalm of David.

The revelation of Your words enlightens,

and causes little children to understand.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:18-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

John’s disciples told the Baptist about all these things. John called two of his disciples and sent them to Jesus to ask, “Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for another?” When the men had come to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptizer has sent us to you, saying: ‘Are you the one who is coming or should we look for another?’”

At that very time, Jesus had been healing many diseases, plagues and evil spirits; and had given sight to many who were blind. Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have Good News preached to them. Blessed is he who is not offended by me!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 11:7

A Psalm of David.

The words of the Lord are pure words,

like silver refined by fire, purged of earth,

purified seven times.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:24-28

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When John’s messengers had departed, Jesus began to tell the multitudes about John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are gorgeously dressed and live delicately are in kings’ courts. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

*‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face,*

*who will prepare your way before you.’*

For I tell you, among those who are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptizer; yet whoever is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 88:53, 50

A Psalm of David.

Blessed be the Lord forever. Amen! Amen!

Where are Your mercies of old, O Lord,

which You swore to David by Your truth?

Alleluia.

##### John 15:12-16

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

This is my commandment: that you love one another, even as I have loved you. No one has a greater love than this: that someone would lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you. I no longer call you servants because the servant does not know what his lord is doing. Instead, I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, so that you should go and bear fruit, and so that your fruit should remain. And so, whatever you will ask of the Father in my Name, he will give it to you. Glory be to God forever.

### Thursday of the Seventh Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 131:4, 5

A Psalm of David.

I will not give sleep to my eyes,

nor slumber to my eyelids,

nor rest to my temples,

until I find a place for the Lord,

the tabernacle of the God of Jacob!”

Alleluia.

##### Luke 8:22-25

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On one of those days, he entered into a boat with his disciples and said to them, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” And so, they launched out. But as they sailed, Jesusd fell asleep. A wind storm came down on the lake, and they were taking on dangerous amounts of water. His disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, “Master, master, we are dying!” He awoke, rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and it was calm. He said to them, “Where is your faith?” In fear and amazement, they said to one another, “Who is this, then, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him? Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 90:13b, 14

A Psalm of David.

You will trample the lion and the dragon underfoot.

“Because he has hoped in Me, I will deliver him;

I will protect him, because he has known My Name.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 8:1-3

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Soon afterwards, Jesus went through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the Good News of the Kingdom of God. With him were the Twelve, and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out; Joanna, the wife of Chuzas, Herod’s steward; Susanna; and many others; who served him from their possessions. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 30:17, 18ab

A Psalm of David.

Shine Your face upon Your servant;

save me in Your mercy.

O Lord, may I not be put to shame,

for I call upon You.

Alleluia.

##### John 15:17-25

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

I command these things to you, so that you may love one another.

If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own! But you are not of the world, since I chose you out of the world, and so the world hates you. Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his lord.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But they will do all these things to you on account of my Name, because they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin! Whoever hates me also hates my Father. If I had not accomplished among them the works which no one else had done [before], they would not have had sin. But now, they have seen [those things] and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this has happened so that the word which was written in their law may be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without reason.’ Glory be to God forever.

### Friday of the Seventh Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 41:9ab

A Psalm of David.

The Lord will command His mercy in the daytime,

and in the night His song is with me.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 11:24-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When an unclean spirit has gone out of a person, he passes through dry places, seeking rest. But finding no rest, the unclean spirit says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came out.’ When he returns, he finds it swept and put in order. He then goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there. The last state of that person becomes worse than the first.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 118:96, 89

A Psalm of David.

I have seen the end of all perfection;

Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Your word, O Lord,

continues forever in Heaven.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 8:18-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Therefore, be careful how you hear. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken from him.”

His mother and brothers came to him, but they could not come near him because of the crowd. It was reported to him, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.”

But Jesus answered, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 24:1, 2, 3a

A Psalm of David.

I lift up my soul to You, O Lord.

O my God, I trust in You;

do not let me be put to shame [forever],

nor let my enemies laugh at me.

For none who wait for You will be put to shame.

Alleluia.

##### John 7:37-39

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, on the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and spoke loudly, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! The who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within such a one rivers of living water will flow!” But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Glory be to God forever.

### Saturday of the Seventh Week of Paschaltide

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 106:2b, 3

A Psalm of David.

Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

He gathered out of the countries,

from the east and the west and the north and the sea.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 8:40-56

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus returned, the multitude welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And behold, a man named Jairus came, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. He fell down at Jesus’ feet and begged him to come to his house because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. But as Jesus went, the crowd pressed against him. There was a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years and who had spent all she had on physicians, but she could not be healed by any. She came behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak. Immediately, the flow of her blood stopped. Jesus said, “Who touched me?”

As everyone was denying it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you, and you ask, ‘Who touched me?’”

But Jesus said, “Someone has touched me, for I perceived that power has gone out from me.” When the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came forth trembling. Falling down before Jesus, she declared to him in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been healed immediately. He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer! Your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house, saying to him, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.”

But when Jesus heard it, he answered, “Do not be afraid! Only believe, and she will be healed.”

When Jesus arrived at the house, he did not allow anyone to enter in, except Peter, John, James, as well as the father of the child and her mother. All were weeping and mourning the girl, but Jesus said, “Do not weep! She is not dead, but sleeping.”

But they mocked him, knowing that she was dead. Jesus put them all outside, and taking the girl by the hand, he called, “Child, arise!” Her spirit returned, and she immediately got up. He ordered that something to eat should be given to her. Her parents were amazed, but he commanded them to tell no one what had been done. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 32:5b, 6 (except end)

A Psalm of David.

The earth is full of the Lord’s mercy.

By the Word of the Lord the heavens were established,

and by the breath of His mouth.

Alleluia.

##### John 17:1-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said these things, and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, “Father, the time has come! Glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you. Even as you gave him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

This is eternal life: that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ.

I have glorified you on the earth! I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do! Now, Father, glorify me with yourself with the glory I had with you before the world existed. I revealed your Name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me; they have kept your word. Now, they have known that all things you have given me are from you. The words you have given me, I have given to them. They have received them and they have known for certain that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them; I do not pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. I am no longer in the world, but these are [still] in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are [one]. While I was with them in the world, I protected them in your Name. Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, so that they may have my joy made full in themselves. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 107:4, 5

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord, among the peoples,

I will sing praises to You among the nations;

for Your mercy is great, beyond the heavens,

and Your truth reaches the clouds.

Alleluia.

##### John 17:14-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

I have given them your word and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that you would take them from the world, but that you would protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in your truth; your word is truth! As you sent me into the world, I too have sent them into the world. I sanctify myself for their sake, so that they too may be sanctified in truth. I do not pray only for these, but also for those who [will] believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you. May they be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. The glory which you have given me, I have given to them, so that they may be one even as we are one; I in them, and you in me. May they be perfected into one, so that the world may know that you sent me, and [that you have] loved them, even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those whom you have given me would be with me where I am, so that they may see my glory which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world has not known you, but I knew you; and these have known that you have sent me. I made your Name known to them, and I will [continue to] make it known; so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them.” Glory be to God forever.

## The Feast of Pentecost

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 50:14, 16

A Psalm of David.

Restore the joy of Your salvation to me,

and strengthen me with Your guiding Spirit.

Deliver me from blood, O God,

O God of my salvation,

and my tongue will rejoice in Your righteousness.

Alleluia.

##### John 7:37-44

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, on the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and spoke loudly, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! The who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within such a one rivers of living water will flow!” But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This is truly the prophet!” Others said, “This is the Christ!” But some said, “What? Does the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” And so, there arose a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them would have arrested him, but no one laid hands on him. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 103:30, 31a

A Psalm of David.

You will send forth Your Spirit, and they will be created;

and You will renew the face of the earth.

Let the glory of the Lord be forever.

Alleluia.

##### John 14:26-15:4a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my Name, will teach you all things and remind you of all that I said to you.

Peace I leave with you! My peace I give to you! I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not let it be afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away, and I [shall] return to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced because I said ‘I am going to my Father;’ for the Father is greater than I. Now, I have told you before it happens so that, when it happens, you may believe. I will not speak with you much longer because the prince of the world is coming, and he has nothing in me. But so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father has commanded me. Arise, let us be on our way!”

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, so that it may bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I in you. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 46:6, 8a

A Psalm of David.

God ascended with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

For God is King of all the earth.

Alleluia.

##### John 15:26-16:5

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When the Paraclete has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me. You also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

“I have told you these things, so that you would not be caused to stumble. They will expel you from the synagogues! Yes, the time is coming when whoever kills you will think that he is offering {divine} service to God! They will do these things because they have not known the Father or me. But I have told you these things, so that when the time arrives, you may remember that I told you about them. I did not tell you these things from the beginning because I was with you. But now, I am going to him who sent me, and none of you is asking me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. Yet, I tell you the truth; it is to your advantage that I go away because if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. When he has come, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment; about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to my Father and you will not see me any more; about judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged.

I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth because he will not speak from himself, but whatever he hears, he will speak. He will tell you of things that are yet to come. He will glorify me by taking from what is mine, and he will declare it to you. Glory be to God forever.

### The Office of Kneeling (or Worship) on the Eve of Monday after Pentecost

#### The First Kneeling

##### Psalm 96:7c, 8a, 1

A Psalm of David.

Worship Him, all His angels!

Zion heard and was glad,

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;

let the many islands be glad!

Alleluia.

##### John 17:1-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said these things, and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, “Father, the time has come! Glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you. Even as you gave him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

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#### The Second Kneeling

##### Psalm 113:20, 21

A Psalm of David.

The Lord has remembered us and blessed us;

He has blessed the house of Israel,

He has blessed the house of Aaron;

He has blessed those who fear the Lord,

[both] the small and the great.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 24:36-53

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be to you!”

But they were startled and frightened, supposing that they had seen a spirit.

He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is truly me. Touch me and see! A spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see that I have.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they still did not believe for joy and were wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

They gave him a piece of a broiled fish and a honeycomb from a beehive. He took them, and ate in front of them. He said to them, “This is what I told you, while I was still with you, that all things which are written in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me must be fulfilled.”

He then opened their minds, so that they might understand the Scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written, that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his Name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things! Behold, I send forth the promise of my Father on you. But wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.”

He led them out as far as Bethany, lifted up his hands, and blessed them. It happened, while he was blessing them, that he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. They worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Third Kneeling

##### Psalm 65:4

A Psalm of David.

Let all the earth worship You

and sing to You;

let them sing to Your Name.

Alleluia.

##### John 4:1-24

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Then, when the Lord learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but his disciples), he left Judea and departed into Galilee. Now, he needed to pass through Samaria. And so, he arrived at a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph; and Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me [something] to drink.” (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food).

The Samaritan woman then said to him, “How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water!”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw [water] with, and the well is deep! Where then do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well and drank of it himself, as did his children and his livestock?”

Jesus replied, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again! But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. Not only this, the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or come all the way here to draw [water]!”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

The woman answered, “I have no husband!”

Jesus replied, “You said well, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truthfully.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet! Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where people should worship.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, a time is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” Glory be to God forever.