The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Harmonized for 3-part men's voices

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DIVINE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

The faithful STAND when the celebrant goes to the holy table.

Deacon: Reverend father, give the blessing!

Celebrant: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

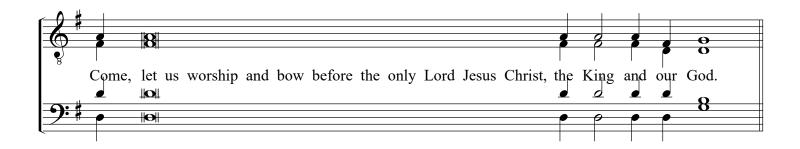
Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



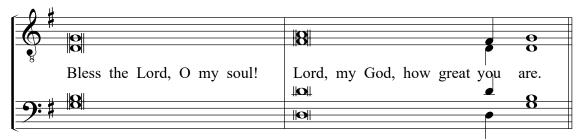
Call to Worship





Psalm 103

(The Lenten tone may also be used; see page 7 for harmonization.)



clothed with majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in *a* robe.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

Above the rains you build *your* dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of *the* wind;

you make your angels spirits and your ministers a flam*ing* fire. You founded the earth on its base, to stand firm from age *to* age.

You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:
the waters stood higher than *the* mountains.
At your threat they took to flight;
at the voice of your thunder *they* fled.

They rose over the mountains and flowed down to the place which you had *ap* pointed. You set limits they might not pass lest they return to cover *the* earth.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow in between *the* hills.

They give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses quench *their* thirst.

On their banks dwell the birds of heaven; from the branches they sing *their* song. From your dwelling they water the hills; earth drinks its fill of *your* gift.

You make the grass grow for the cattle and the plants to serve *man's* needs, that he may bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer *man's* heart; oil, to make his face shine and bread to strengthen *man's* heart.

The trees of the Lord drink their fill, the cedars he planted *on* Lebanon; there the birds build their nests; on the treetop the stork has *her* home.

The goats find a home on the mountains and rabbits hide in *the* rocks.

You made the moon to mark the months; the sun knows the time for *its* setting.

When you spread the darkness it is night and all the beasts of the forest *creep* forth. The young lions roar for their prey and ask their food *from* God.

At the rising of the sun they steal away and go to rest in *their* dens.

Man goes out to his work,
to labor till eve*ning* falls.

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of *your* riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great *and* small.
The ships are moving there,
and the monsters you made *to* play with.

All of these look to you to give them their food in *due* season. You give it, they gather it up; you open your hand, they have *their* fill.

You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which *they* came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of *the* earth.

May the glory of the Lord last forever!

May the Lord rejoice in *his* works!

He looks on the earth and it trembles;

the mountains send forth smoke at *his* touch.

I will sing to the Lord all my life, make music to my God while *I* live. May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in *the* Lord. Let sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked exist no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

And again:

You made the moon to mark the months; the sun knows the time for *its* setting.

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made *them* all.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Two times:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to you, *O* God!

and the third time, with melody:



The faithful may SIT.

The Litany of Peace

Deacon:

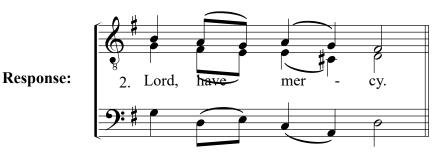
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Response:

Deacon:

For peace from on high and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.



Deacon: For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy Churches of God, and for the union

of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray

to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: For our holy father, (*Name*), pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For our most reverend metropolitan, (Name), for our God-loving bishop, (Name), for the

venerable presbyterate, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and people, let us pray to the

Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: For our government and for all in the service of our country, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For this city, for every city, community, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the

Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us

pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For those who travel by sea, air, and land, for the sick, the suffering, the captive, and for their

salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and

ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole

life to Christ our God

Response:

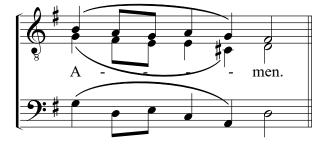


Celebrant:

Evening, morning, and at noon we praise you, we bless you, we thank you, and we pray to you, Master of All and loving Lord. Let our prayer rise like incense before you and do not let our hearts be turned to evil words or thoughts, but deliver us from all that might ensnare our souls. For to you Lord, O Lord, our eyes are turned and in you we hope; let us not be put to shame, O our God.

For to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, honor, and worship, now and ever and forever.

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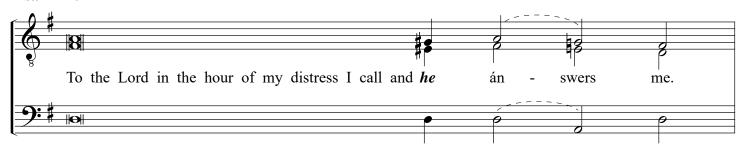


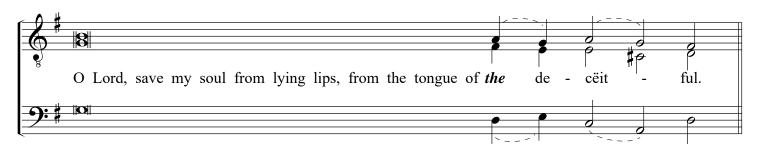
Transfer of the Presanctified Gifts

Antiphonal Psalms for Wednesdays

Psalms for Friday begin on page 10. Psalms for other days begin on page 12.

Psalm 119





What shall he repay you in return,

O tréacherous tongue?

The warriors' arrow sharpened and coals, red-hot, bläzing.

Alas, that I abide a stranger in Meshech, dwell among the tents *of* Këdar!

Long enough have I been dwell*ing* with those who hate peace.

I am for peace, *but* whén I speak, they *are* for fighting.

Psalm 120

I lift up my eyes to the mountains from where *shall* come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord *who* made héaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him *sleep* nót, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor *slum*bers, Ísrael's guard. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at *your* right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you *nor* the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, he *will* guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now *and* forëver.

Psalm 121

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let *us* gó to God's house."

And now our feet are standing within your gates, *O* Jerúsalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there *to* práise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the *house* of Dävid.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
"Peace *be* tó your homes!

May peace reign in your walls, *in* your pálaces, peace!"

For love of my brethren and friends I say: "Peace *up*ön you."

For love of the house of the Lord *I* will ásk for your good.

Psalm 122

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in *the* hëavens; my eyes, like the eyes of slaves *on* the hánd of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of *her* mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show *us* his mërcy. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.We *are* filled with contempt.Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, *with* the proud man's disdain.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at *your* right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you *nor* the moon in the night.

Psalm 123 "If the Lord had not been on our side," this *is* Ísrael's song.

"If the Lord had not been on our side when men rose *up* against us,

then would they have swallowed us alive when their anger *was* kíndled,

Then would the waters have engulfed us, the tor*rent* gone óver us;

over our head would have swept the rag**ing** wäters."

Blessed be the Lord

who did not give **us** a préy to their teeth!

Our life, like a bird, has escaped from the snare of *the* föwler.

Indeed the snare has been brok*en* and wé have escaped.

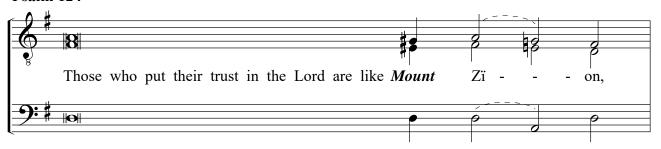
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who *made* héaven and earth. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever *and* foréver. Amen.

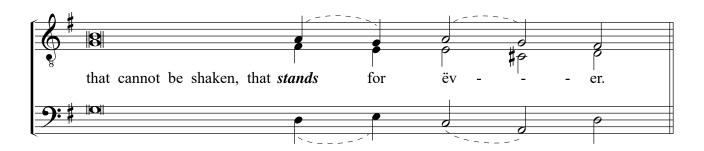
Alleuia! Alleluia! Allelüia! Glory to yóu, O God! (three times)

The Lamplighting Psalms follow; see pages 15-22.

Antiphonal Psalms for Tuesdays and Fridays

Psalm 124





Jerusalem! The mountains *sur*röund her, * so the Lord surrounds his people both now *and* for ëver.

For the scepter of the wicked shall not rest over *the* lánd of the just * for fear that the hands of the just should *turn* to ëvil.

Do good, Lord, **to** thóse who are good, * **to** the úpright of heart;

but the crooked and those who do evil, drive them away! * Ön Ísrael, peace!

Psalm 125

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it séemed like a dream. *

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said:
"What marvels *the* Lórd worked for them!" *
What marvels the Lord worked for us! *In*déed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams *in* drÿ land. *

Those who are sowing in *tears* will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for *the* söwing: * 10 they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their shëaves.

Psalm 126 If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders läbor; if the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising, your go*ing* láter to rest, you who toil for the bread you eat, when he pours gifts on his beloved *while* they slümber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, a blessing, *the* frúit of the womb.

Indeed the sons of youth are like arrows in the hand *of* a wärrior.

O the happiness of the man who has filled his quiver with *these* ärrows!

He will have no cause for shame when he disputes with his foes *in* the gäteways.

Psalm 127 O blessed are those who fear the Lord and wálk in his ways! *

By the labor of your hands you shall eat. You will be hap**py** and prösper;

Your wife like a fruitful vine in *the* héart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive, a*round* your täble.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man *who* féars the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion *all* the dáys of your life!

May you see your children's children in a happy Jerúsalem!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho*ly* Spïrit, now and ever *and* foréver. Amen.

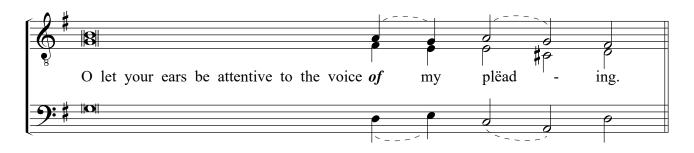
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory to yóu, O God! (three times)

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Antiphonal Psalms for Mondays and Thursdays

Psalm 129





If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, *Lord*, whó would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this *we* revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.

I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for däybreak.

Let the watchman count *on* däybreak and Is*ra*el ón the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of *re*dëmption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all *its* iníquity.

Psalm 130 O Lord, my heart is not proud *nor* háughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast, even só is my soul.

O Isra*el*, hópe in the Lord both now *and* foréver.

Psalm 131 O Lord, remember David and all the many hardships hé endured, the oath he swore to the Lord, his vow to the Strong *One* of Jäcob.

"I will not enter the house where I live nor go to *the* béd where I rest. I will give no sleep to my eyes, to my eyelids I will *give* no slümber

till I find *a* pláce for the Lord, a dwelling for the Strong *One* of Jäcob."

At Ephrata we heard of the ark; we found it in the plains *of* Yëarim.

"Let us go to the place of his dwelling; let us go to kneel *at* his föotstool."

Go up, Lord, to *the* pláce of your rest, you *and* the árk of your strength.

Your priests shall be clothed with holiness; your faithful *shall* ring out their joy.

For the sake of David your servant do not reject *your* anöinted.

The Lord swore an oath to David; he will not *go* báck on this word:

"A son, the fruit of your body, will I *set* upón your throne.

If they keep my covenant in truth and my laws that I *have* täught them, their sons too shall rule on your *throne* from áge to age."

For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for *his* dwëlling: "This is my resting-place for ever; here *have* I chosen to live.

I will greatly bless her produce,
I will fill *her* póor with bread.
I will clothe her priests with salvation and her faithful *shall* ring óut their joy.

There David's stock will flower;
I will prepare a lamp for my *a*nöinted.
I will cover his enemies with shame but on *him* my crówn shall shine."

Psalm 132 How good and *how* pléasant it is, when brothers *live* in únity!O Isra*el*, hópe in the Lord both now *and* foréver.

It is like precious oil upon the head running down *up*ón the beard, running down upon Aaron's beard, upon the *col*lar óf his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the heights *of* Zïon.

For there the Lord gives his blessing, *life* for ëver.

Psalm 133 O come, bless the Lord, all you who sérve the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands to *the* hóly place and *bless* the Lórd through the night.

May the Lord bless you *from* Zíon, he who *made* both héaven and earth.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho*ly* Spïrit, now and ever *and* foréver. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to yóu, O God! (three times)

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The Lamplighting Psalms

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Tone 2

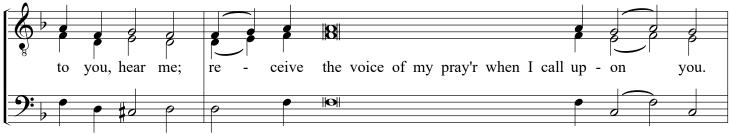


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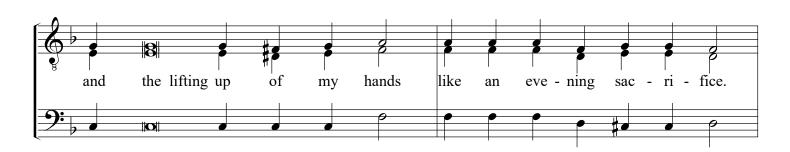


Tone 4











Tone 5



Tone 6



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Tone 8



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Recited Verses of the Lamplighting Psalms

O Lord, set a guard before my mouth and set a seal on the door of *my* lips.

Let not my heart be inclined to evil, nor make excuse for the sins I *com*mit.

Let me never share in sinners' feasting.

If a just man strikes or reproves me it *is* kindness

but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head. Let my prayer be ever against *their* malice.

The princes were thrown down by the side of the rock; then they understood that my words *were* kind.

As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground, so their bones were strewn at the mouth of *the* grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned; in you I take refuge; spare *my* soul!

From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe; keep me from the snares of those who *do* evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set while I pursue my way *un*harmed.

With all my voice I cry to the Lord, with all my voice I entreat *the* Lord.

I pour out my trouble before him;
I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints *with* in me.

But you, O Lord, know my path.

On the way where I shall walk they have hidden a snare to *en*trap me.

Look on my right and see: there is no one who takes my part.

I have no means of escape, not one who cares for *my* soul.

I cry to you, O Lord.

I have said: "You are my refuge, all I have in the land of *the* living."

Listen, then, to my cry for I am in the depths *of* distress.

Rescue me from those who pursue me for they are stronger *than* I.

Bring my soul out of this prison and then I shall praise *your* name.

Around me the just will assemble because of your goodness *to* me.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of *my* pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would stand? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we *re*vere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman *for* daybreak.

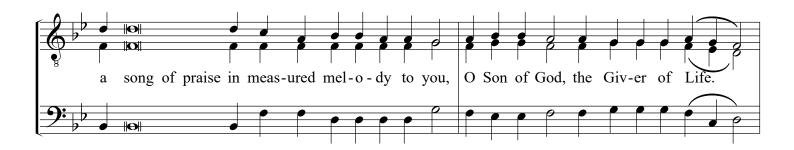
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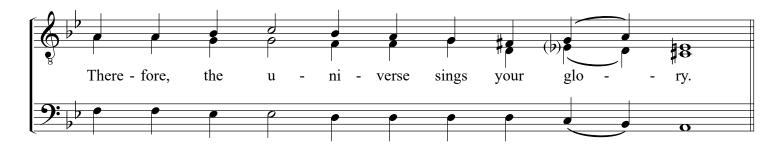
The Hymn of the Evening

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!









The prokeimena and readings are found in the propers According to the liturgical day

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The first Prokeimenon is sung.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Lector: A Reading from Genesis (Exodus).

Deacon: Let us be attentive! *The faithful SIT.*

Lector: [First Reading]

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive! *The faithful STAND*.

The second Prokeimenon is sung. After the prokeimenon, the faithful KNEEL.

The Blessing With Light

Deacon: Give the command!

Celebrant: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The light of Christ shines upon everyone.

The faithful give no response to these words. All make three prostrations in silence.

Lector: A reading from the Book of Proverbs/Job.

Deacon: Let us be attentive! *The faithful SIT.*

Lector: [Second Reading]

Celebrant: Peace be to you, reader.

Solemn Evening Psalm

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

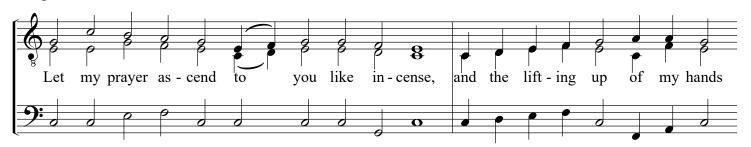
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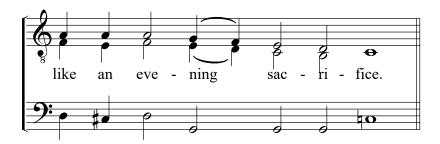
Celebrant: Let my prayer ascend to you like incense,

and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

The faithful STAND.

Response:





The faithful KNEEL.

Celebrant: O Lord, I have cried to you, now hear me;

receive the voice of my prayer when I call upon you.

The faithful STAND.

Response: Let my prayer...

The faithful KNEEL.

Celebrant: O Lord, set a guard before my mouth,

and set a seal on the door of my lips.

The faithful STAND.

Response: Let my prayer...

The faithful KNEEL.

Celebrant: Let not my heart be inclined to evil,

nor make excuse for the sins I commit.

The faithful STAND (and remain standing).

Response: Let my prayer...

Celebrant: Let my prayer ascend to you like incense.

Response: And the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

The Prayer of St. Ephrem

All Lord and Master of my life,

spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair,

lust for power, and idle chatter.

All make a prostration.

Instead, bestow on me, your servant,

the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love.

All make a prostration.

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins

and not judge my brothers and sisters;

for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.

All make a prostration.

The faithful SIT.

A Prokeimenon, Epistle, Alleluia, and Gospel are taken on the day of:

- (1) the titular feast of the church
- (2) the first and second findings of the head of St. John the Baptist (Feb. 24)
- (3) the holy Martyrs of Sebaste (March 9)

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Great and Holy Week, only a Gospel is taken.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful sing the Prokeimenon of the day. The lector chants the verse.

Deacon: Wisdom!

The lector announces the title of the Apostolic Reading.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The faithful SIT while the lector chants the Apostolic Reading.

Celebrant: Peace be to you, reader.

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful STAND for the Alleluia, which they sing. The lector chants the verses. The holy gospel book is incensed along with the faithful.

Deacon: Reverend Father, bless the proclaimer of the Gospel of the holy apostle and evangelist *Name*.

Celebrant: May God, through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostle and evangelist

Name, grant that you proclaim the word with great power for the fulfillment of the Gospel of

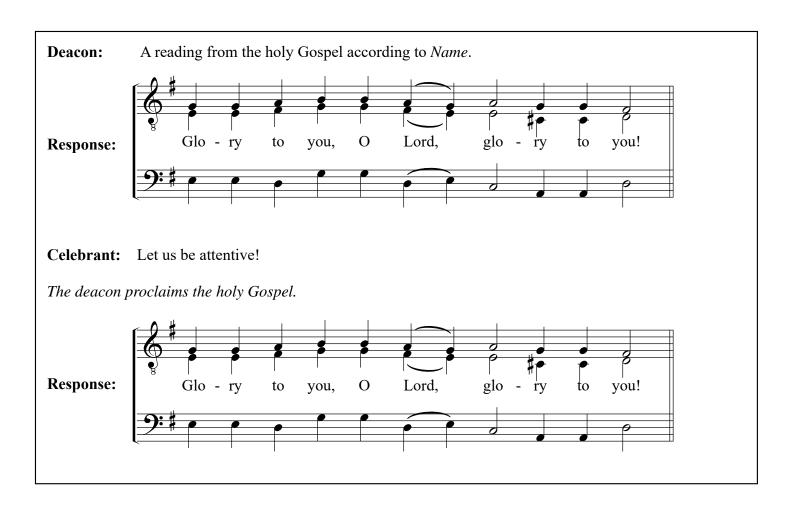
his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Response:

Celebrant: Wisdom! Let us stand and listen to the holy Gospel! Peace be to all!





Litany of Fervent Supplication

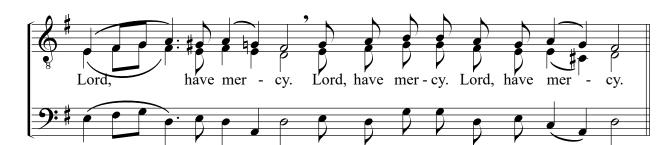
Deacon: Let us say with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say:



Deacon: O Lord almighty, God of our fathers, we pray you, hear and have mercy.



Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.



Response:

Deacon: Again we pray for our holy father (*Name*), pope of Rome, and for our most reverend

metropolitan (Name), for our God-loving bishop (Name); for those who serve and have served

in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (*Three times*)

Deacon: Again we pray for our government and for all in the service of our country.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (*Three times*)

The deacon may intone special petitions here.

Deacon: Again we pray for the people here present who await your great and abundant mercy, for those

who show us mercy, and for all Christians of the true faith.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (Three times)

Celebrant: For you are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to you, Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.



The faithful KNEEL.

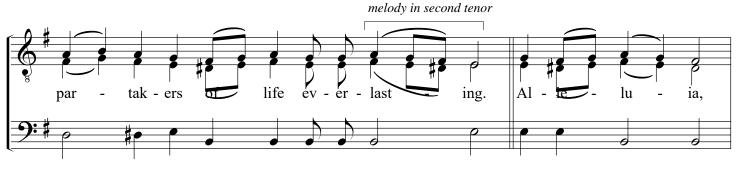
Hymn at the Entrance

(Simple melody found on page 32)

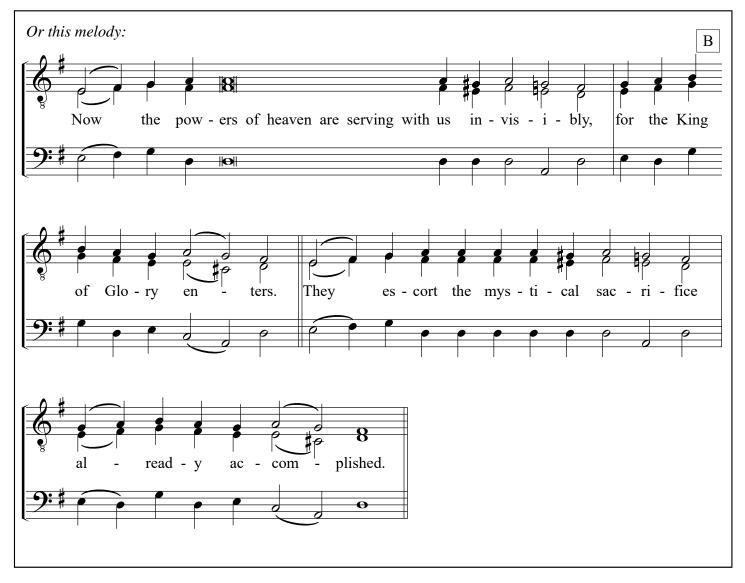


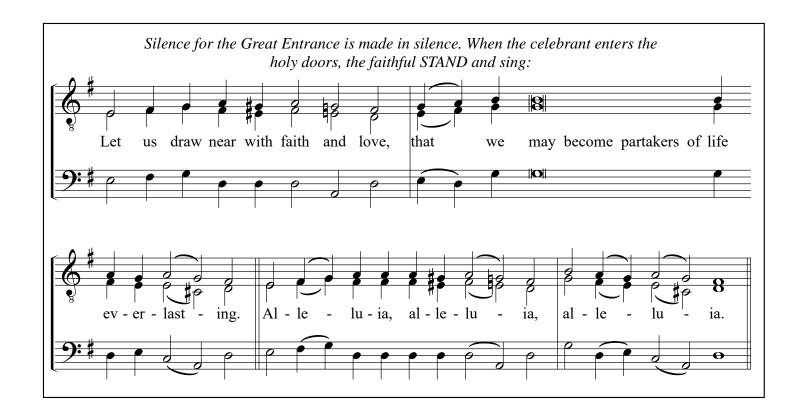
Silence for the Great Entrance is made in silence. When the celebrant enters the holy doors, the faithful STAND and sing:











Angel of Peace Litany

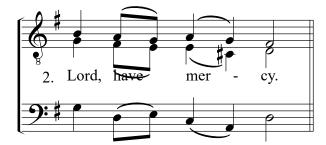
Deacon: Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord

Response:



Deacon: For the precious and presanctified gifts placed before us, let us pray to the Lord.

Response:



Deacon: That our God, in his love for us all, may receive them on his holy, heavenly, and mystical altar as an aroma of spiritual fragrance, and send down upon us in return his divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: That this whole evening be perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin, let us beseech the Lord.

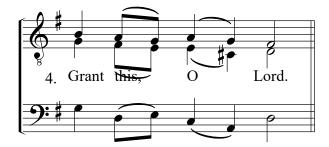
Response:



Deacon: For an angel of peace, a faithful guide and guardian of our souls and bodies, let us beseech the

Lord.





Deacon: For the pardon and remission of our sins and offenses, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant this, O Lord. (3)

Deacon: For what is good and beneficial to our souls and for peace in the world, let us beseech the

Lord.

Response: Grant this, O Lord (4)

Deacon: That we spend the rest of our life in peace and repentance, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant this, O Lord. (3)

Deacon: For a Christian, painless, unashamed, peaceful end of our life, and for a good account before

the fearsome judgement seat of Christ, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant this, O Lord. (4)

Deacon:

Asking for unity in the faith and for communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

Response:



The Celebrant prays, ending with the words:

Celebrant: And make us worthy, O Lord God of heaven, that we may with confidence and without condemnation dare call you Father and say:

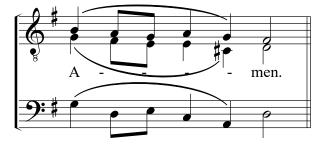




Celebrant:

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



Celebrant:

Peace be to all!

Response:



Deacon:

Bow your heads to the Lord.

Response:



Celebrant:

O God, you alone are good and compassionate, you dwell on high yet look upon the humble. Look with compassion upon all your people and protect them. Make us worthy to partake without condemnation of these your life-creating mysteries, for we have bowed our heads to you expecting your abundant mercy.

Through the grace, the mercies, and the loving-kindness of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed together with your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



COMMUNION

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Holy presanctified gifts to holy people!

Response:





All: O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first.

Also:

Accept me today as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God; for I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I profess you:

Also:

Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.

Remember me, O Master, whe you come in your kingdom.

Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of soul and body.

Also:

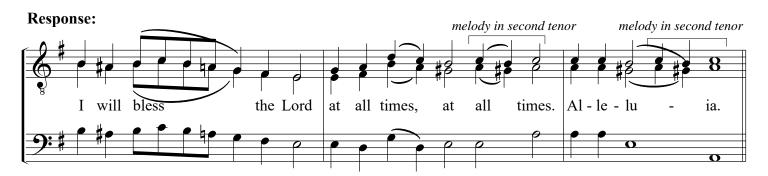
O Lord, I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious body and your life-giving blood, which I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

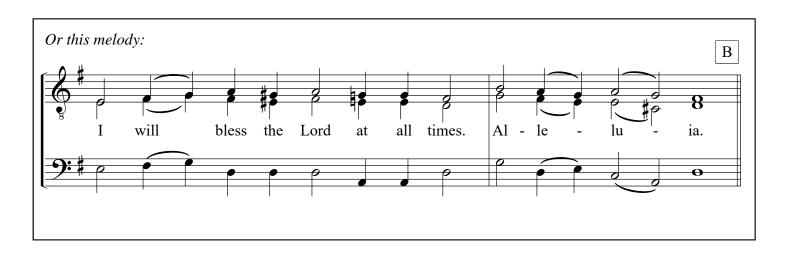
- O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- O God cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
- O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

The clergy partake of the holy gifts while the faithful sing the Communion Hymn (next page).

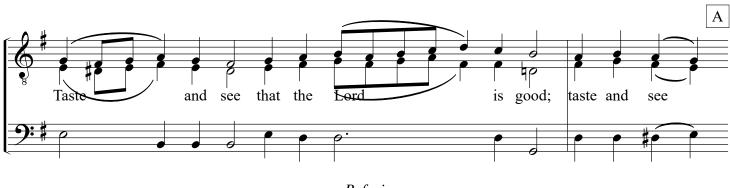
Invitation to Communion

Deacon: Come to receive!



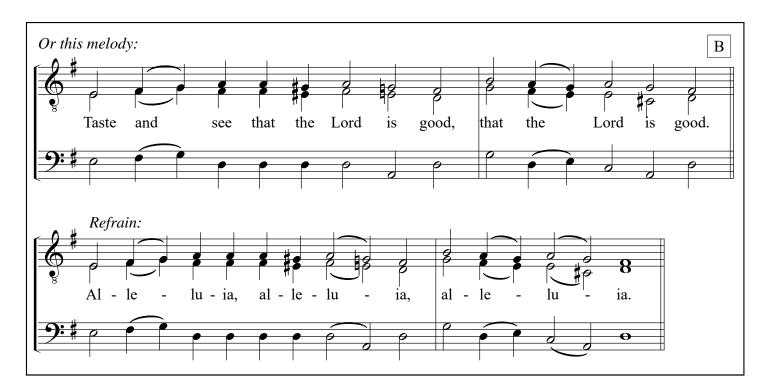


The Communion Hymn



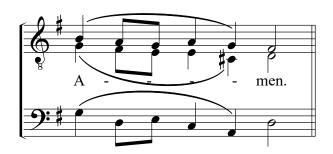






Celebrant: Blessed is our God who enlightens and sanctifies us always, now and ever and forever.









Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacon:

Arise! Now that we have received the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, life-creating, and awesome mysteries of Christ, let us worthily thank the Lord.

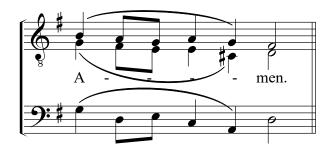


Response:

Celebrant:

God and Savior of All, we thank you for all the blessings you have given us and for communion in the holy body and blood of your Christ. We pray you, Master and Lover of us all, protect us by the shadow of your wings, and grant that until our last breath we may partake worthily of your holy gifts, for the enlightenment of soul and body and for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven.

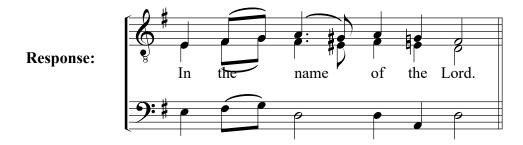
For you are our sanctification, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.



Response:

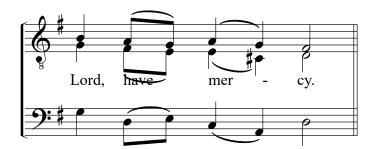
Ambon Prayer

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.



Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Response:

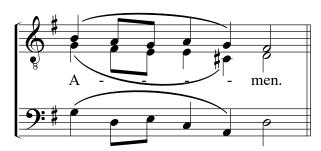


Celebrant:

Almighty Lord, in wisdom you created everything. Through your inexpressible providence you have brought us to these solemn days for the purification of soul and body, the control of passions, and the hope of resurrection. During the forty days, you gave your servant, Moses, the tablets of the Law inscribed by your divine hand. In your goodness, grant that we also may fight the good fight, complete the course of the fast, keep the faith without division, crush the heads of invisible serpents, conquer sin, and arrive without reproach to worship your holy resurrection.

For blessed and glorified is your most honored and magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:

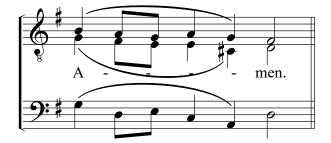




Celebrant:

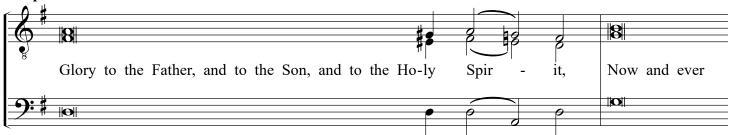
The blessing of the Lord be upon you through his grace and loving kindness, always, now and ever and forever.

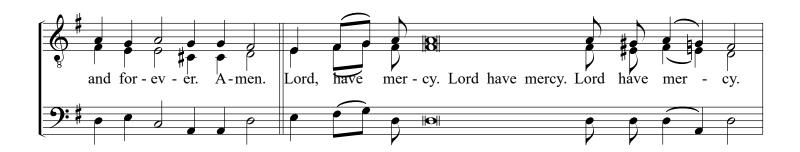
Response:



Celebrant: Glory to you, O Christ God, our hope, glory to you.

Response:







Celebrant:

May Christ our true God have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother;

...

and through the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all.

Response:



THE END OF THE DIVINE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS.