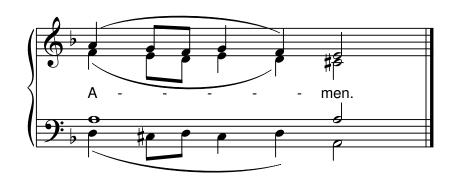
# **Presanctified Liturgy**

(STAND)

[The Priest, fully vested in dark vestments, stands at the Holy Altar and elevates the Gospel singing:]

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, always, now and ever and forever.

#### All:



Come let us worship God our King.

Come let us worship Christ our King and our God.

Come let us worship and fall down before the very Jesus Christ Himself, our King and our God.

[While Psalm 103 is being chanted, the priest stands before the closed Royal Doors and reads the Lamp-Lighting Prayers, beginning with the fourth, since he will say the first three during the Antiphons.]

#### **PSALM 103**

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

Confession and majesty hast Thou put on,

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment,

Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain;

Who supporteth His chambers in the waters,

Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent,

Who walketh upon the wings of the winds,

Who maketh His angels spirits,

and His ministers a flame of fire,

#### (Psalm 103 continued)

Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof;

it shall not be turned back for ever and ever.

The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand.

At Thy rebuke they will flee,

at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid.

The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them.

Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth.

He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run.

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

Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice.

He watereth the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men,

To bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man.

To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted.

There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them.

The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the hares.

He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad.

Young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God.

The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens.

#### (Psalm 103 continued)

But man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labour until the evening.

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is filled with Thy creation.

So is this great and spacious sea, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great.

There go the ships; there this dragon, whom Thou hast made to play therein.

All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it.

When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness;

when Thou turnest away Thy face,

they shall be troubled.

Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return.

Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works.

Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble,

Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life,

I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being.

May my words be sweet unto Him, and I will rejoice in the Lord.

O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knoweth his going down.

Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night.

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord!

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.



### THE GREAT LITANY

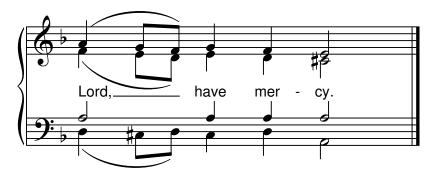
Priest: In peace let us pray to the Lord.





Priest: For the peace that comes from heaven above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

AII:



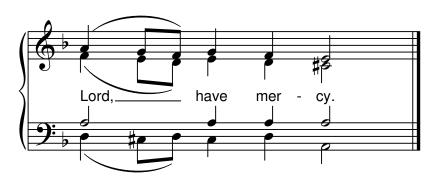
Priest: For peace throughout the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God and for the union of them all, let us pray to the Lord.

All:



Priest: For this holy church and for those who enter it with faith, devoutness, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

All:



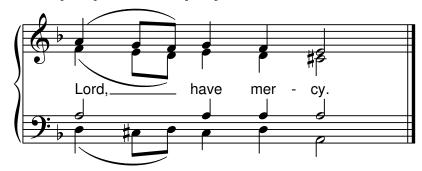
Priest: For our Ecumenical Patriarch (name), the Archbishop of Constantinople, let us pray to the Lord.

All:



Priest: For our God-loving Bishop (name), for our esteemed priesthood, for the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

AII:



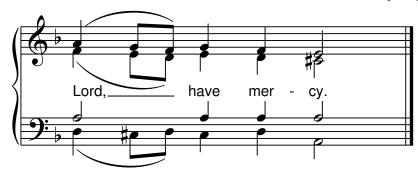
Priest: For the honorable government of our country and all civil authorities and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

All:



Priest: For this city and for every city, village and country and for those who with faith dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

AII:



Priest: For healthful seasons, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

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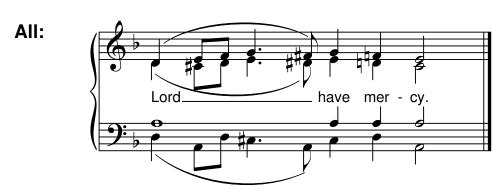


Priest: For those who travel by land, by sea, by air, for the sick, the suffering, for those who are held in captivity, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

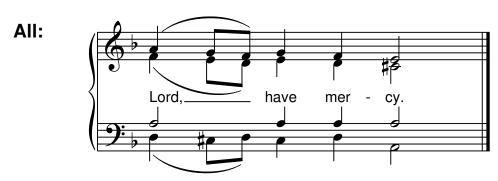
All:

Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, and want, let us pray to the Lord.



Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us, O God, by Your grace.



Priest: Commemorating our ever holy, ever pure, ever blessed and glorious Lady, the Birth-giver of God and ever virgin Mary, together with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

### All:



# The Prayer of the First Antiphon

**Priest:** O LORD, compassionate and loving, long-suffering and of great mercy, listen to our prayer and give heed to the voice of our supplication. Make with us a favorable covenant, guide us along your ways that we may live in your truth, gladden our hearts that we may fear your Holy Name; for You are great and perform wondrous deeds. You are the only God and here is none like You,O Lord. You are of great mercy and able in your power to assist, support and save all those who place their hope in your Name.

(aloud)

For to You are due all glory, honor and adoration, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

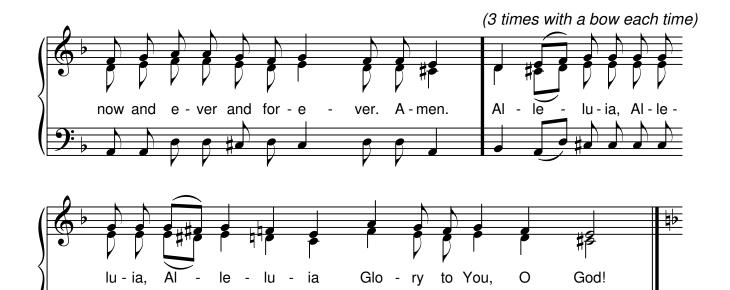
### All:



[As the Antiphons are sung, the celebrant returns to the Altar and transfers the Holy Gifts, which have been consecrated at the previous Sunday Liturgy, to the Table of Oblation. He fills the Chalice and incenses and veils the chalice and diskos saying nothing.]







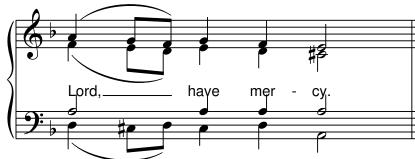
Priest: Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.





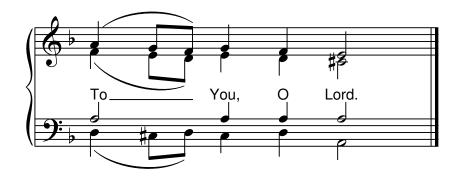
Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us O God, by Your grace.

All:



Priest: Commemorating our ever holy, ever pure, ever blessed and glorious Lady, the Birth-giver of God and ever virgin Mary, together with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and

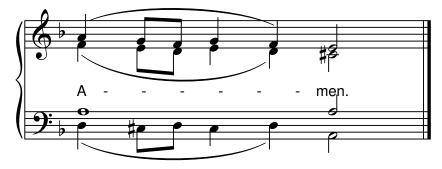




### The Prayer of the Second Antiphon

**Priest:** O LORD, in your indignation rebuke us not, chastise us not in your wrath, but deal with us according to your loving kindness, O Physician and Healer of our souls! Guide us to the harbor of your will, enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may know your truth, and grant that the remainder of this day and the rest of our life may be peaceful and without sin, through the prayers of the most holy Birth-giver of God and of all the Saints. **For Yours is the might, and Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, always, now and ever and forever.** 

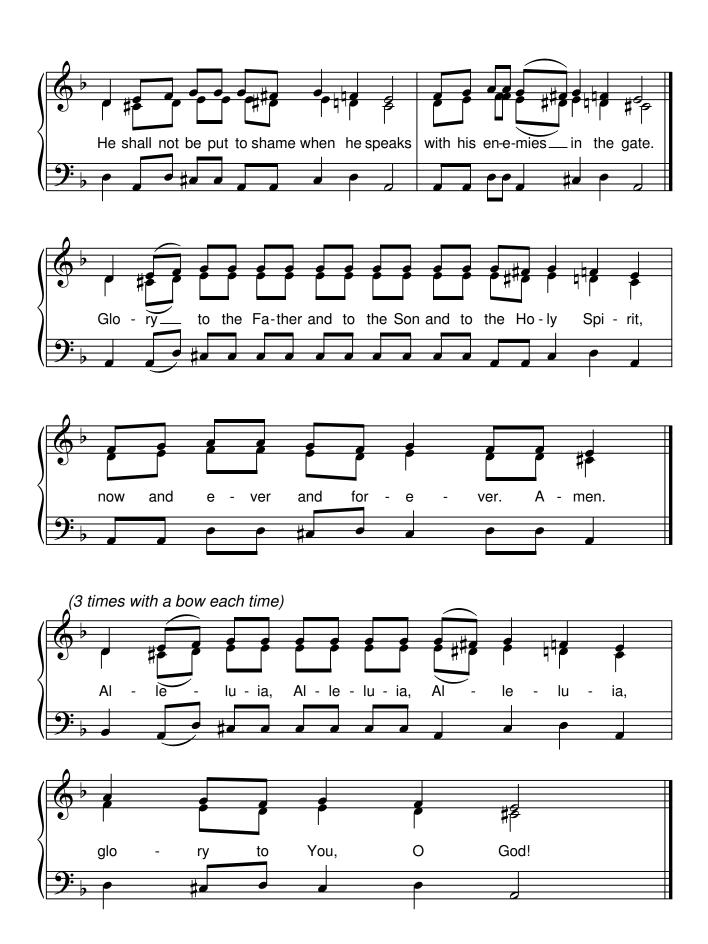




### The Second Antiphon (Psalm 127)







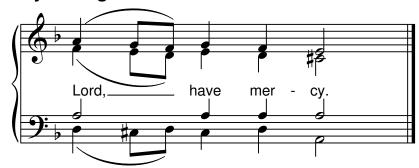
Priest: Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

AII:



Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us O God, by Your grace.

All:



Priest: Commemorating our ever holy, ever pure, ever blessed and glorious Lady, the Birth-giver of God and ever virgin Mary, together with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

All:



## The Prayer of the Third Antiphon

Priest: O LORD OUR GOD, remember us, your sinful and unprofitable servants, as we call upon your Holy Name and put us not to shame in our hope of your mercy, but graciously grant us, O God, all those petitions that are for our salvation, make us worthy to love and fear You with our whole heart and to do your will in everything. For You are a good God who loves mankind, and we give glory to You, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

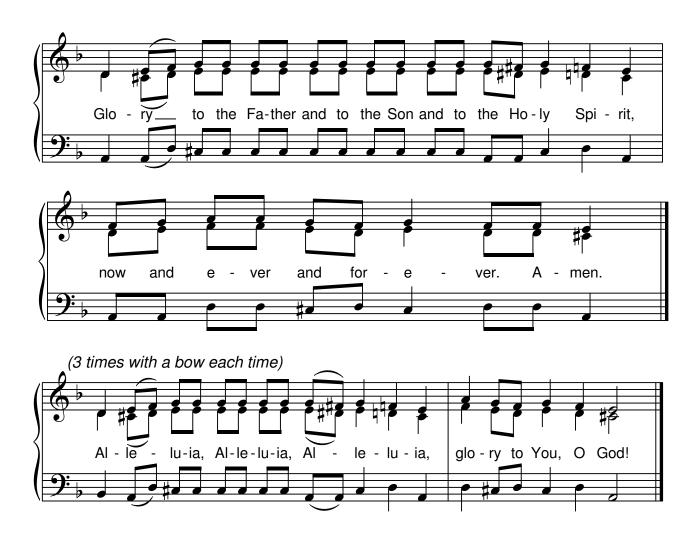




# The Third Antiphon (Psalm 133)







[Refer to handout for the evening Psalm (141) and the Stichera proper to the day]

[As the congregation begins to sing the "Glory to the Father ..." before the last hymn prescribed for the day, the celebrant opens the Royal Doors which have been closed until now, he takes the censer and, accompanied by the servers, makes the entrance as at Great Vespers. Coming in front of the open Royal Doors he recites this prayer:]

# The Prayer of the Entrance

Priest: AT EVENING, DAWN AND NOON, we sing to You, we bless You, we give thanks to You and beseech You, O Master of all, Lord and Lover of mankind: guide our prayer aright as incense before You; let not our hearts or words be led to thoughts of wickedness, but save us from all who pursue our souls. For to You, Lord, O Lord, we lift up our eyes and in You we have trusted. Put us not to shame, O our God. For to You is due all glory, honor and adoration, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

### Priest: Wisdom! Make us upright!

# **Joyful Light** (The Hymn of the Evening)



Be attentive! Peace be + unto all! Wisdom! Priest: The First Prokeimen for the day (see the Handout). Wisdom! **Priest:** The reading is from the Book of \_\_\_\_\_\_. Reader: Be attentive: Priest: Reader: The first reading for the day (see the Handout). **Priest:** Wisdom! The Second Prokeimen for the day (see the Handout). (KNEEL) [The celebrant takes a candle in his left hand and the censer in his right and facing the Altar says:] **Priest:** Wisdom! Make us upright! [Then joining both hands he turns and blesses the people with the candle and censer saying:] THE LIGHT OF CHRIST + SHINES FOR ALL (STAND) The Reading is from the Book of . . Reader: **Priest:** Be attentive! The second reading for the day. Reader: Priest: Peace be + unto you, reader. Wisdom:

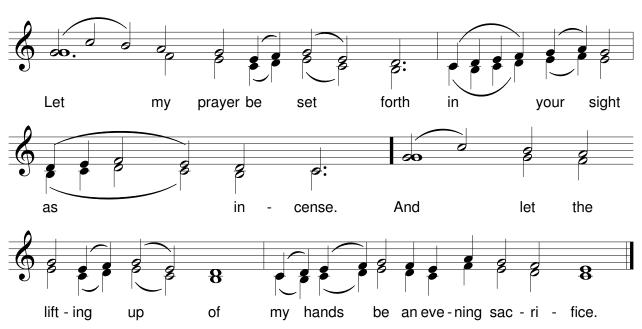
[The celebrant takes the censer and kneels before the Holy Altar, and sings, "Let my prayer" once as he censes; the congregation sings it in response to the verses sung by the celebrant.]

(KNEEL)

Priest: Let My Prayer be set forth in Your sight as incense.

And let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

#### AII:



Priest: O Lord, I have cried unto You, hear me; receive the voice of my prayer when I call upon You.

**All:** (see above)

Priest: Set a guard, O Lord, before my mouth, and a portal around my lips.

**All:** (see above)

Priest: [kneels before the Table of Oblation and censes the Holy Gifts]
Incline my heart away from evil words, from making
excuses for my sins.

**All:** (see above)

Priest: [gives up the censer and kneels before the Holy Altar again.]
Let my prayer be set forth in Your sight as incense.

All: And let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

[Three full prostrations are now made, during which it is customary to say the Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian.]

#### THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of laziness, dispair, lust for power and vain talking.

#### PROSTRATION

But give to me, your servant, the spirit of purity, humility, patience and love.

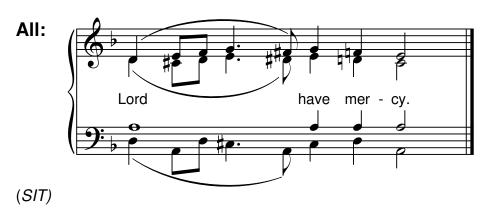
#### **PROSTRATION**

Yes, Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not judge my brother. For blessed are You, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **PROSTRATION**

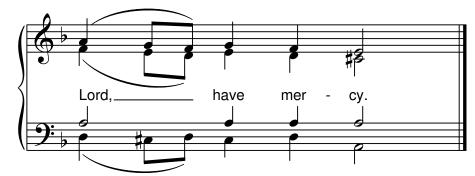
[If there is to be an Epistle and Gospel reading the customary intonations are now taken and the Prayer before the Gospel.]

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



Priest: O Lord, Almighty, God of our fathers, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

All:



Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

All:



Priest: Furthermore we pray for our Ecumenical Patriarch (name), the Archbishop of Constantinople, for our God-loving Bishop (name), for our spiritual fathers and for all our brethren in Christ; for their welfare, peace, health, salvation, and for the remission of their sins and that the Lord, our God, may prompt and help them in all things.

All:



Priest: Furthermore we pray for those who give offerings and do good works in this holy and venerable church, for those who labor in its service, for those who sing, and for all the people here present who await Your great and abundant mercy, for those who have shown us kindness and for all Orthodox Christians.

#### All:



## The First Prayer of the Faithful

#### **Priest:**

O GREAT AND PRAISED GOD, who through the life-giving death of your Christ has brought us from corruption to corruption, deliver all of our senses from deadly passion, setting over them inner reason as a sure guide. Let not our eyes look upon evil, nor our ears listen to idle talk, and let our tongue be cleansed of all impure speech. Purify our lips which praise You, O Lord. May our hands abstain from evil acts and only do what is pleasing to You, having strengthened all our members and our mind by your grace. For to You are due all glory, honor and adoration, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, always, now and ever and forever.

### All:



[As he prays the above prayer the celebrant unfolds the Antimension upon the Holy Altar. He then prays the Second Prayer of the Faithful. As the congregation sings the Cherubic Hymn, "Now the Powers" (next page) the celebrant incenses the sanctuary, the icon-screen and the faithful.]

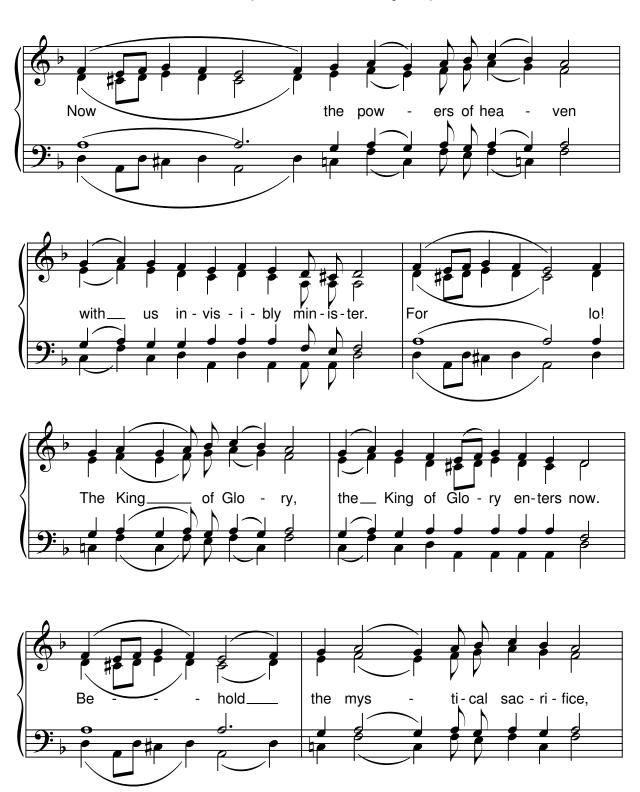
# The Second Prayer of the Faithful

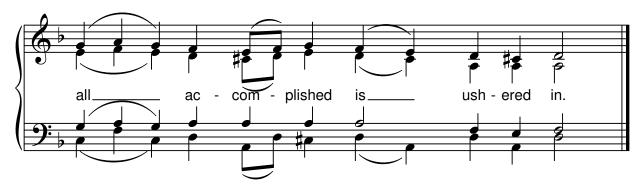
#### **Priest:**

O MASTER, most holy and infinitely good, we beseech You who are rich in mercy to have pity on us sinners and to make us worthy to receive your only-begotten Son and our God, the King of Glory. For behold, his pure Body and life-giving Blood are about to make their entrance at this present time, and to be set out upon this spiritual table, escorted by a multitude of unseen angels. Let us partake of them without blame, so that with the eyes of our understanding enlightened by them we may become children of the light and children of the day. Through the gift of your Christ with whom You are blessed, together with your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, always, now and ever and forever. Amen.

# **Now The Powers...** (The Entrance Hymn)

Slow



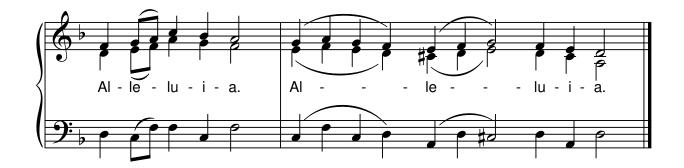


(KNEEL)

[The Entrance with the Holy Eucharist takes place in silence, the celebrant says nothing.]

### (STAND)





[The Gifts are placed on the Holy Altar, veiled and incensed as usual, but the celebrant says nothing.]

(SIT)

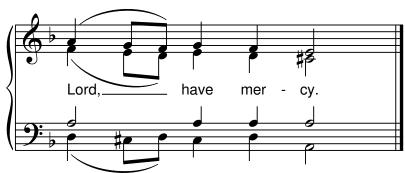
Priest: Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

All:



Priest: For the precious gifts which have been offered and presanctified, let us pray to the Lord.

All:



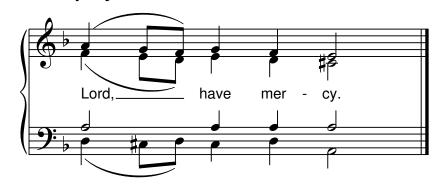
Priest: That our God who loves mankind having received them on His holy, most heavenly and mystical altar, as an aroma of spiritual fragrance, may bestow upon us in return divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

All:



Priest: For our deliverance from an affliction, wrath and want, let us pray to the Lord.

All:



Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

All:



Priest: For a day that in all things will be perfect, holy, peaceful and without sin, let us beseech the Lord.

AII:



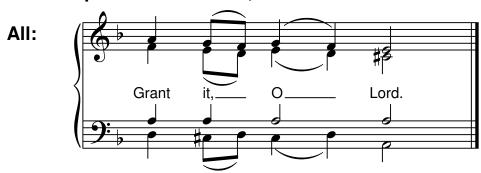
Priest: For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us beseech the Lord.



Priest: For the pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let, us beseech the Lord.



Priest: For all that is good and profitable to our souls, and for the peace of the world, let us beseech the Lord.

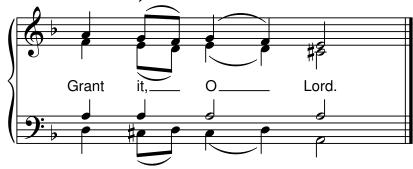


Priest: That we pass the remainder of our life in peace and repentance, let us beseech the Lord.



Priest: For a Christian ending of our life without pain and shame, peaceful, and for a good account at the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us beseech the Lord.

All:



Priest: Having prayed for the unity of faith and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

AII:



## The Prayer of Supplication

**Priest:** O GOD of indescribable and invisible mysteries with whom are hidden the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, who has revealed the service of this Liturgy to us and who through your great love for mankind has established us sinners to offer gifts and sacrifices to You, for our sins and for the sins of your people: DO YOU, invisible King, who perform great works, inscrutable and glorious marvels which cannot be numbered: Look down upon us your unworthy servants who stand, as before the throne of the Cherubim, at this Holy Altar, for before us your Only-begotten Son abides in the awesome Mysteries. Deliver all of us and all of your faithful people from every impurity; sanctify the souls and bodies of us all with a sanctification that cannot be taken away, so that partaking of these divine Mysteries with a pure conscience, with a face unashamed and with heart enlightened, and being brought to life by them, may we be united with your Christ himself, our true God, who said, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him." WITH YOUR WORD dwelling in us and walking with us, O Lord, we become the temple of your all-holy and adorable Spirit, being delivered from every wile of the devil working in our actions, our words, or our thoughts; and we shall obtain the blessings promised us together with all the Saints who have pleased You since time began. And make us worthy, O Lord, with full confidence and without condemnation to dare to call upon You, God our Heavenly Father, and say to You:

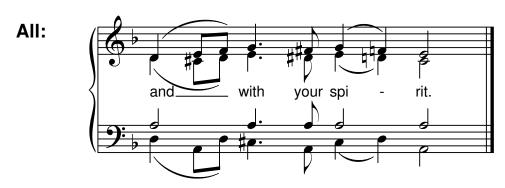
### THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)

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

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.



Priest: Peace be + unto all!



Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.



### The Prayer at the Bowing of the Heads

**Priest:** 

O God, the only good and compassionate one, who dwells on high and yet beholds the humble: Look with the eye of your tender mercies upon all your people and protect them. And graciously allow all of us to partake of your life-giving Mysteries without condemnation, for we have bowed our heads unto You in the hope of your abundant mercy.

(aloud)

Through the grace and bounties and love towards mankind of Your Only-begotten Son with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever.

All:



(KNEEL)

**Priest:** 

[washes his hands and then prays:]

HEAR US, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, from your holy dwelling place and from the throne of the glory of your Kingdom, and come and sanctify us, You who are seated on high with the Father and who are invisibly present here among us, and deem it proper to impart to us with your mighty hand your spotless Body and precious Blood, and through us to all your people.

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner! (3 times)

[Touching the consecrated Bread under the Aer, the celebrant says:]

Be attentive! Holy Presanctified Things are for the Holy!

#### All:



#### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

I BELIEVE, O Lord and confess, that You are truly the Christ, Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the first. O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant of Your Mystical Supper, for I will not speak of this mystery to Your enemies, nor like Judas will I give You a kiss, but like the penitent thief I confess to You: O LORD, remember me when You come into Kingdom.

O MASTER, remember me when You come into your Kingdom.

O HOLY ONE, remember me when You come into your Kingdom.
LET THE PARTAKING of Your Holy Mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of my soul and my body. O Lord I also believe and confess that this, which I am about to receive, is

Lord I also believe and confess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly Your most precious Body and truly Your life-giving Blood which, I pray, I may worthily receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting.

- 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 my sins are many.

# The Breaking of the Bread

[The celebrant removes the veils and star from the chalice and diskos and taking the "Lamb" into his hands he breaks it into four parts saying:]

The Lamb of God is broken and distributed, (the Son of the Father), broken but not divided, ever-eaten yet never consumed, but sanctifying those who partake of it.

[He placed the portions on the diskos as follows:]

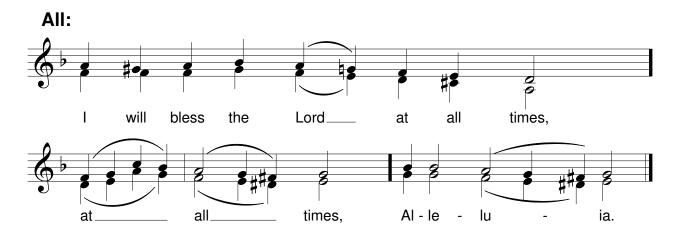
[Taking the portion marked "IC" he makes the sign of the Cross over the chalice with it and then places it in the chalice saying:]

The fulfillment of faith of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

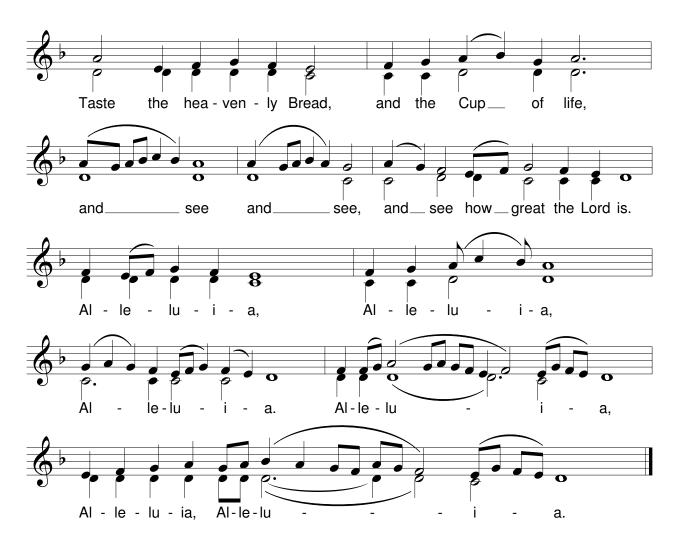
[The celebrant and any other clergy receive Holy Communion in the usual manner. After they have received the faithful are called to receive.]



# Priest: In the fear of God, with faith and with love, come forward!

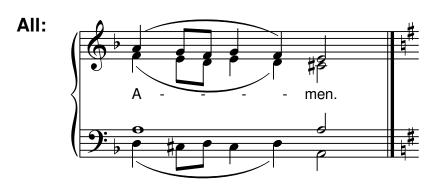


### THE COMMUNION HYMN

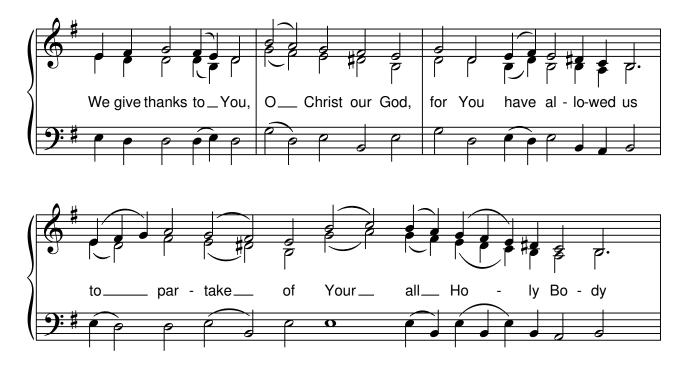


[As the faithful receive the Holy Eucharist the Communion Hymn, "Taste the Heavenly Bread" is sung. After all have received, the celebrant returns to the Holy Altar and places the chalice on it. He neither bows nor says anything. After the Communion Hymn is ended, he takes the chalice and the diskos with the veils and facing the faithful says:]

Priest: Blessed is our God, enlightening and sanctifying us, [then blessing with the chalice] always, now and ever, and forever.



# The Hymn of Thanksgiving (SIT)

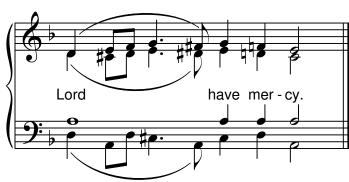




Priest: Having received the divine, most holy, most pure, heavenly, immortal and life-giving awesome Mysteries of Christ, arise, let us worthily thank the Lord.

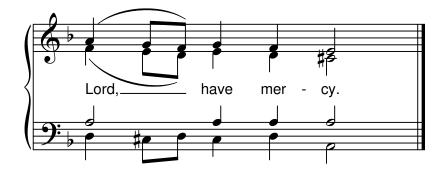
(STAND)





Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

AII:



Priest: Asking that this whole evening be perfect, holy, peaceful and without sin, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

[The celebrant folds the Antimension and places the Gospel over it]

All:



## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Priest:** 

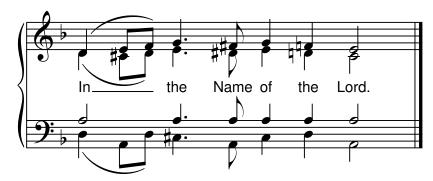
WE THANK YOU, O Saviour and God of the universe, for all the blessings You have given to us and for the communion of the Holy Body and Blood of your Christ. We pray You, Master who loves mankind: keep us under the shelter of your wings, and allow us to partake worthily, even until our last breath, of your Holy Mysteries, for the illumination of soul and body, and for the inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven. For You are our sanctification, and we render glory to You; to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

AII:



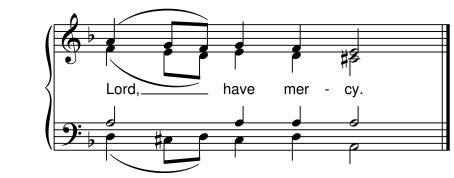
Priest: Let us depart in peace.

AII:



Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All:



# The Prayer on the Amvon

**Priest:** 

ALMIGHTY LORD, who created the whole universe, who by your inexpressible Providence and great goodness has brought us to these beneficial days for the purification of body and soul, for the control of our passions and for the hope of the Resurrection; who after forty days gave Moses, your servant, the tablets of the Law in letters divinely written by You: Enable us also, Good One, to fight the good fight, to run the course of the Fast, to keep the Faith perfectly, to crush the heads of invisible serpents; to be victorious over sin and to attain uncondemned to the worship of of your holy Resurrection. For blessed and glorified is your most honorable and sublime Name, of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, always, now and ever and forever.





Priest: Wisdom!

**All:** More honorable that the Cherubim,

and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,

who as a Virgin gave birth to God the Word, true Birth-giver of God we magnify You!

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ our God, our hope, glory to You!

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

now and ever, and forever. Amen.

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

Father, bless us!

Priest: MAY CHRIST OUR TRUE GOD, through the prayers of his

most pure Mother, through the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, through the intercession of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven, of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy Apostles, of St. (name) whose church this is, of St. (name) who we commemorate today, of our venerable and divinely enlightened Fathers and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is gracious and loves

mankind.

AII:



Priest: MAY THE BLESSING of the Lord + be upon you, through His grace and His love for mankind, always, now and ever and forever.

All:



## A Prayer after the Liturgy

O LORD OUR GOD, who has brought us to these beneficial days and allowed us to partake of your awesome Mysteries, unite us to your spiritual flock and make us heirs of your Kingdom, always now and ever. Amen.

### A PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

May your Holy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, be to me for eternal life, and your precious Blood for the forgiveness of sins. May this Eucharist be to me for joy, health and gladness. And in your awesome second coming, make me, a sinner, worthy to stand on the right hand of your Glory, through the intercessions of your all-pure Mother and of all your Saints. Amen.