
LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

STAND

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

Response: Amen.

Come, let us adore our King and God.

Come, let us adore Christ, our King and our God.

Come, let us adore and bow down to Christ, our King and our God.

Psalm 103 Praise of God's Creation

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

 You are very great, O Lord, my God!

Clothed in pomp and brilliance,

 arrayed with light as with a cloak.

Stretching out the sky as a tent-cloth,

 covering your lofty halls with water.

You make the clouds your conveyance,

 You surge on the wings of the wind.

You make spirits your messengers

 and flaming fires your attendants.

You settle the earth on its firm foundation:

 it shall stand unmoved from age to age.

The abyss covers it like a garment;

 waters stand over the mountains.

At Your rebuke, they will take to flight,

 at the peal of Your thunder they will fear.

They hurdle the hills and run down the dales

to the place You have chosen for them.
You have set up a boundary not to be passed:
they shall never return to cover the earth.
Down in the gullies, You make springs to rise:
waters shall go down between the mountains.
They shall give drink to the beasts of the field;
wild asses will seek them to quench their thirst.
The birds of the sky will abide by them:
from among the rocks they will raise their song.
From your lofty halls You refresh the mountains;
the earth shall be fed with the fruit of your works.
You make green pastures for the cattle
and food-plants for the service of man,
So that bread may be brought forth from the earth
and wine that gladdens the heart of man.
So that oil may put a gleam upon his face
and that bread may strengthen the heart of man.
The trees of the plain will be satisfied,
the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.
The sparrows will build their nests in them
and the herons will call them their home.
To the deer belong high mountains,
to rodents, the shelter of the rocks.
You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows the time of its setting.
You establish darkness and it is night
wherein the forest creatures prowl around.
Young lions roar for their prey
and call out to God for their meat.
As the sun rises, they will come together
and lay themselves down in their dens.
Man will go out to his labor
and work until eventide.
How great are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom You have wrought them all:
the earth is filled with your creatures.

Even the wide and open sea itself:
within it there are countless creeping things,
living beings small and large.

Upon it there are ships a-sailing
and that great beast You made to have fun.

All of them look up to You
to give them their food in due time.

You provide and they gather up;
You open your hand and they are full.

You hide your face and they cringe,
You suspend their breath and they die
and return to their dust.

You send forth your breath and they live:
You renew the face of the earth!

May the Lord's glory endure forever,
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

He looks upon the earth and makes it quake,
He touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will praise my God as long as I last.

Would that my thoughts be pleasing to Him
and I will rejoice in the Lord.

May the sinners vanish from the earth
and may the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to You, O God. (BOWING)

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Litany of Peace

Priest: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy. (after each following petition)

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

For peace in the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Churches of God and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy Church, and for all who enter it with faith, reverence and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

For our holy ecumenical pontiff N., the Pope of Rome, for our most reverend Archbishop and Metropolitan N., for our God-loving Bishop N., for the venerable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For our civil authorities and all in the service of our country, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, for every city and country, and for those living within them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

For reasonable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who travel by sea, air, and land, and for the salvation of the sick, the suffering and the captive, let us pray to the Lord.

For deliverance from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Having remembered our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints - let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ, our God.

R. To You, O Lord.

Priest: (SILENTLY) O Lord, our God, whose might is beyond description, whose glory surpasses all understanding, whose mercy is without limits, whose love for man is beyond expression, now, O Master, in your kindness, look down upon us and this holy Church, and bestow on us

and upon those praying with us your abundant mercies and your benefits.

(ALoud) For to You is due all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

STAND

First Antiphon

Psalm 120 The Lord, our Guardian

I lifted up my eyes to the hills

whence help shall come to me;

My help shall come from the Lord

who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble

He who is your Guardian will not fall asleep.

Behold, He will neither sleep nor slumber,

the Watcher over Israel.

The Lord shall keep watch over you,

the Lord is your shelter at your right hand.

The sun shall not harm you by day,

nor shall the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from every evil,

the Lord shall preserve your soul;

The Lord shall preserve your coming and your going

henceforth and for evermore.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Remembering our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, with all the

Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

R. To You, O Lord.

Priest: (silently) O Lord, compassionate and loving, long-suffering and most merciful, hear our prayer and listen to the voice of our supplication. Make a favorable covenant with us, 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 You perform wondrous deeds. You are the only God and none other is like You, O Lord. You are great in mercy and able, in your power, to assist, support, and save all those who place their hope in your holy Name.

(aloud) And to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, honor, and worship, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

STAND

Second Antiphon

Psalm 122 Israel's Prayer in Persecution

I have lifted up my eyes to You who dwell in heaven:

Behold, as the eyes of the servants are on the hands of their masters,
as the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress,

So are our eyes on the Lord our God,
until He have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us,
for we are more than filled with contempt.

Yes, our soul has been more than filled.

May reproach fall on the prosperous and contempt on the proud.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. To You, O Lord.

Priest: (silently) O Lord, in your indignation do not rebuke us; in your wrath do not chastise us; 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 mind that we may know your truth. Grant that the remainder of this night and all the days of our life may be peaceful and without sin through the prayers of the holy Mother of God and through the prayers of all the Saints.

(aloud) For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

STAND

Third Antiphon

Psalm 127 The Happy Home of the Just

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
who walk in his ways.

You shall eat of your hand's labor:
blessed are you, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your house.

Your sons, like olive shoots
around your table.

Behold, in this way shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you out of Sion;
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. To You, O Lord.

Priest: (silently) O Lord our God, be mindful of us sinners and your unworthy servants as we call upon your holy Name, and put us not to shame for having placed our hope in your mercy. Graciously grant us, O Lord, all the means of salvation; make us worthy to love and fear You with all our heart and to accomplish your will in all things.

(aloud) For You are a gracious God and You love mankind, and to You we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

STAND

Psalm 140 *Prayer Against*
the Enticements of Wickedness

O Lord, I have cried out to You: hear me,
give heed to the voice of my supplication
when I cry out to You.

Let my prayer rise like incense before You
and the lifting of my hands, like an evening sacrifice.

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

Incline my heart away from evil dealings,
from finding excuses for sinful deeds.

In company with men who work iniquity
let me not partake of what they choose.

May a just man chasten me with justice and reprove me;
may the oil of the wicked never touch my head.

Yet even then shall I pray for their welfare.
Their rulers were swallowed near the rock.
My words will be heard for they were sweet.
As a lump of clay broken on the ground,
 so their bones were strewn near the grave.
To You, Lord, O Lord, my eyes are lifted up;
 in You have I hoped: let not my soul be lost.
Keep me from the snare that was set up for me
 and from the stumbling-blocks of wicked men.
The wicked shall fall into their own nets
 while I remain alone until I can escape.

(THE PRIEST WILL NOW CARRY THE HOLY GIFTS TO THE ALTAR OF PREPARATION WHILE THE HYMNS OF VESPERS ARE SUNG).

Hymns of Vespers (see separate sheets)

Entrance Prayer

Priest: (silently) In the evening, at dawn, and at noon, we praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, and beseech You, O Master of All, Lord who loves mankind. Direct our prayers as incense before You; let not our hearts fall into evil words or thoughts, but save us from those who seek after 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 are due all honor and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.

After the procession with the censer:

Priest: Wisdom! Be attentive!

THE PEOPLE RESPOND BY SINGING THE HYMN OF THE EVENING:

O Joyful Light!

Light and Holy Glory

 of the Father immortal,
 the heavenly, holy, the Blessed One:

O Jesus Christ.

Now that we have reached
 the setting of the sun,
 and see the evening light,

we sing to God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

It is fitting at all times
 to raise a song of praise
 in measured melody
 to You, O Son of God,
 the Giver of Life.

Behold, the universe sings your glory.

Priest: Let us be attentive! Peace be with all! Wisdom! Be attentive!

STAND

Prokimenon of Vespers

Save me, O God, for the sake of your name.

Be with me in your might.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

STAND

Priest: Wisdom! Be attentive!

NO RESPONSE IS GIVEN

Priest: The light of Christ enlightens every man who comes into the world.

NO RESPONSE IS GIVEN. THE PEOPLE BOW AND SIGN THEMSELVES WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS THREE TIMES.

STAND

Prokimenon of Vespers

O Lord, You are my help.

O my God, your love shall hasten towards me.

SET

OLD TESTAMENT READING

KNEEL

THE PEOPLE REMAINING KNEELING DURING ALL THE FOLLOWING VERSES:

Priest: Let my prayer ascend to You like incense, and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

R. Let my prayer ascend to You like incense, and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

Priest: O Lord, I have cried to You, now hear me; listen to my voice when I call upon You.

R. Let my prayer ascend to You like incense, and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

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

R. Let my prayer ascend to You like incense, and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

Priest: Let not my heart be inclined to evil, nor make excuse for the sins I commit.

R. Let my prayer ascend to You like incense, and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

Priest: Let my prayer ascend to You like incense:

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

STAND

The Priest and servers now come before the altar and make three great prostrations after a portion of the following prayer is recited. The people also bow profoundly.

Prayer of St. Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life,
keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement,
lust of power and idle chatter.

PROSTRATION

Instead, grant to me your servant,
the spirit of wholeness of being,
humble-mindedness, patience, and love.

PROSTRATION

O Lord and King,
 grant me the grace to be aware of my sins
 and not to judge my brother;
 for You are blessed
 now and ever, and forever. Amen.

PROSTRATION

A GOSPEL IS READ ON CERTAIN SPECIFIED DAYS DURING GREAT FAST. THE CUSTOMARY INTONATIONS ARE MADE.

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Litany of Supplication

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy. (3)

The priest prays quietly: Accept, O Lord our God, this fervent prayer from your servants and have mercy on us according to your great mercy, and send down your benefits upon us and upon all your people who expect from You abundant mercies.

Priest: We also pray for our holy ecumenical Pontiff N., the Pope of Rome, and for our most reverend Archbishop and Metropolitan N., for our God-loving Bishop N., for those who served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brethren in Christ.

R. Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: We also pray for our civil authorities and for all in the service of our country.

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

Priest: We also pray for the people here present who await your great and abundant mercy, for those who showed us mercy, and for all Christians of the true faith.

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

Priest: For You are a merciful God who loves mankind, and we glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

STAND

First Prayer for the Faithful

Priest: O God, great and worthy to be praised, who through the life-giving death of your Christ has changed us from corruptibility to incorruptibility, deliver all of our senses from deadly passion, placing over them our intellect as a sure guide. Let our eyes avoid all evil, our ears close to idle talk, and let our tongue be cleansed of unbecoming speech. Purify our lips which praise You, O Lord. Let our hands abstain from evil deeds, but do only those things pleasing to You, and by your grace strengthen our body and mind.

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

R. Amen.

Second Prayer for the Faithful

Priest: Holy Master, infinitely good, we beseech You who are rich in mercy to show compassion on us sinners and make us worthy to receive your only-begotten Son and our God, the King of Glory. For behold, his most pure body and life-giving blood are about to be brought and placed on this mystical altar at this time, escorted by invisible angelic hosts. Allow us to partake of them in blamelessness so that the eyes of our understanding enlightened thereby, we may become children of the light and of the day.

Through the gift of your Christ, with whom You are blessed, together with your most holy, gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

KNEEL*The Great Entrance*

AFTER THE PRIEST INCENSES THEM, THE PEOPLE KNEEL AND SING:

Now the choirs of angels are serving with us invisibly,

For behold, the King of Glory enters.

The mystical sacrifice, all accomplished is brought forth.

Let us with faith and love approach

That we may become partakers of life everlasting.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

DURING THE GREAT ENTRANCE ALL ARE SILENT AND REMAIN KNEELING.

STAND*Litany of Offering*

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin, let us beseech the Lord.

R. Grant it, O Lord.

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

R. Grant it, O Lord.

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

R. Grant it, O Lord.

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

R. Grant it, O Lord.

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

R. Grant it, O Lord.

Priest: For a Christian, painless, unashamed, peaceful end of our life, and for a good account before the fearsome judgment-seat of Christ, let us beseech the Lord.

R. Grant it, O Lord.

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

R. To You, O Lord.

Priest: O God of unspeakable and invisible mysteries, with whom are the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge, who has revealed to us the service of this liturgy and who, through your great love for mankind, has appointed us sinners to offer gifts and sacrifices to You for our sins and the faults of the people—now, O Invisible King, who performs great works, inscrutable and glorious marvels without number, look upon us your unworthy servants who stand, as before your cherubic throne, at this altar where your only-begotten Son, our God, reposes in these awesome mysteries offered here.

And having delivered us and all your faithful people from every impurity, sanctify our souls and bodies with the sanctification which cannot be taken away, so that partaking of these divine mysteries with a pure conscience, with faces unashamed, and with enlightened hearts, and being revived by these mysteries, we may be united with your Christ Himself, our true God.

For He said: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him." By your Word, O Lord, dwelling in us and walking in our midst, we become the temple of your all-holy and adorable Spirit, redeemed from every snare of the devil trying to influence our words, deeds, and thoughts; and we shall obtain the blessings You promised us, together with all the Saints who have pleased You since time began.

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

STAND

THE PEOPLE SING

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

R. Amen.

Priest: Peace be with all!

R. And with your spirit!

Priest: Bow your heads to the Lord.

R. To You, O Lord.

Priest: O God, the only One good and compassionate, who dwells on high and looks upon the humble, look with compassionate eyes upon all your people and preserve them. Grant us all to partake without condemnation of these your life-giving mysteries; for we have bowed our heads to You in the hope of your rich mercy.

Through the grace and mercy and love for 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.

R. Amen.

Priest: Look down, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, from your holy dwelling-place and from the throne of the glory of your kingdom, and come to sanctify us, You who are seated on high with the Father, and dwell here invisibly among us. Deem it proper to impart to us, with your

mighty hand, your most pure body and precious blood, and through us, to all the people.

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Priest: Let us be attentive! Holy Presanctified Things for the holy!

KNEEL

THE PEOPLE SING

One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer in preparation for Holy Communion

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.

Accept me 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 confess to You:

Remember me, O Lord, when You shall come into your kingdom.

Remember me, O Master, when You shall come into your kingdom.

Remember me, O Holy One, when You shall come into 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.

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.

Communion Hymn

Taste and see how good the Lord is, how good the Lord is.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Priest: Come to receive!

R. I will bless the Lord forever. Alleluia!

THE FAITHFUL RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. THEN:

Priest: Blessed is our God who has enlightened and sanctified us always, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

SIT

WHILE THE PRIEST TAKES THE CHALICE TO THE TABLE OF PREPARATION, THE PEOPLE SING:

We give You thanks, O Christ our God,

For You deigned to make us sharers of Your Body and most Holy Blood,

Poured forth for the world unto the forgiveness of sins.

We have seen Your Mystery.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

Litany of Thanksgiving

Priest: Having received the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, and life-creating awesome mysteries of Christ, arise, let us give worthy thanks to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. To You, O Lord.

Priest: We thank You, Savior and God of all, for all the blessings You bestowed upon us and for our partaking of the holy body and blood of your Christ. And we pray You, Master who loves mankind, keep us under the shadow of your wings, and grant us, even until our last breath, to partake worthily of your holy mystery for the enlightenment of our soul and body and the inheritance of your heavenly kingdom.

For You are our sanctification, and we glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

R. In the name of the Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Almighty Lord, in wisdom You created all things, and by your inexpressible providence and great goodness You have brought us to these most salutary days for the purification of body and soul, for the control of our evil inclinations, and for the hope of resurrection. During the forty days You gave Moses, your servant, the tablets of the law, inscribed by your divine hands; now also grant to us, O Gracious One, to fight the good fight, to run the course of the fast, to preserve our faith unstained, to crush under foot the heads of invisible serpents, to be victorious over sin, and without condemnation to attain and worship the holy resurrection.

For blessed and glorified is your most honorable and majestic Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

Blessed is the name of the Lord, now and forever. (3 times)

Dismissal

Priest: The blessing of the Lord be upon You, through his grace and loving-kindness, always, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

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

R. Glory be 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. Give the blessing!

Priest: Christ our true God will have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, and of all the Saints, for He is gracious and loves mankind.

R. Amen.

IT IS OUR VENERABLE TRADITION TO SING THE FOLLOWING HYMN AT THE CLOSE OF ALL LENTEN SERVICES. THE PRIEST FACES THE ALTAR AND TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE SINGS THE HYMN THREE TIMES, EACH TIME MAKING A PENITENTIAL PROSTRATION WHILE THE PEOPLE BOW PROFOUNDLY.

Having suffered the passion for us, Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Preterp'ivvyj za nas strasti,

Isuse Christe, Syne Bozhij,

Pomiluj, pomiluj, pomiluj nas.