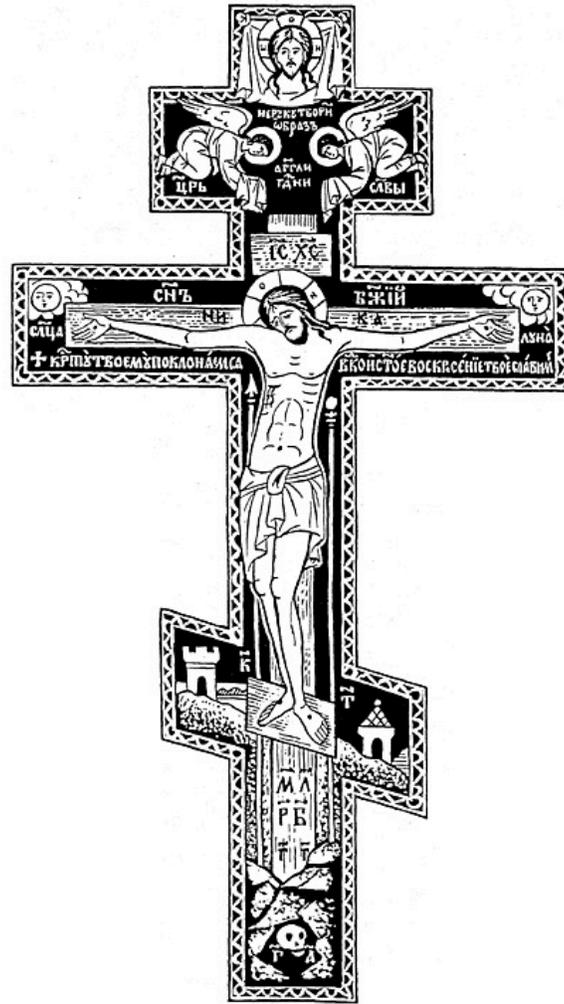


# THE DIVINE PRAISES

Outside Lent and Bright Week



## THE HOURS

Prayers During the Day

&

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# THE FIRST HOUR

## EARLY MORNING PRAYER

**Priest:** † Blessed be our God, always, now and forever and ever.

### When There Is No Priest:

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

### From Pascha to Ascension:

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death,  
and to the those in the tombs, giving life. (*thrice*)

Proceed to “Holy God” (below)

### From Ascension to Pentecost:

Proceed Immediately to “Holy God” (below)

**A:** † Glory be to You, our God, *glory* be to You.

**B:** Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, \* who are everywhere present and fill all things, \* Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, \* come and dwell within us, \* cleanse us of all that defiles us, \*\* and O Good One, *save* our souls.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

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**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. \* Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord;  
\* pardon our transgressions, O Master; \* look upon our weaknesses  
and heal them, O Holy One; \*\* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, † Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

**A:** Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

**B:** Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

**A:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*,

**B:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**A:** † Come, let us bow in worship before our *King*, and God.

**B:** † Come, let us bow in worship before Christ, our *King* and God.

**A:** † Come, let us bow in worship and fall down before the very Lord,  
Jesus Christ, our *King* and God.

## **Psalm 5**

Give ear to my words, O Lord, understand my cry. Attend to the voice of my supplication, my King and my God; for to You I shall pray, O Lord. In the morning You will hear my voice. In the morning I shall stand before You, and You will watch over me; because You are not a God who wants iniquity. The evildoer will not dwell with You, nor will the lawless remain before Your eyes. You have hated all those who work iniquity; You will destroy all those who speak lies. The Lord abhors a man of bloodshed and deceit. But I, in the abundance of Your mercy, will enter Your house, I will worship towards Your holy temple in fear of You. Guide me, Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies, direct my way before You. Because there is no truth in their mouths; their heart is vain. Their throat is an open tomb, they deceive with their tongues. Judge them, O God. Let them fall through their counsels; according to the multitude of their impieties cast them out, for they have embittered You, O Lord. And may all those who hope in You be glad; they will rejoice for ever, and You will dwell among them, and all those who love Your name will boast in You. Because You will bless the righteous; You have crowned him, O Lord, with Your good pleasure.

## **Psalm 89**

Lord, You have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains came into being or the earth and the world were formed, from age to age You are. Do not turn mankind back to humiliation, and You said: Turn back, children of men. Because a thousand years in Your eyes, Lord, are like a day, or like yesterday which has passed, and like a watch in the night. Their years will be mere trifles, in the morning like grass may he pass away. In the morning let him flower and pass away; in the evening let him fall, dry up and wither.

Because we have perished in Your anger, and in Your wrath we have been dismayed. You have set our iniquities before You; our age in the light of Your countenance. Because all our days have perished, and in Your anger we have perished; our years were reckoned like a spider. The days of our years there are seventy years in them, but if we are strong, eighty, and the majority of them are labor and toil; because weakness has come over us and we shall be chastened. Who knows the might of Your anger? And can gauge Your wrath from fear of You? So make Your right hand known to me, and those chastened in heart by wisdom. Turn back, O Lord, how long? And be entreated for Your servants. We have filled in the morning with Your mercy, O Lord, and we have rejoiced and been glad. In all our days let be glad; in return for the days when You humbled us, the years when we saw evils. And look upon Your servants and upon the work of Your hands and guide Your children. And let the brightness of the Lord be upon us, and direct the works of our hands for us, and direct the work of our hand.

### **Psalm 100**

I will sing to You of mercy and judgment, O Lord, I will chant and think on a blameless way: when will You come to me? I have walked in the midst of my house in the innocence of my heart. I have set no lawless deed before my eyes; I have hated those who commit transgressions. No twisted heart has been attached to me; the evil man who avoids me I have not acknowledged. The man who secretly slanders his neighbor, him I have driven out. With a man of proud looks and insatiate heart, I have not eaten. My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, for them to dwell with me; the man who walks on a blameless way, he has ministered to me. The man who acts proudly has not dwelt in my house; the man who speaks calumnies has not prospered before me.

Morning by morning I slew all the sinners in the land, to purge from the Lord's city all workers of iniquity.

**A:** † Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**B:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**A:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

**B:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

**A:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

**B:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

### TROPARION & THEOTOKION

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son \* and to the Holy Spirit.

For the troparion, see the liturgical propers for the day.

Now and forever \* and ever. Amen.

What shall we call you, O full of grace? \* Heaven? For you made the Sun of righteousness to dawn. \* Paradise? For you made the flower of incorruption blossom. \* Virgin? For you remained incorrupt. \* Pure Mother? For you held in your holy embrace a Son Who is the God of all. \*\* Implore Him that our souls may be saved.

#### Then:

**A:** Direct my steps according to Your word, \* and let no iniquity control me.

**B:** Deliver me from people's slander, \* and I shall keep Your commandments.

**A:** Let Your face shine on Your servant, \* and teach me Your statutes.

**B:** Let my mouth be filled with Your praise, O Lord, \* that I may hymn Your glory, and sing Your splendor all the day.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. \* Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord;  
\* pardon our transgressions, O Master; \* look upon our weaknesses  
and heal them, O Holy One; \*\* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, † Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

**KONTAKION**

See the liturgical propers for the day.

**A:** Lord, have mercy. (*ten times*)

**B:** Lord, have mercy. (*ten times*)

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## THE PRAYER OF THE HOURS

**Priest (or Leader):** In every season and at every hour, in heaven and on earth, You are worshipped and glorified, O good God, longsuffering, rich in mercy, loving the just, and compassionate to sinners, calling all to salvation by the promise of the blessings to come. Now, at this hour, Lord, accept our prayers, and direct our lives in the ways of Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, and make our knowledge whole and sober. Deliver us from every distress, evil, and pain. Surround us with Your holy angels as with a rampart, so that, protected and guided by their host, we may reach the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. † For You are blessed forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** More honorable than the Cherubim, \* and by far more glorious than the Seraphim. \* Ever a Virgin you gave birth to God the Word. \*\* O true Mother of God, we *magnify* you.

### Only When There Is A Priest:

**A:** In the Name of the Lord, Father, give the *blessing*.

**Priest:** † O God, be gracious to us and bless us; make Your face to shine upon us and have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF THE FIRST HOUR

**Priest (or Leader):** O Christ, the true Light, You enlighten and sanctify everyone who comes into the world; let the light of Your countenance be signed upon us, that in it we may see Your unapproachable light. Direct our steps that we might fulfill Your commandments; † through the prayers of Your immaculate Mother and of all Your saints.

**People:** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

If another hour follows, we omit the dismissal and proceed directly to the next hour with “Come, let us bow in worship....”

**Priest:** † Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our Hope, Glory be to You.

**People:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, \* Now and forever and ever. *Amen.* \* Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. \*\* Give the *blessing.*

**Priest:** † Christ our true God (risen from the dead), through the prayers of His immaculate Mother, of our venerable and godly fathers, and of all the saints, will have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

**People:** Amen.

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## DISMISSAL

### When There Is No Priest:

**People:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, \*

Now and forever and ever. *Amen.* \*

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. \*\*

O Lord, bless *us.*

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** *Amen.*

# THE THIRD HOUR

## MID-MORNING PRAYER

**Priest:** † Blessed be our God, always, now and forever and ever.

### When There Is No Priest:

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

### From Pascha to Ascension:

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death,  
and to the those in the tombs, giving life. (*thrice*)

Proceed to “Holy God” (below)

### From Ascension to Pentecost:

Proceed Immediately to “Holy God” (below)

**A:** † Glory be to You, our God, *glory* be to You.

**B:** Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, \* who are everywhere present and fill all things, \* Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, \* come and dwell within us, \* cleanse us of all that defiles us, \*\* and O Good One, *save* our souls.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. \* Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord;  
\* pardon our transgressions, O Master; \* look upon our weaknesses  
and heal them, O Holy One; \*\* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, † Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

**A:** Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

**B:** Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

**A:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*,

**B:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**A:** † Come, let us bow in worship before our *King*, and God.

**B:** † Come, let us bow in worship before Christ, our *King* and God.

**A:** † Come, let us bow in worship and fall down before the very Lord,  
Jesus Christ, our *King* and God.

## Psalm 16

Hearken to my righteousness, O Lord; attend to my supplication. Give ear to my prayer from lips which do not deceive. Let my judgment come from Your presence, let my eyes see fair dealings. You have tested my heart, You have visited me by night; You have tried me by fire and no injustice has been found in me. That my mouth might not speak of human deeds, for the sake of the words of Your lips I have kept hard ways. Direct my steps in Your paths, that my steps may not slip. I have called, for You heard me, O God; incline Your ear to me, and hearken to my words. Show the wonder of Your mercies, You who save those that hope in You. Guard me, O Lord, like the pupil of the eye, from those who resist Your right hand. You will shelter me in the shelter of Your wings, from the presence of the impious who afflicted me. My foes have surrounded my soul; they have shut their hearts, their mouth has spoken proudly. They cast me out and now they have encircled me, they have fixed their eyes to bow to the ground. They came on me like a lion ready for prey, and like a lion cub lurking in hidden places. Arise, Lord, forestall them and cast them down; deliver my soul from the impious, Your sword from the foes of Your hand. O Lord, divide them from the few of the land in their life, and their belly was filled from Your hidden things. They have been sated with swine's flesh and left the remainder to their infants. But I in righteousness will appear in Your presence; I shall be satisfied when Your glory has appeared to me.

## Psalm 24

To You, O Lord, I have lifted my soul. My God, I have trusted in You, do not let me be shamed forever. Do not let my foes laugh at me; for all who wait patiently for You shall not be shamed; let those who

transgress without cause be shamed. O Lord, make Your ways known to me, and teach me Your paths. Guide me into Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Saviour, and I have waited patiently on You all the day. Remember Your acts of pity, Lord, and Your mercies, for they are eternal. Do not remember the sins of my youth and ignorance; in accordance with Your mercy remember me, on account of Your goodness, O Lord. The Lord is good and upright, therefore He will give laws to those who sin on their way. He will guide the meek with judgment, He will teach the meek His ways. All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth, for those who seek His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my sin, for it is great. Who is one who fears the Lord? He will give him laws in the way which he has chosen. His soul will dwell among good things and his seed will inherit the earth. The Lord is the strength of those who fear him, and His covenant will show them this. My eyes are ever towards the Lord, for He will draw my feet out of the snare. Look on me and have mercy on me; for I am alone and poor. The afflictions of my heart have been multiplied; bring me out of my troubles. See my humiliation and my toil, and forgive all my sins. See my foes, for they have been multiplied, and have hated me with an unjust hatred. Guard my soul and deliver me; let me not be shamed, for I have hoped in You. The innocent and upright have joined themselves to me, because I have waited patiently for You, O Lord. O God, deliver Israel from all his afflictions.

### **Psalm 50**

Have mercy on me O God, according to Your great mercy: according to the fullness of Your compassion blot out my offence. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin. For I

acknowledge my wickedness: and my sin is ever before me. Against You only have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight: that You may be justified in Your words, and win when You are judged. For see, in wickedness I was conceived: and in sin my mother bore me. For see, You have loved truth: You have shown me the hidden and secret things of Your wisdom. You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I shall be cleansed: You will wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. You will make me hear of joy and gladness: the bones which have been humbled will rejoice. Turn away Your face from my sins: and blot out all my iniquities. Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right Spirit within me. Do not cast me out from Your presence: and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Give me back the joy of Your salvation: and establish me with Your sovereign Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways: and sinners will turn to You again. O God, the God of my salvation, deliver me from bloodshed: and my tongue will rejoice at Your righteousness. O Lord, You will open my lips: and my mouth will proclaim Your praise. For if You had wanted a sacrifice, I would have given it: You will not take pleasure in burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit: a broken and a humbled heart God will not despise. Do good to Zion, Lord, in Your good pleasure; and let the walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt. Then You will be well pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, oblation and whole burnt offerings. Then they will offer calves upon Your altar.

**A:** † Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**B:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**A:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

**B:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

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## TROPARION & THEOTOKION

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son \* and to the Holy Spirit.

For the troparion, see the liturgical propers for the day.

Now and forever \* and ever. Amen.

O Mother of God, you are the true vine, \* from which blossomed the fruit of life; \* we implore you, O Lady, \* intercede together with the holy apostles \*\* that he may have mercy on our souls.

### Then:

**A:** Blessed is the Lord God, \* blessed is the Lord *day* by day.

**B:** May the God of our salvation give us prosperity. \* Our God is the *God* who saves.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. \* Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord; \* pardon our transgressions, O Master; \* look upon our weaknesses and heal them, O Holy One; \*\* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

**KONTAKION**

See the liturgical propers for the day.

**A:** Lord, have mercy. (*ten times*)

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**THE PRAYER OF THE HOURS**

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every distress, evil, and pain. Surround us with Your holy angels as with a rampart, so that, protected and guided by their host, we may reach the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. † For You are blessed forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

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#### **Only When There Is A Priest:**

**A:** In the Name of the Lord, Father, give the *blessing*.

**Priest:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

#### **THE PRAYER OF SAINT MARDARIOS**

**Priest (or Leader):** † O God and Master, Father Almighty, Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit, one Godhead and one power, have mercy on me, a sinner, and, by the judgments which You know, save me, Your unworthy servant; for You are blessed for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

If another hour follows, the dismissal is omitted, and we proceed directly to the next hour with “Come, let us bow in worship....”

**Priest:** † Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our Hope, Glory be to You.

**People:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, \* Now and forever and ever. *Amen.* \* Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. \*\* Give the *blessing*.

**Priest:** † Christ our true God (risen from the dead), through the prayers of His immaculate Mother, of our venerable and godly fathers, and of all the saints, will have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

**People:** Amen.

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## DISMISSAL

### When There Is No Priest:

**People:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, \*  
Now and forever and ever. *Amen.* \*  
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. \*\*  
O Lord, bless *us*.

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

# THE SIXTH HOUR

## MIDDAY PRAYER

**Priest:** † Blessed be our God, always, now and forever and ever.

### When There Is No Priest:

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

### From Pascha to Ascension:

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death,  
and to the those in the tombs, giving life. (*thrice*)

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**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. \* Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord;  
\* pardon our transgressions, O Master; \* look upon our weaknesses  
and heal them, O Holy One; \*\* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, † Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

**A:** Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

**B:** Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

**A:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*,

**B:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**A:** † Come, let us bow in worship before our *King*, and God.

**B:** † Come, let us bow in worship before Christ, our *King* and God.

**A:** † Come, let us bow in worship and fall down before the very Lord,  
Jesus Christ, our *King* and God.

## Psalm 53

O God, save me by Your name, and You will judge me by Your power. O God, hearken to my prayer, give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers have risen up against me, and mighty ones have sought my soul, and have not put God before them. For see, God will help me, and the Lord is the protector of my soul. He will turn evils upon my foes, in Your truth wipe them out. Willingly I shall sacrifice to You, I shall give thanks to Your name, O Lord, for it is good. For You have delivered me from every affliction, and my eye has looked down on my foes.

## Psalm 54

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and do not despise my supplication; attend to me, and hearken to me. I was grieved in my meditation, and troubled by the voice of the foe and the affliction of the sinner. Because they cast iniquity upon me, and in anger they were indignant with me. My heart was troubled within me, and dread of death fell on me. Fear and trembling came upon me, and darkness covered me. And I said: Who will give me wings like a dove's, and I shall fly away and find rest. See, I have gone far away in my flight, and have encamped in the wilderness. I waited for God who saves me from faint-heartedness and from storm. O Lord, drown and divide their tongues; because I have seen iniquity and wrangling in the city. Day and night it will go round upon its walls, and lawlessness and toil are in its midst, and injustice. Usury and fraud have not left its streets. For if an enemy had reviled me, I would have endured it. And if one who hated me had boasted against me, I would have hidden from him. But it was you, one who was my equal, my leader and my friend. Who made sweet the food we ate together; we walked in

harmony in God's house. Let death come upon them, and let them go down alive into Hades. For evil is in their dwellings and in their midst. But I cried to God and the Lord heard me. At evening and morning and at midday I shall speak and declare, and He will listen to my voice. He will redeem my soul in peace from those who draw near me, for in crowds they were about me. God will hear and He who is before the ages will humble them. For there is no change with them, because they did not fear God; he stretched out His hand to repay. They defiled His covenant; they were scattered at the wrath of His presence, and their hearts drew near. His words were smoother than oil, yet they are javelins. Cast your care on the Lord, and He will support you; He will not let the righteous be storm-tossed for ever. But you, O God, will bring them down to the pit of destruction. Men of bloodshed and deceit will not live out half their days; but I, Lord, will hope in You.

### **Psalm 90**

One who dwells in the help of the Most High will live under the protection of the God of heaven. He will say to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, and I shall hope in Him. For He will deliver you from the snare of hunters, and from the word which troubles. He will overshadow you with His wings, and beneath His feathers you will hope; His truth will encircle you with a shield. You will not be afraid of terror by night, of the arrow that flies by day. Of the thing that prowls in the darkness, of mishap and the noonday devil. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right, but it will not come near you. But with your eyes you will observe, and see the reward of sinners. For You, Lord, are my hope: you have made the Most High your refuge. Evils will not approach you, nor a scourge draw near your dwelling. Because He has given orders to His Angels about you, to

guard you in all your ways. They will bear you on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You will walk on asp and basilisk, and trample down lion and dragon. Because he hoped in me, I shall deliver him; I shall shelter him, because he knew my name. He will cry to me, and I shall hear him, I am with him in trouble; I shall rescue him and glorify him. I shall fill him with length of days, and show him my salvation.

**A:** † Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**B:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**A:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

**B:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

**A:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

**B:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

## TROPARION & THEOTOKION

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son \* and to the Holy Spirit.

For the troparion, see the liturgical propers for the day.

Now and forever \* and ever. Amen.

As we have no boldness because of our many sins, \* entreat the One born of you, Virgin Mother of God; \* for a Mother's plea has great power to obtain the Master's kindness. \* Do not despise the supplications of sinners, O all-pure one, \* for He is merciful and able to save, \*\* He who even accepted to suffer for us.

**Then:**

**A:** Let Your mercies, O Lord, come quickly to our aid, for we are utterly poor. \* Help us, O God our Savior, \* for the *glory* of Your Name.

**B:** O Lord, deliver us and have mercy on our sins \* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. \* Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord; \* pardon our transgressions, O Master; \* look upon our weaknesses and heal them, O Holy One; \*\* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

## KONTAKION

See the liturgical propers for the day.

**A:** Lord, have mercy. (*ten times*)

**B:** Lord, have mercy. (*ten times*)

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**B:** Lord, have mercy. (*ten times*)

### THE PRAYER OF THE HOURS

**Priest (or Leader):** In every season and at every hour, in heaven and on earth, You are worshipped and glorified, O good God, longsuffering, rich in mercy, loving the just, and compassionate to sinners, calling all to salvation by the promise of the blessings to come. Now, at this hour, Lord, accept our prayers, and direct our lives in the ways of Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, and make our knowledge whole and sober. Deliver us from every distress, evil, and pain. Surround us with Your holy angels as with a rampart, so that, protected and guided by their host, we may reach the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. † For You are blessed forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** More honorable than the Cherubim, \* and by far more glorious than the Seraphim. \* Ever a Virgin you gave birth to God the Word. \*\* O true Mother of God, we *magnify* you.

### **Only When There Is A Priest:**

**A:** In the Name of the Lord, Father, give the *blessing*.

**Priest:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

### **THE PRAYER OF THE SIXTH HOUR**

**Priest (or Leader):** O God and Lord of powers, Maker of all creation, in the compassion of Your incomprehensible mercy, You sent Your only-begotten Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, for the salvation of our race. Through His precious Cross, He tore up the record of our sins, and triumphed over the principalities and powers of darkness. O loving Master, accept our supplications of thanksgiving and entreaty, and deliver us from destructive and dark transgression, and from all our foes, visible and invisible, who seek to harm us. Nail down our flesh through fear of You, and prevent our hearts from inclining towards words or thoughts of evil, but rather wound our souls with longing for You, that, always gazing upon You and guided by the light that comes from You, seeing You the unapproachable and everlasting Light, we may unceasingly confess and thank You, the Father without beginning, with Your only-begotten Son, and † Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**People:** Amen.

### **DISMISSAL**

If another hour follows, the dismissal is omitted, and we proceed directly to the next hour with “Come, let us bow in worship....”

**Priest:** † Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our Hope, Glory be to You.

**People:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, \*  
Now and forever and ever. *Amen.* \* Lord, have mercy; Lord, have  
mercy; Lord, have mercy. \*\* Give the *blessing*.

**Priest:** † Christ our true God (risen from the dead), through the prayers  
of His immaculate Mother, of our venerable and godly fathers, and of  
all the saints, will have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves  
mankind.

**People:** Amen.

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## DISMISSAL

### When There Is No Priest:

**People:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, \*  
Now and forever and ever. *Amen.* \*

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. \*\*

O Lord, bless *us*.

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

# THE NINTH HOUR

## MID-AFTERNOON PRAYER

**Priest:** † Blessed be our God, always, now and forever and ever.

### When There Is No Priest:

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

### From Pascha to Ascension:

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death,  
and to the those in the tombs, giving life. (*thrice*)

Proceed to “Holy God” (below)

### From Ascension to Pentecost:

Proceed Immediately to “Holy God” (below)

**A:** † Glory be to You, our God, *glory* be to You.

**B:** Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, \* who are everywhere present and fill all things, \* Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, \* come and dwell within us, \* cleanse us of all that defiles us, \*\* and O Good One, *save* our souls.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. \* Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord;  
\* pardon our transgressions, O Master; \* look upon our weaknesses  
and heal them, O Holy One; \*\* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, † Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

**A:** Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

**B:** Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

**A:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*,

**B:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**A:** † Come, let us bow in worship before our *King*, and God.

**B:** † Come, let us bow in worship before Christ, our *King* and God.

**A:** † Come, let us bow in worship and fall down before the very Lord,  
Jesus Christ, our *King* and God.

## **Psalm 83**

How beloved are Your dwellings, O Lord of powers; my soul longs and faints for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoiced in the living God. For the sparrow has found itself a house, and the dove a nest for herself, where she may place her nestlings: Your altars, O Lord of powers, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, they will praise You to ages of ages. Blessed the one whose help is from You; who has placed ascents in his heart, to the valley of weeping, to the place he has set. For the lawgiver will give blessings; they will go from strength to strength, the God of gods will appear in Sion. Lord God of powers hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. O God our shield see; and look on the face of Your Christ. For one day in Your courts is far better than thousands. I chose to be cast aside in the house of my God, rather than to dwell in the tents of sinners. Lord God of powers, blessed is the one who hopes in You.

## **Psalm 84**

You were well pleased with Your land, O Lord, You turned away the captivity of Jacob. You forgave Your people their iniquities, You covered all their sins. You made all Your anger cease, you turned away from the anger of Your rage. Turn us back again, O God of our salvation, and turn away Your rage from us. Would You be angry with us for ever? Or will You prolong Your wrath from generation to generation? O God, when You have turned us back You will make us live, and Your people will rejoice in You. Lord, show us Your mercy, and grant us r salvation. I will hear what the Lord will say in me; for He will speak peace to His people, to His holy ones, to those who turn their hearts back to Him. But His salvation is near those who fear Him, that

glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed. Truth has dawned from the earth, and righteousness has leaned down from heaven. For the Lord will give goodness, and our earth will give its fruit. Righteousness will walk before him, and set his steps in the way.

## **Psalm 85**

Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my soul, for I am holy; O my God, save Your servant who hopes in You. Have mercy on me, Lord, for I shall cry to You all the day; give joy to the soul of Your servant, for I have lifted up my soul to You. For You, O Lord, are good and gentle, and full of mercy to all who call on You. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplication. In the day of my trouble I called to You, for You have heard me. There is none like You among the gods, O Lord; none whose works are as Yours. All the nations whom You made will come and bow down before You, O Lord, and glorify Your name. For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God. Guide me, Lord, in Your way, and I shall walk in Your truth; make my heart glad to fear Your name. I shall give You thanks, O Lord, my God, with my whole heart; and I shall glorify Your name for ever. For Your mercy is great towards me, and You have delivered my soul from the lowest Hell. O God, the lawless rose up against me, and an assembly of mighty ones sought my soul, and did not set You before them. And You, Lord, are pitying and merciful, long-suffering and full of mercy and true. Look on me and have mercy on me; give Your might to Your servant and save the son of Your maidservant. Make with me a sign for good, and let those who hate me see it and be shamed; for You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

*(Again)* Make with me a sign for good, and let those who hate me see it and be shamed; for You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

**A:** † Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**B:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**A:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

**B:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

**A:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. † Glory be to *You*, O God.

**B:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

### TROPARION & THEOTOKION

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son \* and to the Holy Spirit.

*For the troparion, see the liturgical propers for the day.*

Now and forever \* and ever. Amen.

O Good One, You were born of a Virgin for our sake \* and endured crucifixion. \* You despoiled death by death, \* and, as God, revealed resurrection. \* Do not despise those whom You fashioned with Your own hand. \* Show Your love for mankind, O Merciful One. \* Accept the Mother of God, who bore You, as she intercedes for us, \*\* and save, O Savior, a people in despair.

**Then:**

**A:** For Your holy Name's sake, do not utterly reject us. \* Do not annul Your *covenant*.

**B:** Do not take Your mercy from us, for the sake of Abraham, Your beloved, \* and for the sake of Isaac, Your servant, \*\* and Israel, Your *holy* one.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. \* Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord;  
\* pardon our transgressions, O Master; \* look upon our weaknesses  
and heal them, O Holy One; \*\* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, † Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

**KONTAKION**

See the liturgical propers for the day.

**A:** Lord, have mercy. (*ten times*)

**B:** Lord, have mercy. (*ten times*)

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## THE PRAYER OF THE HOURS

**Priest (or Leader):** In every season and at every hour, in heaven and on earth, You are worshipped and glorified, O good God, longsuffering, rich in mercy, loving the just, and compassionate to sinners, calling all to salvation by the promise of the blessings to come. Now, at this hour, Lord, accept our prayers, and direct our lives in the ways of Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, and make our knowledge whole and sober. Deliver us from every distress, evil, and pain. Surround us with Your holy angels as with a rampart, so that, protected and guided by their host, we may reach the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. † For You are blessed forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** More honorable than the Cherubim, \* and by far more glorious than the Seraphim. \* Ever a Virgin you gave birth to God the Word. \*\* O true Mother of God, we *magnify* you.

### Only When There Is A Priest:

**A:** In the Name of the Lord, Father, give the *blessing*.

**Priest:** † May God be gracious to us and bless us; may He make His face to shine upon us and have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

### **THE PRAYER OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT**

**Priest (or Leader):** Master, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, You have patiently endured our transgressions, and brought us to this hour in which, hanging on the life-giving tree, You showed the good thief the way into Paradise, and destroyed death by death. Have mercy also on us, sinners, Your unworthy servants, for we have sinned and transgressed Your law, and are not worthy to raise our eyes and look to the heights of heaven, because we have abandoned the way of Your justice and walked in the willfulness of our hearts. But we implore Your unbounded goodness: spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Your mercy, and save us for Your holy Name's sake, for our days have been wasted in vanity. Rescue us from the hand of our opponent, forgive us our sins, slay our carnal will, that, having put off the old man, we may put on the new, and live for You, our Master and benefactor, and that, thus following Your precepts, we may reach eternal rest, where all who rejoice have their dwelling. For You, indeed, are the true joy and gladness of those who love You, Christ our God, and to You we give glory, together with Your Father who has no beginning, and † Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**People:** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

If another service follows, the dismissal is omitted.

**Priest:** † Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our Hope, Glory be to You.

**People:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, \*  
Now and forever and ever. *Amen.* \* Lord, have mercy; Lord, have  
mercy; Lord, have mercy. \*\* Give the *blessing*.

**Priest:** † Christ our true God (risen from the dead), through the prayers  
of His immaculate Mother, of our venerable and godly fathers, and of  
all the saints, will have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves  
mankind.

**People:** Amen.

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## DISMISSAL

### When There Is No Priest:

**People:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, \*  
Now and forever and ever. *Amen.* \*

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. \*\*

O Lord, bless *us*.

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

# SMALL COMPLINE

## NIGHT PRAYER

**Priest:** † Blessed be our God, always, now and forever and ever.

### When There Is No Priest:

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

### From Pascha to Ascension:

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death,  
and to the those in the tombs, giving life. (*thrice*)

Proceed to “Holy God” (below)

### From Ascension to Pentecost:

Proceed Immediately to “Holy God” (below)

**A:** † Glory be to You, our God, *glory* be to You.

**B:** Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, \* who are everywhere present and fill all things, \* Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, \* come and dwell within us, \* cleanse us of all that defiles us, \*\* and O Good One, *save* our souls.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. \* Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord;  
\* pardon our transgressions, O Master; \* look upon our weaknesses  
and heal them, O Holy One; \*\* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, † Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

**A:** Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

**B:** Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

**A:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*,

**B:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**A:** † Come, let us bow in worship before our *King*, and God.

**B:** † Come, let us bow in worship before Christ, our *King* and God.

**A:** † Come, let us bow in worship and fall down before the very Lord,  
Jesus Christ, our *King* and God.

## Psalm 50

Have mercy on me O God, according to Your great mercy: according to the fullness of Your compassion blot out my offence. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my wickedness: and my sin is ever before me. Against You only have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight: that You may be justified in Your words, and win when You are judged. For see, in wickedness I was conceived: and in sin my mother bore me. For see, You have loved truth: You have shown me the hidden and secret things of Your wisdom. You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I shall be cleansed: You will wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. You will make me hear of joy and gladness: the bones which have been humbled will rejoice. Turn away Your face from my sins: and blot out all my iniquities. Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right Spirit within me. Do not cast me out from Your presence: and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Give me back the joy of Your salvation: and establish me with Your sovereign Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways: and sinners will turn to You again. O God, the God of my salvation, deliver me from bloodshed: and my tongue will rejoice at Your righteousness. O Lord, You will open my lips: and my mouth will proclaim Your praise. For if You had wanted a sacrifice, I would have given it: You will not take pleasure in burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit: a broken and a humbled heart God will not despise. Do good to Zion, Lord, in Your good pleasure; and let the walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt. Then You will be well pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, oblation and whole burnt offerings. Then they will offer calves upon Your altar.

## **Psalm 69**

O God, come to my help; Lord, hasten to help me. Let those who seek my soul be shamed and confounded. Let those who wish me evil be turned back and put to shame. Let those who say to me, 'Good, good!' be turned back immediately, ashamed. Let all who seek You, O God, be glad and rejoice in You. Let all who love Your salvation ever say: 'The Lord be magnified.' But I am poor and needy; help me, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.

## **Psalm 142**

Lord, hear my prayer: in Your truth give ear to my supplication, and in Your righteousness hear me. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant: for in Your sight no one living can be justified. For the enemy pursued my soul, humbled my life to the ground. Made me dwell in darkness, like those forever dead. My spirit grew despondent within me and my heart within me was troubled. I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Your works: I made the works of Your hands my meditation. I stretched out my hands towards You: my soul thirsted for You like a waterless land. Hear me swiftly, O Lord, my spirit has failed. Do not turn Your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the pit. Make me hear of Your mercy in the morning, for I have hoped in You. Make known to me the way in which I should walk, for to You I have lifted up my soul. Deliver me from my enemies, Lord: I have run to You for shelter. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. Your good Spirit will guide me in an upright land. For Your name's sake, O Lord, You will give me life. In Your justice, You will bring my soul out of trouble, in Your mercy slay my enemies, and destroy all those that afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

## DOXOLOGY

**A:** † Glory to God in the highest, \* and to His people on earth, *peace* and good will.

**B:** We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, \* we glorify You, we thank You for Your great *glory*.

**A:** Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, \* with the Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father, † and the Holy *Spirit*.

**B:** Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, \* You take away the sins of the world, have *mercy* on us.

**A:** You take away the sins of the world, \* *hear* our prayer.

**B:** You are seated at the right hand of the Father, \* have *mercy* on us.

**A:** For You alone are holy, You alone are the Lord, Jesus Christ, \* † for the glory of God the *Father*. Amen.

**B:** I will bless You every night, \* and praise Your Name *forever*.

**A:** Lord, You have been our refuge \* from one generation *to* the next.

**B:** I said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, \* for I have sinned *against* You.

**A:** O Lord, I have fled to You, teach me to do Your will, \* for You, O *Lord*, are my God.

**B:** In You is the source of life \* and in Your light we *see* light.

**A:** Keep on loving those who know You, \* count us worthy, O Lord, of passing this *day* without sin.

**B:** † Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, \* and praised and glorified is Your Name *forever*. Amen.

**A:** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, \* because we have set our *hope* in You.

**B:** † Blessed are You, O Lord, \* teach me Your *commandments*.

**A:** † Blessed are You, Master, \* make me understand Your *commandments*.

**B:** † Blessed are You, O Holy One, \* enlighten me *with* Your laws.

**A:** O Lord, Your mercy endures forever; \* do not despise the *work* of Your hands.

**B:** It is proper to praise You, \* and hymns *belong* to You.

**A:** Glory belongs to You, \* † Father, Son, and Holy *Spirit*,

**B:** Now and forever, \* and *ever*. Amen.

## **THE SYMBOL OF THE FAITH**

### **Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed**

**A:** I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, \* maker of heaven and earth, of all that is *seen* and unseen.

**B:** I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, \* eternally begotten of the *Father*.

**A:** Light from Light, true God from true God, \* begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all *things* were made.

**B:** For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven: \* by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary, and *became* man.

**A:** For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; \* He suffered, died, and was *buried*.

**B:** On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures: \* He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the *Father*.

**A:** He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, \* and His kingdom will *have* no end.

**B:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, \* who proceeds from the *Father*.

**A:** With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. \* He has spoken through the *Prophets*.

**B:** I believe in one, holy, catholic and *apostolic* Church.

**A:** I acknowledge one baptism for the *forgiveness* of sins.

**B:** I look for the resurrection of the dead, \* and the life of the world to *come*. Amen.

**All:** It is truly right to bless you, O God-bearing *One*, \* as the ever-blessed and immaculate Mother of our *God*, \* more honorable than the *cherubim*, \* and by far more glorious than the *seraphim*, \* ever a virgin, you gave birth to God, the *Word*, \*\* O true Mother of God, we magnify *you*.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**A:** † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. \* Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord; \* pardon our transgressions, O Master; \* look upon our weaknesses and heal them, O Holy One; \*\* for the *sake* of Your Name.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

**ON FEASTS:** *The kontakion of the feast, according to the typikon.*

**ON SATURDAY EVENING:** *The hypakoe of the tone of the week.*

**FROM SUNDAY EVENING TO THURSDAY EVENING:** *The troparion of the patron saint of the church and of the day, then:*

*(Tone 4)* O God of our fathers, \* who always deal with us according to Your everlasting compassion, \* do not withdraw Your mercy from us, \* but through the prayers of our fathers, \*\* guide our lives along the ways of peace.

O Christ God, Your Church crimsoned with the blood of Your martyrs all over the world, \* as with a cloak of purple and porphyry, cries out to You: \* send Your mercy upon Your people, \* grant peace to Your fold, \*\* and extend Your great compassion upon our souls.

† Glory to the Father and to the Son \* and to the Holy Spirit.

*(Tone 8, Kontakion)* To the souls of Your servants, O Christ, \* grant rest among the saints, \* where there is no pain, \* no sorrow, no mourning \*\* but only life without end.

Now and forever \* and ever. Amen.

Through the prayers of all the Saints \* and of the Mother of God, \* grant us Your peace, O Lord, \* and have mercy on us, \*\* for You alone are merciful.

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**ON FRIDAY EVENING:**

(*Tone 2*) O apostles, prophets, martyrs, hierarchs, saints, and righteous ones, \* who fought the good fight and kept the faith, \* since you have acquired favor with the Savior, \* intercede with Him that, in His goodness, \*\* He may save our souls.

† Glory to the Father and to the Son \* and to the Holy Spirit.

(*Tone 8, Kontakion*) To the souls of Your servants, O Christ, \* grant rest among the saints, \* where there is no pain, \* no sorrow, no mourning \*\* but only life without end.

Now and forever \* and ever. Amen.

To You, O Lord, Ordainer and Creator of the world, \* the universe offers the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature: \* wherefore, through their prayers, and through the intercession of the Mother of God, \* preserve Your Church and our country in perfect safety and peace, \*\* O You who alone are most merciful.

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**A:** Lord, have mercy. (*ten times*)

**B:** Lord, have mercy. (*ten times*)

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## THE PRAYER OF THE HOURS

**Priest (or Leader):** In every season and at every hour, in heaven and on earth, You are worshipped and glorified, O good God, longsuffering, rich in mercy, loving the just, and compassionate to sinners, calling all to salvation by the promise of the blessings to come. Now, at this hour, Lord, accept our prayers, and direct our lives in the ways of Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, and make our knowledge whole and sober. Deliver us from every distress, evil, and pain. Surround us with Your holy angels as with a rampart, so that, protected and guided by their host, we may reach the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. † For You are blessed forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**A:** Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have *mercy*.

**B:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

**A:** Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

**B:** More honorable than the Cherubim, \* and by far more glorious than the Seraphim. \* Ever a Virgin you gave birth to God the Word. \*\* O true Mother of God, we *magnify* you.

### Only When There Is A Priest:

**A:** In the Name of the Lord, Father, give the *blessing*.

**Priest:** † May God be gracious to us and bless us; may He make His face to shine upon us and have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

## PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

*Priest (or Leader):* O Lady, bride of God, virginal, pure, immaculate, blameless, without stain or disgrace, who through your birth-giving brought together our fallen state and the things of heaven; O you, only hope of the hopeless, help of the oppressed, ready protection of those who flee to you and refuge of all Christians: despise us not who are wretched sinners, who have defiled ourselves with unclean thoughts, words, and deeds, and in our slothfulness have become slaves to the passions of life. Since you are the Mother of God, Who is the Lover of Mankind, have mercy, have compassion on us sinners and prodigal sons; accept this prayer from our impure lips, and, with the power of your maternity, beg your Son, our Lord and our God, to open for us the depths of His loving kindness, forgive our countless sins, convert us to true repentance, and make us faithful to His commands: O you who are compassionate, be our constant companion. In this present life, be with us as an intercessor, as a powerful help to turn away the assaults of our enemies and to guide us to salvation. At the hour of our death, be with us to embrace our poor souls and to keep away the dreadful sight of the wicked devils. On the terrible day of judgment, deliver us from eternal punishment and make us heirs of your Son's glory, through the grace and love for mankind of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him and to His eternal Father, and to His all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, we render glory, honor, and adoration, now and always and forever and ever.

*People:* Amen.

## PRAYER TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*Priest (or Leader):* Now that we are about to lie down to sleep, grant us, O Master, the repose of our soul and body. Preserve us against the dark slumber of sin and against any impure sensuality that roams around in the darkness of night; quiet the assaults of our passions, arrest the darts that the Evil One insidiously throws at us, still the rebellions of our flesh, and still all earthly and worldly feelings within us. Grant us, O Lord, a watchful mind, innocent thoughts, a sober heart, a gentle sleep free from evil dreams; at the hour of prayer, arouse us, strong in the practice of Your precepts and ever-mindful of Your desires; give us the grace to sing Your glory throughout the night; to praise, bless and glorify Your all-honorable and magnificent Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, always, now and forever and ever.

*People:* Amen.

**Then:**

**A:** O you, most glorious, ever-virginal and blessed Mother of God, \* commend our prayers to your Son, our God, \*\* and entreat Him to save our souls through your intercession.

**B:** † The Father is my hope, the Son my refuge, the Holy Spirit my protection. \* O Holy Trinity, one God, glory be to You!

## TROPARIA

(*Tone 6*) Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us! \* Since we have no defense, \* we sinners offer this supplication to You, our Master: \*\* have mercy on us!

† Glory to the Father and to the Son \* and to the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, have mercy on us, \* for in You we place our hope. \* Be not exceedingly angry with us, nor mindful of our transgressions, \* but look upon us even now with mercy and deliver us from our enemies, \* for You are our God, and we are Your people; \* we are all the work of Your hands, \*\* and we call upon Your Name.

Now and forever \* and ever. Amen.

Open to us the doors of mercy, O blessed Mother of God, \* that we, who place our trust in you, may not perish, \* but that through you we may be delivered from misfortune, \*\* for you are the salvation of all Christians.

### THE LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O God, in the greatness of Your compassion, we pray You: hear us and have mercy.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

**Priest:** Again, let us pray that He may preserve this city and this holy church and every city, town, and country from famine, plague, earthquake, flood, hail, fire, civil war, riot, and foreign invasion; and that our God who is kindly and the Lover of mankind may forgive our sins and hold back His just wrath, and that He may have mercy on us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

**Priest:** Hear us, O God our Savior, Hope of all those who live at the far ends of the earth, and of those traveling by sea, air, or land; be kind to us, O Master, forgive us our sins and have mercy on us, for You are a gracious Lord Who loves mankind, and we glorify You, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**When There Is No Priest,  
Instead of the Litany:**

**A:** Lord, have mercy. *(six times)*

**B:** Lord, have mercy. *(six times)*

**A:** † Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**B:** Now and forever and ever. Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

**Priest:** † Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our Hope, Glory be to You.

**People:** † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, \*  
Now and forever and ever. *Amen.* \* Lord, have mercy; Lord, have  
mercy; Lord, have mercy. \*\* Give the *blessing.*

**Priest:** † Christ our true God (risen from the dead), through the prayers  
of His immaculate Mother, of our venerable and God-bearing fathers,  
and of all the saints, will have mercy and save us, for He is good and  
loves mankind.

**People:** Amen.

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**DISMISSAL**

**When There Is No Priest:**

**Leader:** † Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**People:** Amen.

## RITE OF FORGIVENESS

*Priest:* (*Bowing*) Bless me, reverend fathers and brethren, and forgive me, a sinner, whatever offenses I may have committed this day and all the days of my life by word, deed, and thought, as well as by all my senses.

*People:* May God forgive you, reverend father. (*Bowing*) Bless us also and forgive our offenses, voluntary and involuntary.

*Priest:* May the Lord God by His grace forgive you all your sins and have mercy on us.

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## INTERCESSIONS FOR THE LIVING

*Priest:* Let us pray for our most holy universal Pontiff, *N.*, Pope of Rome, for our most blessed Patriarch, *N.*, for our most reverend Metropolitan, *N.*, and for our God-loving Bishop, *N.*

*People:* May God save and have mercy.

*Priest:* For our civil authorities.

*People:* May God save and have mercy.

*Priest:* For all the bishops.

*People:* May God save and have mercy.

*Priest:* For the noble benefactors of this holy church.

*People:* May God save and have mercy.

*Priest:* For our spiritual fathers, and for all our brethren in Christ.

*People:* May God save and have mercy.

*Priest:* For those who are absent and for those who are traveling.

*People:* May God protect and have mercy.

*Priest:* For those who are kind to us.

*People:* May God reward and have mercy.

*Priest:* For those who serve and who have served in this holy church.

*People:* May God save and have mercy.

*Priest:* For those who love us, and for those who hate us.

*People:* May God forgive and have mercy.

*Priest:* For the release of captives.

*People:* May God grant freedom and have mercy.

*Priest:* For the sick and suffering.

*People:* May God heal and have mercy.

*Priest:* For those living in anxiety and poverty.

*People:* May God visit them and have mercy.

*Priest:* For all orthodox Christians.

*People:* May God save and have mercy.

*Priest:* For an abundance of the fruits of the earth.

*People:* May God grant an increase of the fruits of the earth.

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## **INTERCESSIONS FOR THE DECEASED**

*Priest:* For the benefactors of this holy church.

*People:* May God grant them remembrance and rest.

*Priest:* For our parents and relatives.

*People:* May God grant them remembrance and rest.

*Priest:* For our departed fathers and brethren.

*People:* May God grant them remembrance and rest.

*Priest:* For those who have given up their lives for the Christian faith.

*People:* May God grant them remembrance and rest.

*Priest:* For those who lie buried here, those listed, and all Christians who have departed from this life.

*People:* Everlasting be their memory.

*Priest:* † Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

*People:* Amen.

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