

The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ



The Orthodox Western Rite

Archdiocese of America

Vidi Aquam During Pascha:

The Sacred Ministers process to the Altar. The priest receives the vessel of Holy Water from the minister; and after intoning the following Antiphon, which all continue. He sprinkles the altar, himself, the other ministers, the choir, and the people. The following is used during the Paschal season:



I saw wa - ter, com - ing forth from the right side of the tem - ple,
al - le - lu - ia.; and all who came to that wa - ter were saved,
and they shall say: al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu -
- ia. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:
for his mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now and ev - er, for all a - ges of a - ges. A - men I saw wa - ter,
com - ing forth from the right side of the tem - ple, al - le - lu - ia.;
and all who came to that wa - ter were saved, and they shall say:
al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

Having returned to the altar, the priest stands before it, and sings the following:

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord. Alleluia!

R. And grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

V. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come to you.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray. O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, hear us we pray and send your Holy Angel from heaven to guard, cherish, ✠ protect, visit and evermore defend all who gather in this dwelling place; Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sarum Collect for Purity may be used in place of the above collect.

Priest: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, ✠ cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may worthily serve you and magnify your holy name through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Introit Psalm may be sung straight through omitting the verses in brackets, or they may be added as needed to cover the action. If more time is needed the antiphon may be repeated after every two verses.

The Introit **Resurrexi** Psalm 139:17,4, 5/1[2-7,10-12, 22,23]

R-8



Antiphon: I a-rose and am still with you, al-le-lu-ia, *
you have laid your hand upon me, alleluia, al-le-lu-ia.

Such know-ledge is too wonderful for me, al-le-lu-ia, *
Al-le-luia, alleluia, al-le-lu-ia.

R-8 P



Psalm. Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up.

[You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; ↓
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.]

Gloria Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, ↓ and to the Ho-ly Spir-it*
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever, for all ages of ages. A-men



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Such know-ledge is too wonderful for me, al-le-lu-ia, *
Al-le-lu-ia, alleluia, al-le-lu-ia.

The priest arrives at the altar he uncovers his head and silently prays:

O Lord, take our sins from us that we may be made worthy to enter into the Holy of Holies with pure minds through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The clergy kiss the altar where the antimensium is, saying:

We beseech You, O Lord, by the prayers of Your Saints whose relics lie here, and of all the Saints, deign in your mercy to forgive all my sins. Amen

The Priest sets on incense and blesses the thurible saying: May this incense be blessed by him in whose honor it is burned. Amen.

The priest now censes the cross, bows, and censes around the altar counterclockwise returning to the middle. As he hands the thurible back to the minister he says quietly:

May the Lord kindle in us the fire of his love, and the flame of everlasting charity.

Musical score for Soprano and Tenor. The Soprano part is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The Tenor part is written on a bass clef staff with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: Christ is ri - sen from the dead,

Musical score for Soprano and Tenor. The Soprano part is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat. The Tenor part is written on a bass clef staff with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: tramp - ling down death by death,

Musical score for Soprano and Tenor. The Soprano part is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat. The Tenor part is written on a bass clef staff with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: and up-on those in the tombs be - stow-ing life!

Christos anesti ek ne-kron, tha-na-to tha-na-ton patisas
Ke tis en dis mni-ma-sin zo-in cha-ri-sa-me-nos.

Christos voskrese i smiert vi, smertiu smert poprav
ee sujeet rogro ber jeevot darovav

The Litany from the Gelasian Sacramentary:

(Post-492 AD)

The Deacon stands at the head of the nave and sings:

Deacon:



With all our hearts and all our minds and in peace



let us pray to the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it:



Lord hear us and have mer-cy.

Women:



Lord have mer-cy.

Tenor:



Lord have mer-cy.

Bass:



Lord have mer-cy.

Deacon: That the riches of spiritual gifts may be poured out upon the spotless Church of the living God:

Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For holy bishops, priests, deacons, and clergy
of our mighty God,
and for all people worshipping the true God,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For all who are teaching rightly the Word of Truth,
the manifold Wisdom of the Word of God,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For those who keep themselves pure in mind and body
for the sake of the kingdom of heaven,
and who toil in spiritual labor;
and for an abundant outpouring of gifts of the Spirit:
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For all civil rulers and for all soldiers,
who love justice and right judgment,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For agreeable weather and rain in its season,
for the pleasures of caressing vital breezes,
and the prosperity of rightly ordered seasons,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For those who are initiated into the name of Christ,
and who now burn with desire for heavenly grace,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For those in the weakness of the infirmities of humanity,
in envy of spiritual wickedness,
and various errors of the world,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For those who suffer the dangers
and hardship of travel,
are oppressed by the cruelty of unjust authority,
or the affliction of the enemy
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For those deceived by the wickedness of apostasy,
infected by heresy, or pagan superstition,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For those who do good works,
and those who, with brotherly concern,
come to the aid of people in need,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For all within this holy house of the Lord,
that we may be turned to pure hearts
and devout prayers,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For the healing of our souls and bodies,
and the forgiveness of all our sins,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For refreshment of the souls of the faithful,
especially of priests of the holy Lord,
who guide and serve this Catholic Church,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For death to sin in our minds and bodies
and a quickening of the life of faith,
Let us ask of the Lord:

People:



Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: For a holy fear and a true love of the Lord,
Let us ask of the Lord:

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: For a pleasant ordering of life and a holy death,
Let us ask of the Lord:

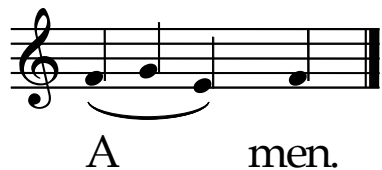
People: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: For an angel of peace and the comfort of the saints,
Let us ask of the Lord:

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us commend ourselves and all that is ours
to His mercy and providence:
For what has come to us, and what, through our Lord
we have done, what we receive from him as giver,
and what we have under his care
we give thanks to the Lord:

People:



The Deacon returns to his place at the altar.



*The Priest begins the hymn which is continued by all.
The bells may be rung during this hymn:*

Priest:



All:

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and
wis - dom and strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and
glo - ry are his. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our
God. Al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to God and the
Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of
vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be -
- gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

OR

The Gloria in Excelsis



pra - yer. You sit at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,
 have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are ho - ly,
 You a - lone are Lord. You a - lone are most high,
 Je - sus Christ. With the Ho - ly Spir - it
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect For The Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

The First Reading:

A Reading from the book of Acts (2:22-32)

Brethren: "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.



Lector: The Word of the Lord.



People: Thanks be to God!

The Gradual Haec Dies, Psalm 118:24,1, vs. [19-23]

Tone R1a



On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

[Open for me the gates of right-eous-ness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.

I will give thanks to you, for you an-swered me *
and have become my sal-vation.

The same stone which the builders re-ject-ed *
has become the chief cor-ner-stone.

This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.]

Gloria. Glo-ry to the Father and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spirit, *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. A-men



The Epistle:

Sub-Deacon or Lector saying:

A Reading from the book of 1st Corinthians (5:8)

Brethren: Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

At the conclusion of the Lesson the Reader says:

Lector:



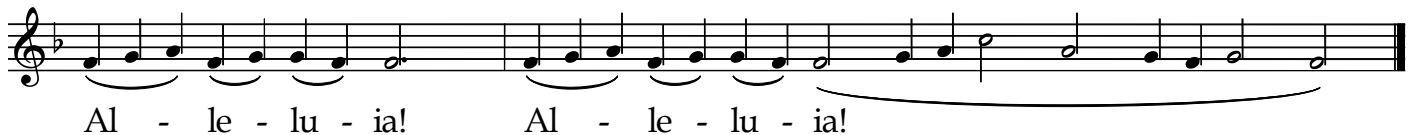
The Word of the Lord.

People:



Thanks be to God!

Alleluia Pascha nostrum 1 Corinthians 5:7c, 8a



STONE LAUDATE




V. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, *
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



The Paschal Sequence Hymn: **Victime Paschali** Wipo of Burgundy, ca. 1030;




1.Christ-ians, to the Pas-chal Vic-tim off-er your thank-ful prais-es!



2.A lamb the sheep re-deem-eth: Christ, who on-ly is sin-less,



re - con - cil - eth sin - ners to the Fa - ther.



3.Death and life have con-ten-ded in that com-bat stu-pen-dous:



the Prince of life, who died, reigns im - mor - tal.



4.Speak, Ma-ry, de - clar - ing what thou saw-est, way-far - ing:



5.The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing,



the glo-ry of Je-sus' re-sur-rec - tion; 6.Bright an-gels at - test - ing,



the shroud and nap - kin rest - ing.



7.Yea, Christ my hope is a - ri - sen;



to Ga - li - lee he goes be - fore you."

8. Christ in-deed from death is ris-en, our new life ob-tain - ing;
 have mer-cy, vic-tor King, ev-er reign - ing! A - men.

Al-le-lu - ia!

The Deacon takes the book from the altar, bows to the altar, inclines to the priest, and goes to the place appointed accompanied by a Subdeacon, Acolytes with lights, and a Thurifer with incense carried before. Standing, all turn toward him, as he announces the Gospel:

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spir-it.

The Deacon traces a cross on the book then his forehead, lips and chest.

The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Deacon: A Read-ing from the Ho-ly Gos-pel ac-cord-ing to N.

People: Glo-ry to You, O Lord!

The Deacon censes the book three times.

He then sings the Gospel:

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

At the conclusion is sung:



Deacon: The Gos-pel of The Lord!



People: Praise to you Lord Je-sus Christ!

The Gospel Book is kissed by the Priest

The Sermon.

Credo III

The Very Rev Anthony J Bondi Jr.



I be - lieve in one - God, the Fa - ther al - migh - ty,



ma - ker of hea - ven and earth, of all things, vi si - ble,



and in - vi - - si ble. And in one Lord Je - sus Christ,



the on - ly be - got - ten Son of God,



born of the Fa - ther be - fore all a - ges. God from God,



Light from Light, true God from true God.



be - got - ten, not made, con - sub - stan - tial with the Fa - ther.



Through him all things were made; For us men and for our sal - va - tion



He came down from hea - ven, Was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Spir - it



of the Vir - gin Ma - ry and be - came Man.



Cru - ci - fied al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late,



He suf - fered death and was bur - ied. And rose a - gain on the third day



in ac - cor - dance with the scrip - tures. He as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven



and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther.



He will come a - gain, in glo - ry, to judge the liv - ing and the dead.



His king - dom will have no end. And in the Ho - ly Spir - it, the Lord,



the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa ther.



who with the Fa - ther and the Son is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied.



who has spo - ken through the pro - phets. And One, Ho - ly, Cath - o - lic,



and A - po - sto - lic Church. I con - fess one bap - tism



for the for - give - ness of sins.



I look for - ward to the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead



and the life of the age to come. A - - - - -



- - - - - men.

The Prayers of Supplication of Saint Martin

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

The Deacon, standing in the midst of the people sings:

Deacon: Let us pray with all our heart and all our mind to God who looks upon the earth and makes it tremble;
Lord hear us and have mercy:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For the greatest peace and tranquility in our times,
for the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
which is from one end of the earth to the other.
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For Patriarch Kyril, Metropolitan Hilarion our bishop and
for all bishops, presbyters, deacons, subdeacons, porters,
lectors, exorcists, acolytes and singers, for all monks and
nuns and for the holy people of God,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For our country, state and city and fellow citizens,
for our President, Legislators, and Magistrates,
and for the armed forces,
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For virgins, widows, and orphans,
Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For those who travel by land, water, air and space,
for penitents, catechumens and prisoners;
Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For those who, in the holy church,
enjoy and share the fruits of mercy.
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Remembering Blessed Mary, Virgin,
and Mother of God, the holy apostles and martyrs,
Ambrose of Milan, Mary Magdalene and all the saints,
Let us commend ✠ ourselves and one another
and all our life to Christ our God:

People: To You, O Lord!

Deacon: That we may be given a holy life and a peaceful death,
Let us ask of the Lord:

People: Grant this, O Lord!

Deacon: That the Lord may preserve the sanctity, purity and truth
of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith:
Let us ask of the Lord:

People: Grant this, O Lord!

Deacon: That the divine bond of peace, unity,
and love remain among us,
Let us ask of the Lord:

People: Grant this, O Lord!

The Deacon moves to the Epistle Side of the altar step.

Bishop: Father hear the prayers of your people: grant us your
pardon and peace, that we, who live in that peace by
the power of the Holy Spirit, may extend it to others,
worthily bring our gifts to your altar, and give you
glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Bishop: ✠ Christ is risen

People: Indeed he is risen!

Deacon: Let us greet one another with a holy kiss.

The "Holy Kiss" is a triple embrace starting to your right. It begins with the celebrant and is passed to the Deacon and Subdeacon, and by them to the acolytes and congregation. It is done orderly as befits a holy act.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

In a Solemn Liturgy the Priest goes to the sedilia. The Deacon spreads a white linen cloth on the altar while the Offertory Chant is sung.

Offertory *Terra tremuit Psalm 76:8,9*

TONE VII



The earth was afraid and was silent, *
when God rose up to judgment, alleluia.

The Subdeacon, and two Acolytes bearing lights, preceded by a Thurifer, go to the narthex, then lead members of the Church, bearing the prepared gifts and offerings to the sanctuary step. The Deacon receives and prepares them while the hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today below is sung.



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Having prepared the gifts, the Deacon bows to the Altar and the Priest.

The Priest comes to the center, bows to the Church; he turns, goes to the altar and standing before it says quietly:

Sanctify ✠ O Lord, these gifts offered by us,
and cleanse us from the stains of our sins;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Incensation

On Sundays and Feasts, the Celebrant sets on incense, offered by the Subdeacon or Thurifer which he blesses saying:

Through the intercession of Blessed Michael the Archangel, standing at the right hand of the altar of incense, and of all His elect may the Lord bless ✠ this incense and receive it in the odor of sweetness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After incense is set, the Bishop censes the gifts and the altar: May this incense blessed by You, arise before You, O Lord, and may Your mercy come down upon us.

He walks around the altar with the Deacon before and Subdeacon behind him censing and saying:

Let my prayer, O Lord, arise like incense before You; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice.

He returns to the center and gives the thurible to the Deacon saying:

May the Lord enkindle in us the fire of His love and the flame of everlasting charity. Amen

The Deacon then censes the Priest, the Subdeacon the Deacon, the Thurifer the Subdeacon and then he censes the acolytes and the people. During which the Acolytes present water and a towel and the Priest washes his hands saying quietly:

Lord wash away my iniquity,
cleanse me from my sin.

The Priest at the midst, inclines, hands joined, and prays this quietly:

Accept, most Holy Trinity, this offering which we are making to You in remembrance of the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, Our Lord; and in honor of blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Blessed John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the Saints; that it may add to their honor and aid our salvation; and may they deign to intercede in heaven for us who honor their memory here on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Acolyte. Amen.

The priest turns to the congregation, extends his hands and says:

Priest: Pray, Brothers and Sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty

He then crosses his hands over his chest and bows as they respond

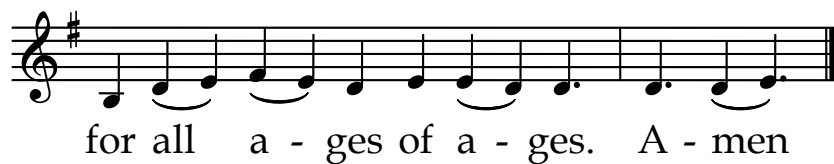
All: The Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his Name,
for our benefit, and that of all his holy Church

Priest: Amen!

The Prayer over the Gifts: The Second Collect

He then begins the second collect which "secrets" or sets apart the gifts:

Priest: Accept, we ask you, O Lord, the prayers of your people with the offering of this sacrifice. May what we have begun in these Paschal Mysteries, by your grace, continue to illumine us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,



Priest:

People: Amen!

THE PREFACE TO THE ANAPHORA

The Priest extends his hands while singing:



Priest:



People:

He lifts up his hands:



Priest:



People:

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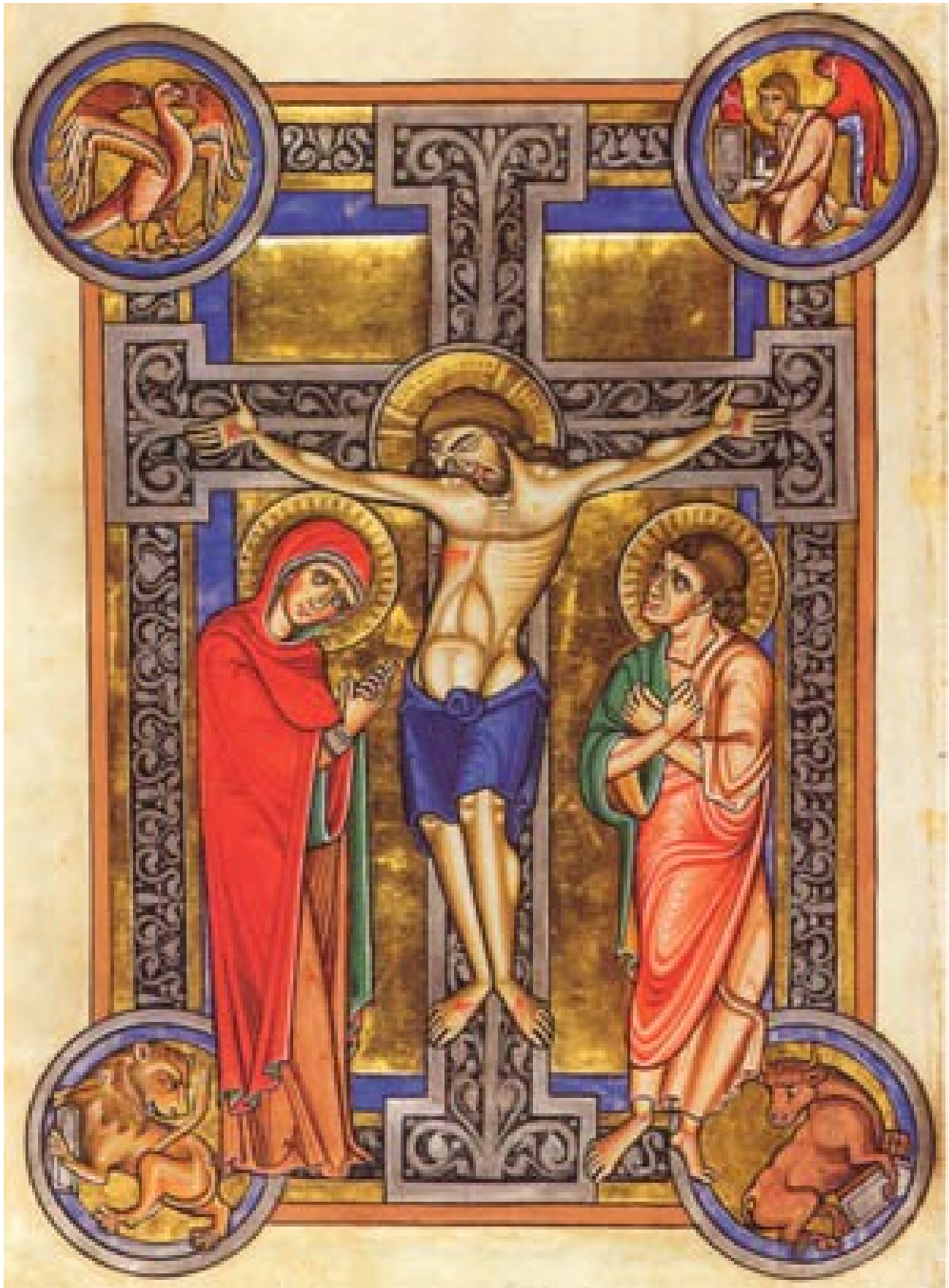


Missa Cum Jubilo: Sanctus

Fr. Anthony J. Bondi, Jr.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, hea - ven and earth are full
of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na
in the high - est.

The Church now stands attentively, reverently, as the Bishop or priest leads The People in the celebration of the most sacred part of the Liturgy.



The Anaphora of our Father among the Saints, Gregory

*Four acolytes with torches stand facing the altar inside the altar rail.
The priest extends his hands keeping his thumbs and forefingers joined.*

To you, therefore, most gracious Father,
we humbly pray through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

He joins his hands, places his left hand on his breast, blessing the offering:

that you accept and bless ✠ these pure and holy gifts
which we offer to you in sacrifice.

He stretches out his hands:

We offer them on behalf of your holy catholic Church:
watch over her, gather her, guide her and grant her peace,
protection, and unity throughout the whole world
with your servants: the Orthodox Patriarchs,
Anthony our Metropolitan and Bishop and
all Orthodox believers who hold the Catholic and Apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your faithful people,
and your servants standing here around your altar,
knowing how firmly we believe in you
and dedicate ourselves to you.

He joins his hands, prays briefly, then, with hands outstretched continues:

We offer to you this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
for ourselves and for all those who are dear to us.
We pray to you our living and true God,
for our well being and redemption
and for those whose faith and devotion are known to you alone.


Communicantes

In communion with the whole Church, and celebrating the most sacred day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, we venerate above all others the memory of the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same Jesus Christ our Lord God and our God; and also your blessed apostles and martyrs, Peter, Paul and Andrew...

[James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew,
Matthew, Simon, and Thaddaeus,
Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius,
Cyprian, Laurence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul,
Cosmas and Damian, Blessed Ambrose, Mary Magdalene,]

...and all your saints whose prayers gain for us your constant help and protection.

He extends his hands over the offering before him saying:

Father, we humbly ask 
that you accept this offering from your whole family.
Grant, that you may order our days in this life in your peace,
save us from eternal damnation,
and number us among those you have chosen.

He joins his hands, places his left hand on his breast, blessing the offering:

Bless ✠ and approve our offering; make it acceptable to you,
that it may become for us
the ✠ body and ✠ blood of Jesus Christ,
your only Son, our Lord.

The Deacon removes the purificator and pall

He joins his hands and prays:



On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,

He lifts the paten with the Lamb slightly.

our Lord Jesus Christ took bread into his holy and venerable hands; and when he had given thanks to you, *(pause)* he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said:

He bows and sings the following words slowly:



"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

He pauses for a moment then replaces the paten.

After supper, he took the cup of wine;

He lifts the chalice slightly.

and when he had given thanks, *(pause)* he gave it to them, and said,

He bows and sings the following words slowly:

"Take this all of you, and drink of it:
This is my Blood
which shall be shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.



He pauses for a moment then replaces the chalice.

As often as you do these things, you do them remembering me."

The Deacon steps forward and replaces the purificator and pall. The Priest stretches out his hands keeping his thumbs and forefingers joined.

Father, we celebrate the remembrance of Christ your Son:
We, your servants and your holy people,
call to mind his passion,
his resurrection from the dead,
and his ascension,
until he comes again in glory.
We offer to you, the God of glory and majesty,
from the many gifts you have given us,
this holy and perfect sacrifice:
the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

Look with favor upon these offerings, and accept them
as once you accepted the gifts of your just servant Abel,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchisedech.

*He joins his hands, then places his left hand on his breast,
makes the sign of the cross*

Father, we pray that you send down your Holy Spirit upon us ✠
and blesses the offering. 

and upon these offerings,
that this bread may become for us the ✠ Body of your Christ,
and the wine within this cup
may become for us the precious ✠ Blood of Christ,
being changed ✠ by that same Holy Spirit.

*He crosses his arms on his chest touching his shoulders with his fingers
and bowing profoundly he prays:*



Almighty God, we humbly pray
that these Gifts be carried by the hands of your Holy Angel,
to your altar on high in the presence of your Divine Majesty;
then, as we receive from this altar
the Sacred Body and Blood of your Son,

Placing his left hand on his breast makes the sign of the cross

✠ fill us with every grace and heavenly blessing.

He extends his hands keeping his thumbs and forefingers joined

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us
sealed with the sign of faith, and who rest in the "sleep of peace."

He joins his hands, prays briefly, then, with hands outstretched, continues

Let these, and all who rest in Christ,
find in your Presence light, refreshment, and peace.

To us also, who hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant us
to share in the fellowship of your holy apostles and martyrs with
John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas

[Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua,
Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia]

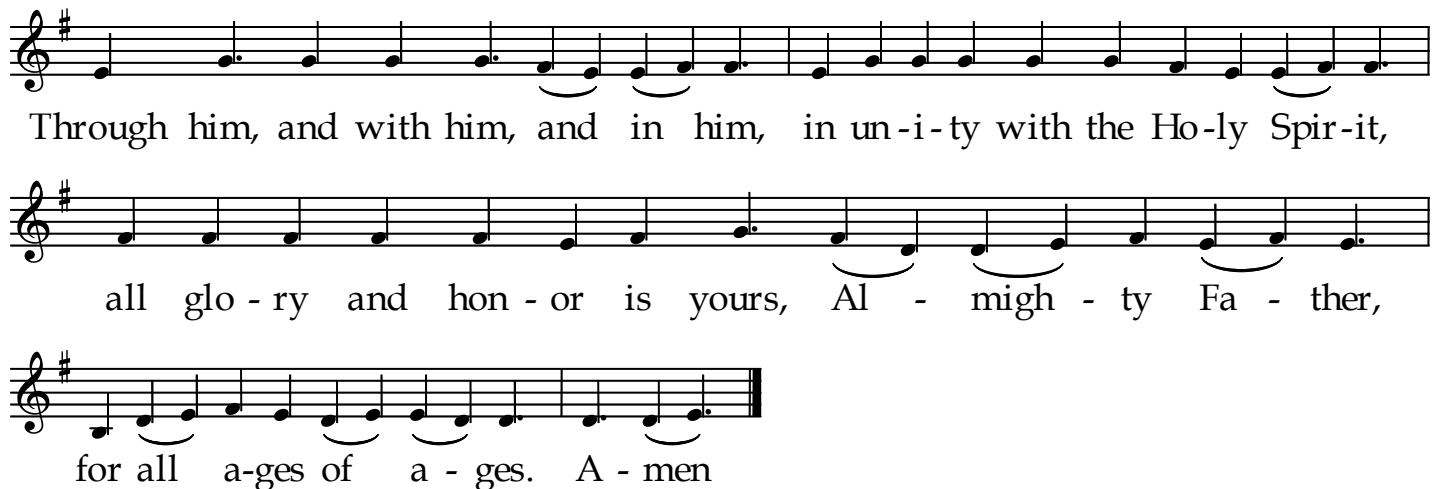
..and all your saints.

Though we are sinners, we trust in your love and mercy.
Do not consider what we truly deserve,
but grant us your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Deacon and Subdeacon step up beside the Priest at the altar.
The Deacon removes the pall.*

Through whom, O Father,
you unceasingly create all these good things;
sanctifying them, and filling them with life;
you bless them and bestow them on us.

The Priest takes the chalice and paten, crosses his arms, lifts them to his eye level and sings:



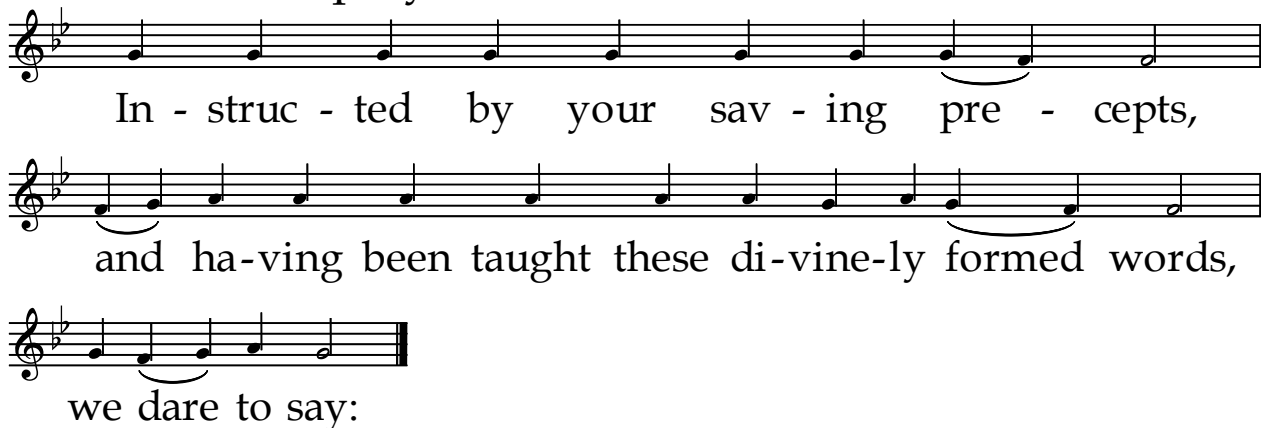
Through him, and with him, and in him, in un-i-ty with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Al - migh - ty Fa - ther,
for all a-ges of a - ges. A - men

The Priest replaces the Holy Mysteries, the Deacon replaces the pall, and the three Sacred Ministers bow deeply. The Deacon and Subdeacon return to their places at the altar step with the Deacon on the Epistle Side and the Subdeacon the Gospel Side. The Four acolytes with torches retire to the sacristy and return for communion.

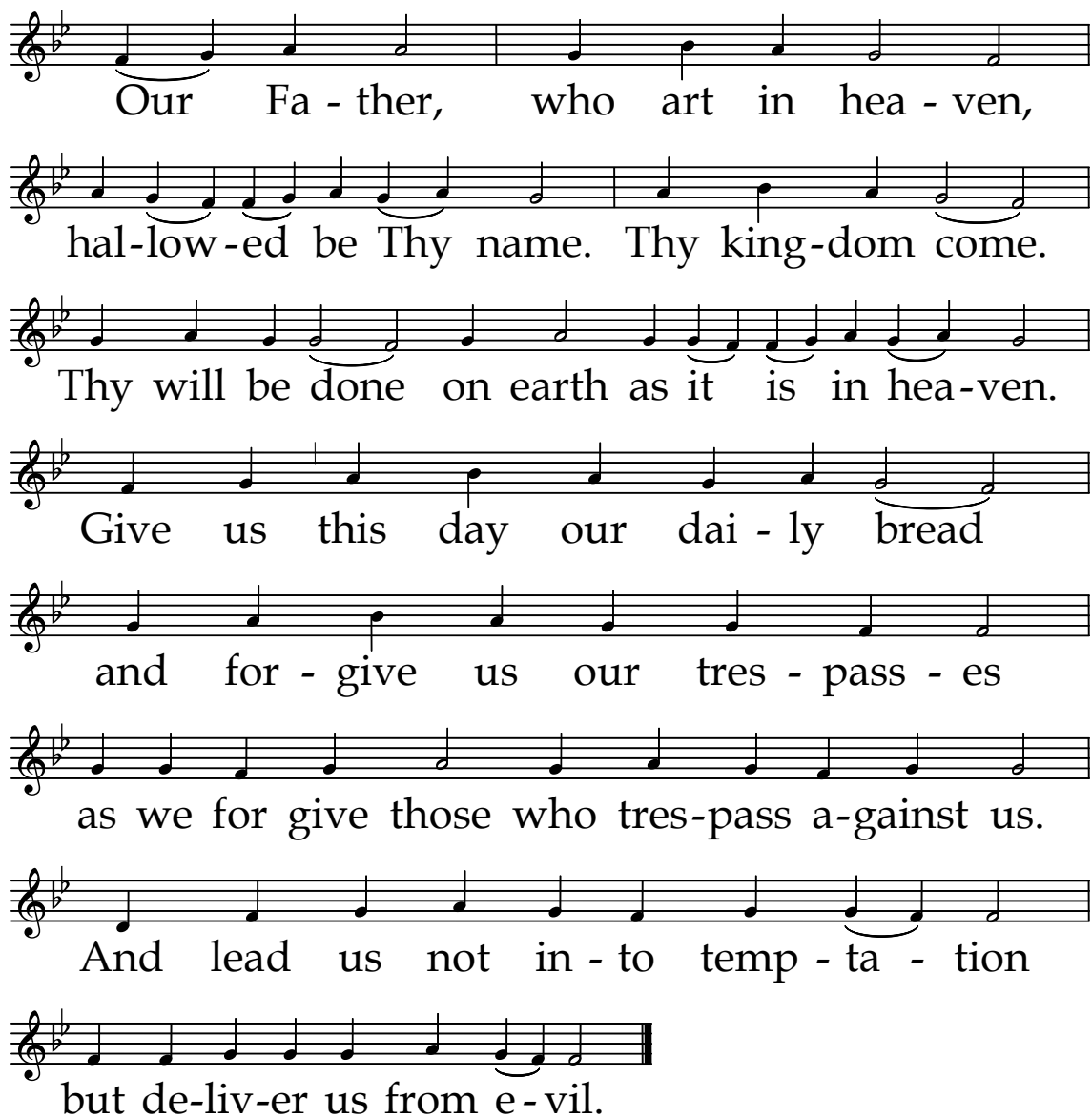
The Breaking of The Bread

He stretches out his hands, keeping his thumbs and forefingers joined.

Priest: Let us pray:



In - struc - ted by your sav - ing pre - cepts,
and ha-ving been taught these di-vine-ly formed words,
we dare to say:



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven,
hal-low-ed be Thy name. Thy king-dom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread
and for - give us our tres - pass - es
as we for give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion
but de-liv-er us from e - vil.

He joins his hands and prays:

Priest: Deliver us, ✠O God, from all evils: past, present, and to come, and by the prayers of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Mother of God, of your blessed apostles Peter and Paul, of Andrew, and of all the saints, graciously give us peace in our days; that through your merciful help may we always be free from sin and safe from all disquietude: through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Priest may say the seasonal prayers over the people. If he does so, he turns around to his right with his back to the Gospel side so as not to turn his back to the Sacrament. The MC or the Subdeacon holds the book while he sings the prayers always ending with this blessing:

Priest: May Almighty God, by Whose providence you keep once more the Paschal Feast, grant you His blessing, and, in His mercy, be pleased to defend you from every evil thing.
Amen.

Priest: May He, Who restores you to eternal life, through the Resurrection of His only-begotten Son, invest you with the joys of immortality, when the same our Saviour Christ shall come again. *Amen.*

Priest: May you, who have kept the Lenten fast and the anamnesis of our Savior's Passion, and celebrate the joy of Holy Pascha, may be brought, through Divine assistance, to the joyful Feast that never ends. *Amen.*

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

The Deacon and Subdeacon approach the altar again. The Deacon removes the pall and the priest breaks the Bread. By ancient custom he places a small particle of the Sacrament into the chalice as a sign of unity with the Bishop saying:

May this mingling of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Silence may be kept, or the Agnus Dei or another confractoria is sung.

Priest:



People:



The Deacon and Subdeacon turn toward the center of the altar.

The Priest turns to the faithful, holds the Paten and Chalice and says:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God!
Behold Him who takes away the sin of the world!

People: Lord I am not worthy
that you should come under my roof.
Say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

People: I believe, O Lord and I confess that you are truly the
Christ, The Son of the living God, who came into the
world to save sinners, of whom I am the greatest.

I believe also, that this which I am about to receive
is truly your most pure Body and life-giving Blood;
Wherefore, I pray, have mercy on me
and forgive my transgressions,
both voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed,
committed in knowledge or in ignorance;

And grant that I may partake of your Holy Mysteries without condemnation for the forgiveness of all my sins and for life everlasting.

O Son of God accept me this day as a partaker of Your Mystical Supper; for I will not reveal the Mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, will I say: ✠ Remember me, O Lord, when you come into your kingdom.

O Lord, may the partaking of your Holy Mysteries be not to my judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of my soul and body.

The priest may pray the above with the people, or, inclining before the altar, and with hands joined or crossed upon his breast, may pray silently: Standing erect, he takes the Sacred Body saying:

I will take the Bread of Heaven and call on the Name of the Lord: May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul to everlasting life.

Inclining, he receives, standing up again, he takes the chalice saying:

*What shall I render to the Lord for all his blessings to me?
I will take up the Cup of Salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people;
in the courts of the house of our God; in your midst O Jerusalem.
May the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul to everlasting life.*

Inclining, he receives the Sacred Blood from the chalice. He then communicates the Sacred Ministers, the clergy, acolytes, and people. The Priest then communicates each person saying:

Priest: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your body and soul **N.** unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

During the administration of the Sacrament the Communion Chant, the following psalm or a hymn may be sung.



PSALM 150 **Laudate Dominum**



- 1 Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!



The Priest may reserve some of the Sacrament for the sick.

Then the Deacon, removes the vessels to the credence table and, assisted by the Subdeacon or Minister, consumes the rest of the Sacrament, saying:

What we have partaken with our mouth, O Lord, may we receive with a pure heart, and of a temporal gift, may it become to us an eternal remedy. May your Body and Blood which I have received permeate my heart, O Lord; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, having been fed with these pure and holy Mysteries. Who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, now and unto ages of ages. Amen.

He then purifies his fingers, and cleanses the vessels. The acolyte places the missal on the Epistle Side.

The Communion *Pascha nostrum ... veritatis* 1 Corinthians 5:7, 8

TONE LAUDATE



Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, alleluia, *
therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, *
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All silently reflect on the reception of The Holy Mysteries.

The Postcommunion Prayer: The Third Collect

He extends his hands singing:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

He joins his hands

Priest: Let us pray:

He sings the Prayer with hands extended.

Pour forth upon us O Lord, the Spirit of your love: that as you have fulfilled us with these Paschal Mysteries, so also of your goodness, make us to be of one heart and mind; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages.

People: Amen.

He inclines once more in the midst; turns, extends his hands, singing:

The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down your heads before the Lord.

If a Bishop is present he takes his crosier faces the altar and, crossing his head and breast sings:

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

People: Now and forever.

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People: The maker of heaven and earth.

He takes his crosier, turns to the people, and sings:

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen*

Priest: May the Blessing of God Almighty:
✠ The Father, ✠ the Son, and ✠ the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

Deacon:



De-part in peace! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

People:



Thanks be to God! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

The Regina Coeli, or some other hymn may be sung.

Regina Caeli

Traditional



Re - gi - na Cae - li, lae - ta re, al - le - lu - ia: Qui - a quem me - ru - i - sti por - ta' - re,
O Queen of hea - ven, re - joice, al - le - lu - ia: For He, whom you were wor - thy to car - ry,



al - le - lu - ia. Re - sur - re' - xit, sic - ut dix' - it, al - le - lu - ia. O - ra pro no' - bis Deum,
al - le - lu - ia. Has a - ri - sen as He fore - told, al - le - lu - ia. O pray for us to God,



al - le - lu - ia
al - le - lu - ia

V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

R. For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia!

Priest: O God, by the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, you give gladness to the world : Grant, we pray, that we, being helped by the prayers of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen*

If Antidoron is to be blessed, the Subdeacon holding the aspergillum and the Deacon holding the tray stand before the priest saying:

Deacon: Father (Master) Bless!

Priest: Let us pray

Bless, ✠ O Lord, this creature of bread, as You did bless the five loaves in the wilderness: that all who partake of it may receive health of both body and soul. In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Deacon: Amen.

The Deacon holds the tray of bread in his hands. All approach, take a portion, kiss the (cross and) Priest's hand, and return to their places. The Sacred Ministers bow to the Altar, cover their heads, and depart.



In place of the usual prayers of thanksgiving the following are said:

Priest Glory to you O Lord our God and our hope! Glory to you!

A Song to the Lamb

Dignus es, Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Reader: Splendor and honor and kingly power *
 are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
 and by your will they were created and have being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
 a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
 and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
 for ever and for evermore.

People: Amen!

Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle! Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance.
Grant victory to Orthodox Christians over their Enemy.
And by virtue of Your cross, preserve your habitation.

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator: do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without losing your virginity you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

In the name of the Lord, Master bless!

The Priest pronounces the dismissal.

*Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ,
let us worship the holy Lord Jesus,
the only Sinless One:
We venerate Your Cross, O Christ,
and we praise and glorify Your holy Resurrection!
For You are our God, and we know no other than You;
We call on Your name.
Come all you faithful,
let us all venerate Christ's holy Resurrection!
For, behold, through the Cross joy has come into all the world.
Let us bless the Lord forever, praising His Resurrection,
for by enduring the Cross for us,
He has destroyed death by death.*

People: Amen! May the Lord grant long life to him who blesses and sanctifies us.

Priest: Amen!

We reverence the icon and leave.

Musical score for Soprano and Tenor. The Soprano part is in treble clef and the Tenor part is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Christ is ri - sen from the dead,

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Musical score for Soprano and Tenor. The Soprano part is in treble clef and the Tenor part is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: and up-on those in the tombs be - stow-ing life!

Communion Rules:

Only Baptized and Chrismated Christians who hold the Orthodox Faith and have duly prepared by prayer, fasting and Confession may receive The Holy Mysteries.

