



The Introit *Nos autem gloriari Galatians 6:14/Psalm 67:1*



Antiphon: But as for us, it is our duty to glory *
in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, ↓ our life, and resurrection; *
by whom we were saved, and obtained our freedom.

Psalm. May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of His countenance,
and come to us.

Gloria Patri. 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 **Antiphon:**

The cross or icon is placed in view of the congregation and the following is sung:

Choir:

Traditional

Be - fore Your Cross we bow down and wor - ship O Mas - ter

and Your Ho - ly Re-sur-rec - tion, we glo - ri - fy

Priest: We adore you O Christ and we bless you
because by Your holy cross you have redeemed the world

Choir:

Traditional

Be - fore Your Cross we bow down and wor - ship O Mas - ter

and Your Ho - ly Re-sur-rec - tion, we glo - ri - fy

The Kyrie or Litany

The Gloria in Excelsis Deo

The Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Isaiah 45:21-25

Thus says the Lord, Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declare it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

The Gradual *Viderunt omnes, Philipians 2:8, 9*



Christ became obedient for us to the point of death*
even to death on a cross.

Therefore God also has exalted him*
and gave him the name that is above every name.

The Epistle: Philipians 2:5-11

Brethren: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that

Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia **Adoramus te, Anonymous**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

We a-dore you, O Christ, and we bless you, We a-dore you, O Christ,

and we bless you, for by your ho-ly cross you have re-deemed the world.

We a-dore you, O Christ, and we bless you, We a-dore you, O Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' with a long melisma line. The second staff contains 'We a-dore you, O Christ, and we bless you, We a-dore you, O Christ,'. The third staff continues with 'and we bless you, for by your ho-ly cross you have re-deemed the world.' The fourth staff contains 'We a-dore you, O Christ, and we bless you, We a-dore you, O Christ.' The fifth staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' and a final melisma line. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

The Gospel: John 12:31-36a

At that time...Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

The Nicene Creed

the heavens and the heavenly host
in unison with the blessed seraphim extol it with unceasing joy.
Grant that our voices may be united with theirs,
while in humble praise we acclaim:

Before the Blessing of Peace

Priest: May Almighty God, Who did redeem mankind by the wood of the Cross, grant you salvation under the banner of that same blessed Cross.

People: Amen

Priest: May the holy and life-giving Cross confirm you in faith, strengthen you in hope, defend you in adversity, and preserve you in all prosperity.

People: Amen

Priest: May the power of the holy Cross bring you victory and peace, that being preserved from all evil in this present life, you may triumph joyfully in the life to come.

People: 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.

Communion: Ego si exaltatus, John 12:32



And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, *

will draw all flesh to myself, says the Lord.
and/or *Per signum, Anonymous*

By the sign of the cross, *
deliver us from our enemies, O Lord our God.

The Postcommunion Collect:

Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the Holy Mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing:

May Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and May the blessing of God Almighty, ✠the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The congregation may come forward to venerate the relic of the cross while a hymn or the following is sung:

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

And, or *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.
Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.*

Refrain

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Him Who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain