

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

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

People: Amen.

Come, let us adore the King our God.

Come, let us adore Christ, the king and our God.

Come, let us adore and bow down to the only Lord Jesus Christ, the King and our God.

PSALM 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

You are very great, O Lord, my God;

clothed in pomp and brilliance;
arrayed with light as with a cloak.

Stretching out the sky as a tent-cloth,
covering Your lofty halls with water,

You make the clouds Your conveyance.

You surge on the wings of the wind.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

I will praise my God as long as I last.

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

The sun knows the time of its setting.

You establish darkness, and it is night.

How great are Your works, O Lord!

in wisdom You have wrought them all.

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to You. O God! (3 times)

LITANY OF PEACE

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For peace throughout the world, for the well-being of God's holy
churches and for the unity of all. let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our most holy Pontiff, (N), Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our most blessed Major Archbishop (N), our most reverend
Metropolitan, (N), our God-loving Bishop, (N), the reverend priesthood. the
diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our nation under God, for our government, and for all the military,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this city, for every city and country and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the seafarers and travelers, for the sick and the suffering. for those held captive, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and misfortune, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: To You O Lord

Priest: (Silently) Lord, our God, Whose power is beyond comparison, Whose glory is beyond comprehension, Whose mercy is beyond measure, and Whose love for us all is beyond expression, in the kindness of your hear, O Master, look upon us and upon this holy church, and bestow on us and on those praying with us, the riches of Your mercy and compassion.

(Aloud)

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

People: Amen

(During the reading of the Kathisma, the priest solemnly transfers the Sacred Gifts to the Proskomedia Table and prepared the vessels. The people kneel at this time.)

KATHISMA

PSALM 120

In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me.
O Lord deliver me from lying lip from treacherous tongue.
What will he inflict on you, with more besides,
O treacherous tongue?
Sharp arrows of a warrior with fiery coals of brushwood.

Woe is me that I sojourn in Meshech,
that I dwell amid the tents of Kedar!
All too long have I dwelt with those who hate peace.
When I speak of peace, they are ready for war.

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains,
whence shall help come to me?
My help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer your foot to slip;
may he slumber not who guards you:
Indeed, he neither slumbers nor sleeps,
the guardian of Israel.

The Lord is your guardian;
the Lord is your shade,
He is beside you at your right hand.

The sun shall not harm you by day.
Nor the moon by night.

The Lord will guard you from all evil;
He will guard your life.
The Lord will guard your coming and your going
Both now and forever.

PSALM 122

I rejoiced because they said to me,
We will go up to the house of the Lord.”
And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem -
Jerusalem, built as a city
With compact unity.

To it the tribes go up,
The tribes of the Lord,
According to the decree for Israel,
To give thanks to the name of the Lord.
In it as set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

Pray for peace of Jerusalem!

May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings.
Because of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
Because of the house of the Lord, our God,
I will pray for your good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and ever. Amen
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to You, O God (3X)

SMALL LITANY

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

People: Lord, have mercy

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People: To You O Lord

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

(Aloud)

For You are a good and loving God, and we give glory to You,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen

O LORD, I HAVE CRIED

(Tone 1)

PSALM 140

O Lord, I have cried out to You, hear me; Hear me, O Lord!

O Lord, I have cried out to You, hear me.

Receive the voice of my prayer

When I call upon You Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer rise like incense before You;

And the lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice

Hear me, O Lord!

Praise the Lord all the nations,

Proclaim His glory, all you people.

(tone 1)

How shall I enter into the splendor of your saint?

For I am unworthy, and if I dare to come into the bridal chamber,
my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment;

and I shall be cast out by the angels, bound hand and foot.

Cleanse, O Lord, the filth from my soul and save me in your love for us all.

Strong is the love of the Lord for us;

Eternally will His truth endure

(tone 2)

I slumber in slothfulness of souls, O Christ the Bridegroom;

I have no lamp that burns with virtue,

and like the foolish virgins I go wandering when it is time to act.

Close not your compassionate heart against me, O Master,

but dispel dark sleep from me and rouse me up;

and lead me with the wise virgins into your bridal chamber,

where those who feast sing with pure voice unceasingly:

O Lord, glory to you.

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

(tone 7)

Behold, my soul, the Master entrusts you with a talent.

Receive his gift with fear;

make it gain interest for him;

distribute to the needy, and make the Lord your friend.

So shall you stand on his right hand when he come in glory,

and you shall hear his blessed words:

Enter, my servant, into the joy of your Lord,

I have gone astray, O Saviour,

but in your great mercy count me worthy of this joy.

(ENTRANCE with candles and incense)

Priest: Wisdom! Stand aright!

HYMN OF THE EVENING

O Joyful Light! Light and Holy Glory of the Father Immortal

The heavenly, holy the Blessed One, O Jesus Christ!
Now that we have reached the setting of the sun,
And see the evening light we sing to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
It is fitting at all times to raise a song of praise in measured melody to You.
O Son of God, the Giver of Life. Behold the universe sings Your Glory.

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

PROKIMEN 1:

Go up, Lord to the place of your rest,* You and the ark of your strength.
Verses: O Lord, remember David and all the many hardships he endured.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus (2:5-10)

Priest: Let us be attentive!

Reader: At that time Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river to bathe, while her maids walked along the river bank. Noticing the basket among the reeds, she sent her handmaid to fetch it. On opening it, she looked, and lo, there was a baby boy, crying! She was moved with pity for him and said, "It is one of the Hebrews' children." Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" "Yes, do so," she answered. So the maiden went and called the child's own mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will repay you." The woman therefore took the child and nursed it. When the child grew, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her son and called him Moses; for she said, "I drew him out of the water."

PROKIMEN 2:

We bless You* in the name of the Lord.

verse: "They have pressed me hard from my youth," this is Israel's song.

(Then the celebrant taking a candle and the incense blessed the altar and the people.)

Priest: Wisdom! Let us be attentive!

(Blessing the people) **The Light of Christ enlightens all.**

(The people make three prostrations)

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Job (1:13-22)

Priest: Let us be attentive!

Reader: At that time, while his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother, a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the asses grazing beside them, and the Sabeans carried them off in a raid. They put the herdsmen to the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was yet speaking, another came and said, "Lightning has fallen from heaven and struck the sheep and their shepherds and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was yet speaking, another came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three columns, seized the camels, carried them off, and put those tending them to the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was yet speaking, another came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother, when suddenly a great wind came across the desert and smote the four corners of the house. It fell upon the young people and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you." Then Job began to tear his cloak and cut off his hair. He cast himself prostrate upon the ground, and said, "Naked I came forth from my mother's womb, and naked shall I go back again. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord!" In all this Job did not sin, nor did he say anything disrespectful of God.

Priest: Wisdom! Stand aright! Let us listen to the holy Gospel.
Peace be with all.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. (24:36-26:2)

People: Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You!

Priest: Let us be attentive!

The Lord said to his disciples: “As for the exact day or hour, no one knows it, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but the Father only. The coming of the Son of Man will repeat what happened in Noah’s time. In the days before the flood people were eating and drinking, marrying and being married, right up to the day Noah entered the ark. They were totally unconcerned until the flood came and destroyed them. So will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal; one will be taken and one will be left. Stay awake, therefore! You cannot know the day your Lord is coming.

“Be sure of this: if the owner of the house knew when the thief was coming he would keep a watchful eye and not allow his house to be broken into. You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect. Who is the faithful, farsighted servant whom the master has put in charge of his household to dispense food at need? Happy that servant whom his master discovers at work on his return! I assure you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if the servant is worthless and tells himself, ‘My master is a long time in coming,’ and begins to beat his fellow servants, to eat and drink with drunkards, that man’s master will return when he is not ready and least expects him. He will punish him severely and settle with him as is done with hypocrites. There will be wailing then and grinding of teeth.

“The reign of God can be likened to ten bridesmaids who took their torches and went out to welcome the groom. Five of them were foolish, while the other five were sensible. The foolish ones, in taking their torches, brought no oil along, but the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their torches. The groom delayed his arrival, so they all began to nod, then to fall asleep. At midnight someone shouted, ‘The groom is here! Come out and greet him!’ At the outcry all the virgins woke up and got their torches ready. The foolish ones said to the sensible, ‘Give us some of your oil. Our torches are going out.’ But the sensible ones replied, ‘No, there may not be enough for you and us. You had better go to the dealers and buy yourselves some.’ While they went off to buy it the groom arrived, and the ones who were ready went in to the wedding with him. Then the door was barred. Later the other bridesmaids came back. ‘Master, master!’ they cried. ‘Open the door

for us.' But he answered, 'I tell you, I do not know you.' The moral is: keep your eyes open, for you know not the day or the hour.

"The case of a man who was going on a journey is similar. He called in his servants and handed his funds over to them according to each man's abilities. To one he disbursed five thousand silver pieces, to a second two thousand, and to a third a thousand. Then he went away. Immediately the man who received the five thousand went to invest it and made another five. In the same way, the man who received two thousand doubled his figure. The man who received the thousand went off instead and dug a hole in the ground, where he buried his master's money. After a long absence, the master of those servants came home and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five thousand came forward bringing the additional five. 'My lord,' he said, 'you let me have five thousand. See, I have made five thousand more.' His master said to him, 'Well done! You are an industrious and reliable servant. Since you were dependable in a small matter I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share your master's joy!' The man who had received the two thousand then stepped forward, 'My lord,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two thousand and I have made two thousand more.' His master said to him, 'Cleverly done! You too are an industrious and reliable servant. Since you were dependable in a small matter I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share your master's joy!'

"Finally the man who had received the thousand stepped forward. 'My lord,' he said, 'I knew you were a hard man. You reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter, so out of fear I went off and buried your thousand silver pieces in the ground. Here is your money back.' His master exclaimed: 'You worthless, lazy lout! You know I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter. All the more reason to deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back with interest. You, there! Take the thousand away from him and give it to the man with the ten thousand. Those who have will get more until they grow rich, while those who have not will lose even the little they have. Throw this worthless servant into the darkness outside, where he can wail and gnash his teeth.'

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, he will sit upon his royal throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. Then he will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep he will place on his right hand, the goats on his left. The king will say to those on his right: 'Come. You

have my Father's blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the just will ask him: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when you were ill or in prison?' The king will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left: 'Out of my sight, you condemned, into that everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels! I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink. I was away from home and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to comfort me.' Then they in turn will ask: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or away from home or naked or ill or in prison and not attend you in your needs?' He will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me.' These will go off to eternal punishment and the just to eternal life.

Now when Jesus had finished all these discourses, he declared to his disciples, "You know that in two days' time it will be Passover, and that the Son of Man is to be handed over to be crucified."

People: Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You!

THE GREAT INCENSING

(People kneel)

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

(People stand)

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

(People kneel)

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

(People stand)

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

(People kneel)

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

(People stand)

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

(People kneel)

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

(People stand)

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

(People kneel)

Priest: Let my prayer rise like incense before You,

(People stand)

People: and the lifting of my hands, like an evening sacrifice.

(All make three prostrations)

INSISTENT EKTENIA

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

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

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. (3X)

Priest: We also pray for our most holy universal Pontiff, (N.), Pope of Rome; for our most blessed Major Archbishop (N.), our most reverend Metropolitan, (N.), our God-loving Bishop, (N.), for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

People: Lord have mercy. (3X)

Priest: We also pray for our nation under God, for our government, and for all the military.

People: Lord have mercy. (3X)

Priest: We also pray for the people here present who await Your great and bountiful mercies, for those who have been kind to us, and for all orthodox Christians.

People: Lord have mercy. (3X)

Priest: For You are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen

Priest: Again, and again in peace for the faithful pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: (silently) Holy Mother, infinitely good, we beseech You who are rich in mercy to have pity on us sinners and to make us worthy of receiving your only Son and our God, the King of Glory. For behold, his spotless body and life-giving blood are about to make their entrance at this time and to be laid on the mystical table, escorted by angel hosts unseen. Make us receive them in blameless communion, that when the eyes our understanding are enlightened, we may become children of light and day.

(aloud)

Through the gift of your Christ with whom you are blessed, together with you holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen

(People kneel)

GREAT AND SOLEMN ENTRANCE

Now the Powers of heaven minister with us invisibly.

For behold the King of glory is entering.

This is a mystical Sacrifice perfected being carried high.

Lest us approach with faith and love

So that we may be partakers of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

LITANY

Priest: Let us complete our prayer to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: That our loving God, Who has received them as a spiritual fragrance upon His holy, heavenly and mystical altar, may send down on us in return His divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, misfortune, Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: That this whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

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

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: For the forgiveness and remission of our sins and offenses, let us ask the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: For all that is good and beneficial for our souls and for peace for the world, let us ask the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

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

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: For a Christian end to our lives, one that is painless, unashamed, and peaceful, and for a good defense at the awesome tribunal of Christ, let us ask the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

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

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: (silently) O God of ineffable and invisible mysteries with whom are the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge, who have revealed to us, the service of this liturgy and who, through your great love for us all, have established us sinners for the offering of gifts and sacrifices to You for our sins and for the people's faults; O You, King invisible, who perform great works, inscrutable and glorious marvels which cannot be numbered: look upon us your unworthy servants who stand, as before your throne of the cherubim, at this holy altar where your only begotten Son, our God, reposes under these awesome mysteries offered here. And deliver us all and your faithful people from impurities; sanctify the souls and bodies of all of us with a sanctification that cannot be taken away, so that partaking of these divine mysteries with a pure conscience, faces unashamed and enlightened hearts, and being enlivened by them, we may to be united with your Christ Himself, our true God, who said "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him." Thus, your Word having his abode in us and walking in our midst, O Lord, we become a temple of your all-holy and adorable Spirit, being delivered from every wile of the devil working in our acts, words, and thoughts: and we shall obtain the blessings you promised us, together with all the saints who pleased you since time began.

(aloud)

Make us worthy, O Master, with confidence and without condemnation to dare call You, the heavenly God, Father and say:

People: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come. They 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 for ever and ever.

People: Amen

Priest: Peace be with all.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Bow you heads to the Lord.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: (silently) O God, the only one good and compassionate, who dwell on high and look upon the humble: look with compassionate eyes upon your people and preserve them. Grant us all to partake without condemnation of these your life-giving mysteries, for it is before You that we bow our head in the hope of your abundant mercy.
(aloud)

Through the grace, mercies and loving-kindness of Your only begotten Son with Whom You are blessed together with Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen

(All kneel)

Priest: (silently) Attend, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, from Your holy dwelling and from the throne of glory in Your kingdom, and come to sanctify us, You Who are seated on high with the Father and are invisibly present here with us. Deign to give us with Your mighty hand Your most pure Body and precious Blood, and through us, to all the people. God be merciful to me a sinner (three times)

COMMUNION SERVICE

(Aloud)

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

People: One is Holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. Taste and see, taste and see how good is the Lord, how good is the Lord, how good is the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I believe, O Lord, and confess that You are truly Christ, the Sone of the Living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell the mystery of Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You:

Remember me, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.
Remember me, O Master, when You come into Your kingdom.
Remember me, O Holy One, when You come into Your kingdom.

May the partaking of Your Holy Mysteries, O Lord, be unto me not for judgment or condemnation but for the healing of souls and body.
God be merciful to me, a sinner.
God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
I have sinned without number, forgive me, O Lord.

Priest: Approach

People: I will bless the Lord at all times, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

(The faithful approach with reverence to receive the most precious Body and Blood of our Saviour).

Priest: Blessed be our God, always now and for ever and ever.

People: We thank You, O Christ our God that you have made us worthy to be partakers of your most pure body and your precious blood which is poured out unto the whole world for the forgiveness of sins the mystery of your concern. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Stand aright! Having received the divine holy, immaculate, immortal, heavenly, and life-giving, awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us rightly give thanks to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Having asked that this whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: (silently) We thank You, Saviour and God of the universe, for all the blessings You bestowed upon us and for our partaking of the holy body and blood of your Christ. And we pray You, Master who love us all: keep us under the shadow of your wings, and grant us to partake worthily, even until our last breath, of your holy mystery for the enlightening of our souls and body and the inheritance of your heavenly kingdom.

(aloud)

For You are our sanctification and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of the Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Almighty Lord who created the whole universe in wisdom; who by your ineffable providence and great goodness have brought us to these salutary days for the purification of our souls and bodies, for the control of our passions and for hope in the resurrection; You who are forty days gave Moses, your servant, the tablets of the law inscribed by your divine hands: enable us also, O Good One, to fight the good fight, to run the course of the fast, to keep the faith, to crush the heads of the invisible dragons, to come out victorious over sin to attain without reproach unto the worship of your holy resurrection. For blessed and glorified is you most honorable and magnificent name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord now and forever. (3X)

Priest: (silently) O Lord our God, who brought us to these most salutary days and permitted us to partake of your awesome mysteries: unite us to your spiritual flock and make us heirs of your kingdom, now and for ever and ever.
Amen

Priest: The blessing of the Lord be upon you with His grace and love for us all, always, now and forever and ever.

People: Amen

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 for ever and ever. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Give the blessing.

Priest: Christ our true God, through the prayers of His immaculate Mother, the holy, glorious, and all-praiseworthy apostles, of our father among the saints, Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, and of all the saints, will have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and love us all.

People: Amen