

# Liturgy of St. Basil the Great With Vespers

**Holy Thursday** 

~ Please Stand

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

All: 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! (3x)

#### LITANY OF PEACE

~ Please be Seated

*Priest:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord, have mercy.

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

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: 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.

All: 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 gory, honor, and workshop befit You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

All: Amen.

# O LORD, I HAVE CRIED 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!

~ Please be Seated

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him there is plentiful redemption;\* and it is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

The Jewish council gathers to deliver to Pilate
The Author and Creator of all.
O What iniquity and infidelity!
For they prepare for judgement
Him who come to judge the living and the dead;
They make ready for suffering Him who heals all suffering;
Therefore, O long-suffering Lord, great is Your mercy,
Glory be to You.

Praise the Lord all you nations, Proclaim His glory, all you people! Judas, the traitor, being deceitful,
With a lying kiss, betrayed the Savior, Lord and Master of all
And sold Him as a slave to the Jews.
And the Lamb of God, the Father's Son
Followed as a lamb to slaughter
For His mercy is great.

# Strong is the love of the Lord for us; Eternally will His truth endure.

Judas showed himself by his deeds

To be the devil's slave and deceiver, disciple and friend.

For he followed the Master and concealed the betrayal with himself, say:

"I will betray this One and gain much wealth."
He sought to sell the spice and deceitfully trap Jesus.
He gave a kiss and sold Christ,
Who like a lamb was led to the slaughter
And Who alone is compassionate and loves us all.

~ Please Stand

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

Truly, Judas is the son of vipers
Who ate manna in the wilderness
And murmured against the Nourisher,
For, while the food was still in their mouths
Those ingrates murmured against God.
Likewise, this wicked one,
While the heavenly bread was still in his mouth,

Conspired to deliver the Savior.

O What greedy purpose! What bold inhumanity!

For he sold the Nourisher

And delivered to death the Master Who loved him.

In truth, this violator of the law is a son of those others,

And inherited destruction with them.

Deliver our souls from such inhumanity, O Lord,

Who alone is able to endure such long-suffering.

(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, Tone 1

O LORD, DELIVER ME FROM THE EVIL MAN AND FREE ME FROM THE UNJUST MAN.

Verse: Who contemplate injustice in their hearts all the day long.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

# **Reader:** A Reading from Book of Exodus (19:10-19)

**Priest:** Let us be attentive!

Reader: The Lord said to Moses: "Go to the people and have them sanctify themselves today and tomorrow. Make them wash their garments and be ready for the third day, for on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people. Set limits for the people all around the mountain, and tell them: Take care not to go up the mountain, or even touch its base. If anyone touches the mountain he must be put to death. No hand shall touch him; he must be stoned to death or killed with arrows. Such a one, man or beast, must not be allowed to live. Only when the ram's horn resounds may they go up to the mountain." Then Moses came down from the mountain to the people and had them sanctify themselves and wash their garments. He warned them, "Be ready for the third day. Have no intercourse with any woman." On the morning of the third day there were peals of thunder and lightning, and a heavy cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. But Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke, for the Lord came down upon it in fire. The smoke rose from it as though from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. The trumpet blast grew louder and louder, while Moses was speaking and God answered him with thunder.

#### **SMALL LITANY**

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: 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.

All: To You O Lord.

*Priest:* 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.

All: Amen.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

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

Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

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

Prokimen, Tone 7

THE PRINCES OF THE PEOPLE HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS ANOINTED ONE.

Verse: Why do the heathens rage and the people imagine a vain thing.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the

**Corinthians.** (11:23-32)

**Priest:** Let us be attentive!

**Reader:** Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I handed on to you, namely, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." Every time, then, you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes! This means that whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily sins against the body and blood of the Lord. A man should examine himself first; only then should he eat of the bread and drink of the cup. He who eats and drinks without recognizing the body eats and drinks a judgement on himself. That is why many among you are sick and infirm, and why so many are dying. If we were to examine ourselves, we would not be falling under judgement in this way; but since it is the Lord who judges us, he chastens us to keep us from being condemned with the rest of the world.

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

Verse: Blessed is the one who considers the poor and needy, the Lord will free him on days of trouble.

*Priest:* Wisdom! Stand aright! Let us listen to the holy Gospel.

+ Peace be with all.

All: And with your spirit.

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (26:6-16)

All: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord!

*Priest:* Let us be attentive!

The Lord said 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."

At that time the chief priests and elders of the people were assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was "Caiaphas. They plotted to arrest Jesus by some trick and kill him; but they said, "Not during the festival, for fear of a riot among the people."

While Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, a woman carrying a jar of costly perfume came up to him at table and began to pour it on his head. When the disciples saw this they grew indignant, protesting: "What is the point of such extravagance? This could have been sold for a good price and the money given to the poor." Jesus became aware of this and said to them: "Why do you criticize the woman? It is a good deed she has done for me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this perfume on my body, she has contributed toward my burial preparation. I assure you, wherever the good news is proclaimed throughout the world, what she did will be spoken of as her memorial."

Then one of the Twelve whose name was Judas Iscariot went off to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand Jesus over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he kept looking for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came up to Jesus and said, "Where do you wish us to prepare the Passover supper for you?" He said, "Go to this man in the city and tell him, 'The Teacher says, My appointed time draws near. I am to celebrate the Passover with my disciples in your house."

The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover supper.

When it grew dark Jesus reclined at table with the Twelve. Jesus -- fully aware that he had come from God and was going to God, the Father who had handed everything over to him -- rose from the meal and took off his cloak. He picked up a towel and tied it around himself Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet and dry them with the towel he had around him. Thus he came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You may not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter replied, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered, "If I do not wash you, you will have no share in my heritage." "Lord," Simon Peter said to him, "then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus told him, "The man who has bathed has no need to wash (except for his feet); he is entirely cleansed, just as you are; though not all." The

reason he said, "Not all are washed clean," was that he knew his betrayer.

After Jesus had washed the feet of the Twelve, he put his cloak back on and reclined at table once more. He said the them: "Do you understand what I just did for you? You address me as 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and fittingly enough, for that is what I am. But if I washed your feet - I who am Teacher and Lord -- then you must wash each other's feet. What I just did was to give you an example: as I have done, so you must do. I solemnly assure you, no slave is greater than his master; no messenger outranks the one who sent him. Once you know all these things, blest will you be if you put them into practice."

\*In the course of the meal Jesus said, "I assure you, one of you is about to betray me." Distressed at this, they began to say to him o~e after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He replied: "The man who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will hand me over. The Son of Man is departing, as Scripture says to him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. Better for him if he had never been born."

Then Judas, his betrayer, spoke: "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?"
Jesus answered, "It is you who have said it." During the meal
Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples.
"Take this and eat it," he said, "this is my body." Then he took a
cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. All of you must drink from
it," he said, "for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, to
be poured out in behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell
you, I will not drink this fruit of the vine from now until the day

when I drink it new with you in my Father's reign." Then, after singing songs of praise, they walked out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus then said to them, "Tonight your faith in me will be shaken, for Scripture has it: "I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed.' But after I am raised up, I will go to Galilee ahead of you," Peter responded, "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be shaken!" Jesus said to him, "I give you my word, before the cock-crows tonight you will deny me three times." Peter replied, "Even though I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called \*Gethsemani. He said to his disciples, "Stay here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and \*Zebedee's two sons, and began to experience sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My heart is nearly broken with sorrow. Remain here and stay awake with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer. "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Still, let it be as you would have it, not as I."

\*An angel then appeared to him from heaven to strengthen him. In his anguish he prayed with all the greater intensity, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.

\*When Jesus returned to his disciples, he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour? Be on guard, and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but nature is weak." Withdrawing a second time, he began to pray: "My Father, if this cannot pass me by

without my drinking it, your will be done!" Once more, on his return, he found them asleep; they could not keep their eyes open. He left them again, withdrew somewhat, and began to pray a third time, saying the same words as before. Finally he returned to his disciples and said to them: "Sleep on now. Enjoy your rest! The hour is on us when the Son of Man is to be handed over to the power of evil men. Get up! Let us be on our way! See, my betrayer is here."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived accompanied by a great crowd with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged to give them a signal, saying, "The man I shall embrace is the one; take bold of him." He immediately went over to Jesus; said to him, "Peace, Rabbi," and embraced him. Jesus answered, "Friend, do what you are here for!" At that moment they stepped forward to lay. hands on Jesus, and arrested him. Suddenly one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and slashed at the high priest's servant, cutting of his ear. Jesus said to him: "Put back your sword where it belongs. Those who use the sword are sooner or later destroyed by it. Do you not suppose I can call on my Father to provide at a moment's notice more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say it must happen this way?"

At that very time Jesus said to the crowd: "Am I a brigand, that you have come armed with swords and clubs to arrest me? From day to day I sat teaching in the temple precincts, yet you never arrested me. Nonetheless, all this has happened in fulfillment of

the writings of the prophets." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had apprehended Jesus led him off to \*Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and elders were convened. Peter kept following him at a distance as far as the high priest's residence. Going inside, he sat down with the guards to see the outcome. The chief priests, with the whole Sanhedrin, were busy trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death. They discovered none, despite the many false witnesses who took the stand. Finally two came forward who stated: "This man has declared, 'I can destroy God's sanctuary and rebuild it in three days.' "The high priest rose to his feet and addressed Jesus: "Have you no answer to the testimony leveled against you?" But Jesus remained silent. The high priest then said to him: "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus answered: "It is you who say it. But I tell you this: Soon you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." At this the high priest tore his robes: "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? Remember, you heard the blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death!" Then they began to spit in his face and hit him. Others slapped him, saying: "Play the prophet for us, Messiah! Who struck you?"

Peter was sitting in the courtyard when one of the serving girls came over to biro and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." Peter denied it in front of everyone: "I do not know what you are talking about!" When he went out to the gate another girl saw him and said to those nearby, "This man was

with Jesus the Nazarene." Again Peter denied it was an oath: "I do not know the man!" A little while later some bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You are certainly one of them! Even your accent gives you away!" At that Peter began cursing, and swore, "I do not even know the man!" Just then a cock began to crow and Peter remembered the prediction Jesus had made: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter went out and began to weep bitterly.

At daybreak all the chief priests and the elders of the people took formal action against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him and led him away to be handed over to the procurator Pilate.

# All: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord!

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

All: Lord have mercy.

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

All: Lord have mercy.

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

*All:* 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.

*All:* Lord have mercy. (3x)

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

*All:* 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.

*All:* 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.

All: Amen.

*Priest:* Again and again in peace let the faithful pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord have mercy.

*Priest:* Wisdom! So that always protected by Your might, we may give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

Priest: May the Lord God remember in His kingdom our most holy universal Pontiff, Francis, Pope of Rome; our most blessed Patriarch, Sviatoslav, our most reverend Metropolitan, Lawrence, our God loving Bishop, Bryan, all the priestly, diaconal and religious orders; our nation under God, our government, and all those engaged in the service and protection of our country; the noble and ever-to-be remembered founders and benefactors of this holy church; and all you, orthodox Christians, always, now and for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, O Lord, when You come into Your Kingdom. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

*Priest:* For the precious gifts that have been presented, let us pray to the Lord.

All: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

*All:* Lord, have mercy

*Priest:* Through the mercies 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.

All: Amen.

Priest: + Peace be with all.
All: And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Let us love one another so that we may be of one mind in confessing.

All: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in being and undivided.

#### **SIGN OF PEACE:**

Greeting: Christ is Among Us!

Response: He is and will be!

*Priest:* The doors, the doors! In wisdom let us be attentive!

All: I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us 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. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried. 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. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!

*Priest:* Let us stand well, let us stand with awe; let us be attentive to offer in peace the holy oblation.

**All:** The mercy of peace, the sacrifice of praise.

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit + be with all of you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Let us lift up our hearts.

**All:** We have lifted them to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord.

All: It is right and just to worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in being and undivided.

*Priest:* Singing, crying, exclaiming, and saying the triumphal hymn.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

*Priest:* Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins.

All: Amen.

*Priest:* Drink of it, all of you. This is my blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

All: Amen.

*Priest:* We offer to You, Yours of Your own, in behalf of all and for all.

All: We sing of You, we bless You, we thank You, O Lord, and we pray to You, our God.

*Priest:* Especially, for our most Holy and Immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary.

All: Come you faithful, let us with uplifted minds enjoy the hospitality of the immortal banquet of the Lord, for we have learned the Word from the Word who has gone up on high and whom we magnify. *Priest:* Among the first, remember, O Lord, our most holy universal Pontiff, *Francis*, Pope of Rome; our most blessed Patriarch *Sviatoslav*; our most reverend Metropolitan, *Lawrence*, our God-loving Bishop *Bryan*. For the sake of Your holy churches grant that they may live in peace, safety, honor and health for many years, and rightly impart the word of Your truth.

All: And remember all men and all women.

*Priest:* And grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and sing the praises of Your most honored and magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

*Priest:* And may the mercies of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, + be with all of you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

~ Please be Seated

*Priest:* Having remembered all the saints, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

*Priest:* For the precious Gifts which have been presented and consecrated, let us pray to the Lord.

*All*: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

*All*: Lord, have mercy.

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

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

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

All: 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.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

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

**All:** 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.

**All:** Grant this, O Lord.

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

All: 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.

**All:** Grant this, O Lord.

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

All: To You, O Lord.

~ Please Stand

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

All: 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 for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

*Priest:* + Peace be with all.

All: And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Bow your heads to the Lord.

All: To You, O Lord.

*Priest:* 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.

All: Amen.

*Priest:* Let us be attentive! The holy Things for the holy!

All: One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, O Lord, when You come into your kingdom.

All: Alleluia (3x).

I believe, O Lord, and confess that You are truly Christ, the Son 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 to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You:

Remember me, O Lord, when You 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 soul 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 with the fear of God and with faith.

All: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, God the Lord has appeared to us.

The servant of God, "N", partakes of the precious, most holy Body and Blood of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ; for the forgiveness of his/her sins and life everlasting. Amen.

*Priest:* + Save Your people, O God, and bless Your inheritance.

All: Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, O Lord, when You come into your kingdom.

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

All: Amen. Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, O Lord, when You come into your kingdom. 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.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

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

All: To You, O Lord.

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

All: Amen.

*Priest:* Let us go forth in peace.

**All:** In the name of the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You bless those who bless You, O Lord, and sanctify those who trust in You. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the fullness of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house and glorify them by Your divine power. Do not forsake us who hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to the priests, to our nation under God, to our government, and to all Your people. For all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of Lights. And we give glory, thanks, and worship to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Blessed be the name of the Lord now and for ever. (3x)

*Priest:* + The blessing of the Lord be upon you with His grace and love for mankind, always, now and for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

*Priest:* Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our hope, glory be to You.

All: + 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:* May Christ our true God, who, because of his surpassing graciousness, showed us the most excellent way of humility, when he washed the feet of the disciples and condescended even unto the Cross and burial, through the prayers of the

Mother of God, of the holy, glorious and most honorable apostles, of our father among the saints Basil the Great, the archbishop of Ceasarea of Cappodocia, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us for he is good and loves us all.

All: Amen.