

The Order of a Service of Prayer for the Preservation of God's Creation

Deacon: Bless, Master!

Bishop: Blessèd is our God always, now and ever and unto
ages of ages.

Choir:

Tone 6

A - MEN. O HEA - VEN - LY KING! THE COM - FORT - ER, THE SPI - RIT OF TRUTH,

WHO ART EV - 'RY - WHERE PRE - SENT AND FIL - LEST ALL THINGS!

TREA - SUR - Y OF BLES - SINGS AND GIV - ER OF LIFE,

COME AND A - BIDE IN US! AND CLEANSE US FROM EV - 'RY IM - PUR - I - TY,



Deacon: In the 6th tone: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Choir:



Deacon: All the nations compassed me about, but in the Name of the Lord I have driven them back.

Choir: God is the Lord...

Deacon: I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Choir: God is the Lord...

Deacon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the

head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Choir: God is the Lord... *(and then immediately)*

HAVE MER-CY ON US, O LORD, HAVE MER-CY ON US. FOR LAY-ING A-SIDE ALL EXCUSE,

WE SIN-NERS OF - FER TO THEE, AS TO OUR MAS-TER, THIS SUP - PLI - CA - TION:

HAVE MER - CY ON US!

GLO - RY TO THE FATH - ER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HO - LY SPI - RIT.

O LORD WHO OF OLD DIDST O - VER - COME THE HEA - THEN PROUD

OF BA - BY-LON, DE - LIV - ER US FROM THY RIGHT-EOUS CHAS - TISE - MENT.

SPARE THY SIN - FUL PEO - PLE, PUR - CHASED BY THY BLOOD.

GIVE US NOT O - VER TO PER - DI - TION FOR THE WORK OF OUR HANDS;

FOR WE KNOW NO OTH - ER THAN THEE, BUT CRY OUT TO THOSE WHO

ARE PER - ISH - ING, "I AM WITH YOU, AND NO ONE WILL BE A-GAINST YOU!"

NOW AND E - VER AND UN - TO A - GES OF A - GES. A - MEN.

O BLES-SED THE - O - TO - KOS, O - PEN THE DOORS OF COM - PAS - SION TO US,

WHOSE HOPE IS IN THEE, THAT WE MAY NOT PER - - - ISH

BUT BE DE - LIV - ERED FROM AD - VER - SI - TY THROUGH THEE,
WHO ART THE SAL - VA - TION OF ALL CHRIST - IAN PEO - - - PLE.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The prokeimenon in the 1st tone. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.

Choir:

LET THY MER - CY, O LORD, BE UP - ON US,
AS WE HAVE SET OUR HOPE ON THEE.

Reader: O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto Thee.

Choir repeats prokeimenon.

Reader: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

Choir completes prokeimenon.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: **B**rethren, we know that all creation groans and travails in pain until now. And not only creation, but we ourselves who have the first fruits of the Spirit groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. For in hope were we saved. But hope that is seen is not hope. For how can a man hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with unutterable groanings. And He who searches the hearts knows what the Spirit desires, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

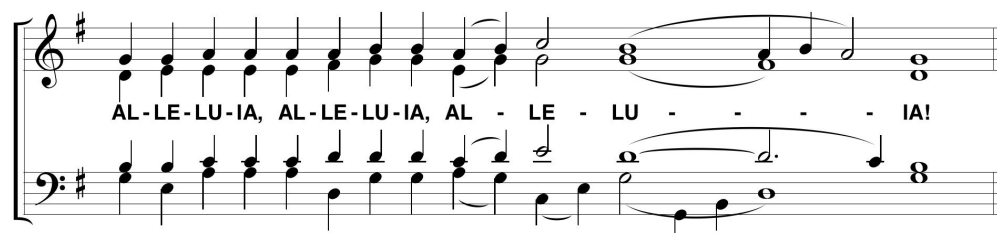
Priest: Peace be unto thee who readest!

Reader: And to thy spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: In the 4th tone: Alleluia!

Choir:



Reader: God be bountiful to us and bless us,

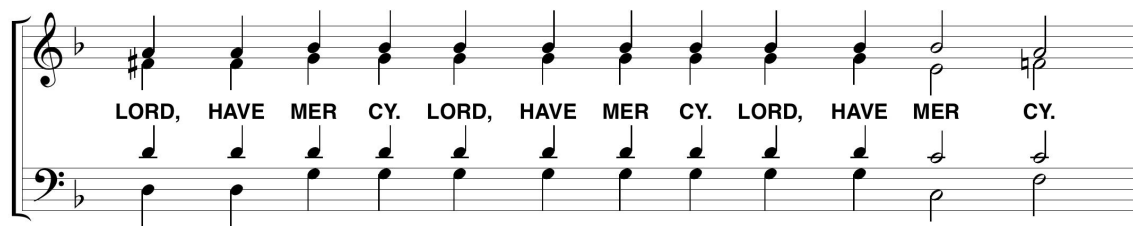
Choir sings alleluia 3 times.

Reader: Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

Choir sings alleluia 3 times.

Deacon: And that He may vouchsafe unto us to hear the holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

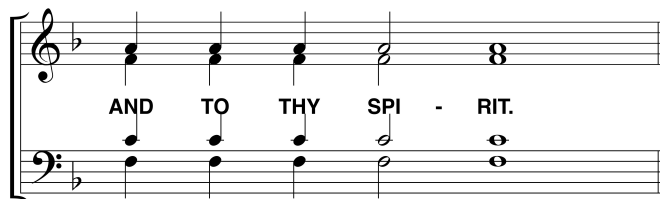
Choir:



Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

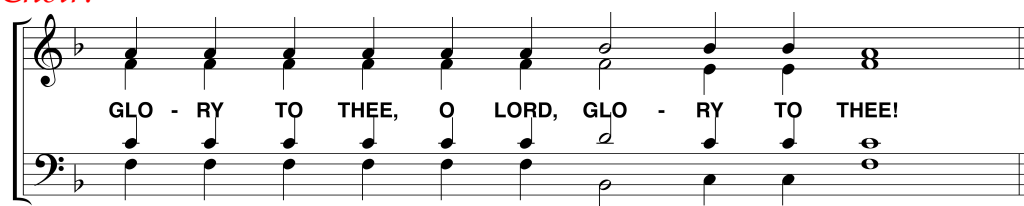
Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir:



Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Choir:



Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: The Lord said to His disciples, "As the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wherever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Now learn a parable from the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and puts forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the head of the household had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken to. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed *is* that serv-

ant, whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delays his coming; And shall begin to abuse his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looks not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Choir:



Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God according to Thy great goodness, we beseech Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir:



Deacon: Again we pray for our Metropolitan N., for our Bishop N., for priests, deacons and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray for the President of this country, for all civil authorities and for our armed forces everywhere.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray Thee, O Lord, Creator of the earth and all its fullness, to receive our penitence and in due time send rain and seasonable weather upon the earth, calm the elements, that creation may not be troubled nor suffer for our sinful neglect, we entreat Thee, harken in Thy compassion and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray Thee, O Lord, who dost oppose the works of the proud, do Thou reform the works of our hands that misfortune and affliction be not visited back upon us and bring us to ruin, but look upon our humility and send down grace and peace, we entreat Thee, harken in Thy compassion and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray Thee, O Lord, let not Thy creation suffer for the sake of our intemperance and lawlessness, but let it be preserved unharmed from all adverse insidiousness, we entreat Thee, harken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray that Thou remember not the transgressions and wrongs of Thy people and turn away from us Thine anger, justly stirred up against us, not permitting the ruin of this world through famine, drought and other misfortunes, but preserving the same. And spare us, we entreat

Thee, harken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

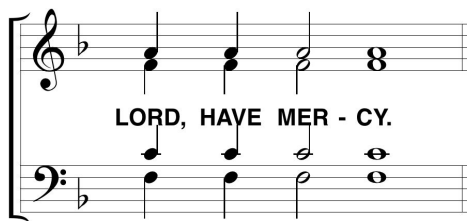
Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and be gracious, be gracious, O Master, unto us sinners and have mercy on us. For Thou art a merciful God who lovest mankind, and to Thee do we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir:



Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir:



Priest: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth with all their majesty, who hast illumined the day with the light of the sun and brightened the night with fiery lightnings, Maker of all creatures, who out of the earth created man, who fell and betrayed Thee, and who

created him anew by the Precious Blood of Thine Only-Begotten Son!

O Maker and Creator of all things, who hast on their waters laid the beams of Thy pavilion, who hast filled all the earth with manifold species of trees and animals and gavest it life, so that all creation might give thanks to Thee, the skillful and sublime Artisan, Thou art He who didst create man after Thine own image and likeness, placing him in this world to cultivate and preserve it.

Words cannot convey our gratitude for such an undeserved gift. We praise Thee for the beauty that delights us in all places. We revere Thee for the fecundity of creation, which has spewed forth life and goodness for millions of years. We thank Thee for the many ways in which the natural world sustains and nourishes us in body and spirit. We bow in humility as part of the display of Thy glory. Our hearts overflow with love for Thee, revealed in the wonder of creation.

Turn not away Thy face even now, O Lord who lovest mankind, seeing Thy world spoiled by our transgressions and passions. Look down from Heaven, O God, and see that the earth is grieving. Trees and plants are vanishing, wild animals; cattle and birds of the air are perishing because of the desecration of those living here. For this cause we fall down in repentance and cry out to Thee, that Thou permit not Thy world to be destroyed and us with our transgressions, but grant conversion to the foolish sons of men and salvation for them and for creation subject to them.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who didst wash away the sins of mankind through the flood in Noah's time. Grant us a flood of tears and repentance to turn from our greed and wrongs, and preserve Thine inheritance.

We entreat Thee, O all-merciful God, have mercy on us, fill our hearts with the light of Thy wisdom and accept our repentance, that we may cultivate Thy world in restoring the integrity of creation to the benefit of our souls and bodies and to the glory of Thy most holy Name, for unto Thee is due all glory, honor and worship to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir:



Deacon: Wisdom!

Priest: Most holy Theotokos, save us!

Choir:



GAV-EST BIRTH TO GOD THE WORD, TRUE THE-O - TO-KOS WE MAG - NI - FY THEE.

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

Choir:

GLO - RY TO THE FA - THER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HO - LY SPI - RIT,
NOW AND E - VER AND UN - TO A - GES OF A - GES. A - MEN.
LORD, HAVE MER-CY. LORD, HAVE MER-CY. LORD, HAVE MER - CY. MAS - TER, BLESS.

Priest: May Christ our true God through the prayers of the most pure Theotokos, of Saint(s) N., and of all the saints, have mercy upon us and save us forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

Deacon: Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health and safety, and furtherance in all things to Thy servant(s) N., and preserve them for many years.

Choir: Many years!

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GOD GRANT THEM MA - NY YEARS! GOD GRANT THEM MA - NY YEARS!

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