

THE ORDER FOR READER VESPERS
WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2020

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1st c.). Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus (4th c.). Ven. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia (4th c.).

THE SERVICE TAKES PLACE IN FRONT OF OUR ICON CORNER

EVERYONE: O, God cleanse me a sinner and have mercy on me! (3x)

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

READER: Amen. O, Heavenly King, the Comforter the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life. Come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One!

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3 times)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy Name's sake.

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

EVERYONE: 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.

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

READER: Amen. Lord have mercy (12x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God, Our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, Our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God! Come, Let us worship and fall down before Him!

THE PSALM OF CREATION (Psalm 104/103 LXX)

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, thou art very great! Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, who covers thyself with light as with a garment, who hast stretched out the heavens like a tent, who hast laid the beams of thy chambers on the waters, who makes the clouds thy chariot, who rides on the wings of the wind, who makes the winds thy messengers, fire and flame thy ministers. Thou didst set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be shaken. Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the sound of thy thunder they took to flight.

The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which thou didst appoint for them. Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. Thou makest springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. By them the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

From thy lofty abode thou waterest the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy work. Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and fodder for the animals that serve man, That he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart. The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers.

Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they get them away and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan which thou didst form to sport in it. These all look to thee, to give them their food in due season. When thou givest to them, they gather it up; when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good things. When thou hidest thy face, they are dismayed; when thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! The sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness and it is night. O Lord how manifold are thy works, in wisdom hast thou made them all!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee, O God! (3x)

THE GREAT LITANY is not said in the absence of a Priest or Deacon.

The reader continues:

READER: Lord have mercy (12x)

Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

EVERYONE: Amen. Followed by: 'Blessed is the Man...'

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in Him with trembling. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Arise, O Lord, save me O my God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to The Lord. Thy blessing be upon Thy people. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Glory to Thee, O God! (3x)

**THE LITTLE LITANY is not said in the
absence of a Priest or Deacon. The reader continues:**

READER: Lord have mercy (3x)

Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

CHOIR: Amen. Followed by: "Lord, I call upon Thee..." (Tone 2)

"Lord I Call..." Tone 2

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice
of my prayer, when I call upon Thee!// Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice!// Hear me, O Lord!

Reader: (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!*

Come, let us worship the Word of God begotten of the Father before all ages,

and incarnate of the Virgin Mary! Having endured the Cross,

He was buried as He Himself desired.// And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

Reader: (9) *The righteous will surround me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*
Christ our Savior nailed to the Cross the bond against us,
He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//
We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

Reader: (8) *Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*
With the Archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!
He is our Savior, our Redeemer. He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power// to judge the world which He made.

Reader: (7) *Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*
The Angel proclaimed Thee, the crucified and buried Master.
He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay! He is risen as He said,
for He is almighty." We worship Thee, O only immortal One.//
Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

Reader: (6) *If Thou, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*
What shall we call thee, O Apostle? Heaven, for thou hast made an account of the glory of God for us?
Lightning, for thou hast illumined the world with radiance?
A cloud, for thou rainest down in a torrent the knowledge of God? A chalice pouring the rich wine of
wisdom to gladden our hearts?// Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

Reader: (5) *For Thy name's sake I have waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*
How shall we address thee, O chosen of God? Golden ark of the covenant that Christ laid down? River
flowing forth to us from Paradise? Beacon made radiant by spiritual light? Lamp that enlightens the
Church? Bread of life, divine table, cup of spiritual drink?// Pray to the Lord that He may save our
souls!

Reader: (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord!*
What shall we call thee, O God-inspired speaker? A faithful steward of the mysteries of Christ? A
servant of the divine tent not made with human hands,
perfected in the fullness of time by the Builder of wisdom? He entrusted to thee the new Law of grace,
inscribed in Zion on tablets hewn from the rock of love.//
O faithful witness, pray to Him that our souls may be saved!

Reader: (3) *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

What shall we call thee, O glorious one? Treasury of heavenly gifts?

Steadfast physician of our souls and bodies? Fellow-laborer of Paul and his companion in travel and hardship, who set down the Acts of the Apostles?

O Luke, thine exceeding goodness has won thee many names.// Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

Reader: (2) *Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

How shall I address thee, O divinely-speaking one, for thou didst bring us the good tidings of Christ?

Doctor, for thou dost cure the passions of souls?

Candlestick shining with a light of the intellect? Base and foundation of the Faith,

for thou didst write down for us the most sacred Gospel?//

Pray that our souls may be saved!

Reader: (1) *For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

What shall I now call thee, O wondrous one? Trustworthy witness of the teachings of wisdom? Able recorder of the Apostles' teaching?

Unshakeable pillar of piety? Indestructible rampart of the Church?

Many are thy strengths, and greater in number are thy spiritual gifts.//

Pray that our souls may be saved!

Reader: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

O Apostle of Christ, compiler of divine dogmas and foundation of the Church,

thou wast the attendant and imitator of Paul, the chosen vessel. By wisdom thou hast rescued us from the turmoil of ignorance, for our hearts were in the depths of destruction. Therefore we beseech thee:

"Most admirable Luke, thou pride of Antioch, pray to our Savior and God// for those who celebrate thy most honorable memory in faith!"

Reader: *Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came; as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed, so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.

The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame.//

Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

CHOIR: O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, Father heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit God. For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise, O Son of God and Giver of life; therefore all the world glorifies Thee.

THE EVENING PROKEIMENON

READER: The evening prokeimenon is in the sixth tone: The Lord is King! He is robed in Majesty!

CHOIR: The Lord is King! He is robed in Majesty!

READER: The Lord is robed, He is girded with strength!

CHOIR: The Lord is King! He is robed in Majesty!

READER: For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved!

CHOIR: The Lord is King! He is robed in Majesty!

READER: Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

CHOIR: The Lord is King! He is robed in Majesty!

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CHOIR: He is robed in Majesty!

**THE LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION is not said
in the absence of a Priest or Deacon. The reader continues:**

READER: Lord have mercy (*12x*)

Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

CHOIR: Amen.

READER: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name for ever.
Amen.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes.

Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy commandments.

Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy precepts.

Thy mercy endures forever, O Lord! Do not despise the works of Thy hands!

To Thee belongs worship, to Thee belongs praise, to Thee belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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CHOIR: Amen.

Followed by the Aposticha.

Aposticha - Resurrection Tone 2

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, has enlightened the whole universe,
recalling Thy creation.// Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By the Tree Thou didst destroy the curse of the Tree, O Savior. By Thy burial Thou didst mortify the
majesty of death. Thou hast enlightened our race by Thy Resurrection.// O Giver of life, Christ our
God, glory to Thee!

v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

When Thou wast seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ, Thou didst restore the beauty of Thy creatures. The
soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Thy side with a spear. The Hebrews, not
knowing Thy power,
asked that Thy tomb might be sealed, but through the mercy of Thy compassion,
Thou didst accept the tomb and didst rise on the third day!//
O Lord, glory to Thee!

v. Holiness befitteeth Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

O Christ, the Giver of life, for the sake of the dead Thou didst voluntarily endure death, descending
into hell as the Mighty One to save those who awaited Thy coming, granting them the life of paradise
instead of hell. Grant also to us who glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day// cleansing of our sins
and great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

All-wise Apostle, faithful laborer of the Savior, witness of the triumph of His Passion, thou hast completed the race, thou hast kept the faith, harvesting the peoples from the darkness of error, offering us as a sweet-smelling oblation to the heavenly King. Now as thou dost stand before the Judge of all, pray that He may rescue us from our sins and deliver us from eternal death, // when He comes in glory on the Day of Judgment!

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord, was born of thee, O most pure Virgin.
By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse. Unceasingly we magnify thee as the Mother of God! Rejoice, O celestial Joy!
Rejoice, O Lady: // the protection, intercession and salvation of our souls!

After which is sung The Prayer of St. Simeon: 'Lord, now lettest...'

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

READER: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3 times)

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READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

CHOIR: Amen.

Troparion for The Resurrection – Tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Troparion for The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke - Tone 5

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles; for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ. He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities. He heals the wounds of our souls, // and constantly intercedes for our salvation.

Now and Ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Troparion for The Theotokos - Tone 4

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, //
for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

READER: More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond than the Seraphim, without defilement, You gave birth to God the Word, True Theotokos, we magnify You.

CHOIR: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Lord, Bless!

READER: May Christ our True God, through the Prayers of our Holy Fathers, through the Prayers of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, by the Power of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross, through the protection of the Bodiless Powers of Heaven, through the prayers of Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, through the prayers of the holy glorious and all-laudable Apostles, through the Prayers of all the North American Saints, through the prayers of _____ the patron of this Holy Temple, through the prayers of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke whom we commemorate today, of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us.

(The faithful now come up and venerate the Precious Cross and Icons in our Icon Corner.)

READER: Through the Prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

CHOIR: Amen. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.