

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

{Matins for Good Friday Celebrated on Holy Thursday Night}

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020

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: 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.

THE PSALMS

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men. (3x)

O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. (2x)

Psalm 38

O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath. For Thine arrows are fastened in me, and Thou hast laid Thy hand heavily upon me. There is no healing in my flesh in the face of Thy wrath; and there is no peace in my bones in the face of my sins. For mine iniquities are risen higher than my head; as a heavy burden have they pressed heavily upon me. My bruises are become noisome and corrupt in the face of my folly. I have been wretched and utterly bowed down until the end; all the day long I went with downcast face. For my loins are filled with mockings, and there is no healing in my flesh. I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly, I have roared from the groaning of my heart. O Lord, before Thee is all my desire, and my groaning is not hid from Thee. My heart is troubled, my strength hath failed me; and the light of mine eyes, even this is not with me. My friends and my neighbors drew nigh over against me and stood, and my nearest of kin stood afar off. And they that sought after my soul used violence; and they that sought evils for me spake vain things, and craftinesses all the day long did they meditate. But as for me, like a deaf man I heard them not, and was as a speechless man that openeth not his mouth. And I became as a man that heareth not, and that hath in his mouth no reproofs. For in Thee have I hoped, O Lord; Thou wilt hearken unto me, O Lord my God. For I said: Let never mine enemies rejoice over me; yea, when my feet were shaken, those men spake boastful words against me. For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare mine iniquity, and I will take heed concerning my sin. But mine enemies live and are made stronger than I, and they that hated me unjustly are multiplied. They that render me evil for good slandered me, because I pursued goodness. Forsake me not, O Lord my God, depart not from me. Be attentive unto my help, O Lord of my salvation. Forsake me not, O Lord my God, depart not from me. Be attentive unto my help, O Lord of my salvation.

Psalm 63

O God, my God, unto Thee I rise early at dawn. My soul hath thirsted for Thee; how often hath my flesh longed after Thee in a land barren and untrodden and unwatered. So in the sanctuary have I appeared before Thee to see Thy power and Thy glory. For

Thy mercy is better than lives; my lips shall praise Thee. So shall I bless Thee in my life, and in Thy name will I lift up my hands. As with marrow and fatness let my soul be filled, and with lips of rejoicing shall my mouth praise Thee. If I remembered Thee on my bed, at the dawn I meditated on Thee. For Thou art become my helper; in the shelter of Thy wings will I rejoice. My soul hath cleaved after Thee, Thy right hand hath been quick to help me. But as for these, in vain have they sought after my soul; they shall go into the nethermost parts of the earth, they shall be surrendered unto the edge of the sword; portions for foxes shall they be. But the king shall be glad in God, everyone shall be praised that sweareth by Him; for the mouth of them is stopped that speak unjust things.

At the dawn I meditated on Thee. For Thou art become my helper; in the shelter of Thy wings will I rejoice. My soul hath cleaved after Thee, Thy right hand hath been quick to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the 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.

READER: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, in the 8th tone, My spirit rises early to seek Thee, O God, for Thy commandments are a light on the earth.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

READER: Learn Righteousness, all ye that dwell upon the earth.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

READER: Envy shall take hold of an untaught nation.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

READER: Add evils upon them, O Lord, add evils upon the Glorious Ones of the earth.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOIR: When the glorious Disciples were enlightened at the washing of the feet before the supper, then the impious Judas was darkened, ailing with avarice, and to the lawless judges he betrays Thee, the Righteous Judge. Behold, O lover of money, this man who because of money hanged himself! Flee from the greedy soul which dared such things against the Master! O Lord, Who art good towards all men, glory to Thee!

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

CHOIR: When the glorious Disciples were enlightened at the washing of the feet before the supper, then the impious Judas was darkened, ailing with avarice, and to the lawless judges he betrays Thee, the Righteous Judge. Behold, O lover of money, this man who because of money hanged himself! Flee from the greedy soul which dared such things against the Master! O Lord, Who art good towards all men, glory to Thee!

READER: Now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: When the glorious Disciples were enlightened at the washing of the feet before the supper, then the impious Judas was darkened, ailing with avarice, and to the lawless judges he betrays Thee, the Righteous Judge. Behold, O lover of money, this man who because of money hanged himself! Flee from the greedy soul which dared such things against the Master! O Lord, Who art good towards all men, glory to Thee!

**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.

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #1

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads John 13:31-18:1}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

READER: The rulers of the people have assembled// Against the Lord and His Christ A lawless charge is hurled against me// Lord, O Lord, forsake me not. Let us offer our pure senses to Christ As His friends let us sacrifice our lives for His sake. let us not be weight down by earthly cares like Judas, but let us cry in the hidden chambers of our heart// "Our Father, who art in heaven, deliver us from evil."

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #2

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads John 18:1-28}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

READER: Today Judas forsakes the Master and takes the devil as his friend He is blinded by the passion of avarice. Darkened he falls from light. He sold the sun for thirty pieces of silver How, then, is he able to see? But He who suffers for the world has risen as the dawn for us. To him let us cry aloud// O Thou who suffers for us and with us, Glory to Thee!

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #3

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads Matthew 26:57-75}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

READER: While permitting the transgressors to arrest Thee, Thou did cry out to them, O Lord "Though you smite the Shepherd and scatter the twelve sheep my disciples, I am able to surround Myself with more than thirty legions of angels but I forebear so that the secret and hidden things might be fulfilled which were revealed to you by My prophets." // O Lord, Glory to Thee. Denying Thee for the third time Peter at once recalled Thy words to him, but he offered Thee tears of repentance // O God have mercy on me and save me!

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #4

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads John 18:28 -19:16}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

READER: He who clothes Himself with light as with a garment stood naked for trial He was struck on the cheek by hands that He Himself had formed A people that transgressed the law nailed the Lord of glory to the Cross. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then the sun was darkened unable to bear the sight of God outraged before Whom all things tremble // let us worship Him. The disciple denied Him but the thief cried out // "Remember me O Lord, in Thy Kingdom!"

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #5

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads Matthew 27:3-32}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

READER: The crowd of the Jews O Lord asked Pilate to crucify Thee and though they found no guilt in Thee They freed Barabbas, who indeed was guilty they condemned Thee, the Righteous One and made the charge of murder their inheritance but give them their retribution, O Lord//for they plotted against Thee in vain. To Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God who makes all things fear and tremble who all tongues praise, the priests gave gall and slapped yet He consented to suffer all things desiring to save us from our transgressions by His blood//For He loves mankind.

Today He who hung the earth upon the waters is hung on the Tree The King of angels is decked with a crown of thorns. He who wraps the heavens in clouds is wrapped in a purple of mockery He who freed Adam in the Jordan is slapped on the face. Bridegroom of the church is affixed to the Cross with nails. The son of the Virgin is pierced by a spear We worship Thy Passion, O Christ We worship Thy Passion, O Christ We worship Thy Passion, O Christ//Show us also Thy glorious resurrection.

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #6

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads Mark 15:16-32}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

The Beatitudes

READER: In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

READER: Through a tree Adam lost his home in Paradise, but through the tree of the Cross the thief came there to dwell. By tasting of the fruit, the first broke the Creator's commandment, but He who was crucified with Thee confessed Thee, the hidden God. Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

READER: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

READER: Lawless men bought the Creator of the law from a disciple and brought Him before the judgment seat of Pilate as a transgressor. Though He had given them manna in the wilderness, they cried out : Crucify Him! But we, imitating the righteous thief, cry out in faith: Remember us also,, O Savior in Thy kingdom!

READER: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

READER: The swarm of those who would kill God, the lawless nation of the Jews, cried out in fury to Pilate: Crucify Him! Christ, the innocent one. And they sought instead the release of Barabbas. But with the wise thief we lift up our voices: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

READER: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

READER: Thy life-bearing side, O Christ, a fountain flows forth as from Eden, giving drink to Thy Church as to a living paradise. From there it divided to become the four rivers of the Gospels, watering the world, gladdening creation, and teaching the nations to worship Thy kingdom in faith.

READER: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

READER: Thou was crucified for my sake, in order to pour forth forgiveness for me. Thy side was pierced so that streams of life might flow for me. Thy hands were transfixed by nails so that, convinced of the height of Thy power by the depth of Thy sufferings, I might cry out to Thee, O Christ, Thou giver of life. Glory to Thy cross and to Thy Passion, O Savior!

READER: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

READER: When it beheld Thee crucified, O Christ, all creation trembled. The foundations of the earth shook for fear of Thy might. The lights of heaven hid themselves, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. The mountains quaked, and the rocks were split, and with us the believing thief cried out to Thee, O Savior: remember me in Thy kingdom!

READER: Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

READER: On the cross Thou did destroy the legal bond against us, O Lord. Thou was reckoned with the dead and there did bind the tyrant, delivering all from the bonds of death by Thy resurrection. By it we have been illumined, O Lord who loves mankind, and we cry out to Thee: O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

READER: Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

READER: Thou was lifted up upon the cross, O Lord. Thou did destroy the power of death, and as God Thou did cancel the legal bond against us. Grant the repentance of the thief also unto us who worship Thee in faith. O only lover of mankind, and who cry out to Thee, O Christ our God: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

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

READER: Let us the faithful, all pray that with one voice we may worthily glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: One God existing in three persons yet remaining unconfused, simple, undivided, and unapproachable: by Whom we escape the flames of punishment.

READER: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

READER: We offer to Thee as an intercessor, O Christ, Thy mother who bore Thee in the flesh without seed, the true virgin who after giving birth remained incorrupt.

Through her intercessions, O most merciful Master, grant forgiveness of sins to us who cry unceasingly: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

READER: The crowd of the Jews O Lord asked Pilate to crucify Thee and though they found no guilt in Thee They freed Barabbas, who indeed was guilty they condemned Thee, the Righteous One and made the charge of murder their inheritance but give them their retribution, O Lord//for they plotted against Thee in vain. To Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God who makes all things fear and tremble who all tongues praise, the priests gave gall and slapped yet He consented to suffer all things desiring to save us from our transgressions by His blood//For He loves mankind.

The Prokeimenon

READER: The prokeimenon in the 4thTone: They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.

Choir: They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.

READER: My God, my God, look upon me. Why hast Thou forsaken me?

Choir: They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.

READER: They divide my garments among them

Choir: And for my raiment they cast lots.

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #7

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads Matthew 27:33-54}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

PSALM 51

READER: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was brought forth in iniquities, and in sins did my mother conceive me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made manifest unto me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For Thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a brunt offering, Thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou will not despise. Do good to Zion in Thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then wilt Thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole brunt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Thy altar.

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #8

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads Luke 23:32-49}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

THE CANON OF GOOD FRIDAY

ODE FIVE

Irmos (Choir)

Early will I seek Thee, O Word of God, / who without change didst empty Thyself in Thy compassion for fallen man, / who without suffering didst bow down to suffering. // Grant peace to me, O Thou who lovest mankind.

READER: Glory to Thee, our God, Glory to Thee.

READER: With their feet washed, and themselves purified by their participation in the Divine Mystery. Thy servants, O Christ, now ascend from Zion to great Mount of Olives, praising Thee, who loves mankind.

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

READER: Thou did say: "See that you are not alarmed, O friends. For the hour is now at hand for me to be seized and slain at the hands of lawless men. All of you will be scattered, forsaking me. But I shall gather you to proclaim me, who loves mankind.

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.

READER: Come let us all sing the praises of Him who was crucified for us, / for Mary said when she beheld Him upon the tree: // "Though Thou dost endure the cross, Thou art my Son and my God."

Ikos

Beholding her own lamb led to the slaughter, Mary followed with the other women, in distress and crying out: "Where goest Thou, my child? Why dost Thou run so swift a course? Surely there is not another wedding in Cana to which Thou now dost hasten to change water into wine? Shall I come with Thee, my child, or shall I wait for Thee? Give me a word, O Thou who art the Word. Do not pass me by in silence, O Thou who didst keep me pure, for Thou art my Son and my God"

ODE EIGHT

Irmos (Choir)

The godly youths exposed a monument of godless wickedness, / but the lawless assembly is enraged and takes vain counsel against Christ. / They plan to kill Him who holds life in the palm of His hand, // Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.

READER: Glory to Thee, our God, Glory to Thee.

READER: "O my disciples, now shake off sleep from you eyelids," said Christ. "Keep watch in prayer, that you may not fall into temptation: and I speak particularly to Simon, since the test is greatest for the strongest. O Peter, acknowledge me, whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

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

READER: You have not sought out the depths of divine wisdom and knowledge, " said the Lord. "You have not comprehended the abyss of my judgments, O man. Do not boast, for you are flesh, and three times will you deny me, whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

ODE NINE

Irmos (Choir)

We praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him throughout all ages.

More honorable than the cherubim, / and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, / without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; // true Theotokos we magnify you.

READER: Glory to Thee, our God, Glory to Thee.

READER: A destructive band of God-forsaken, wicked murderers of God, the Synagogue, attacked Thee, O Christ, and dragged Thee away as an evil-doer. The Creator of all, whom we magnify.

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

READER: Like a pack of dogs they surrounded Thee, O King, smiting Thee on the cheek with their hands. They questioned Thee and bore false witness against Thee, yet by enduring all things Thou hast saved all.

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.

THE EXAPOSTEILARION

CHOIR: The wise thief didst Thou make worthy of paradise in a single moment, O Lord: by the wood of Thy Cross, illumine me as well, and save me.

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

CHOIR: The wise thief didst Thou make worthy of paradise in a single moment, O Lord: by the wood of Thy Cross, illumine me as well, and save me.

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #9

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads John 19:25-37}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

THE PRAISES

Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness! Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

Every member of Thy holy flesh endured dishonor for us. Thy head the thorns, Thy face the spitting, Thy cheeks the buffeting, Thy mouth the taste of vinegar mingled with gall. Thine ears the impious blasphemies, Thy back the scourge, Thy hand the reed, Thy whole body extended upon the Cross Thy joints the nails, thy side the spear. By Thy sufferings Thou hast set us free from suffering. In Thy love for man Thou did stoop down to raise us up//O Almighty Savior, have mercy on us.

Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

They have stripped me of my garment sand clothed me in a scarlet robe. They have set upon my head a crown of thorns and have given me a reed in my right hand//That I might dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

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

I gave my back to scourgings. I did not turn my face from spittings I stood before the judgment seat of Pilate. And endured the Cross//For the salvation of the world.

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #10

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads Mark 15:43-47}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

READER: Glory to Thee Who hast shown forth the light.

THE SMALL DOXOLOGY

READER: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will among men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever, yea, forever and ever.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge in generation and generation. I said: O Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. O Lord, unto Thee have I fled for refuge, teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For in Thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light. O continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.. Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy statutes. O Lord, Thy mercy endureth forever; disdain not the works of Thy hands. To Thee is due praise, to Thee is due a song, to Thee glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE MORNING 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.

CHOIR: Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #11

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads John 19:38-42}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

THE APOSTIKHA

CHOIR:

All creation was changed by fear when it saw Thee hanging upon the Cross, O Christ the sun was darkened and the foundations of the earth were shaken all things suffered with the Creator of all//O Lord who did willingly endure this for us, glory to Thee.

They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment, they cast lots.

An impious and transgressing people why do they imagine vain things? Why do they condemn to death the Life of all? O Great Wonder! The Creator of the world is betrayed into the hands of lawless men. He Who loves mankind is lifted upon the Wood That He might free those bound in Hell who cry//O long-suffering Lord glory to Thee!

They gave me gall for food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Today the blameless Virgin saw Thee suspended upon the Cross, O Word She mourned within herself and was sorely pierced in her heart She groaned in agony from the depth of her soul Exhausted from tearing her hair and cheeks and beating her breasts she cried out lamenting "Woe is me, O my Divine Child! Woe is me, O Light of the World! Why has Thou departed from mine eyes, O Lamb of God?" Then the bodiless hosts were seized with trembling and cried//O incomprehensible Lord glory to Thee.

God is our King before the ages, He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

When she who bore Thee without seed saw Thee suspended upon the Tree O Christ, the Creator and God of all. She cried bitterly "Where is the beauty of Thy form O my Son?" I cannot bear to see Thee unjustly crucified Hasten and arise//That I may see Thy resurrection from the dead on the third day.

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

When Thou did ascend the Cross, O Lord fear and trembling fell upon Creation.

Yet Thou did forbid the earth to swallow up those who crucified Thee and Thou did command Hell to send up its captives for the regeneration of the mortals O Judge of the living and the dead Thou has come to grant life not death//O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee

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

Now the unjust judges dip the pen of judgment. Jesus is tried and sentenced to the Cross All Creation suffers as it beholds the Lord on the Cross//O Good Lord, Who in Thy human nature did suffer for me, glory to Thee.

THE GOSPEL LESSON - #12

READER: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

EVERYONE: Lord have mercy (3x)

READER: Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

READER: Let us Attend! {Reads Matthew 27:62-66}

EVERYONE: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

READER: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy Name,

O Most-High: To tell of Thy Mercy in the morning and of Thy truth by night.

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.

CHOIR: By Thy precious blood, Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the law. By being nailed to the cross, and pierced by a spear, Thou hast poured forth immortality for man, O our Savior. Glory to Thee!

**THE TRIPLE 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.

CHOIR: Amen.

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 He who endured spitting and scourging, the cross and death, for the salvation of the world, Christ our true God, through the prayers of his most-pure Mother; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy upon us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind!

(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.