

*The curtain is opened. The holy doors are not opened. The priest vests only in epitrichilion. If a deacon serves, he vests in sticharion and orarion. The deacon (or priest) stands before the closed holy doors.*

**Deacon:** Reverend Father, give the blessing.

**Priest:** + Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and forever.

**Response:** Amen.

*If a priest is not present:*

**Leader:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**Response:** Amen.

Glory to you, our God,  
glory to you!

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,  
everywhere present and filling all things.  
Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life,  
come and dwell within us,  
cleanse us of all stain,  
and save our souls, O gracious One.

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*From Pascha until Pentecost, "Glory to you..." and "Heavenly King..." are not said.  
From Pascha until Ascension, the following Paschal Troparion is sung three times, first by the priest, then twice by all:*

Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death;

and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life.

## Trisagion Prayers

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,  
have mercy on us. (*three times*)

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

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us;

Lord, cleanse us of our sins;

Master, forgive our transgressions;

Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities  
for your 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 forever. Amen.

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 thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the  
glory, Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit, now and  
ever and forever.

**Response:** Amen.

*If a priest is not present:*

**Leader:** Through the prayers of our  
holy fathers, O Lord Jesus  
Christ, our God, have mercy  
on us.

**Response:** Amen.

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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (*twice*)

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

### Call to Worship

*each time with a bow:*

Come, let us worship our King and God.

Come, let us worship Christ, our King and God.

Come, let us worship and bow before the only Lord Jesus Christ,  
the King and our God.

### Psalm 142

Lord, listen to my prayer; turn your ear to my appeal.

You are faithful, you are just; give answer.

Do not call your servant to judgment  
for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me dwell in darkness  
like the dead, long forgotten.

Therefore my spirit fails;  
my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past:  
I ponder all your works.

I muse on what your hand has wrought  
and to you I stretch out my hands.

Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and answer; for my spirit fails within me.

Do not hide your face  
lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning let me know your love  
for I put my trust in you.

Make me know the way I should walk:  
to you I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies;  
I have fled to you for refuge.

Teach me to do your will  
for you, O Lord, are my God.

Let your good spirit guide me  
in ways that are level and smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life;  
in your justice save my soul from distress.

In your love make an end of my foes; destroy all those who oppress me  
for I am your servant, O Lord.

*and again:*

You are faithful, you are just; give answer.  
Do not call your servant to judgment

You are faithful, you are just; give answer.  
Do not call your servant to judgment

Let your good spirit guide me  
in ways that are level and smooth.

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

*Three times, each with a reverence:*

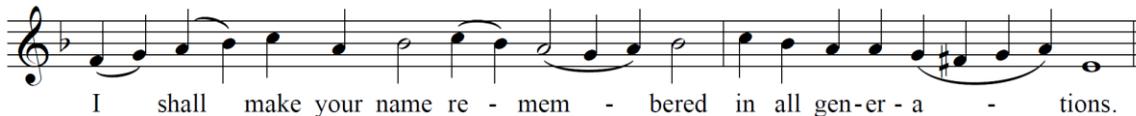
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory to you, O God!



**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!  
**Priest:** +Peace be to all!  
**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*If no priest is present, these exclamations and blessing are omitted*

**Prokeimenon -Tone 4:** (Ps 44:18.11)



I shall make your name re - mem - bered in all gen - er - a - tions.

**Deacon:** Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. *All repeat the Prokeimenon.*

*The deacon (or priest, if no deacon is present), chants the verse of the Prokeimenon.*

*If neither a deacon nor a priest is present, the leader chants the verse of the Prokeimenon.*

**Deacon:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For you are holy, O our God, and you dwell in the holy place, and to you we give glory, +Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

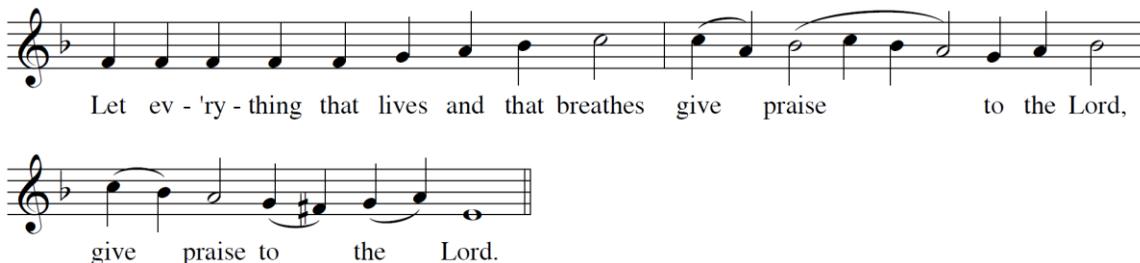
**Response:** Amen.

*If no priest is present, this petition and doxology are omitted. There is no incensation, and the leader chants the verses at "Let everything that lives...."*

*The deacon incenses the holy gospel by incensing the holy table once on all four sides, then the faithful, and again the front of the holy table. Meanwhile, he chants:*

**Deacon:** Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord!

**Response:**



Let ev - 'ry - thing that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord,  
give praise to the Lord.

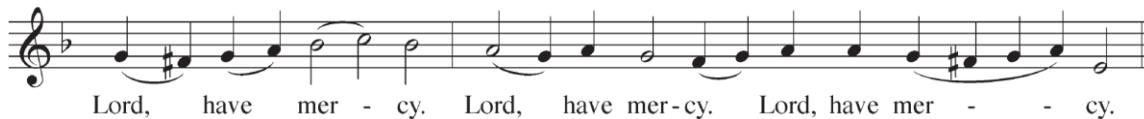
**Deacon:** Praise God in his holy place; praise him in his mighty heavens.

**Response:** *All repeat "Let everything that lives..."*

**Deacon:** That we may be deemed worthy of hearing the holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord, our God.

*If no priest is present, this petition and its response are omitted.*

**Response:**



**Deacon:** Wisdom! Let us stand and listen to the Holy Gospel.

*If no priest is present, this exclamation, blessing, and its response are omitted.*

**Priest:** Peace + be to all!

**Response:**



**Priest:** A reading of the Holy Gospel  
**or Leader:** according to the holy apostle and evangelist (*Name*).

*If no priest is present, the leader says this in the nave facing east or facing the icon corner.*

**Response:**



**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

*If no priest is present, this exclamation is omitted.*

*If a priest is present, he always reads the Gospel, even when a deacon is present.*

*If no priest is present, the leader reads the Gospel in a normal speaking voice*

*The Gospel is Luke 1:24-38 (Annunciation); or Luke 1:39-49, 56 (Common at Matins for the Theotokos); or Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 (Common at Liturgy for the Theotokos); or John 2:1-11 (Monday of Thomas Week).*

*After the Gospel:*





*The priest and deacon leave the altar. The priest stands before the Royal Doors, the deacon before the Icon of our Lord.*

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

**Response:** Lord, have mercy. *(three times)*

*The deacon continues with the following petitions and the same response is given to each.*

*If a priest is not present, the people do not sing the Litany. Instead, they sing:*

Lord, have mercy. *(twelve times)*

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

Again we pray to the Lord our God, that he may hear the prayer of us sinners, and have mercy on his servants, and protect them from every trial and distress, trouble and sorrow, and from every spiritual and physical pain, bestowing on them health and a long life, we all pray: quickly hear us and have mercy. **R.**

Again we pray for the protection of this city (or: this place), and this holy church, and every city and countryside, from famine and pestilence, earthquake and flood, fire and sword, foreign invasion and civil unrest: that our loving and good God may be gentle, merciful and placable, and that he may avert from us all threatening danger and save us from his just anger that hangs over us, and that he may have mercy on us. **R.**

Again we pray that the Lord our God may hear the prayer of us sinners, and have mercy on us. **R.**

**Priest:** Hear us, O God our Savior, hope of all bounds of the earth and those far away at sea. In your goodness be merciful to us sinners, O Master. For you are a merciful God and you love us all, and we glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

**Response:** Amen.

*If a priest is not present:*

**Leader:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

**Response:** Amen.

*If a priest is not present, Paraklesis ends here*

## Dismissal

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Response:** More honorable than the Cherubim,  
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,  
who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word,  
you, truly the Theotokos, we magnify.

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*Throughout Pascha, the following is sung in place of "More honorable..."*

Shine in splendor, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. O Zion, now dance and be glad, and you, pure Theotokos, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son.

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**Priest:** Glory to you, O Christ God, our hope; glory to you!

**Response:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever, and forever. Amen.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Give the blessing.

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*Throughout Pascha, the following is sung in place of "Glory to the Father... Give the blessing."*

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death;  
and to those in the tombs he granted life.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Give the blessing.

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