

THE SACRAMENTS OF HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY CHRISMATION

(prepare font, hose, floor covering, towels, PR towel, table, candelabra, censer)

Prayers at the Reception of Catechumens

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.



Lord have mer - cy.

Priest: In thy name, O Lord God of truth, and in the name of thine only-begotten Son and of thy Holy Spirit, I lay my hand upon thy servant, N., who hath been found worthy to flee unto thy holy name, and to take refuge under the shelter of thy wings. Remove far from him his former delusion and fill him with the faith, hope and love which are in thee; that he may know that thou art the only true God with thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and thy Holy Spirit. Enable him to walk in all thy commandments, and to fulfill those things which are well-pleasing unto thee; for if a man do those things, he shall find life in them. Inscribe him in thy Book of Life, and unite him to the flock of thine inheritance. And may thy holy name be glorified in him, together with that of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and of thy life-giving Spirit. Let thine eyes ever regard him with mercy, and let thine ears attend unto the voice of his supplication. Make him to rejoice in the works of his hands, and in all his generation; that he may render praise unto thee, may sing worship and glorify thy great and exalted name always, all the days of his life.

For all the powers of heaven praise thee, and unto thee we ascribe glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

The First Exorcism

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: The Lord layeth thee under ban, O Devil: he who came into the world, and made his abode among men, that he might overthrow thy tyranny and deliver men; who also upon the Tree did triumph over the adverse powers, when the sun was darkened, and the earth did quake, and the graves were opened, and the bodies of the saints arose; who also by death annihilated death, and overthrew him who exercised the dominion of death, that is, thee, the Devil. I adjure thee by God, who hath revealed the Tree of Life, and hath arrayed in ranks the Cherubim and the flaming sword which turneth all ways to guard it: Be thou under ban. For I adjure thee by him who walketh upon the surface of the sea as it were dry land, and layeth under his ban the tempests of the winds; whose glance drieth up the deep, and whose interdict maketh the mountains to melt away. The same now, through us, doth lay thee under ban. Fear, be gone and depart from this creature, and return not again, neither hide thyself in him, neither seek thou to meet him, nor to influence him, either by night or by day; either in the morning, or at noonday: but depart hence to thine own Tartarus, until the great Day of Judgment which is ordained. Fear thou God, who sitteth upon the Cherubim and looketh upon the deeps: before whom tremble Angels and Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, the many-eyed Cherubim and the six-winged Seraphim; before whom, likewise, heaven and earth do quake, the sea and all that therein is. Be gone, and depart from this sealed, newly-enlisted warrior of Christ our God. For I adjure thee by him who rideth upon the wings of the wind, and maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire: Be gone, and depart from this creature, with all thy powers and thine angels.

For glorified is the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

The Second Exorcism

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: God, holy, terrible and glorious, who is unsearchable and inscrutable in all his works and might, hath foreordained for thee the penalty of eternal punishment, O Devil: the same, through us, his unworthy servant, doth command thee, with all thy confederate hosts, to depart hence, from him who hath been newly sealed in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our true God. Wherefore I adjure thee, O most crafty, impure, vile, loathsome and alien spirit, by the might of Jesus Christ, who hath all power, both in heaven and on earth, and who said unto the deaf and dumb demon, Come out of the man, and in nowise enter thou a second time into him: Depart! Acknowledge the vainness of thy might, which hath not power even over swine. Call to mind him who, at thy request, commanded thee to enter into the herd of swine. Fear God, by whose decree the earth is established upon the waters; who hath made the heavens, and hath set the mountains with a line, and the valleys with a measure; and hath fixed bounds to the sands of the sea, and a firm path upon the stormy waters; who toucheth the mountains and they smoke; who clotheth himself with light as with a garment; who spreadeth out the heavens as it were a curtain; who covereth his exceeding high places with the waters; who hath made fast the earth upon its foundations, so that it shall not be moved unto ages of ages; who collecteth the water of the sea and poureth it out upon the face of the whole earth: Be gone, and depart from him who hath made himself ready for holy illumination. I adjure thee by the redeeming Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by his precious Body and Blood, and by his terrible coming again; for he shall come, and shall not tarry, to judge the whole earth; and he shall chastise thee and thy confederate host with burning Gehenna, committing thee to outer darkness, where the worm ceaseth not, and the fire is not quenched.

For of Christ our God is the dominion, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

The Third Exorcism

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord the Master; thou who in verity existeth; who hast created man in thine own likeness, and hast bestowed upon him the power of eternal life; who also despisest not those who have fallen away through sin, but hast provided salvation for the world through the incarnation of thy Christ: Do thou, the same Lord, delivering also this thy creature from the bondage of the enemy, receive him unto thy heavenly kingdom. Open the eyes of his understanding that the light of thy Gospel may shine brightly in him. Yoke unto his life a radiant Angel, who shall deliver him from every snare of the adversary, from encounter with evil, from the demon of the noonday, and from evil visions.

Repeated thrice:

Priest: Expel from him every evil and impure spirit which hideth and maketh its dwelling in his heart.

All: Amen.

Priest: The spirit of error, the spirit of guile, the spirit of idolatry and of every concupiscence; the spirit of deceit and of every uncleanness which operateth through the prompting of the Devil. And make him a reason-endowed sheep in the holy flock of thy Christ, an honorable member of thy Church, a child of the light, and an heir of thy Kingdom; that having lived in accordance with thy commandments, and preserved inviolate the seal, and kept his garment undefiled, he may receive the blessedness of the saints in thy kingdom. Through the grace and compassions and love toward mankind of thine only-begotten Son, with whom thou art blessed, together with thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

The sponsor, standing with the person who is to be baptized or holding the child who is to be baptized, faces the west (to the rear of the church), as does the priest.

Repeated thrice:

Priest: Dost thou renounce Satan, and all his angels, and all his works, and all his service, and all his pride?

Cat/Spon: I do.

Repeated thrice:

Priest: Hast thou renounced Satan?

Cat/Spon: I have.

Priest: Breathe and spit upon him.

***** Adults: further renunciations here. *****

Repeated thrice:

Priest: Dost thou unite thyself unto Christ?

Cat/Spon: I do.

Priest: Dost thou believe in him?

Cat/Spon: I believe in him as King and God.

The Creed

I believe in one God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets.

And 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.

*** Adults: further affirmations here. ***

Repeated thrice:

Priest: Hast thou united thyself unto Christ?

Cat/Spon: I have.

Cat/Spon: (*bowing*) I bow down before the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit: the Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

Priest: Blessed is God, who willeth that all men should be saved and should come to the knowledge of the truth: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

A Prayer

[Move to sanctuary], prepare censer

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Master, Lord our God, call thy servant, N., to thy holy illumination, and grant unto him that great grace of thy holy baptism. Put off from him with the power of thy Holy Spirit, in the unity of thy Christ: that he may be no more a child of the body, but a child of thy kingdom.

Through the good will and grace of thine only-begotten Son, with whom thou art blessed, together with thy most holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

(end here when service is split)

PR enters sanctuary, censer to PR, [take censer stand out]

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Apolytikion of Theophany - **Tone 1**

Repeat until censuring is complete:



When Thou, O Lord, wast bap-tized in the Jor - dan, the wor-ship of
the Tri-ni-ty was made ma - ni - fest. For the voice of the Fa -
ther bare wit - ness to Thee, and ca - lled Thee His be - lo - ved
Son. And the Spi - rit in the like - ness of a dove, con - firmed
the truth - ful - ness of His word. O Christ our God, who
hast re - vealed thy - self and hast en - light - ened the world, glo - ry to Thee.

Take censer from PR

Deacon: Bless, father.

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

[Move table to side], light CAT/SP candles

Priest: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ①



Lord have mer - cy.

Priest: For the peace from above and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ②



Lord have mer - cy.

Priest: For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God, and the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ①

Priest: For this holy house and those who with faith, reverence and fear of God enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ②

Priest: For our (metropolitan or archbishop or bishop), N., the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ①

Priest: That this water may be sanctified with the power and effectual operation and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ②

Priest: That there may be sent down into it the grace of redemption, the blessing of Jordan, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ①

Priest: That there may come upon this water the purifying operation of the substantial Trinity, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ②

Priest: That we may be illumined by the light of understanding and piety, by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ①

Priest: That this water may prove effectual unto the averting of every snare of enemies, both visible and invisible, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ②

Priest: That he who is baptized therein may be made worthy of the kingdom incorruptible, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ①

Priest: For him who is now come unto holy baptism, and for his salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ②

Priest: That he may prove himself a child of the light and an heir of good things, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ①

Priest: That he may be a member and partaker of the death and resurrection of Christ our God, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ②

Priest: That he may preserve his baptismal garment and the earnest of the Spirit pure and undefiled unto the dread Day of Christ our God, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ①

Priest: That this water may become unto him a laver of regeneration, unto the remission of sins, and a garment of incorruption, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ②

Priest: That the Lord God will hearken unto the voice of our petition, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ①

Priest: That he will deliver him and us from all tribulation, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ②

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

All: Lord have mercy. ①

Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos (**MHTSU**) and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

All: To thee, O Lord.



To Thee, O Lord.

Repeated thrice:

Priest: Great art thou, O Lord, and marvelous are thy works, and there is no word which is sufficient to hymn thy wonders.

All: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.



Glo - ry to thee, O Lord, glo - ry to thee.

Priest: For thou of thine own good will hast brought into being all things which before were not, and by thy might thou upholdest creation, and by thy providence thou orderest the world. For thou who art God inexpressible and

everlasting didst descend upon earth, and didst take on the semblance of a servant, and wast made in the likeness of man. For, because of the tender compassion of thy mercy, O Master, thou couldst not endure to behold mankind oppressed by the Devil; but thou didst come, and didst save us. We confess thy grace; we proclaim thy mercy; we conceal not thy gracious acts. Thou hast delivered the generations of our mortal nature. By thy birth thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb. All creation magnifieth thee who hast manifested thyself. For thou, O our God, hast revealed thyself upon earth, and dwelt among men. Thou didst hallow the streams of the Jordan, sending down upon them from heaven thy Holy Spirit, and didst crush the heads of the serpents who lurked there.

Repeated thrice:

Priest: Wherefore O King, who lovest mankind, come thou now and sanctify this water, by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: And grant unto it the grace of redemption, the blessing of Jordan. Make it the fountain of incorruption, the gift of sanctification, the remission of sins, the remedy of infirmities, the final destruction of demons, unassailable by hostile powers, filled with angelic might; that those who would ensnare thy creature would flee far from it. For we have called upon thy name, O Lord, and it is wonderful and glorious, and terrible unto adversaries.

Repeated thrice:

Priest: Let all adverse powers be crushed beneath the sign of the image of thy Cross.

All: Amen.

Priest: And we pray thee, O God, that every aerial and unseen phantom may withdraw itself from us; and that no demon of darkness may conceal himself in this water; and that no evil spirit which instilleth darkening of intentions and rebelliousness of thought may descend into it with him who is about to be baptized. But do thou, O Master of all, show this water to be the water of redemption, the water of sanctification, the purification of flesh and spirit, the loosing of bonds, the remission of sins, the illumination of the soul, the laver of regeneration, the renewal of the spirit, the gift of adoption of sonship, the garment of incorruption, the fountain of life. For thou hast said, O Lord: Wash ye, and be ye clean; and put away evil things from your souls. Thou hast bestowed upon us from on high a new birth through water and the spirit. Wherefore, O Lord, manifest thyself in this water, and grant that he who is

baptized therein may be transformed; that he may put away from him the old man, which is corrupt through the lusts of the flesh, and that he may be clothed upon with the new man, and renewed after the image of him who created him; that being buried, after the pattern of thy death, in baptism, he may, in like manner, be a partaker of thy resurrection and having preserved the gift of thy Holy Spirit, and increased the measure of grace committed unto him, he may receive the price of his calling, and be numbered with the first-born whose names are written in heaven, in thee, our God and Lord, Jesus Christ. For unto thee are due all glory, dominion, honor and worship, together with thy Father who is from everlasting, and thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

The Anointing with Oil

Priest: Peace be to all.

All: And to thy spirit.



Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

All: To thee, O Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy. ①

Priest: O Lord and Master, the God of our fathers, who didst send unto them that were in the ark of Noah thy dove, bearing in its beak a twig of olive, the token of reconciliation and of salvation from the flood, the foreshadowing of the mystery of grace, and didst provide the fruit of the olive for the fulfilling of thy Holy Mysteries, who thereby fillest them that are under the Law with thy Holy Spirit, and perfectest them that are under grace: Bless also this holy oil with the power and operation and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, that it may be an anointing unto incorruption, an armor of righteousness, to the renewing of soul and body, to the averting of every assault of the Devil, to deliverance from all evil of those who shall be anointed therewith in faith, or who are partakers thereof; unto thy glory and the glory of thine only-begotten Son, and of thine all-holy and good an life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Priest: Let us attend. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Blessed is God, who illumineth and sanctifieth every man that cometh into the world, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

The priest takes of the oil, and anoints the catechumen by making the sign of the Cross:

First upon the Catechumen's brow:

Priest: The servant of God, N., is anointed with the oil of gladness in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Then upon the nose:

Priest: For a sweet fragrance.

All: Amen.

Then upon the mouth:

Priest: My mouth shall speak wisdom.

All: Amen.

Then upon the ears:

Priest: Unto the hearing of faith.

All: Amen.

Then upon the breast:

Priest: Unto the healing of soul and body.

All: Amen.

Then upon the back of the neck:

Priest: Whosoever will come after me.

All: Amen.

Then upon the hands:

Priest: Thy hands have made and fashioned me.

All: Amen.

Then upon the legs:

Priest: That he may walk in the way of thy commandments, O Lord.

All: Amen.

Then upon the feet:

Priest: To walk upon serpents and scorpions and all the power of the enemy.

All: Amen.

The Baptism

When the catechumen is thus anointed, the priest takes him and faces him east, and baptizes him by immersion into the water three times, saying:

Hold/pin the PR's vestments

Priest: The servant of God, N., is baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Read or Chant - **Tone 8**

Reader: Vouchsafe unto me a robe of light, O thou who clothest thyself with light as with a garment, Christ our God, plenteous in mercy.

The Katavasia of the Cross - **Tone 8**
(repeat until newly-baptized ready)

Reader:

Ode 1. Verily, Moses having struck horizontally with his rod, cleaving the Red Sea and causing Israel to cross on foot, then having struck it transversely bringing it together over Pharaoh and his chariots, did trace the Cross, thus symbolizing that invincible weapon. Wherefore, do we praise Christ our God, for that He hath been glorified.

Ode 3. The rod is taken as a symbol of the mystery; for by its budding, it designateth the Priest. But now the tree of the Cross hath blossomed forth with might and steadfastness to the hitherto barren Church.

Ode 4. I have heard, O Lord, of the mystery of Thy dispensation, and have contemplated Thy works. Wherefore, have I glorified Thy Godhead.

Ode 5. O thou thrice-blessed Tree, whereon the Lord Christ the King was stretched, and through which He Who was beguiled by the tree fell, having been beguiled by thee, by the God that was nailed upon thee in the flesh, Who granteth safety to our souls.

Ode 6. When Jonah in the belly of the whale did stretch forth his hands in the form of a cross, he did foreshadow clearly the Passion of salvation; and when he came out on the third day, he did symbolize the world-transcending Resurrection of Christ, Who was crucified in the flesh, and illuminating the world by His third-day Resurrection.

Ode 7. The mad command of the infidel tyrant hath shaken the nations, breathing forth threats and blasphemies loathed of God. But the three youths were not terrified by the bestial terror, nor the consuming fire; for being together amidst the fire blown forth by a dewy breeze, they were singing: O Thou exceedingly praised, blessed art Thou, God of our Fathers.

Ode 8. O ye youths, equal in number to the Trinity, bless the Father, the God Creator; praise the Word which did condescend and turn the fire to a dewy breeze; and exalt more and more the all-holy Spirit, Who giveth life to all forevermore.

Ode 9. Thou art the mystical paradise, O Theotokos; for that thou, being untilled, didst bud forth Christ, by Whom was planted on earth the life-giving tree of the Cross. Wherefore, as we adore it being elevated, we magnify thee.

The Sacrament of Holy Chrismation

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Blessed art thou, O Lord God Almighty, Source of all good things, Sun of righteousness, who sheddest forth upon them that were in darkness the light of salvation, through the manifestation of thine only-begotten Son and our God; and who hast given unto us, unworthy though we be, blessed purification through hallowed water, and divine sanctification, through life-giving Chrismation; who now also hast been graciously pleased to regenerate thy servant that hath newly received Illumination by water and the Spirit, and grantest unto him the seal of the gift of thy holy, and almighty, and adorable Spirit, and participation in the holy Body and the precious Blood of thy Christ. Keep him in thy sanctification; confirm him in the Orthodox faith; deliver him from the evil one, and from the machinations of the same. And preserve his soul in purity and uprightness, through the saving fear of thee, that he may please thee in every deed and word, and may be a child and heir of thy heavenly kingdom. For thou art our God, the God who showeth mercy and saveth; and unto thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Repeated as necessary:

Priest: The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

All: Sealed.

The Ablution

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O thou who, through holy baptism, hast given unto thy servant remission of sins, and hast bestowed upon him a life of regeneration: Do thou, the same Lord and Master, ever graciously illumine his heart with the light of thy countenance. Maintain the shield of his faith unassailed by the enemy. Preserve pure and unpolluted the garment of incorruption, wherewith thou hast endowed him, upholding inviolate in him by thy grace the seal of the Spirit, and showing mercy upon him and unto us, through the multitude of thy mercies.

For blessed and glorified is thine all-honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

All: And to thy spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

All: To thee, O Lord.

Priest: He who hath put on thee, O Christ God, boweth also his head with us, unto thee. Keep him ever a warrior invincible in every attack of those who assail him and us; and make us all victors, even unto the end, through thy crown incorruptible. For thine it is to show mercy and to save us, and unto thee do we ascribe glory, together with thy Father who is from everlasting, and thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Priest: Thou art justified, thou art illumined, thou art sanctified, thou art washed, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: Thou art baptized, thou art illumined, thou hast received anointment with Holy Chrism. Thou art sanctified, thou art washed, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Tonsure

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord our God, who, through the fulfilling of the baptismal font, by thy goodness dost sanctify them that believe on thee: Bless this child present here, and let thy blessing descend upon his head. And as thou didst bless David the king by the hand of thy prophet Samuel, bless also the head of thy servant, N., by the hand of me, a sinner, inspiring him with thy Holy Spirit; that as he increaseth in stature, and even unto ripe old age, he may ascribe glory unto thee, and behold the good things of Jerusalem all the days of his life.

For unto thee are 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.

All: Amen.

Priest: The servant of God, N., is shorn in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Censer to PR/DN

Return censer stand to sanctuary

Light torch for readings

The Procession

The priest, accompanied by the sponsors with the child or catechumen, proceeds around the font thrice, censing as he leads. All present sing the following hymn:

Repeated as necessary:

All: As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ, alleluia.

As ma - ny of you as have been bap-tized in - to Christ, have
put on Christ, al-le-lu - ia.

Take censer

Return to sanctuary for torch

Exit for readings

The Epistle

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: The Lord is my light and my savior; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the defender of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: Brethren, know ye not that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, so we shall also be in the likeness of his resurrection, knowing this: that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him, knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest.

All:



Reader: My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king.

All:



Reader: My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

All:



The Gospel

Deacon: Wisdom. Stand upright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

All: And to thy spirit.

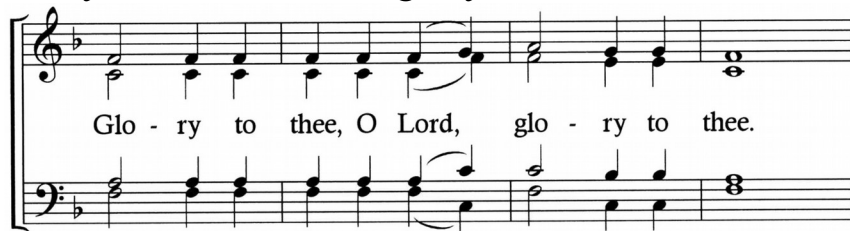


And to thy spi - rit.

A musical score for the text "And to thy spirit." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The text is written below the treble staff.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

All: Glory to thee, O Lord, glory to thee.



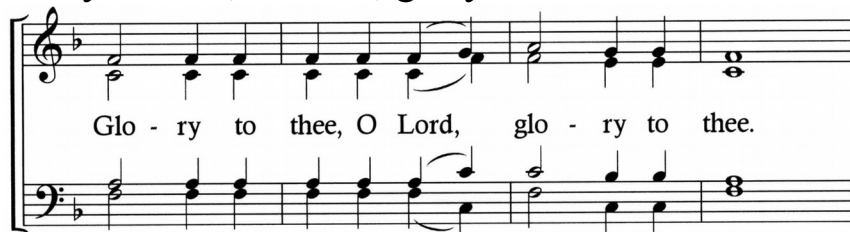
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Priest: Let us attend.

Priest: At that time the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the close of the age. Amen.

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Return to sanctuary

[First Holy Communion]

In some cases if a Baptism occurs on a Saturday, holy communion is not given until the following Sunday morning. However, if the newly illumined is to partake the day of his/her Baptism, then the priest prepares the chalice with the reserved sacrament, while the choir sings the following communion hymn:

Re - ceive me to - day O Son of God,
as par - ta - ker of thy mys - ti - cal sup - - -
per; for I will not speak, for I will not
speak of thy mys - te - ry (to) to thine en - e - mies,

nei - ther will I give thee a kiss as did
(will)

Ju - - - das; but like the thief will
(will)

I con - fess thee: Re - mem - ber me, O Lord, re -

mem - ber me, O Lord, in thy king - - - dom.

The Litany

Priest: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy great goodness, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)



Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation for the newly-illuminated servant of God, N.; and his sponsor(s), NN., and his parents, and all here present, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)



Priest: For thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Priest: Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation, and furtherance in all good things to the newly illumined servant(s) of God, N., and preserve them many years:

All: God grant you many years; God grant you many years; God grant you many, many, many years.

The Dismissal

Priest: Glory to thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to thee.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Father, bless.

Priest: May he who deigned to be baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of his all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of (N., the saint of the day) whose memory we celebrate and of all the saints; have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as he is good and loveth mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.