

# DAILY VESPERS

*Thursday (sung on Wednesday)*

*May 25, 2022*

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*At the appointed time we begin:*

**Priest:** Blessed is our God, always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3)

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For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. (Amen.)

Lord have mercy (12) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. (Amen.)

Come, let us worship God our King! (*metania*)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! (*metania*)

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(*metania*)

## Psalm 104

**B**less the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great! Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, Who coverest 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 makest the clouds Thy chariot, Who ridest on the wings of the wind, Who makest 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 plants for man to cultivate, 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 ground. May the glory of the Lord endure forever, 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! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God! (3)

## Great Litany

*Is chanted by the Priest*

### Lord, I Call

*Tone 4*

**L**ord 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!

***6. If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee.***

At the well, Christ met the Samaritan woman, / from whom, being athirst, he asked for water to drink, / for her bettering and salvation, / which was made known, and fulfilled, in deed; / for, as she dreweth a draught of water from the well, / He, Himself, dreweth her to Himself, / and filled her with living water to drink, / as she told her fellow townsmen: / 'Lo, He that, of old, was announced in the Law, / the Messiah Christ, / as a man, hath, now, appeared, // making known concealed, unspoken thoughts'.

***5. For thy name's sake have I patiently waited for thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for thy word: My soul hath hoped in the Lord.***

'Lo, the Messiah and Christ is seen upon earth, / of Whom, the Law had written was to come, / the mighty prophet, both God and man, / and hath made known what deeds I did; / and all the secrets, deeply hidden in my heart, / He told me, even as I did them': / so the Samaritan woman spake unto the townfolk; / wherefore, the whole city, running together, / saw that her words were true indeed; / and they were stricken with wonder, // and believed because of what they saw.

***4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch: Let Israel hope in the Lord.***

Thou that, once, at the sixth hour, as Master, / walkedst about, in paradise, as God, / wast, once again, at the sixth hour, seen by this daughter of Eve, our mother, / as Thou satest at the well that Jacob had dug, / asking her for water, / that Thou mightest make her drink of living water that springeth up, / which was accomplished: / and when she, with fervent zeal, had deeply drunk / of Thy life-giving water, O my Christ, / she proclaimed, to the townfolk, with mighty voice, / the free-flowing abundance // of the water richly given out.

**3. For with the Lord, there is mercy; and, with Him, is plenteous redemption:  
And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

*(Tone 1 - Saint)* With pleasing effulgence, \* making thy mind godly, \* thou hast been enlightened, O all-rich one, \* and hast gone forth to preach Christ, \* and hast taught the people to worship Him, \* as the lover of mankind; \* and, now, pray thou, \* that He may grant, unto our souls, peace, \*\* and great mercy.

**2. O praise the Lord, all ye nations: Praise Him, all ye people.**

Revealed as a most-radiant star, \* with godly splendours, \* thou enlightenest the ends of all the inhabited world, always, \* with teachings, O blessed one, \* and dispellest, by grace, \* the gloom of affliction from everyone; \* and, now, pray thou, \* that He may grant, unto our souls, peace, \*\* and great mercy.

**1. For His merciful kindness is great towards us: And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.**

Making the un-bloody \* and perfect sacrifice unto God, \* for Him, O martyr, thou hast been slain, \* and hast offered thyself upon the noetic altar, \* as a sacrifice of sweet savour, \* O Apostle Carpus, all-rich one; \* and, now, pray thou, \* that He may grant, unto our souls, peace, \*\* and great mercy.

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

*(Tone 1)* At the sixth hour, the well-spring of miracles hath come to the well / to capture the fruit of Eve: / for Eve, at that same hour, departed from paradise, / through the deceit of the serpent; / the Samaritan woman, then, approached to draw water; / and the Saviour, upon seeing her, said to her: / 'Give me water to drink; / and I shall fill thee with living water'; / and, running to the city, that prudent woman, / at once, announced to the multitudes: // 'Come; see Christ the Lord, the Saviour of our souls'.

**Gladsome Light**



Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father: O Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! 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 doth glorify Thee!

## Evening Prokeimenon

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 5<sup>th</sup> tone: Save me, O God, by Thy name \* and judge me by Thy strength!

*Verse:* Hear my prayer, O God, hearken to the words of my mouth!

## Vouchsafe, O Lord

**V**ouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. 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 statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy statutes! Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

## Evening Litany & Prayer at the Bowing of our Heads

*Is chanted by the Priest*

## Aposticha

*(Tone 4)* Thou didst smash the gates of hell, O Lord; / and, by Thy death, Thou didst demolish the kingdom of death: / Thou didst deliver the race-of-men from corruption, // granting, unto the world, life, incorruption, and great mercy.

*Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God: \*  
**Until he have mercy upon us.***

Thou enlightenedst the choir of the a-pos-tles / with the Holy Spirit, O Christ God. // By them, wash away the defilement of our sin, and have mer-cy on us.

*Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we are exceedingly filled with contempt. Our soul is exceedingly filled with humiliation; let reproach come upon the wealthy: \* **And abasement on the proud.***

As ye have boldness before the Saviour, O saints, / unceasingly pray for us sinners, / asking remission of transgressions, // and, for our souls, great mercy.

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

*(Tone 2) At the well, when the Lord came, / the Samaritan woman entreated Him that is compassionate, say - ing: / 'Grant me the wa-ter of faith; / and I shall receive the streams of the font of bap-ti-sm, / unto exceeding gladness and redem - ption'; // O giver of life, Lord, glo-ry to Thee.*

### **St. Symeon's Prayer**

**L**ord, 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 enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people, Israel.

### **Trisagion (Thrice Holy)**

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### **Troparia**

**Troparion** (*Tone 4*): When the women-disciples-of-the-Lord / learnt, from the angel, the joyous message of Thy resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse, / and, elatedly, told the apostles: / 'Death is overthrown; / Christ God is risen, // granting, unto the world, great mercy'.

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

**Troparion** (*Tone 3*) O holy Apostle Carpus, \* pray to the merciful God, \* that remission of exceeding sins \*\* may be granted unto our souls.

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

**Theotokion** (*Tone 3*) We praise thee as the mediatrix of our salvation, / O Virgin Theotokos; / for thy Son, our God, Who took flesh from thee, / accepted the passion on the cross, // delivering us from corruption as the lover of mankind.

### **Litany of Fervent Supplication**

*Is chanted by the Priest*

#### **Dismissal**

**The end. Glory to God!**

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