

# GREAT VESPERS

*Resurrection Tone 3*

*Sunday, May 15*  
*Paralytic*

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## Vespers Opening Psalm

*Psalm 104*

**B**less the Lord, O my soul! Blessed are Thou, blessed art Thou, O Lord! How glorious are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all! Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee. Who hast created - who hast created 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! (3)

*Great Litany is chanted*

## Kathisma

*Blessed is the Man (Psalm 1)*

**B**lessed is the man, who walks not in the council of the wicked. *Refrain:*  
Alleluia! (3)

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish. *Refrain*

**Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in Him with trembling!** *Refrain*

**Blessed are all who take refuge in Him!** *Refrain*

**Arise, O Lord, save me O my God!** *Refrain*

**Salvation belongs to the Lord! Thy blessing be upon Thy people!** *Refrain*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.** *Refrain*

**Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.** *Refrain*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Thee, O God!** (2)

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Thee, O God! Glory to Thee!** (1)

*Little Litany is chanted*

## Lord, I Call

Tone 3

**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!

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison \* that I may give thanks unto Thy name!*

By Thy cross, O Christ our Saviour, death's dominion hath been shattered, the devil's delusion, destroyed: the race of man, being saved by faith, always offereth Thee a song.

*v. (9) The righteous shall compass me about \* Until Thou shalt deal bountifully with me*

All hath been enlightened by Thy resurrection, O Lord; paradise hath been opened again: all creation, praising Thee, always offereth Thee a song.

*v. (8) Out of the depths I have cried unto Thee, O Lord. \* Lord, hear my voice!*

I glorify the power of the Father, and the Son, and praise the authority of the Holy Spirit, the undivided, uncreated Godhead, the consubstantial Trinity, which reigneth forever.

*v. (7) Let Thine ears be attentive \* to the voice of my supplications!*

We bow down, in worship, before Thy precious cross, O Christ; and we glorify, and praise, Thy resurrection: for, by Thy wounds, we have all been healed.

*v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? \* But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

We praise the Saviour incarnate of the Virgin, for He was Crucified for our sake and Resurrected on the Third Day, granting us great mercy!

*v. (5) For Thy name's sake I have patiently waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited patiently for Thy word \* my soul hath hoped in the Lord.*

Christ descended to Hell proclaiming the glad tidings. Behold! Now I have triumphed! I am the Resurrection, I will lead you out, for I have shattered the gates of death.

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch \* let Israel hope on the Lord!*

Standing unworthily in Thy most pure house, O Christ God, we offer our evening song crying from the depths. Thou who didst enlighten the world by Thy Resurrection on the Third Day, O Lover of Man, deliver Thy people from the hand, of Thine enemies.

*v. (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 – Paralytic)* O compassionate Christ, Who with Thine immaculate hand hast fashioned man, / Thou hast come to heal the sick; / by Thy word, Thou hast raised the paralytic at the Sheep’s Pool: / Thou hast cured the ailment of the woman with an issue of blood: / Thou hast had mercy upon the tormented daughter of the Canaanitish woman, / and hast not disdained the request of the centurion; / for this cause, we cry unto Thee: // ‘O almighty Lord, glory to Thee’.

*v. (2) O Praise the Lord, all ye nations! \* Praise Him, all ye peoples!*

*Repeat:* O compassionate Christ

*v. (1) For His merciful kindness is great towards us \* and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.*

The paralytic, who was like unto an unburied corpse, / saw Thee, and cried out: / ‘Have mercy on me, O Lord; / for my bed is become my grave; / of what profit is my life? / the Sheep’s Pool is of no use to me; / for there is no one to put me therein / when the waters are troubled: / but I come unto Thee, O fountain of healings, / that, together with all, I might also cry: // “O almighty Lord, glory to Thee”’.

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

Jesus went up to Jerusalem, to the Sheep’s Pool, / which, by the Jews, is called Bethesda, / having five porches: / therein, lay a multitude of sick folk; / for an angel of God went down, at a certain season, and troubled the water, / and granted healing unto them that drew nigh in faith; / and the Lord, on seeing a man that had been there for many years, said unto him: / ‘Wilt thou be made whole?’; / and the sick man replied unto Him: / ‘Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: / I wasted all my living on physicians, / and was not deemed worthy of mercy’; / but the physician of both souls and bodies said unto him: / ‘Take up thy bed; and walk, // proclaiming my power, and great mercy, unto the ends of the earth’.

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

*(Tone 3)* How can we not wonder at thy mystical childbearing, O exalted mother? For, without receiving the touch of man, thou gavest birth to a son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin; the Son, born of the Father before eternity, was born of thee at the fulness of time, O honoured Lady; He underwent no mingling, no change, no division, but preserved the fulness of each nature; entreat Him, O Lady, and Virgin, and mother, to save the souls of them that, in the Orthodox manner, confess thee to be the Theotokos.

### Gladsome Light



**Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed: Jesus Christ! Having come to the setting of the sun, and beheld the light of evening, we praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: God! At all times Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy of praise in songs as Son of God, and Giver of Life. Therefore, the world glorifies Thee!**

### Evening Prokeimenon

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 6th tone: The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty!

*(refrain)* **The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty**

The Lord is robed with strength and has gird Himself! *(refrain)*

For He hath made the world so sure, that it shall not be moved. *(refrain)*

Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, unto length of days! *(refrain)*

The Lord is King! **He is robed in majesty!**

*Litany of Fervent Supplication is chanted*

### **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

*Litany of Supplication is chanted  
Prayer at the Bowing of Heads*

**Aposticha**

*(Tone 3)* The sun was darkened by Thy passion, O Christ; but all creation was enlightened by the light of Thy resurrection; accept our evening song, O lover of man.

*(Then the Paschal Stichera with their verses in Tone 5)*

*v: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face!*

Today, a sacred Pascha is revealed to us: a new and holy Pascha, a mystical Pascha, a Pascha worthy of veneration, a Pascha which is Christ the Redeemer, a blameless Pascha, a great Pascha, a Pascha of the faithful, a Pascha which has opened to us the gates of Paradise, a Pascha which sanctifies all the faithful.

*v: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!*

Come from that scene, O women bearers of glad tidings, and say to Zion: "Receive from us the glad tidings of joy, of Christ's Resurrection! Exult and be glad, and rejoice, O Jerusalem, seeing Christ the King, Who comes forth from the tomb like a bridegroom in procession!"

*v: So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad!*

The myrrh-bearing women, at the break of dawn, drew near to the tomb of the Life-giver. There they found an Angel sitting upon the stone. He greeted them with these words: "Why do you seek the Living among the dead? Why do you mourn the Incorrupt amid corruption? Go, proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples!"

*v: This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Pascha of beauty, the Pascha of the Lord, A Pascha worthy of honor has dawned for us. Oh, Pascha! Let us embrace each other joyously! Pascha, ransom from affliction! For today, as from a bridal chamber, Christ has shown forth from the tomb, and filled the women with joy saying: "Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles!"

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

*(Tone 8)* In Solomon's Porch, there lay a multitude of sick folk; / and, at mid-feast, Christ found there a paralytic, / who had been bed-ridden for eight and thirty years; / to him, He called out, with a voice of authority: / 'Wilt thou be made whole?'; / and the infirm man replied unto Him: / 'Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool'; / and He said unto him: 'Take up thy bed; and walk; / behold, thou hast been made whole; see that thou sin no more; / at the prayers of the Theotokos, O Lord, // send down, upon us, Thy great mercy.

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

This is the day of resurrection! Let us be illumined by the feast! Let us embrace each other! Let us call "Brothers" even those that hate us, and forgive all by the resurrection, and so let us cry: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(once)*

### **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)**

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the 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. *(3)*

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

 ur 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 the evil one.

### Troparia

*(Tone 3)* Let the heavens rejoice; let the earth be glad; for the Lord hath shewn strength with His arm; He hath trampled down death by death; He hath become the first-born of the dead; He hath delivered us from the depths-of-hell, and hath granted, unto the world, 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 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 man.

**Dismissal**  
**Glory to God!**

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