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

People: Amen.

THE GREAT LITANY

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith and reverence to receive the love of Christ and the everlasting peace of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our Bishop [N.], for our Presiding Bishop [N.], for Archbishop [N.], Metropolitan of Canterbury, for the venerable Priesthood and the Diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the leaders of this country and all civil authorities; for all those who do the work of peace in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He will aid them and grant them victory in every adversity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this town, for every town and city, for this land and for the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord our God, Whose power is beyond compare, and Whose glory is beyond understanding, Whose mercy is boundless, and Whose love for us is ineffable: look upon us, and upon this holy house, in Your compassion. Grant to us and to those who pray with us Your abundant mercy.

Priest: For to You are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

(The designated verses from the Psalms are sung with the hymn.)

People: By the intercessions of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us. (3x)

Priest: Again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord our God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance; protect the whole body of Your Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house; glorify them in return by Your divine power; and do not forsake us who hope in You.

For to You are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

(The designated verses from the Psalms are sung with the hymn.)

People: Save us, O Son of God (*in the Paschal season, add: who triumphantly rose from the dead*). To You we sing: Alleluia. (3x)

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

Only begotten Son and Word of God, although immortal You humbled Yourself for our salvation, becoming truly human, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Christ, our God, You were crucified but conquered death by death. You who are glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us and save us.

Priest: Again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to You; and You have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His Name You will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People: Amen.

Priest: For You are a good God and the lover of humankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

(The designated verses of the Psalms are sung with the apolytikion)

THE SMALL ENTRANCE

(While the apolytikion is sung, the priest, carrying the Holy Gospel Book, comes in procession before the Beautiful Gate of the ikonostasis, offering in a low voice the following prayer)

Master and Lord, our God, You have established in heaven the orders and hosts of angels and archangels to minister to Your glory. Grant that the holy angels may enter with us, that together we may serve and glorify Your goodness. For to You are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The priest blesses the entrance, saying in a low voice) Blessed is the entrance of Your holy ones, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The priest then raises the Holy Gospel Book and says)

Priest: Wisdom. Let us attend.

People: O come let us worship God our King. O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God (*in the Paschal season, add: who triumphantly rose from the dead. Alleluia.*).

(The priest enters the sanctuary. The apolytikion is repeated and the troparion of the church and the kontakion of the day are sung.)

THE TRISAGION HYMN

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Holy God, You dwell among Your saints. You are praised by the Seraphim with the thrice holy hymn, glorified by the Cherubim, and worshiped by all the heavenly powers. You have brought all things out of nothing into being. You have created man and woman in Your image and likeness, and adorned them with all the gifts of Your grace. You give wisdom and understanding to the supplicant, and do not overlook the sinner, but have established repentance as the way of salvation. You have enabled us, Your lowly and unworthy servants, to stand at this hour before the glory of Your holy altar, and to offer to You due worship and praise. Beloved Master, mercifully accept the prayers of Your people, and strengthen us to do Your will; visit us in Your goodness; forgive us our transgressions; sanctify our souls and bodies; and grant that we may worship and serve You in holiness all the days of our lives, by the intercessions of the blessed Mother of God, and of all the saints who have pleased You throughout the ages. For You are a good God and the lover of humankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

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

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

Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

(The priest, turning towards the altar, says)

Priest: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed are You, O Lord, in Your Kingdom, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

THE READINGS

THE EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend.

(The reader reads the verses from the Psalms.)

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from *(the name of the book of the New Testament from which the Apostolic reading is taken)*.

Priest: Let us attend.

(The reader reads the designated Apostolic pericope.)

Priest: Peace be unto all.

People: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Priest: Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also a reverence for Your holy commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we send up glory, together with Your Father, who is without beginning, and with the most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Priest: Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to *(Name)*. Let us attend.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

(The priest reads the designated pericope of the Holy Gospel.)

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

THE HOMILY

(Following the readings, it is customary for the priest to proclaim the homily.)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Again, we bow before You and pray to You, O good and loving God. Hear our supplication: Cleanse our souls and bodies from every defilement of flesh and spirit, and grant that we may stand before Your holy altar without blame or condemnation. Grant also, O God, increase in life, faith, and spiritual discernment to those who pray with us, so that they may always worship You with reverence and love, partake of Your Holy Mysteries without reproach, and be made worthy of Your heavenly Kingdom.

And grant that, always guarded by Your power, we may give glory to You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

THE GREAT ENTRANCE

People: We who mystically represent the Cherubim sing the thrice holy hymn to the life-giving Trinity. Let us now lay aside all earthly cares, that we might receive the King of All, invisibly escorted by the angelic hosts. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

(While the Cherubic Hymn is being sung, the priest prays) No one bound by worldly desires and pleasures is worthy to approach, draw near or minister to You, the King of Glory. To serve You is great and awesome, even for the heavenly powers. But because of Your ineffable and immeasurable love for us, You became man without alteration or change. You have served as our High Priest, and as Lord of All, and have entrusted to us the celebration of this liturgical sacrifice without the shedding of blood. For You alone, O Lord our God, rule over all things in heaven and earth. You are seated on the throne of the Cherubim, the Lord of the Seraphim and the King of Ages. You alone are holy and dwell among Your saints. You alone are good.

Therefore, I implore you, look upon me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, and cleanse my soul and heart from evil thoughts. Enable me by the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that, vested with the grace of priesthood, I may stand before Your holy Table and celebrate the mystery of Your holy and pure Body, and of Your precious Blood. To You I come with bowed head and pray: Do not turn Your face away from me or reject me from among Your children, but make me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, worthy to offer to You these gifts. For You, O Christ our God, are the Offerer and the Offered, the One who receives and the

One who is received, and to You we give glory, together with Your eternal Father and Your holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The priest then censes the altar, the icons, and the people, while quietly reciting the Cherubic Hymn and the 50th Psalm. Then the Great Entrance takes place. Facing the people, the priest says)

Priest: May the Lord God remember all of you in His Kingdom, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

(The priest then enters the sanctuary, while the people sing the end of the Cherubic Hymn.)

(After placing the Holy Gifts on the altar, the priest says)

THE PETITIONS

Priest: Let us complete our prayer to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the precious gifts here presented, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith and reverence to receive the love of Christ and the everlasting peace of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: A perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless day, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Forgiveness and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: All that is good and beneficial to our souls, and for peace to the whole world, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: That we may complete the remainder of our lives in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: For a Christian ending to our lives: blameless, peaceful, without shame and suffering, and for a good account before the great judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THE PREPARATION

Priest: Lord God Almighty, You alone are holy. You accept a sacrifice of praise from those who call upon You with their whole heart. Receive also the prayer of us sinners and let it reach Your holy altar. Enable us to bring before You gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our sins and for the transgressions of the people. Make us worthy to find grace in Your presence so that our sacrifice may be pleasing to You and that Your good and gracious Spirit may abide with us, with the gifts here presented, and with all Your people.

Priest: Through the mercies of Your only begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess:

(The priest kisses the Holy Gifts, saying) I love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

People: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

(At this time it is customary for the Peace to be exchanged.)

Priest: Guard the doors. Wisdom. Let us attend.

THE CREED

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages: Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made. Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His Kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

THE HOLY ANAPHORA

Priest: Let us stand aright. Let us stand in awe. Let us attend, that we may present the holy offering in peace.

People: Mercy and peace, a sacrifice of praise.

Priest: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is proper and right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: It is proper and right to sing to You, bless You, worship You, give You thanks and praise in all places; for You alone are God: ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever and always: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Father of mercies, You brought us into being out of nothing, and when we fell from grace, You raised us up again. You guided us to heaven, and granted us Your eternal Kingdom. For all these things we give You humble and unending thanks: You and Your only begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit; for all things known and unknown, for blessings seen and unseen. We also give You thanks for this Sacrifice, which You are pleased to accept from our hands, even though You are surrounded by countless hosts of Angels and Archangels, by Cherubim and Seraphim, and by all the company of heaven, who forever sing this victory hymn, proclaiming Your praise, and crying out:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Together with these blessed powers, merciful Father, we also proclaim and say: You are holy and most holy, You and Your only-begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter. You are holy and most holy, and sublime is Your glory. You so loved Your world that You gave Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night before He died for us—holy, pure, and blameless—our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said:

Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

People: Amen.

Priest: After supper, He took the cup of wine, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said:

Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

People: Amen.

Priest: Remembering, therefore, this command of the Savior, and all that came to pass for our sake—the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the enthronement at the right hand of God the Father, and the second, glorious coming—we offer to You, from Your creation, these holy gifts.

People: We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, O Lord our God.

Priest: Once again we offer to You this Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we ask, pray, and humbly entreat You: send down Your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts, and make this bread the precious Body of Your Christ.

People: Amen.

Priest: And that which is in this cup, the precious Blood of Your Christ.

People: Amen.

Priest: Changing them by Your Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Priest: So that they may grant all those who partake of them forgiveness of sins, communion of Your Holy Spirit, fulfillment of the Kingdom of Heaven, and confidence before You. Again, we offer this Sacrifice for those who repose in the faith, patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, Apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, ascetics, for every righteous

spirit made perfect in faith, and especially for our most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary.

People: It is truly right to bless you, Mother of God: ever holy, most pure Mother of our Hope. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word. True Mother of God, we magnify you.

Priest: For Saint John the prophet, forerunner and baptist; for the holy glorious and most honorable Apostles, for Saint(s) [*Name(s)*] whose memory we honor today; and for all Your saints, through whose supplications, O God, may You be pleased to bless us. Remember also those who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection and eternal life. (*Here the priest commemorates the names of the deceased.*) And grant them rest, O God, where the light of Your countenance shines. Again we ask You, Lord, remember all bishops who rightly teach the word of Your Truth, all presbyters, all deacons, and all monastics in the service of Christ. We also offer to You this spiritual worship for the whole world; for the Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; for those living in purity and holiness; and for all those in public service: permit them, Lord, to serve and govern in peace, that through the faithful conduct of their duties we may live blessed and holy lives.

Remember, also, Lord, our Presiding Bishop (*Name*): Grant that s/he may serve Your holy churches in peace. Keep her/him safe, honorable, and healthy for many years, rightly teaching the word of Your truth.

Remember, Lord, the city in which we live, every town and country, and the faithful who dwell therein. Remember the travelers, the sick, the suffering, and the captives, granting them Your protection and salvation. Remember those who do charitable works, who serve in Your holy churches, and who care for those in need. Remember all Your people, Lord, and send Your life-giving mercy upon us.

And grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and praise Your most honored and majestic Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: The mercy of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Having remembered all the saints, let us again in peace pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the precious Gifts offered and consecrated, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That our loving God who has received them at His holy and heavenly altar as an offering of spiritual fragrance may in return send upon us His divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Having prayed for the unity of the faith and for the communion of the Holy Spirit, and calling to remembrance our most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: We entrust to You, loving Father, our whole life and hope, and we ask, pray, and entreat You: Make us worthy to partake of Your heavenly and exalted Mysteries from this holy and spiritual table with a clear conscience: for the remission of sins, forgiveness of transgressions, communion of the Holy Spirit, inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven, with confidence before You,—and not to our judgment or condemnation.

And make us worthy to pray with confidence in the words of our Master:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: We give thanks to You, almighty God. By Your infinite power You created all things: by Your great mercy You brought them into being out of nothing. Lord, look with compassion upon those who have bowed their heads before You, and submissively inclined their necks, awaiting not comfort from the world, but entreating Your mercy and looking confidently for Your salvation. And guide the course of our life, for the benefit of all, according to the needs of Your Kingdom.

All these things we ask, Father, in the Name of Your beloved Son, with whom You are blessed and glorified, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, our God, hear us from Your holy dwelling place and from the glorious throne of Your Kingdom. You are enthroned on high with the Father and are also invisibly present among us. Come and sanctify us, and, through us, all Your people; and grant that all who share in this, Your most pure Body and precious Blood, may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing, to the glory of Your eternal Name.

Let us attend.

The gifts of God for the people of God: holy food for holy people.

People: One is Holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

People: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3x)

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Priest: *(After the fraction)* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: broken, but not divided; He sanctifies all who partake of Him.

(Then the priest places a portion of the Host in the Cup, saying) The fullness of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(S/he then blesses the warm water and pours it crosswise into the Cup, saying) Blessed is the communion of Your saints, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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(The Communion Prayers are recited silently by those prepared to receive the Holy Mysteries.)

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in thought, word, and deed, known and unknown. And make me worthy without condemnation to partake of Your pure Mysteries, for the forgiveness of sins, for the resurrection and the life everlasting. Amen.

How shall I enter into the splendor of Your saints? In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me. Make me worthy to enter Your bridal chamber.

Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness; but rather for the sanctification of soul and body, and the coming of Your eternal Kingdom. It is good for me to cling to You and to place in You the hope of my salvation.

Receive me today, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. As did the thief, I confess to You: Lord, remember me in Your Kingdom.

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(The Priest prepares to receive Holy Communion.)

Priest: Behold, I approach Christ, our immortal King and our God.

The most holy and precious Body of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and the life everlasting. *(S/he then partakes of the Host.)*

The most holy and precious Blood of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and the life everlasting. *(S/he then drinks from the Chalice.)*

(Afterwards, s/he wipes the Chalice, kisses it, and says) Amen.

(The priest then transfers the remaining portions of the consecrated Host into the Cup, saying)

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your Holy

Resurrection. You are our God. We know no other than You, and we call upon Your holy Name.

Come, all you faithful, let us venerate the Holy Resurrection of Christ. Let us bless the Lord; let us praise Him at all times. For through the Mystery of the Cross, He destroyed death by death, and life has come to all the world.

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(S/he takes the holy Cup, comes to the Royal Doors, raises it to the people, and says)

Priest: Approach with the fear of God; with hope, faith, and love.

(Those prepared come forth with reverence to receive Holy Communion while the people sing the communion hymn.)

(When administering Holy Communion, the priest says) Servant of God, receive the Body and Blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and the life everlasting.

(When Communion has been given to all, the priest blesses the people, saying)

Priest: Save, O God, Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

People: We have seen the True Light; we have received the heavenly Spirit; we have found the Way of Life, worshiping the undivided Trinity.

[If the Liturgy of Preparation has been done, then having returned the Cup to the holy Table, the priest transfers the particles of the Mother of God and the saints into the Chalice, and those of the living and the dead, saying: "Wash away, Lord, by Your holy Blood, the sins of all those commemorated through the intercessions of the Mother of God and all Your saints. Amen."]

(S/he covers the vessels and censes them, saying) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let Your glory be over all the earth (3x).

(S/he lifts the vessels and says) Blessed is our God: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Let our mouths be filled with Your praise, Lord, that we may sing of Your glory. You have made us worthy to partake of Your holy Mysteries. Keep us in Your holiness, that all the day long we may meditate upon Your righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Priest: Let us attend. Having partaken of the divine, holy, pure, immortal, heavenly, and life-giving Mysteries of Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord, and worthily magnify His holy Name.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Having prayed for a perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless day, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: We thank You, loving Master, benefactor of our souls, that on this day You have made us worthy of Your heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Establish us firmly in Your Way, guard our lives, and make fruitful our endeavors, in accordance with Your will, through the prayers and supplications of the glorious Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and of all Your saints. For You are our sanctification, and to You we give glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Priest: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: Lord God, bless those who praise You and sanctify those who trust in You. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the whole body of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house. Glorify them in return by Your divine power, and do not forsake those who hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to the clergy, to those in public service, to those who do the work of peace in the world, and to all Your people. For every good and perfect gift is from You, the Father of Lights. To You we

give glory, thanksgiving, and praise: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Blessed is the Name of the Lord, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: *(S/he proceeds to the Altar and prays)* Christ our God, You are the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. You have perfectly fulfilled the will of the Father. Fill our hearts with joy and gladness always, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy *(3x)*. Father/Mother, bless.

Priest: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come upon you, through His divine grace, and remain with you, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ, our God and our true hope, glory to You.

May Christ our true God, who rose from the dead, through the intercessions of His most pure and holy Mother; through the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven; the supplications of the honorable Prophet and forerunner, John the Baptist; the holy and praiseworthy Apostles; the glorious and triumphant martyrs; our Mother/Father among the saints, the blessed and holy *(name of the church's patron saint)*; the holy and righteous Joachim and Anna; Saint *(of the day)*, and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and the lover of humankind.

People: Amen.

Priest: Through the prayers of our most Holy Mothers and Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Amen.

Priest: *(blessing the people)* The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Priest: (*Distributing the antidoron, says*) May the mercy of God be with you always.