

The Prayer before the Trisagion

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People:



Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: O Holy God: Who rest in the saints; Who are hymned by the Seraphim with the thrice-holy cry, and glorified by the Cherubim, and worshipped by every heavenly power; Who out of nothing have brought all things into being; Who have created man after Your own image and likeness, and have adorned him with Your every gift; Who give to him who asks wisdom and understanding; Who does not despise the sinner, but instead have appointed repentance unto salvation; Who have vouchsafed to us, Your humble and unworthy servants, even in this hour to stand before the glory of Your holy altar, and to offer worship and praise which are due unto You. O Master, accept even from the mouths of us sinners the thrice-holy hymn, and visit us in Your goodness. Forgive us every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary. Sanctify our souls and bodies, and enable us to serve You in holiness all the days of our life through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and of all the saints who from the beginning of the world have been well-pleasing to You.

For holy are You, O our God, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever...

Deacon: ... and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

("Amen" is sung using the same notes as the first notes of the Trisagion.)

Note: At certain liturgies, the hymn "Holy God" is replaced by "As Many As Have Been Baptized" or "Before Your Cross".