

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

Deacon: Bless, Master¹.

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.

People: Amen.

Reader: Come, let us worship God, our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

Psalm 104

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, You have been greatly magnified; You have put on confession and splendour, throwing light around You like a garment, and stretching out the heavens like a skin. He covers His upper chambers with water; He makes the clouds His steps of ascent; He walks around on the wings of the winds. He makes His angels His spirits; and His ministers a flame of fire. He lays the foundations of the earth for its stability, so that it shall not be bent unto ages of ages. The abyss is His mantle like a garment, the waters shall stand up on the mountains. From Your rebuke they shall flee away; from the voice of Your thunder they shall be afraid. The mountains climb up, and the plains go down into the places where You founded them. You have placed a bound which they shall not pass, nor shall they turn around and cover the earth. He sends out the springs in the ravines; the waters shall pass between the mountains. They shall give drink to the wild beasts of the field, and the wild asses shall quench their thirst; the birds of the heavens shall make their home on them, and from the midst of the rocks shall they sound forth their voice, watering the mountains from His upper chambers. From the fruit of Your works shall the earth be sated. He makes the grass spring up for the cattle, and green plants for the service of Men, so that he may bring forth bread from the earth, and wine makes glad the heart of Man; so that he may gladden his face with oil, and bread makes firm the heart of Man. The trees of the plain shall be sated, the cedars of Lebanon which You planted. There the sparrows shall make

¹ It is customary in some parishes for the Deacon to say "Father, give the blessing."

their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them. The highest mountains are for the hart; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers. He made the moon for seasons; the sun has known its setting. You appointed the darkness, and it became night, and through it shall move all the wild forest beasts: the cubs of the lion roaring to snatch their prey, seeking their food from God. The sun has risen, and they have been gathered, and they shall lie down in their dens. Man shall go forth to his work, and to his labour until the evening. How magnified have been Your works, O LORD: in wisdom You have made them all. The earth has been filled with Your creation. Here is the sea, great and broad; in it are reptiles beyond number, living things both small and great. There the ships move about; and that leviathan which You formed to sport in it. All expect You to give them food in due season. When You give it to them, they gather it; when You open Your hand, all things are filled with loving-kindness. But when You turn away Your face, they shall be stirred up. You have taken away their spirit, they shall fade away and return to their dirt. You shall send forth Your spirit, and they shall be established; and You will renew the face of the earth. Let the glory of the LORD be forever; the LORD will be glad in His works - He who looks upon the earth, and makes it tremble; he who touches the mountains, and they smoke. I shall sing to the LORD in my life; I shall chant to my God while I have being. May my conversation be made sweet to Him; as for me, I shall be glad in the LORD. May sinners fade away from the earth, and the iniquitous, so that they cease to be. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

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

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