

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be unto all!

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the Evangelist.

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, O Lord.

Priest: Let us attend! (*Luke 23:32-49*)

People: Glory to Your Long-suffering, O Lord, O Lord.

### The Canon - Ode 5

Early will I seek You, O Word, of God,

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Who without change emptied Yourself in Your compassion for fall - en man.

The second system of musical notation is for the second line of the Canon. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Who without change emptied Yourself in Your compassion for fall - en man."

Who with - out suf - fer - ing bowed down to suf - fer - ing.

Grant peace to me, O You Who love man - kind.

Reader: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

With their feet washed, and themselves purified by their participation in the Divine Mystery, Your servants, O Christ, now ascend from Zion to the great Mount of Olives, praising You Who love mankind.

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

You said, "See that you are not alarmed, O friends. For the hour is now at hand for me to be seized and slain at the hands of lawless men. All of you will be scattered, forsaking me. But I shall gather you to proclaim me, who love mankind."

### **The Little Litany or Matins Prayer**

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: ...For You are the King of Peace and the Saviour of our souls, and to You do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

## Kontakion

*Tone 8*

*Obikhod*

Come let us all sing the praises of Him Who was cru - ci - fied for us,

for Ma - ry said when she beheld Him up - on the tree:

"Though You en - dured the cross, You are my Son and my God."

## Ikos

Reader: Beholding her own lamb led to the slaughter, Mary followed with the other women, in distress and crying out, "Where do You go, my child? Why do You run so swift a course? Surely there is not another wedding in Cana to which You now hasten to change water into wine? Shall I come with You, my child, or shall I wait for You? Give me a word, O You Who are the Word. Do not pass me by in silence, O You Who kept me pure, for:

People:

...You are my Son and my God."

### Ode 8

The god - ly youths exposed a monument of god - less wick - ed - ness,

but the lawless assembly is enraged and takes vain counsel a - gainst Christ.

They plan to kill Him Who holds life in the palm of His hand,

Whom all creation blesses and glo - ri - fies through-out all a - ges.

Reader: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

"O my disciples, now shake off sleep from your eyelids," said Christ. "Keep watch, in prayer, that you may not fall into temptation; and I speak particularly to Simon, since the test is greatest for the strongest. O Peter, acknowledge me, Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

"O Master, a profane word shall never pass my lips," cried Peter.

"Even if all deny You, I shall die with You as a loyal friend. For not flesh and blood, but Your Father has revealed to me You Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord.

"You have not sought out the depth of divine wisdom and knowledge," said the Lord. "You have not comprehended the abyss of My judgements, O man. Do not boast, for you are flesh, and three times will you deny Me, Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

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

"You will deny your convictions as soon as the question is put to you, O Simon Peter, and the sudden approach of a servant girl will terrify you," said the Lord. "But after weeping bitterly you will have great mercy from Me, Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

People:

We praise, bless, and wor - ship the Lord,

singing and exalt - ing Him through-out all a - - - ges.

### Ode 9

More ho - nourable than the che - ru - bim,

and more glorious beyond compare than the ser - a - phim,

with - out de - file - ment you gave birth to God the Word;

true Theo - to - kos we mag - ni - fy you.

Reader: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

A destructive band of God-forsaken, wicked murderers of God, the Synagogue, attacked You, O Christ, and dragged You away as an evildoer-the Creator of all, Whom we magnify.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

Impious men, ignorant of the law and hearing the voice of the prophets to no avail, dragged You away as a sheep to be unjustly slaughtered-the Master of all, Whom we magnify.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

The priests and scribes caused the life that had been betrayed to the Gentiles to be destroyed, striking in their jealous wickedness Him Who by nature is the Giver of life, Whom we magnify.

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

Like a pack of dogs they surrounded You, O King, smiting You on the cheek with their hands. They questioned You and bore false witness against You, yet by enduring all things You have saved all.