

## The Epistle and Gospel Readings

**Priest:** Let us attend! Peace be unto all.

**Reader:** And to your spirit.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The prokeimenon in the 6th tone: Blessed is the way in which you shall walk today, O soul; for a place of rest is prepared for you.

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The musical score is written for piano accompaniment in a 6th tone setting. It consists of two systems of music. The first system shows the beginning of the phrase 'Blessed is the way in which you shall walk today, O soul;'. The second system continues with 'for a place of rest is pre - pared for you.' The music features a simple harmonic structure with a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The key signature has two flats, and the time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be common time.

**Reader:** To You, O Lord, have I cried. O my God, do not be silent with me, lest I become like those who go down to the pit.

**People:** *sing the prokeimenon*

**Reader:** Blessed is the way in which you shall walk today, O soul...

**People:** ...for a place of rest is prepared for you.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The reading from the epistle of the holy apostle Paul to the Thessalonians.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** (*1 Thess. 4:13-17*)

**Priest:** Peace be unto you, Reader.

**Reader:** And to your spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**People:**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the 'Alleluia' chant. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on the top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.' are written below the notes. The first two phrases are followed by a long dash, indicating a sustained note for the final phrase.

**Reader:** Blessed are those whom You have chosen and taken to dwell in Your courts,  
O Lord.

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Reader:** Their memory is from generation to generation.

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Priest:** Wisdom! Stand aright! 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. John the Theologian.

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

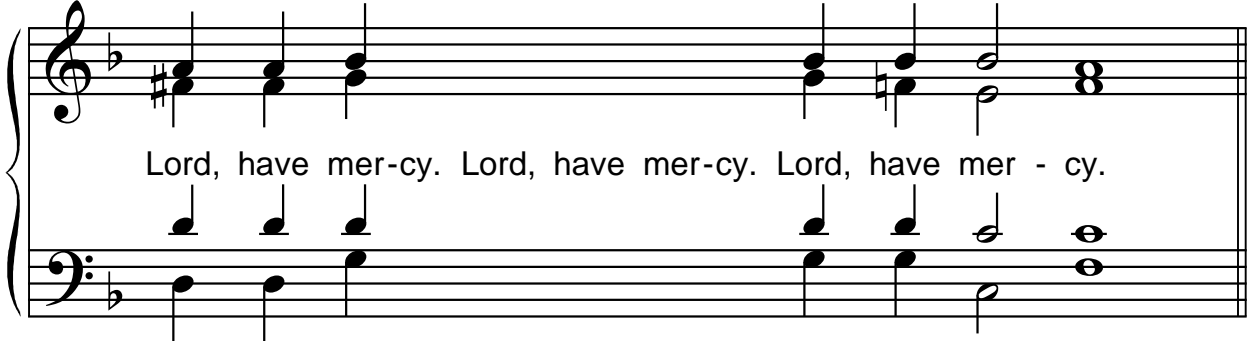
**Priest:** Let us attend! (*John 5:24-30*)

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

## Litany for the Departed

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we beseech You, hearken and have mercy.

**People:**



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, repetitive phrase: 'Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**Priest:** Again we pray for the repose of the soul(s) of the servant(s) of God, \_\_\_\_\_, who (*has/have*) departed this life, and that (*he/she/they*) may be pardoned all (*his/her/their*) sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Priest:** That the Lord God will establish (*his/her/their*) soul(s) where the Just repose.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Priest:** The mercies of God, the kingdom of heaven, and the remission of (*his/her/their*) sins, let us entreat of Christ, our Immortal King and God.

**People:**



Grant it, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, repetitive phrase: 'Grant it, O Lord.' The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**Priest:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**

Lord, have mer - cy.

**Priest:** O God of spirits, and of all flesh, Who have trampled down death and overthrown the devil, and given life unto the world: As the same Lord, give rest to the soul(s) of Your departed servant(s), \_\_\_\_\_, in a place of brightness, a place of refreshment, a place of repose, from which all sickness, sorrow, and sighing have fled away. Pardon everytransgression which (*he/she/they*) (*has/have*) committed, whether by word, or deed, or thought, for there is no man who lives, yet does not sin. For You are a good God, and love mankind, and You alone are without sin; and Your righteousness is to all eternity, and Your word is truth.

For You are the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Your servant(s), \_\_\_\_\_, who (*is/are*) fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto You do we ascribe glory, together with Your Father Who is from everlasting, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**People:**

A - men.