

The MORNING READER’S SERVICE
Sometimes referred to as
‘PRO-LITURGY’ or TYPIKA

AS LEAD BY A DEACON, SUBDEACON, READER, or LAYMAN

Introductory Comments

In a Temple, a Cross and the Gospel book should be placed on the tetrapod before the amvon. In a home, or other location, one could either place a small table or Gospel stand with these before an icon corner or an arrangement of icons on a wall, preferably facing East. If in a Church, the Royal Doors are never opened, nor are the curtains.

Whoever is leading the service is in no circumstances to be considered as “playing the priest” but rather empowered to lead this service by virtue of his ordination (if he be a Deacon or Subdeacon), Holy Baptism, having “put on Christ” as a member of the Royal Priesthood of believers. If a choir is present, the parts of the service normally part of the Divine Liturgy may be sung.

In order to conduct the Service, in addition to the Holy Cross and Gospel book (if in an existing Temple), candles, the Epistle Book (or New Testament, which will include the Epistle and Gospel readings), the Church calendar (to find the Saints of the day), the UOC of USA *Prayer Book*, to find the changeable hymns for the eight Tones or for Feast or Holy Days.



Leader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

People: Amen. Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell in us, cleanse us of every impurity and save our souls, Good One.

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

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

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit us and heal our infirmities for Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Leader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

People: Amen.

(If a Deacon is leading the service, he may now take the Great Litany followed by the exclamation.)

THE FIRST ANTIPHON (Psalm 102)

The complete psalms may be chanted
*Consult the Festal Propers, pages 238-363 in the Prayer Book,
for Major Feasts.*

People: Bless the Lord, my soul, and all that is within me
bless His Holy Name.

**Bless the Lord, my soul and forget not all His
benefits.**

**Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your
diseases.**

**Who redeems your life from destruction and
crowns you with steadfast love and tender mercy.**

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to anger and of great goodness.

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and all that is within me
bless His holy Name.**

Blessed are You, Lord.

(If a Deacon is leading the service, he may now take the Small Litany with exclamation.)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

(Psalm 145 and the Hymn of St. Justinian)

The complete psalm may be chanted

*Consult the Festal Propers, pages 238-363 in the Prayer Book,
for Major Feasts.*

People: Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord as long as I live,

I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

Put not your trust in princes, in sons of men, in whom there is no salvation.

When their breath departs they return to their earth; on that very day all their plans perish.

Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed low; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners, He upholds the widow and the orphan; but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever; your God, Zion, to all generations.

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

Only-Begotten Son and Word of God, You are Immortal. For our salvation You deigned to be incarnate of the Holy Birth-Giver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary and without change became man. You were crucified, Christ God, trampling down death by death. You are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

(If a Deacon is leading the service, he may now take the Small Litany with exclamation.)

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

The Beatitudes (Mt. 5:3-12)

*Consult the Festal Propers, pages 238-363 in the Prayer Book,
for Major Feasts.*

People: In Your Kingdom remember us, Lord, when You come into Your Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people shall revile you and persecute you and speak all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

THE TROPARION, KONTAKION AND THEOTOKION

*sung or chanted in the proper tone for the day;
Refer to pages 14-21 of this booklet for Sunday
or pages 238-363 in the Prayer Book, for Major Feasts.*

THE THRICE-HOLY HYMN

*Consult the Festal Propers, pages 238-363 in the Prayer Book,
for Major Feasts. For certain Feasts this is replaced*

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

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen
Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

THE PROKIMENON

Reader: The Prokimenon (*in the tone of the day or for the Feast*)

People: (*repeat the Prokimenon*)

Reader: (*chants the verse*)

People: (*repeat the Prokimenon*)

Reader: (*chants the first half of the Prokimenon*)

People: (*chant the second half of the Prokimenon*)

THE EPISTLE READING

Reader: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles; *or:* from the Holy Epistle of the St. Apostle (*Name*); *or:* from the Letter of St. Paul to Romans (*Corinthians, Galatians, i.e.*)

Reader: (*The Reader reads the designated epistle selection.*)

THE ALLELUIA VERSES (Pages 13-20 this booklet)

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: *verse.*

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: *verse.*

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Leader: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St.
(Name of the Evangelist).

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

The Gospel, lying on the Analogion or table, is read in a normal voice with the reader facing the Altar or icons.

People: *(after the reading):* **Glory to You, our Lord, glory to You.**

(If a Deacon is leading the service, he may now offer a Sermon and then take the Triple Litany with exclamation.)

THE SYMBOL OF FAITH

People: I 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, being of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became Man;

Who was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate and suffered and was buried;

And on the third day He rose from the dead in accordance with the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father;

And he will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; and 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 worshiped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

In One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. Amen

The HYMN to the BIRTH-GIVER of GOD

Consult the Festal Propers for Feasts of the Lord and Birth-Giver of God

During the Sundays of Great and Holy Lent, "All creation rejoices in You..." may be sung

People: It is right, in truth, to glorify you, the Birth-Giver of God, the Ever Blessed, wholly immaculate, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, You, Who without defilement did bare God the Word, true Birth-Giver of God, we magnify you.

Leader: Remit, pardon, forgive, O God, our offenses, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and word, in knowledge and ignorance, by day and by night, in mind and thought; forgive us all things, for You are good and the Lover of mankind.

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 the Evil One.

Leader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

PSALM 33

This may be sung or simply read

People: I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul will make its boast in the LORD;
The humble will hear it and rejoice.

**O magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together.
I sought the LORD, and He answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
They looked to Him and were radiant,
And their faces will never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who
fear Him,
And rescues them.
O taste and see that the LORD is good;
How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
O fear the LORD, you His saints;
For to those who fear Him there is no want.
The young lions do lack and suffer hunger;
But they who seek the LORD shall not be in want
of any good thing.
Come, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
Who is the man who desires life
And loves length of days that he may see good?
Keep your tongue from evil
And your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil and do good;
Seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
And His ears are open to their cry.
The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
To cut off the memory of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and the LORD hears**

**And delivers them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
And saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the LORD delivers him out of them all.
He keeps all his bones,
Not one of them is broken.
Evil shall slay the wicked,
And those who hate the righteous will be
condemned.
The LORD redeems the soul of His servants,
And none of those who take refuge in Him will be
condemned.**

DISMISSAL

Leader: (*facing the Altar or icons, NOT facing the people*)
(*on Sunday*): Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, risen
from the dead, through the prayers of Your most pure
Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, of
_____ (*Patron of the Temple or community*), of
_____ (*saints of the day*), and all the saints, have
mercy on us and save us, for You are good and the
Lover of Mankind.

(*on any other day*): Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
through the prayers of Your most pure Mother, of our
holy and God-bearing fathers, of _____ (*Patron of
the Temple or community*), of _____ (*saints of the
day*), and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us,
for You are good and the Lover of Mankind.

People: Amen.

At this point a reading from Synaxarion for the day or some other edifying material may be read. Then, while the people come up to venerate the Cross and Gospel, which are lying on the Analogion or Tetrapod, (NOT lifted up or held by the leader for them) the people may sing appropriate Troparia or Hymns.

Community fellowship should follow.

THE 8 RESURRECTIONAL TONES

tone 1

Troparion:

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your Most Pure Body, You arose on the third day, Savior, granting life to the world. Therefore, the Powers of Heaven cried to You, Giver of Life: Glory to Your Resurrection, Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your Divine Plan, only Lover of Mankind.

Kontakion:

As God, You arose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God for death has vanished. Adam exults, Master. Eve, freed from bondage, rejoices and cries out: You, Christ, are the Giver of Resurrection to all."

Prokimenon *(from Psalm 32):*

Let Your mercy, Lord, be upon us,/ as we have set our trust in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, You righteous! Praise befits the just!

Alleluia Verses *(from Psalm 17):*

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the King, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and His seed forever.

TONE 2

Troparion:

When You descended to death, Life Immortal, You slayed Hades with the splendor of Your Divinity. And from the depths You raised the dead, all the Powers of Heaven cried out. Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Kontakion:

Hades became fearful, Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb. The dead arose and all creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Prokimenon *(from Psalm 117):*

The Lord is my strength and my song./ He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Alleluia Verses *(from Psalm 19):*

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Save the King, Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

TONE 3

Troparion:

Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad. For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled death. by death. He has become the First-Born of the Dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades and has granted the world great mercy.

Kontakion:

On this day You rose from the, tomb, Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices. With the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Prokimenon *(from Psalm 46):*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises!/ Sing praises to our King sing praises!

Verse: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Alleluia Verses *(from Psalm 30):*

In You, Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

TONE 4

Troparion:

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and with gladness told the apostles: Death is overthrown. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Kontakion:

My Savior and Redeemer as God arose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from bondage. He has shattered the gates of Hades and, as Master, He has risen on the third day.

Prokimenon *(from Psalm 103):*

How great and glorious are Your works, Lord!/ In wisdom You have made them all.

Verse: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord my God, You are very great!

Alleluia Verses *(from Psalm 44):*

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

TONE 5

Troparion:

Let us the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation of the Virgin. In His Good Will He was lifted up on the Cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Kontakion:

You descended into Hades, my Savior, destroying its gates as the Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, Lover of all Mankind. Therefore, we all cry out to You: Lord, save us.

Prokimenon *(from Psalm 11):*

You, Lord, shall protect us and preserve us / from this generation and forever.

Verse: Save me, Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Alleluia Verses *(from Psalm 88):*

I will sing of Your praises, Lord forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your Truth from generation to generation.

You have said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.

TONE 6

Troparion:

The angelic powers were at Your tomb. The guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave seeking Your Most Pure Body. You captured Hades, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting Life. Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You.

Kontakion:

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, with His Life-Giving hand raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery, He bestowed Resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior, the Resurrection, the Life and the God of all.

Prokimenon *(from Psalm 27):*

Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, Lord, will I call. My God, do not be silent to me.

Alleluia Verses *(from Psalm 90):*

He who dwells in the shadow of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God in Whom I trust.

TONE 7

Troparion:

By Your Cross, You destroyed Death. To the Thief, You opened Paradise. For the Myrrh-Bearers You changed weeping into joy. Christ God, You commanded Your disciples to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

Kontakion:

The dominion of death can no longer hold humanity captive, for Christ descended shattering and destroying its power. Hades is bound while the prophets rejoice with one voice. The Savior has come to those in faith, saying: Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection.

Prokimenon *(from Psalm 28):*

The Lord will give strength to His people!/ The Lord will bless His people with peace!

Verse: Offer to the Lord, you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Alleluia Verses *(from Psalm 91):*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, Most High One!

To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night!

TONE 8

Troparion:

You descended from on high, Merciful One. You accepted the three-day burial to free us from our Passions. Lord, our Life and Resurrection: Glory to You.

Kontakion:

By rising from the tomb, You raised up the dead. Adam is risen and Eve exults in Your Resurrection. The entire world celebrates Your Rising from the dead, Greatly Merciful One.

Prokimenon *(from Psalm 75):*

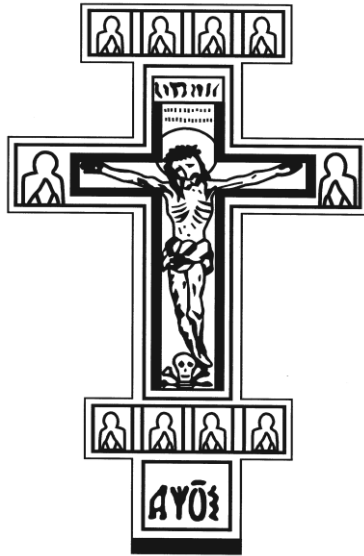
Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

Verse: In Judah is God known; His name is great in Israel!

Alleluia Verses *(from Psalm 94):*

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms!



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