

## The First Sunday Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul.\* Blessed are you, O Lord.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,\* and all that is within me bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,\* and do not forget all his praiseworthy gifts:\*  
He forgives all your iniquities,\* he heals all your ailments,  
He redeems your life from corruption,\* he favors you with his mercy and compassion.  
Gracious and merciful is the Lord,\* abounding in patience and mercy!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,\* and all that is within me bless his holy name.  
Blessed are you,\* O Lord.

## The Third Sunday Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.  
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.  
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.  
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

\*\*\*\*\*Entrance\*\*\*\*\*

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.  
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

## Tropars

Light shone forth from your grave, O Christ God, even though it was sealed.\* O Resurrection to all, you came through locked doors and appeared to your disciples\* through whom you constantly renew in us an upright spirit\* in your great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Although the doors were locked, O Christ God,\* you entered the room.\* And when Thomas touched your life-giving side with his inquiring hand,\* he proclaimed to you with the other apostles,\* You are my Lord\* and my God.

## **Apostolos (Acts 5:12-20)**

**Prokimenon:** Great is our Lord, and great is his power, and to his wisdom there is no limit.

**Stichon:** Praise the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

**Reading** from the Acts of the Apostles:

In those days by the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people (and with one accord, they all would meet in Solomon's portico; but of the rest, no one dared to associate with them, yet the people made much of them. And the multitude of men and women who believed in the Lord continued to increase), so that they carried the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and pallets, in order that, as Peter went by, at least his shadow would fall upon some of them. And crowds also came to Jerusalem from neighboring towns, and they brought the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits- and all of them were healed.

But the High Priest rose up, and all his supporters (that is, the members of the Sadducean sect), and being filled with hatred, they laid their hands upon the apostles and threw them into public jail. But during the night, an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, and led them out, saying: "Go, and standing in the temple, speak to the people all the words of this life."

**Alleluia:** Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us sing gladly to God our Savior!

**Stichon:** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

## **Gospel: (John 20:19-31)**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. (Jesus) said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when

Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of (his) disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

**Instead of: "It is truly right..."**

The angel exclaimed to the Lady full of grace.\* Rejoice, O pure Virgin.\* And again I say: Rejoice!\* Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day.\* With Himself he has raised all the dead.\* All you peoples, rejoice!

Shine, o Shine!\* New Jerusalem!\* For the glory of the Lord has shone on you.\* Sing now and exult with joy, O Sion.\* And you, O pure Mother of God,\* adorn yourself\* in the splendor of your Son's resurrection.

**Kinonikon**

Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem;\* praise your God, O Sion.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Instead of: "Blessed is he who comes..."**

Christ is risen from the dead,\* conquering death by death.\* And to those in the tombs, giving life.

**Instead of: "We have seen the true light..."**

Christ is risen from the dead,\* conquering death by death.\* And to those in the tombs, giving life.

## Instead of: "Amen. May our mouths be filled..."

Christ is risen from the dead,\* conquering death by death.\* And to those in the tombs, giving life.

### Ending of the Liturgy

**Priest:** Stand aright! Having... give thanks to the Lord.

**Faithful:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Help and save... by your grace.

**Faithful:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Having asked... to Christ our God.

**Faithful:** To You, O Lord.

**Priest:** For You are... and for ever and ever.

**Faithful:** Amen.

**Priest:** Let us go forth in peace.

**Faithful:** In the name of the Lord.

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

**Faithful:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** You bless those... and for ever and ever.

**Faithful:** Amen. Christ is risen from the dead,\* conquering death by death.\* And to those in the tombs, giving life. (3 times)

**Priest:** May the blessing... and for ever and ever.

**Faithful:** Amen.

**Priest:** Glory be to... glory be to You.

**Faithful:** Christ is risen from the dead,\* conquering death by death.\* And to those in the tombs, giving life. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Give the blessing.

**Priest:** Prayer of dismissal

**Faithful:** Amen.

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death. And to those in the tombs, giving life.

**Faithful:** Christ is risen from the dead,\* conquering death by death.\* And to those in the tombs, giving life.

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death.

**Faithful:** And to those in the tombs, giving life.

**All:** And he granted us eternal life;\* we bow down to his third day resurrection.