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Officiant: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
(*Phillipians 1:2*)

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Officiant: Jesus said, “Whosoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it.” (*Mark 8:34-36*)

People: Amen.

All (bowing with each): Holy God, holy Mighty, holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x3)

O most holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name’s sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

The door of compassion open unto us, O Lord; and hoping in Thee, let us not go astray. Through Thee may we be delivered from all adversities, for Thou art the salvation of the human race.

Officiant: Dear brothers and sisters, we have come together in the presence of God Almighty, our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and for our salvation. So that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship Him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy.

A brief time of reflective silence is observed.

All: Almighty and merciful God, eternal Father: We have sinned against Thee, in thought, word and deed: by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved Thee with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not surrendered fully to Thy Way, nor truly died to ourselves, that Thou might live fully within us. Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may only delight in Thy will. For the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses, and grant that we may serve Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy most holy Name, now and forever. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

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

(bowing with each) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee, O God. (x3)

(antiphonal)

O come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving *
and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In His hand are the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is also His.
The sea is His, and He made it, *
and His hands prepared the dry land.

O come let us worship God our King. *
O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before His presence with song.
Be ye sure that the Lord is God; *
it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are His people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving *
and into His courts with praise;
be thankful unto Him and speak good of His Name.
For the Lord is gracious; His mercy is everlasting; *
and His Truth endureth from generation to generation.

Lord, Thou art in the midst of us, and we call upon Thy holy Name: *
Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Having risen from sleep, we offer unto Thee, O Savior, the midnight hymn, and falling down we cry unto Thee: Grant us not to fall asleep in the death of sin, but have compassion on us, O Thou who wast voluntarily crucified, and hasten to raise us who are reclining in idleness, and save us in prayer and intercession; and after the night's sleep, shine upon us a sinless day, O Christ God, and save us. (*St. Macarius the Great*)

Officiant: As many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death... Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, surely we shall also be united with Him in a resurrection like His. (*Romans 6*)

People: Amen.

All (bowing with each): Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy Way. Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy Way. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy Way.

Reader: A reading from _____ (the day's appointed readings)

(following the reading): The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(antiphonal)

O God, Thou art truly my God; *
unto Thee do I rise early at dawn.
My soul hath thirsted for Thee; *
how often my flesh hath also longed for Thee
in a dry, barren land, untrodden and unwatered.
Thus have I searched for Thee in the sanctuary, *
that I might behold Thy power and Thy glory.
For Thy mercy is better than life itself: *
therefore my lips shall praise Thee.
So shall I magnify Thee in my life, *
and in Thy holy Name lift up my hands.
As with marrow and fatness, let my soul be filled, *
and with lips of rejoicing shall my mouth praise Thee.
Have I not remembered Thee upon my bed, *
or, waking with the dawn, meditated upon Thee?
For Thou hast been my helper; *
in the shadow of Thy wings shall I rejoice.
My soul hangeth upon Thee, O Lord, *
and Thy right hand hath supported me.
But these who seek in vain to harm my soul, *
they shall go down under the earth;
They shall fall upon the edge of the sword, *
and be made a portion for the scavengers.
But the king shall rejoice in God, *
and they who hold fast to Him shall be commended.

(*Psalm 63*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Officiant: O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, treasury of good things and giver of life: come and dwell in us and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

All: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our mothers and fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy holy Name, unto ages of ages.

Officiant: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward all.

All: We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord our God, our Father Almighty. May Thy wisdom, Thy love, Thy peace and great mercy endureth forever, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

All: To Thee, O Lord.

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 evil.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

A time of silence and contemplative prayer is observed.

(antiphonal)

V. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us Thy salvation.
V. Endue Thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make Thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in Thee can we dwell in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation, this town, this community under Thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let Thy Way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with Thy Holy Spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, who doth manifest in Thy servants the signs of Thy presence, send forth upon us the Spirit of Wisdom and Love, that in companionship with one another Thy abounding grace may increase among us. This we humbly pray, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

All: Almighty God, Father of mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness—to us and to all Thy creatures. We bless Thee for our creation and preservation, and for all the blessings of this life; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, O Father: give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may ever show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in wisdom, holiness and righteousness all our days, in perfect obedience to the Way of our Lord Jesus Christ. By Him and with Him and in Him, in the unity of Thy Holy Spirit—all honor and glory are Thine, O heavenly Father, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God, Thou hast given us grace at this time, with one accord, to make our common supplication unto Thee; and Thou hast promised through Thy well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His Name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in the world knowledge of Thy Truth; and in the age to come life everlasting. (*St. John Chrysostom*)

People: Amen.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord
(except during Lent) Alleluia, Alleluia—

People: Thanks be to God
(except during Lent) Alleluia, Alleluia.