

SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

The Anthem of the Chancel (Sanctuary)

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Let the heavens rejoice and the earth exult. Our Lord Christ reigns and has obtained honor; let all the earth rejoice. The ordinary nature of the house of Adam, lo, spiritual beings celebrate. Let our feeble nature be glad in the Son of our race who became King and was taken up to Heaven in glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen. The Cross of Christ has slain sin, which was killing our nature, and companies of witnesses marveled at the victory at the top of the wood, for the body which hung on the Cross conquered two mighty things: Satan and corrupting death.



The READINGS

The reading from the Prophet Isaiah: Bless, O my LORD.

Isaiah 6

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." And he said, "Go, and say to this people:

'Hear and hear, but do not understand; see and see, but do not perceive.'

Make the heart of this people fat, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts,

and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without men, and the land is utterly desolate, and the LORD removes men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

The SHURAYA (The Beginning)

Blessed be the LORD, who chose for himself the elect in a mighty city. *Hallelujah, hallelujah, yea hallelujah!* Blessed be the LORD, who chose for himself the elect in a mighty city.*

I had said in my haste, "I am cut off from your sight." *

But you heard the voice of my petition when I called upon you. *

Love the LORD, all you his saints! *

The LORD preserves the faithful, *

But requites the deeds of the wicked. *

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, *

All you who hope in the LORD! *

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

From everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen.*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, yea hallelujah!

The APOSTLE

The Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians, Bless, O my Lord.

Philippians 1:27-2:11

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear omen to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict which you saw and now hear to be mine.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which

is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The GOSPEL ZUMARA


God has gone up in glory, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing in praise to God! Sing to our King! ❖

For God is King of all the earth; sing glory to him! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. ❖

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to the preaching of St. John.

Mark 16:2-end

 And very early on the first day of the week [Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome] went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the

stone was rolled back;—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick; and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

The Anthem of the Mysteries

Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever.

The Son of the King sat down upon the throne of glory and brought peace above and below. Come, let us offer praise to him who exalted our race by his ascension, reconciling us with his Sender, who was angry because of our wickedness, and promising us eternal life.

God sits upon his holy throne.

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The Anthem of the Bema

In the heights above Christ, our Lord and the Savior of all, is clothed with majesty, glory, and honor, granting salvation to the nations, and forgiveness of debts and sins for the pardon of all. ❖

For this precious Blood and Body which we have all received let us praise him with thanksgiving, saying, Hallelujah!

Verses:

You must remain in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.

For this precious Blood and Body which we have all received let us praise him with thanksgiving, saying, Hallelujah!

He took them out as far as Bethany; and he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

For this precious Blood and Body which we have all received let us praise him with thanksgiving, saying, Hallelujah!

And it happened that after he had blessed them he was separated from them and ascended to Heaven.