

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

الحفنة والذبيحة

The Anthem of the Chancel (Sanctuary)

At night, and in the morning, and at noonday.

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All the days of our life.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen.

Receive our prayer, O our Savior, and answer our requests in your mercies. May your Cross be a bulwark for our company against the Evil One and his host. May we be your good servants and lift up glory to your Lordship, O Worthy of Praise from every mouth.



The Reading from the Book of Joshua, Bless, O my Lord.

Joshua 21:43-22:9

Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give to their fathers; and having taken possession of it, they settled there. And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers; not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. Not one of all the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

Then Joshua summoned the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and said to them, "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I have commanded you; you have not forsaken your brethren these many days, down to this day, but have been careful to keep the charge of the LORD your God. And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brethren, as he promised them; therefore turn and go to your home in the land where your possession lies, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan. Take good care to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went to their homes.

Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan; but to the other half Joshua had given a possession beside their brethren in the land west of the Jordan. And when Joshua sent them away to their homes and blessed them, he said to them, "Go back to your homes with much wealth, and with very many cattle, with silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and with much clothing; divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren." So the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned home, parting from the people of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, their own land of which they had possessed themselves by command of the LORD through Moses.



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The SHURAYA (The Beginning)

Because he remembered the holy promise of Abraham his servant
Hallelujah, hallelujah, yea hallelujah! Because he remembered the
holy promise of Abraham his servant ✦

He led forth his people with joy ✦

His young men with singing ✦

He gave them the lands of the nations ✦

And they took possession of the labor of the peoples ✦

To the end that they should guard his statutes ✦

and observe his laws ✦

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

Romans 14:10-end

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Then let us no more pass judgment on one another, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for any one who thinks it unclean. If your brother is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit; he who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for any one to make others fall by what he eats; it is right not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother stumble. The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God; happy is he who has no reason to judge himself for what he approves. But he who has doubts is condemned, if he eats, because he does not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

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The GOSPEL ZUMARA

O LORD God of my salvation, I cry out by day and by night before you. Let my prayer come before you, Incline your ear to my petition! ❖

For my soul is full of evil, And my life has come to Sheol. I have been reckoned among those who go down to the Pit; I am like a man who has no help, ❖

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The Gospel

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

John 9:39-10:21

✠ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my

voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father."

There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. Many of them said, "He has a demon, and he is mad; why listen to him?" Others said, "These are not the sayings of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"



الحفنة الحقة

The Anthem of the Mysteries

Bless the Lord, you his angels.

You are unceasingly extolled by holy cherubim and spiritual seraphim, O King of all ages, who in your mercifulness and in the multitude of your loving-kindness saved the whole race of men.

His servants who do his will.

You are unceasingly extolled by holy cherubim and spiritual seraphim, O King of all ages, who in your mercifulness and in the multitude of your loving-kindness saved the whole race of men.

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The Anthem of the Bema

Let us confess the Son of the King who humbled himself toward us and made our mortal race worthy of the exalted gift of the fearful Mysteries. Companies of angels stand in great fear and trembling and hallow his name. ❖ And in great wonder they all cry with us with a holy voice, saying, Holy is the Lord, holy is God, and glorious is the Holy One who is eternal.

Verses:

Generation upon generation shall tell of your works and show forth your might. ❖ And in great wonder they all cry with us with a holy voice, saying, Holy is the Lord, holy is God, and glorious is the Holy One who is eternal.

