

## May 17, 2020, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: Reader Service

**Reader:** Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

[Sing:] “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!”  
(*Thrice*)

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

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

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. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto 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 evil.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Lord have mercy. *Twelve Times.*

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

O come let us worship God our King.

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

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

### First Antiphon

Bless the Lord, o my soul; blessed art Thou, 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 forget not all His benefits. | Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases. | The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. \* Bless the Lord, O my soul; | blessed art Thou, O Lord

### Second Antiphon

Glory to the Father, | and to the Son, | and to the Holy Spirit. | Praise the Lord, O 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 his breath departs he returns to his earth; on that very day his plans perish. \* Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, | The Lord will reign forever; thy God, O Zion, to all generations.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages; Amen. | Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who without change didst become man, and was crucified, Who is One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit; O Christ God, trampling down death by death, save us.

### Third Antiphon

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, : when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

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

Blessed are they that mourn, : for they shall be comforted.

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

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, : for they shall be filled.

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 the sons of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, : and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

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

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

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God Who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Troparia of the day:***

***Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)***

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen,//  
granting the world great mercy!”

***Tone 8 Troparion (Midfeast)***

In the middle of the feast, O Savior,  
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as Thou didst cry to all:  
“If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!”//  
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

For holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen

***Trisagion:***

***Reader:*** Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us. (Thrice)  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
Holy Immortal have mercy on us.  
Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

***Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tone:***

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
*Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*  
v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / *Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

***Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26, 29-30***

***Reader:*** “The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.”

“Brethren: Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. | Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

***Reader: Alleluia in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone***

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: *Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: *For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Gospel: John 4:5-42**

**Reader:** Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.  
Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!  
Let us attend.  
[The Gospel is read in a normal voice.]

“So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, Give Me a drink. For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman? For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water. The woman said to Him, Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock? Jesus answered and said to her, Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman said to Him, Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw. Jesus said to her, Go, call your husband, and come here. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly. The woman said to Him, Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship. Jesus said to her, Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things. Jesus said to her, I who speak to you am He. And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, What do You seek? or, Why are You talking with her? The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ? Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, Rabbi, eat. But He said to them, I have food to eat of which you do not know. Therefore the disciples said to one another, Has anyone brought Him anything to eat? Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, He told me all that I ever did. So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.

*Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!*

### **Holy Holy Holy in the 6th Sticheron Tone:**

**Reader:** Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.  
Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.  
Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

[Stichos:] Come unto Him, and be enlightened and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

The choir of Holy angels and archangels, with all the heavenly hosts praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

[In plain chant:] Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **The Creed:**

**Reader:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, / Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. / And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, / the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; / Light of Light, true God of true God; / begotten, not made; 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; / And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, / and suffered and was buried; / And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; / And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; / And He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; / Whose kingdom shall 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 by the prophets. / In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. / I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. / I look for the resurrection of the dead, / and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

**Reader:** And vouchsafe us, O Master, that with boldness and without condemnation we may dare to call upon Thee the heavenly God as Father, and to say:

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.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Kontakia:**

#### **Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)**

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith;  
she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly.//  
She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

#### **Tone 4 Kontakion (Midfeast)**

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all,  
cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law:  
“Come and draw the water of immortality!”  
We fall before Thee and faithfully cry://  
“Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!”

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy. (x12)

O All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion, the indivisible Kingdom, and cause of every Good: Show Thy good will even unto me a sinner; make steadfast my heart and grant it understanding, and take away mine every defilement; enlighten my mind that I may glorify, hymn, worship, and say:

One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

### **Psalm 33**

**Reader:** I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall always be in on my lips.

In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations.

Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations.

The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him.

O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him.

Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing. \* Come

ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is there that desireth life, who loveth to see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking deceit.

Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit.

Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all.

The Lord keepeth all their bones, not one of them shall be broken.

The death of sinners is evil, and they that hate the righteous shall do wrong.

The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants, and none of them will do wrong that hope in Him.

**Megalynarion: *Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:***

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,  
thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!

With Himself He has raised all the dead.”

Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on thee.

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,

in the Resurrection of thy Son!

**Ending:**

Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee.

**[Sing:]**

“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!”

**(3 times)**

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

**Reader** (facing the east):

Thou that didst rise from the dead, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of Thy most pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.

His Beatitude, the Most Blessed Tikhon, Metropolitan of all America and Canada; His Eminence Archbishop Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania; the members of this Holy community and all Orthodox Christians, preserve, O Lord, for Many Years.