**Or this melody:**

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Sixth-century Text
Attributed to H. Skovoroda +1794

Let us who mystic'ly
represent the cherubim, represent the
cherubim and sing the

Thrice-ho-ly Hymn, sing the Thrice-ho-ly
Hymn to the life-giving Trini-
ty, now lay aside

all cares of life, lay aside all
cares of life.

*The hymn can be repeated if necessary. (The hymn concludes after the Entrance)*

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Priest: ✝️ God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
Deacon: Master, lift it up.

The priest places the veil on the deacon’s left shoulder and says:

Priest: Lift up your hands toward the holy places and bless the Lord.

Deacon: May the Lord God remember in His kingdom all you orthodox Christians, always, now and for ever and ever.

Priest: May the Lord God remember in His kingdom our most holy universal Pontiff, [Name], Pope of Rome; our most blessed Patriarch (Major Archbishop), [Name]; our most reverend Metropolitan, [Name], our God-loving bishop, [Name], all the priestly, diaconal and religious orders; our nation under God, our government, and all the military; the noble and ever-to-be remembered founders and benefactors of this holy church and all you, orthodox Christians, always, now and for ever and ever.

A - men.
Priest: The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree. He wrapped it with a clean shroud and, with aromatic spices, placed it in a new tomb.

Taking the censer from the deacon, the priest incenses the holy gifts three times and says:

Deal favorably, O Lord, with Sion in Your good pleasure and let the walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt. Then You will be well pleased with a sacrifice of justice, oblations and holocausts; then they will lay calves upon Your altar.

Having given back the censer, he bows his head and says to the deacon:

Priest: Remember me, brother and fellow minister.

Deacon: May the Lord God remember your priesthood in His kingdom.

Priest: Pray for me, my fellow minister.

Deacon: The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Priest: May this same Spirit act together with us all the days of our lives.

Deacon: Remember me, holy master.

Priest: May the Lord God remember you in His kingdom always, now and for ever and ever.

Deacon: Amen.

The deacon leaves by the north door and stands at his usual place.

Litany for the Gifts:
That Our Offering Might be Acceptable

Deacon: Let us complete our prayer to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. or: Lord, have mer-cy.

[Some parishes retain “Hospody, pomylui” as the response.]

Deacon: For the precious gifts that have been presented, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. or: Lord, have mer-cy.
Priest: ✤ I will love You, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my stronghold and my refuge. Thrice.
The concelebrants come according to rank and kiss the holy gifts, and embrace one another while saying: “Christ is among us.” The response is: “He is and will be.”
The deacons do likewise, kissing the cross on their orar and embracing one another with a kiss on the shoulder, saying the same.
Or, the Creed may be sung thus:

Text of Nicea I (325) and Constantinople I (381) Kievan Plainchant

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only

Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father.

Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,

not made, one in being with the Father. Through

Him all things were made. For us men and for our

salvation He came down from heaven: by the
end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets, I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord.

\[\text{It is right and just to worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in being and undivided.}\]

**Priest:** It is right and just to sing of You, to bless You, to praise You, to thank You, to worship You everywhere in Your domain; for You are God—ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, always existing and
Priest: With these blessed powers, O Master, who love mankind, we too cry out and say: Holy are You—truly, all holy—You and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. Holy are You—truly, all holy—and magnificent is Your glory. You so loved Your world as to give Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. After He had come and fulfilled the whole divine plan for our sake, on the night He was given over—or, rather, gave Himself for the life of the world—He took bread into His holy, most pure and immaculate hands, gave thanks, blessed, sanctified and broke it; He gave it to His holy disciples and apostles, saying:

**The Sanctifying Word of the Lord Himself**

**Priest:** Take, eat: This is My body, which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins.
The Epiclesis, the Invocation of the Sanctifying Spirit

_Priest:_ Further, we offer to You this rational and unbloody worship; and we ask, we pray, and we entreat You: Send down Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Gifts here present.

_Deacon:_ Master, bless the holy Bread.

_Priest:_ ✝ And make this Bread the precious Body of Your Christ.

_Deacon:_ Amen. Master, bless the holy chalice.

_Priest:_ ✝ And that which in this chalice the precious Blood of Your Christ.

_Deacon:_ Amen. Master, bless them both.

_Priest:_ ✝ Changing them by Your Holy Spirit.

_Deacon:_ Amen, amen, amen.

_Priest:_ So that they may be for the communicants sobriety of soul, forgiveness of sins, fellowship of Your Holy Spirit, fulfillment of the kingdom of heaven, confidence before You and not for judgment or condemnation.

The Commemorations (Diptychs): The Lord’s Presence Compels us to Remember the Entire Body of Christ

_Priest:_ Further, we offer You this rational worship for those who have gone to their rest in faith: forefathers, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, ascetics, and for every righteous soul that finished this life in faith.

_Priest:_ Especially, for our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary.

_The priest makes three incensations in front of the holy altar. He then gives the censer to the deacon who incenses around the holy altar._
Or, this version instead:

*Irmoi (irmosy)* for the following feasts can be found on the pages listed below. They replace “It is truly right to bless you” on the feast day itself as well as the post-festive period indicated in parentheses.

- Nativity of the Mother of God (September 8 to 12)–page 680;
- Exaltation of the Cross (September 14 to 21)–page 690;
- Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple (November 21 to 25)–page 729;
- Christmas (December 25 to 31)–page 760;
- Synaxis of the Mother of God (December 26)–page 763;
- Theophany (January 6 to 14)–page 793;

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It is truly right to bless you, O God-bearing One, as the ever-blessed and immaculate Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and by far more glorious than the seraphim; ever a virgin, you gave birth to God the Word,
the word of Your truth, the entire priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and every sacred order. Further, we offer You this rational worship for the whole world, for the holy, catholic and apostolic Church, for those who live chaste and holy lives, for our nation under God, for our government, and for all in the military. Grant them, O Lord, a peaceful governance so that in their tranquility we may be able to lead calm and quiet lives in all piety and dignity!

Priest: Among the first, remember, O Lord, our most holy universal Pontiff, [Name], Pope of Rome; our most blessed Patriarch (Major Archbishop), [Name]; our most reverend Metropolitan, [Name]; our God-loving Bishop, [Name]. For the sake of Your holy churches grant that they may live in peace, safety, honor and health for many years, and rightly impart the word of Your truth.

And re - mem - ber all men and all wo - men.

Priest: Remember, O Lord, this city in which we live (or this village in which we live, or this monastery in which we live) and every city and country and the faithful who live in them. Remember, O Lord, the seafarers and travelers, the sick and the suffering, those held captive, and their salvation. Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us. (He commemorates by name those of the living whom he wishes.)

Priest: And grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and sing the praises of Your most honored and magnificent name, ☩ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.
Deacon: Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.
All: Lord, have mercy.
Deacon: That this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask the Lord.

Deacon: For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

Deacon: For the forgiveness and remission of our sins and offenses, let us ask the Lord.
All: Grant this, O Lord.
Deacon: For all that is good and beneficial for our souls and for peace for the world, let us ask the Lord.
All: Grant this, O Lord.
Deacon: That we may spend the rest of our lives in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.
All: Grant this, O Lord.
Deacon: For a Christian end to our lives, one that is painless, unashamed, and peaceful; and for a good defense at the awesome tribunal of Christ, let us ask.
All: Grant this, O Lord.
Deacon: Having asked for unity of the faith and for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

Deacon: Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.
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All: Grant this, O Lord.
Deacon: Having asked for unity of the faith and for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.
Priest: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, ☩ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

A - men.

Priest: ☩ Peace be with all.

And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow your heads to the Lord.

To You, O Lord.

Priest: We give You thanks, O invisible King, for by Your infinite power You created all things and, in Your great mercy, brought all things from nothingness into being. Look down from heaven, O Master, upon those who have bowed their heads to You: for they have not bowed them down to flesh and blood, but to You, the awesome God. Therefore, O Master, make smooth the ways that lie before us all for our good and in accord with each one’s personal need: sail with seafarers; travel with travelers; heal the sick, O Physician of our souls and bodies.

Exclamation: ☩ Through the grace, mercies and loving-kindness of Your only-begotten Son with Whom You are blessed together with Your most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

A - men.
The communion verse proper for the day or the saint is sung.

**Weekday Communion Chants:**

**Monday:** He makes spirits His ângêls,* and flaming fire His ministérs (Psalm 103: 4). Alleluia. *Thrice

**Tuesday:** The just man shall be in everlasting remémbrânce;* of evil hearsay he shall hâve no feár (Ps. 111: 6). Alleluia. *Thrice

**Wednesday:** I will take the chalice of salvàtiôn;* and I will call upon the nâmé of the Lórd (Psalm 115: 4). Alleluia. *Thrice

**Thursday:** Their utterance has gone forth into áll the eàrth,* and their words unto the ênds of the wórld (Psalm 18: 5). Alleluia. *Thrice

**Friday:** Let the light of Your coùntenance, O Lòrd,* shine upôn ús (Psalm 4: 7). Alleluia. *Thrice

**Saturday:** Rejoice in the Lôrd, O you jùst;* praise befits the righteouús (Psalm 32: 1).

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yoursélf, O Lòrd,* and let their memory be from generation to generåtíón (Psalm 64: 5). Alleluia. *Thrice

**Proper Communion verses for the following commemorations can be found on the pages listed below:**

Bright Monday, page 510
Bright Tuesday, page 511
Mid-Pentecost, page 532
Pentecost Monday, page 574
September 1: Beginning of the Church Year, page 674
September 26: Falling Asleep of John the Theologian, page 699
September 28: Chariton the Confessor, page 701
October 6: Thomas the Apostle, page 705
October 9: James Alphaeus, page 706
October 18: Luke the Evangelist, page 711
October 26: The Great-Martyr Demetrius, page 715
November 8: The Archangel Michael and All Bodiless Powers, page 719
November 13: John Chrysostom, page 723
June 29: Saints Peter and Paul, Chief Apostles, page 854
June 30: Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles, page 855
July 2: The Placing of the Robe of the Mother of God at Blachernae, page 856
July 5: Athanasius of Athos, page 857
July 10: Anthony of the Kievan Caves Monastery, page 858
July 15: Vladimir the Great, page 863
July 20: Elias the Prophet, page 869
July 24: Borys and Hlib, Passionbearers, page 871
July 25: Dormition of Anna, the Mother of the Theotokos, page 872
July 27: Panteleimon, Healer, page 873
August 9: The Apostle Matthias, page 882
August 14: The Transfer of the Relics of Theodosius of the Kievan Caves Monastery, page 883
August 29: The Beheading of John the Baptist, page 894
August 31: The Placing of the Sash of the Mother of God at Chalkoprateia, page 895

Communion Verses for The Common of the Saints
The Most Holy Mother of God, page 900
Prophets, page 902
One Apostle, page 903
Two or More Apostles, page 905
One Bishop, page 906
Several Bishops, page 908
Venerable Ones (Monks) and Fools for Christ, page 909
One Martyr, page 910
Several Martyrs, page 912
One Woman Martyr, page 913
Several Women Martyrs, page 914
One Priest-Martyr (Hieromartyr), page 915
Two or More Priest-Martyrs (Hieromartyrs), page 917
One Venerable (Monastic) Martyr, page 918
Two or More Venerable (Monastic) Martyrs, page 919
One Venerable Woman (Nun), page 920
Venerable (Monastic) Women, page 921
A Confessor, page 922
Holy Selfless Physicians, page 923
With heads bowed, the priest and deacon recite the Prayer before Communion. All partake with great care and reverence. The priest then bows and takes the sacred cup and purificator into both hands and partakes thereof saying:

Priest: I, the servant of God, [Name], a priest, partake of the precious and holy Blood of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ; for the forgiveness of my sins and for life everlasting. Amen. This has touched my lips and shall remove my wickedness and purge my sins.

Priest: Deacon, approach. 
The deacon approaches, and bows once, saying:

Deacon: Behold, I approach our immortal King and God. Master, give me the precious and holy Blood of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Priest: The servant of God, deacon [Name], partakes of the precious and holy Blood of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of his sins and for life everlasting.

After the deacon has received Communion, the priest says:

Priest: This has touched your lips and shall remove your wickedness, and purge your sins.

Prayer before Holy Communion

All: I believe, O Lord, and confess that You are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You:

✙ Remember me, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.
✙ Remember me, O Master, when You come into Your Kingdom.
✙ Remember me, O Holy One, when You come into Your Kingdom.

May the partaking of Your Holy Mysteries, O Lord, be unto me not for judgement or condemnation but for the healing of soul and body.

✙ God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
✙ God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
✙ I have sinned without number, forgive me, O Lord.
Hymns that are appropriate during the distribution of Communion can be found on the pages listed below:
General Communion hymns, page 964
Paschal hymns, page 948
Christmas Carols, page 982
Hymns to the Cross, page 1010
Or, this melody:

From Ascension Thursday until Friday before Pentecost we sing:
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens*; above all the earth be Your glory. Once.

At Christmas and its post-feast, we can sing:
All creation is filled with rejoicing today*, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

At Theophany and its post-feast we can sing:
All creation is filled with rejoicing today*, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.

Priest: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory. Thrice.
Priest: ¶Blessed be our God, always, now and for ever and ever.

A - men.
Or, this melody instead:

**Easter Season:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death; and to those in the tombs giving life. *Thrice.*

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The deacon loosens his orarion, leaves by the north door, stands in his customary place, and says:

The Thanksgiving Litany

Deacon: Stand aright! Having received the divine, holy, immaculate, immortal, heavenly, and life-giving, awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us rightly give thanks to the Lord.

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Deacon: Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Deacon:

Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Deacon: Having asked that this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

Deacon:

Having asked that this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

Priest: We thank You, O Master, lover of mankind and benefactor of our souls, that even today You have made us worthy of Your heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Make straight our path. Make us all firm in fear of You. Protect our lives and secure our steps, through the prayers and supplications of the glorious Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary and of all Your saints.
Alternate Ambo Prayers for the following Commemorations can be found on the pages listed below:

Monday (the Holy Incorporeal Powers), page 1082
Tuesday (the Forerunner, John the Baptist), page 1082
Wednesday (the Cross and the Mother of God), page 1082
Thursday (the Apostles and Saint Nicholas), page 1083
Friday (the Cross), page 1082
Saturday (All the Saints and the Deceased), page 1083
Bright Monday, page 510
Bright Tuesday, page 511
Mid-Pentecost, page 533
Pentecost Monday, page 574

December 27, Stephen the Protomartyr, page 770
January 1, Circumcision of Our Lord; and Saint Basil the Great, page 778
January 30, Three Hierarchs, page 807
March 9, Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, page 818
June 24, Nativity of John the Baptist, page 849
June 29, Peter and Paul, Chief Apostles, page 854
August 29, Beheading of John the Baptist, page 894

For the Deceased (Funerals), page 943
Thanksgiving, page 937
Being the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, O Christ our God, You fully achieved the whole of the Father’s plan of salvation, fill our hearts with joy and gladness, always, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

The Dismissal: We Are Empowered to Return into the World with the Message of God’s Presence

Priest: The blessing of the Lord be upon you ✝ with His grace and love for mankind, always, now and for ever and ever.

A-men.

Priest: Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our hope, glory be to You.

Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it,

now and for ever and ev-er.

A-men. Lord, have mercy. Lord,

have mercy. Lord, have mer-cy.
THE END OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

GLORY TO GOD!