

### The First Sunday Antiphon

Clap your hands, all you nations;\* shout to God with an exuberant voice.  
Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Savior, save us.

For the Lord, the most high, is awesome;\* he is the great king over all the earth.  
Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Savior, save us.

He has subdued peoples for us;\* and the nations he has places 'neath our feet.  
Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Savior, save us.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy;\* the Lord has gone up with the sounding of a trumpet.  
Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Savior, save us.

### The Third Sunday Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, \* let us acclaim God, our Savior.  
Son of God, exalted in glory, \* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise\*, and acclaim Him in psalms.  
Son of God, exalted in glory, \* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord\* and the great king over all the earth.  
Son of God, exalted in glory, \* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

\*\*\*\*\*Entrance\*\*\*\*\*

Come, let us worship\* and fall down before Christ.  
Son of God, exalted in glory, \* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

### Tropars

While Mary (Magdalen) was standing at your tomb in search of your most pure body,\* angelic powers appeared and the guards were mortified.\* You took hell captive; it could not overcome you.\* You revealed yourself as the source of life to the virgin.\* O Lord, risen from the dead,\* glory to you.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God.\* You gladdened your followers by promising the Holy Spirit.\* Your blessing confirmed them in the belief that you are the son of God,\* the deliverer of the world.

You are glorified in the highest degree, O Christ our God,\* for you made our fathers on earth into shining lights.\* Through them you led us all to true faith.\* O Lord, rich in mercy, glory to you.

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

The apostles' preaching and the fathers' teaching\* confirmed the church in a single faith.\* Vested in a garment woven from the fabric of sublime theology,\* she rightly teaches and glorifies the great mercy of divine worship.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

When you fulfilled the Father's plan for us\* and united all things with those of heaven above,\* O Christ our God, you ascended in glory.\* But in no way have you left us, for you abide constantly with us\* and proclaim assuringly to all who love you:\* I am with you and no one has any power over you.

### **Apostolos (Acts 20:16-18 & 28-36)**

**Prokimenon:** Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers, and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

**Stichon:** For you are just in all you have done to us, and all your works are true and your ways right.

**Reading** from the Acts of the Apostles:

In those days Paul decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to waste time in Asia. For he was hurrying as much as he could in order to reach Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost. From Miletus, however, he had sent an invitation to Ephesus for the presbyters of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them, "Be careful about yourselves and the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you as bishops, to herd the Church of God which he has redeemed through his own blood. For I know this, that after I am gone fierce wolves will get in among you and will not spare the flock. And from among you, some men will rise, speaking perverse doctrines, to draw away the disciples after them."

“Watch, therefore, and remember that for three years, night and day, I did not cease to warn with tears every one of you. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the Word of his grace, who is able to edify and to grant you an inheritance among all his blessed ones.”

“I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know these hands of mine have provided for my needs and those of my companions. In all things I have shown you that by working in this way you should help the weak, and remember what the Lord Jesus said in person, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

And after saying this, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

**Alleluia:** The God of gods, the Lord has spoken and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Stichon:** Gather his faithful ones around him, those who have made a covenant with him through sacrifices.

**Gospel: (John 17:1-13)**

At that time, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely.

**Instead of: "It is truly right..."**

Extol,\* my soul,\* the Lord\* exalted gloriously in the flesh above the heavens.

All of us believers,\* with one accord\*, proclaim your greatness as the Mother of God,\* for in time you gave birth to the timeless One,\* defying words\* and human understanding.

**Kinonikon**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise him in the highest.  
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones;\* praise from the upright is fitting.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.