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Moleben to Jesus

A Service of Prayer to Jesus, The Lover of Mankind



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Foreword

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Moleben to Jesus, the Lover of Mankind

STAND

Celebrant: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and forever.

Response:



Glory to you, our God,
glory ***to*** you.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
everywhere present and filling all things,
Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life,
come and dwell within us,
cleanse us from all stain,
and save our souls, O gra***cious*** One.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,
have mercy ***on*** us. *(Three Times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. ***A***men.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us;
Lord, cleanse us of our sins;
Master, forgive our transgressions;
Holy One, come to us
and heal our infirmities for ***your*** name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord ***have*** mercy.

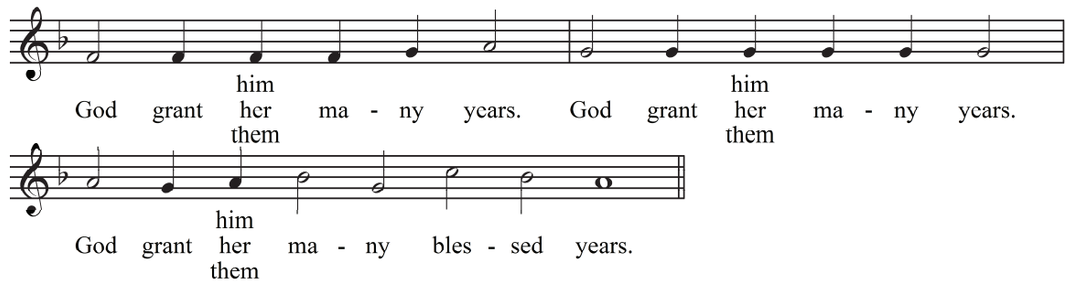
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now and ever and forever. ***A***men.

Polychronion

On more festive liturgical occasions, the deacon or a priest, facing the faithful, intones the chant for long life:

- To our holy father *(Name)*, Pope of Rome, grant, O Lord, many years.

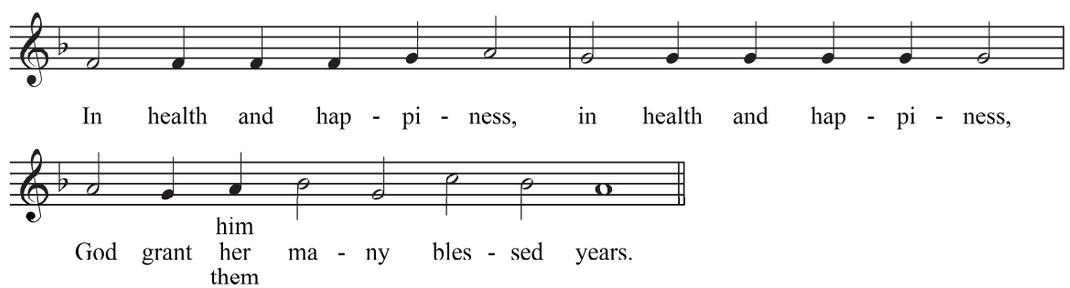
Response:



The faithful repeat the above response after each of the following intonations.

- To our most reverend Metropolitan *(Name)*, grant, O Lord, many years.
- To our God-loving Bishop[s] *(Name/s),* grant, O Lord, many years.
- To all priestly and monastic orders, to all our brothers and sisters, and to all Christians of the true faith, grant, O Lord, many years.

Added only after the final intonation for long life:



For you are a merciful and loving God and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



STAND

Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom!

Response: More honorable than the Cherubim
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,
who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word;
you, truly the Theotokos, we mag***ni***fy.

Celebrant: Glory to you, O Christ God, our hope, glory to you!

Response: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. ***A***men.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
[Most Reverend (Arch)Bishop,] Give ***the*** blessing!

Facing the faithful, the celebrant intones the Prayer of Dismissal:

Celebrant: May Christ our true God, [risen from the dead,] who on the cross accepted to have his side pierced by a lance, showing his love for us until the end, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother; of our venerable Mother Macrina, the patroness of this holy monastery; and through the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all.

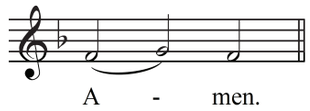
Response:



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.

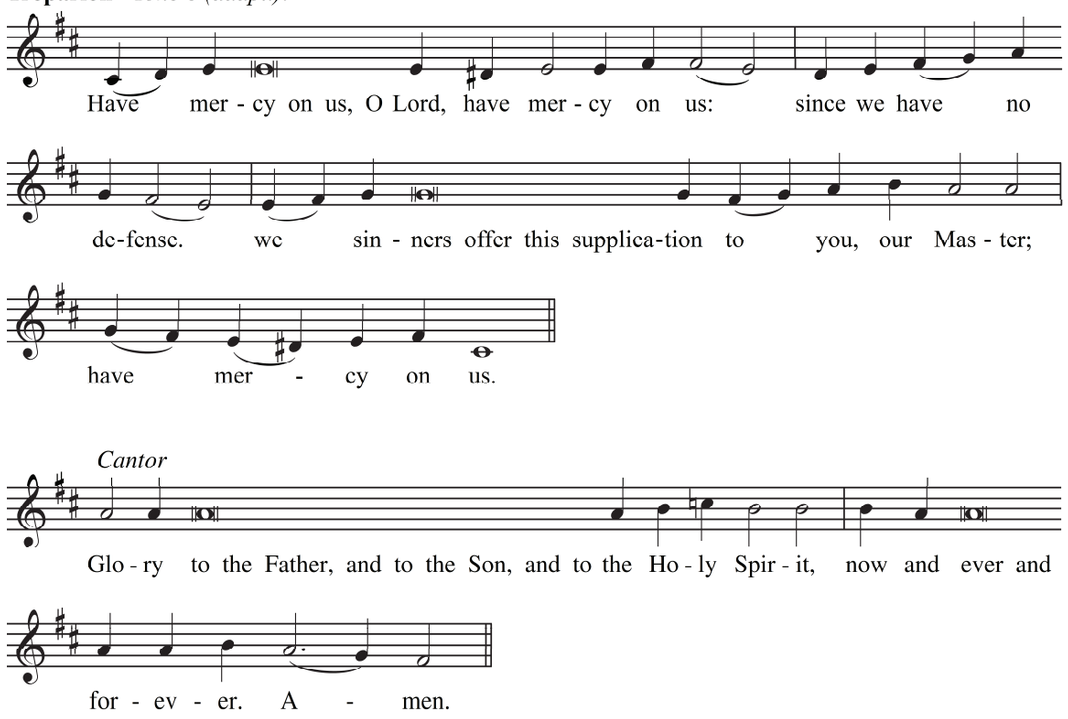
Celebrant: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

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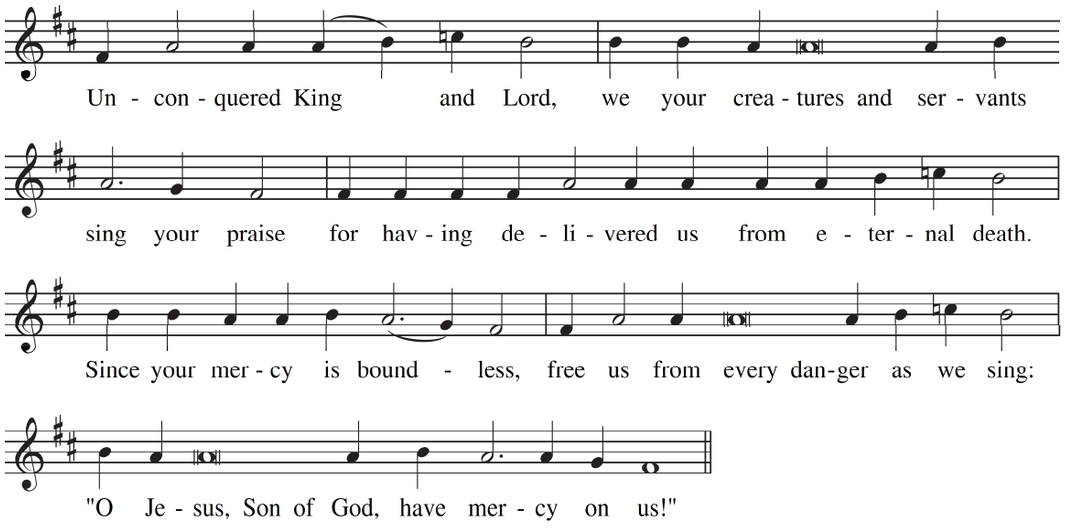


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Troparion - *Tone 6 (adapt.):*



Kontakion - *Tone 8:*

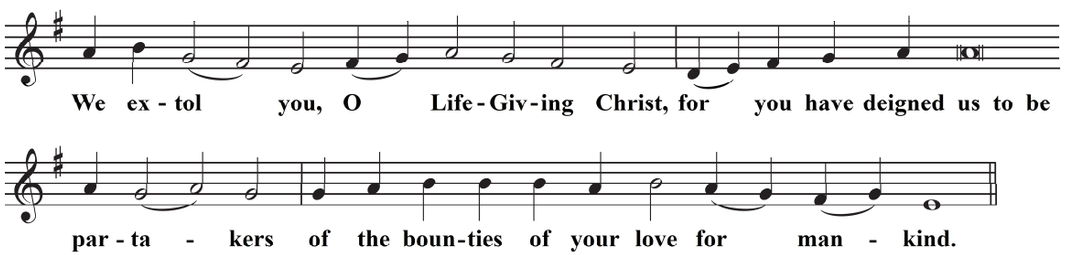


STAND

Festal Exaltation

The celebrant, concelebrants, and deacon remain at the holy table for the festal exaltation. ***The celebrant sings the festal exaltation the first time:***

Celebrant:



The faithful repeat the festal exaltation.

Deacon: Again we pray to the Lord our God that he hear the voice of our supplication and prayer, and forgive his servants who have come today to this holy monastery; that their prayer be acceptable before the throne of his majesty. Let us all say: O Lord, hear and have mercy.

Response:



Deacon: Again we pray that the Lord our God may look down upon the sorrow, tears, and lamentations of all those persecuted for the Catholic faith, and that, by the might of his grace, he deliver them and have mercy on them.

Response:



Special petitions for the living may be intoned here.

Deacon: Again we pray for the people here present who await your great and abundant mercy, for those who show us mercy, and for all Christians of the true faith.

Response:



The celebrant or a concelebrant prays aloud:

Celebrant: Lord our God, accept this fervent supplication from your servants and have mercy on us according to your abundant mercies. Be compassionate to us and to all your people who expect rich mercies from you.

protection and under the shadow of your wings, that we may serve you faithfully, praise you and glorify your name all the days of our life.

To you we give glory, with your eternal Father, and your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



Homily

If there was a candlelight procession, the homily may be offered at this time, during which the faithful are seated.

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Litany of Fervent Supplication

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy; we pray you, hear and have mercy.

Response:

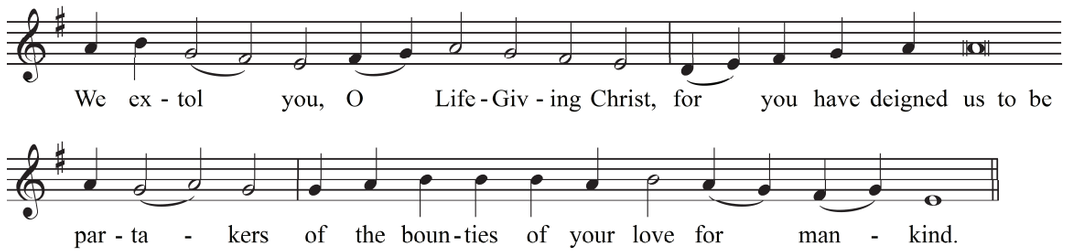


Deacon: Again we pray for our holy father *(Name),* Pope of Rome, and for our most reverend Metropolitan *(Name),* for our God-loving Bishop[s] *(Name/s),* for those who serve and have served in this holy monastery, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Response:



Response:



The faithful repeat the Exaltation as a refrain to each of the following verses:

Celebrant:



Refrain

Celebrant:



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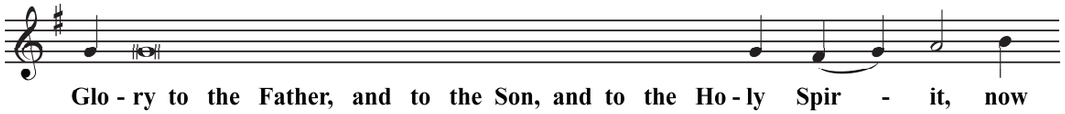
Celebrant:





Refrain

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REMAIN STANDING

PROKEIMENON

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celcelebrant: ✚ Peace be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 21: 23, 26b):





Deacon: My vows I shall pay before those who fear him.

The faithful repeat the Prokeimenon.

The deacon (or celebrant) incenses as usual before the reading of the Gospel.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God, Delight of our Hearts and Strength of our Bodies: have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God, our Hope at the hour of death and Security at the final judgment: have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God, you surpass all in power and answer every prayer: have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God: do not judge us according to our deeds, but have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God: guard our hearts against evil passions and vain thoughts; have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God, Eternal King, Sun of Justice, Tranquil Light: have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

STAND

Deacon: In all humility, let us pray to the Lord God.

Response:



Celebrant: O God and Master Jesus Christ, all-merciful Lord: lead us in your way that we may walk in your truth. Gladden our hearts that we may fear your holy name. O Lord, so mighty in your mercy, so gracious in your might: assist and comfort us; save us, for we put our trust in your holy name.

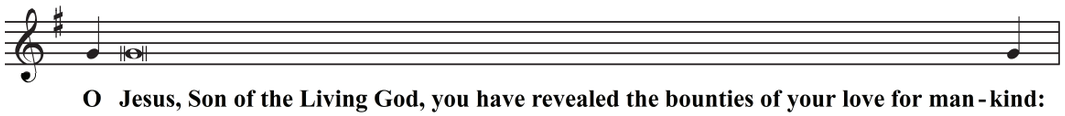
In your wrath, do not let us perish, O Lord and Lover of Mankind, but show us your great mercy and compassion. O Physician and Healer of Souls, Most Merciful Savior; forgive all our transgressions. Grant us your grace to avoid the path of sin. Give us the strength, O Mighty Lord, to withstand the temptations before which we are weak. Keep us under your

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Petitions

The celebrant or one concelebrant chants all of the following petitions:

Celebrant:



The remaining petitions are chanted in a similar manner.

Refrain:



The refrain is sung after each petition; the entire list of petitions need not be chanted at every celebration of the Moleben. Additional petitions may also be added.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God, Redeemer of our Forefathers, and Joy of the Saints: have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God, Most Powerful King, and Ever-merciful Savior: have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God, Invincible Strength, and Boundless Mercy: have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God: forgive our sins and deliver us from our iniquities; have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

Celebrant: O Jesus, Son of the Living God, Comfort of our Souls, and Light of our Minds: have mercy and save all those who give ***you*** glory.

Preparation for the Holy Gospel

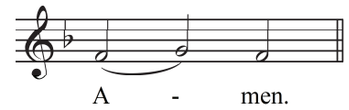
Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Response:



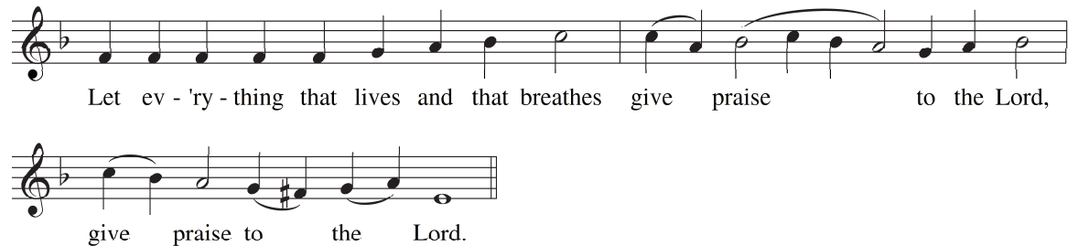
Celebrant: For you are holy, O our God, and you dwell in the holy place, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:



Deacon: Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon Melody:



Deacon: Praise God in his holy place, praise him in his mighty heavens.

The faithful repeat **"Let everything that lives…"** *as given above.*

Deacon: That we may be deemed worthy of hearing the holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord, God.

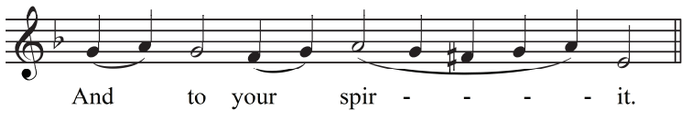
Response:



Deacon: Wisdom! Let us stand and listen to the holy Gospel.

Celebrant: ✚ Peace be to all!

Response:



Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Response:



Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The celebrant (even if a deacon is serving) reads John 10: 9-16.

Celebrant: The Lord said: "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Response:



Candlelight Procession

At this time, the candlelight procession may take place, beginning and ending at the Mother of God Shrine (unless otherwise specified).

During the procession, the below petitions are sung as a responsorial as the procession moves between the shrines.

At each shrine, there is a reading from the holy Gospel. When the procession reaches the shrine and all is in readiness, the following order is to be followed before each Gospel reading.

Deacon: That we may be deemed worthy of hearing the holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord, God.

Response: **Lord, have mercy.** *(Three times, using the music on page 6)*

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us stand and listen to the holy Gospel.

Celebrant: ✚ Peace be to all!

Response: **And to your spirit.** *(using the music on page 7)*

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to *(Name)*.

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you!** *(using the music on page 7)*

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The celebrant or a concelebrant (even if a deacon is serving) reads the holy Gospel.

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you!** *(using the music on page 7)*

At the conclusion of the holy Gospel, the procession moves to the next shrine and the chanting of the petitions with refrain continues.