

Changeable portions for Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday

(After the "Alleluia" verses)

Troparion

Tone 8

People: Behold, the Bridegroom comes at midnight,
and blessed is the servant whom He shall find watching;
and again, unworthy is the servant whom He shall find
heedless.

Beware, therefore, O my soul, do not be weighed down
with sleep,
lest you be given up to death and lest you be shut out of
the Kingdom.

But rouse yourself crying: Holy, Holy, Holy, are You, O
our God!

Through the Theotokos have mercy on us!

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

Kathisma Hymns

Tone 1

People: Today, Christ's holy Passion dawns upon the world as a
saving light,
For He comes by His goodness to suffer:
He Who holds all things in His hand
Consents to be hung upon the wood
In order to save mankind.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 1

People: O Invisible Judge, how have You been seen in the flesh?
How have You been slain by lawless men,
Condemning our condemnation by Your sufferings?
Therefore, with one voice, O Word, we send up glory,
dominion, and praise to Your power!

Reader: ... now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8

People: Today shines as the first-fruits of the Passion of the Lord!
Come, then, all who love the feast and join together in
hymns,
For the Creator comes to accept the Cross,
The afflictions, the beatings and the judgment by Pilate.
A servant strikes Him on the head,
But He endures all things that He may save mankind.
Therefore, let us cry out to Him:
Grant remission of sins to those who venerate Your holy
Passion in faith, O Christ our God, the Lover of mankind!

The Gospel

Sr. Rdr.: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint
Matthew. (Mt. 21:18-43)

The appointed Gospel lesson is read in a normal voice by the **Senior Reader.**

In those days, as Jesus was returning to Jerusalem, He was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the

sea,' it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?" But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: The baptism of John; where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him. Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to

them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'? Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it."

People: Lord have mercy (3x).

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

(Go to **Psalm 50**, and then after Psalm 50 go to the following)

THE CANON – Ode I

Irmos: Let us sing to the Lord!
By His divine command, He dried up the raging and impassible sea,
and led the people of Israel through on foot,
for gloriously has He been glorified!

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

People: Oh, the inexpressible condescension of the Word of God!
For Christ, Who is both God and man,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied Himself and appeared to His disciples in the form of a servant.
Gloriously has He been glorified!

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

People: “With the wealth of My Divine nature,
I came in order to minister to Adam in his poverty.
I fashioned his body and now willingly I put it on.
Though in My Divine nature I am not subject to passion,
I lay down My life to ransom his.”

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

Kontakion

People: Jacob lamented the loss of Joseph,
but his noble son was seated on a chariot and honored as
a king.
For when he refused to be enslaved by the pleasures of
the Egyptian woman,
he was glorified by the Lord Who beholds the hearts of
men,
and bestows upon them an incorruptible crown.

Ikos

Today, let us add lamentation to lamentation.
Let our tears flow with those of Jacob,
who weeps for his celebrated and sober-minded son;
for though bodily Joseph was indeed a slave,
he preserved the freedom of his soul and was lord over
all Egypt.
For God prepares His servants an incorruptible crown.

Ode VIII

Irmos: The relentless fire was fed by fuel in endless supply.
Yet it shrank before the flesh of the Holy Youths, as pure
as their souls,
and when the never-ending flame was quenched,
the singing of an everlasting hymn began:
Praise the Lord, all works of the Lord,
and exalt Him throughout all ages.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

People: “By this will all men know that you are my disciples,”
said the Savior to His friends as He went to His passion.
“If you will keep My commandments.
Be at peace among yourselves and with all men.
Think humbly of yourselves and you will be exalted.
And knowing that I am the Lord,
you will sing and exalt Me throughout all ages.”

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

People: “Let your order be contrary to that of the Gentiles,
who hold power over their fellowmen,
for such is not My portion, but rather self-appointed
tyranny.
He, then, who would be great among you,
must be the servant of all.
And knowing that I am the Lord,
he will sing and exalt Me throughout all ages.”

Refrain: Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the
Lord,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Ode IX

Irmos: You have magnified the Theotokos who bore You, O Christ.
From her You have put on a body like our own, O our Creator,
which releases us from our errors.
Blessing her, we in all generations magnify You!

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

People: You warned Your Apostles, O Wisdom of all:
“Flee from all impure passion.
Seek, instead, wisdom worthy of the Kingdom of God.
Thus you will be glorified and shine more brightly than the sun.”

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

People: The Lord said to His disciples:
“As you look at Me, do not be haughty,
but be joined to the lowly.
The cup which I drink, drink also,
that you may be glorified with Me in my Father’s Kingdom.”

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

Go to the Exapostilarion, and then after the first few verses of the
Psalm 150 in The Praises)

Tone 1

People: As the Lord was going to His voluntary Passion,
He said to the apostles on the way,
“Behold, we go up to Jerusalem,
And the Son of Man shall be delivered up, as it is written
of Him.”
Come, therefore, let us also go with Him,
Purified in mind.
Let us be crucified with Him and die through Him
To the pleasures of this life.
Then we shall live with Him and hear Him say:
“I go no more to the earthly Jerusalem to suffer,
But to My Father and your Father,
To my God and your God.
I shall raise you up to the Jerusalem on high in the
Kingdom of Heaven.”

Reader: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet,
praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with drum and dancing,
praise Him with strings and bells.

Tone 5

People: We have reached the saving passion of Christ our God.
Let us, the faithful, glorify His ineffable forbearance,
That in His compassion He may raise us up who were
dead in sin,
For He is good and loves mankind.

Reader: Praise Him with well-tuned cymbals,
praise Him with cymbals of victory!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

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

Tone 5

People: Going to your Passion, O Lord,
You took Your disciples aside and reassured them:
“How have you forgotten the words that I once spoke?
Is it not written:
A prophet cannot be killed but in Jerusalem?
Now is the time of which I told you.
Behold, I am betrayed into the hands of sinners to be
mocked.
They will nail Me to the Cross, and deliver Me up to
burial,
Regarding Me, as a dead man, a thing of loathing.
Yet, take courage, for I will arise on the third day,
Giving to the faithful joy and life everlasting!”

Reader: To You, O Lord our God, belongs glory, and to You we
send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Go to The Lesser Doxology

The Aposticha

Tone 5

People: The mother of Zebedee’s children, O Lord,
Could not understand the ineffable mystery of Your
dispensation.
She asked the honor of a temporal kingdom for her sons,
But instead You promised Your friends
That they should drink the cup of death,
A cup that You would drink before them for the cleansing
of sins.
Therefore, we cry out to You:
O Salvation of our souls, glory to You!

Psalm 89 (90):14-16

Reader: Let us be satisfied with Your mercy in the morning, Lord,
and we shall be glad and rejoice all our days.

Let us be glad for the days in which You humbled us,
for the years in which we have seen evils.

And look upon Your servants and Your works,
and guide their children.

People: You taught Your disciples, O Lord, to desire what is
perfect,
Saying: “Be not like the gentiles, who oppress the weak.
It shall not be so with you, O My disciples.
For of My own will I am poor.
Let the first among you, therefore, be the servant of all.
Let the ruler be like those who are ruled.
Let him who is first be like the last.
For I have come to serve Adam in his poverty,
And to give My life as a ransom for the many who cry to
Me:
O Lord, glory to You!”

Psalm 89 (90):17

Reader: And may the radiance of the Lord our God be upon us,
and direct the works of our hands for us,
and direct the work of our hands.

People: The fig tree was withered up because it was unfruitful.
We should fear the same punishment, O brethren,
And bring worthy fruits of repentance to Christ,
Who brings to us great mercy.

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

People: The serpent found a second Eve in the Egyptian woman
And plotted the fall of Joseph through words of flattery.
But, leaving behind his garment, Joseph fled from sin.
He was naked but unashamed, like Adam before the fall.
Through his prayers, O Christ, have mercy on us!

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to
Your name, O Most High, to declare Your mercy in the
morning, and Your truth by night. (2x)

(Go to **The Trisagion Prayers** for the completion of the service)