

# THE CRUCIFIXION SERVICE FOR THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

*This service is often called the Service of the Twelve Gospels. We have listed all twelve and underlined the most significant passages for the “Basic” option. You may consider adding others as the “Advanced” option. Before you begin, we encourage you to mark the ones you will read as a family in your Bible so they are ready to read. You might consider having each person old enough taking turns reading a Gospel.*

**Leader:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Glory to You, Christ God our hope, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Consoler, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, the Treasury of Blessings and the Giver of Life: Come and dwell in us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One! Have mercy on us. (3 times)

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

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive us our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, look upon us and heal our infirmities for Your Name’s sake.

Lord have mercy! (3 times)

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

**Leader:** For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**R:** Amen.

Lord have mercy! (12 times)

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

**Leader:**

Come, let us worship, our King and bow down before Him! (Metany)

Come, let us worship Christ God, our King, and bow down before Him! (Metany)

Come, let us worship Christ, our King and our God, and bow down before Him! (Metany)

## PSALM 3

O Lord, why do so many taunt me?

Many are those who rise up against me;

Many are those who say of my soul:

“There is no salvation for him in his God!”

But You, O Lord, are a shield around me,

my glory: You raised my head.

Loudly did I cry out to the Lord

and from his holy mountain he listened to me.

As for me I lay down and slept,  
 I rose again for the Lord will be my help.  
 I will not fear ten thousand people  
 arrayed against me all around:  
 arise, O Lord and save me, my God!  
 You have stricken all who fought me without cause,  
 you have shattered the sinners teeth.  
 This deliverance is the Lord's.  
 Upon your people be your blessing!  
 As for me I lay down and slept.  
 I rose again for the Lord will be my help.

TROPARION OF HOLY THURSDAY

While the glo-ri - ous Disc-i-ples were en-light - ened at the  
 wash-ing of their feet in the Last Sup - per, then Ju-das,  
 the wick-ed be - tray-er, sick with the love of mon-ey,  
 fell in - to dark - ness, and he de-liv - ered You,  
 the su-preme-ly right-eous Judge, to law-less judg-  
 - es. Where - fore O lov-er of mon - ey, look at the man  
 who has hung him - self for this ver - y love  
 and flee from the in-sa - tia - ble soul who  
 bold - ly dared to be - tray the Mas - ter.

## THE TWELVE GOSPELS

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to... (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John)

**R.** Glory to you, O Lord glory to you!

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| 1. JOHN 13:31-18.1  | 5. <u>MATTHEW 27:3-33</u>  | 9. JOHN 19:25-37            |
| 2. JOHN 18:1-28     | 6. MARK 15:16-32           | 10. MARK 15:43-47           |
| 3. MATTHEW 26:57-75 | 7. <u>MATTHEW 27:33-35</u> | 11. JOHN 19 38-42           |
| 4. JOHN 18:28-19:16 | 8. <u>LUKE 23:32-49</u>    | 12. <u>MATTHEW 27:62-66</u> |

**R.** Glory to you, O Lord glory to you!

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us (3 times)

TODAY IS HUNG ON A TREE - *traditionally sung after the Fifth Gospel (Matthew 27:3-33)*

Today is hung on a tree He who suspended the earth over the waters. (3 times)

He was crowned with a crown of thorns, placed on His head, He who was the King of Angels.

He was clad in a robe of purple mockery, who clothed the heavens with clouds.

He who received the scourging, in Jordan gave freedom to Adam.

With nails was He fastened who is the Bridegroom of the Church.

With a spear was He pierced, the son of the Virgin.

We adore Your Passion, O Christ! (3 times)

Let us behold Your glorious Resurrection.

Let us not celebrate the Passover of old, since our Passover is Christ, and He has been slain for our sake.

Let us purify ourselves from all stain, and in purity entreat Him, saying,

“Arise, O Lord, and save us, for You are the Lover of mankind!”

Your Cross, O Lord, is Life and Resurrection, and in it is our hope.

We praise You, our crucified God! Have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

O Christ, the one who gave You birth exclaimed when she saw You crucified:

“O my Son, what a strange mystery do I see? How can the Giver of Life die hung upon a tree?”

**Leader:**

On Holy and Great Friday, we celebrate the holy sufferings which our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ endured for our salvation: the spitting, the blows, the scourging, the insults and mockery, the purple robe, the reed, the sponge, the vinegar, the nails, the lance and – above all – the Cross and death which He freely accepted to save us. And we add the confession by which the good thief, crucified with Him, found salvation upon the cross.

O Word of the living God, today upon the Cross You permit death to take hold of the God of Life.

The thief uses his tongue as a key to open Paradise as he says, “Remember me, O Lord, in Your Kingdom!”

By the ineffable mercy which You have poured out on us, O Christ our God, take pity on us. Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us.

**R.** Amen.