

HYMNS & READINGS • JULY 8, 2018 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Verses for the Beatitudes *(Tone 5)*

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Believing Thee to be God, O Christ, the thief on the cross confessed Thee in a pure manner, crying out from the depths of his heart. Remember me in Thy Kingdom, O Lord!

***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.***

Together let us hymn as Saviour and Creator Him Who on the tree of the Cross budded forth life for the human race and caused the curse which originated from the tree to wither up.

***Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you,
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.***

Arriving at Thy tomb, O Christ, the honorable women sought to anoint Thee with myrrh, O Bestower of life; but an angel appeared to them, crying out: the Lord is risen!

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

When Thou wast crucified between two condemned thieves, O Christ, one of them blasphemed Thee and was justly damned, while the other confessed Thee and hath now come to dwell in paradise.

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

O indivisible Trinity, all-effecting and all-powerful Unity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: thee do we hymn as our True God and Saviour!

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!

Rejoice, O living temple of God and impassible gate! Rejoice, O fiery throne which burneth yet is not consumed! Rejoice, O Mother of Emmanuel, Christ our God!

Troparion & Kontakion

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone V -

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion, Tone IV - St. Procopius

Thy holy martyr Procopius, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.// Through his intercessions save our souls!

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

Kontakion, Tone II - St. Procopius

Set ablaze by divine zeal for Christ and protected by the might of the Cross, thou didst cast down the insolence and boldness of the Enemy, O Procopius, thou didst exalt the honorable Church,// excelling in faith and giving light to us all!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone V -

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Prokeimenon & Epistle

Prokeimenon in the 5th tone: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Epistle (*Romans 12:6-14*): *Brethren*, having gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Alleluia

(*Tone 5*) I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

(*Tone 5*) For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

Gospel (*Matthew 9:1-8*): *At that time*, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.