The Beatitudes — Verses

Choir: In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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Through a tree Adam lost his home in paradise, but through the tree of the cross the thief came there to dwell. By tasting of the truit, the first broke the Creator's commandment, but He who was crucified with Thee confessed Thee, the hidden God. Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

Choir: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Reader:

Lawless men bought the Creator of the law from a disciple and brought Him before the judgment seat of Pilate as a transgressor. Thou He had given them manna in the wilderness, they cried out: Crucify Him! But we, imitating the righteous thief, cry out in faith: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

Choir: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Reader:

The swarm of those who would kill God, the lawless nation of the Jews, cried out in fury to Pilate: Crucify Him! — Christ, the innocent one. And they sought instead the release of Barabbas. But with the wise thief we lift up our voices: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

Choir: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Reader:

From Thy life-bearing side, O Christ, a fountain flows forth as from Eden, giving drink to Thy Church as to a living paradise. From there it divided to become the four rivers of the Gospels, watering the world, gladdening creation, and teaching the nations to worship Thy kingdom in faith.

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

Reader:

Thou wast crucified for my sake, in order to pour forth forgiveness for me. Thy side was pierced so that streams of life might flow for me. Thy hands were transfixed by nails so that, convinced of the height of Thy power by the depth of Thy sufferings, I might cry out to Thee, O Christ, Thou giver of life: Glory to Thy cross and to Thy Passion, O Savior!

Choir: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reader:

When it beheld Thee crucified, O Christ, all creation trembled. The foundations of the earth shook for fear of Thy might. The lights of heaven hid themselves, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. The mountains quaked, and the rocks were split, and with us the believing thief cried out to Thee, O Savior: Remember me in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader:

On the cross Thou didst destroy the legal bond against us, O Lord. Thou wast reckoned with the dead and there didst bind the tyrant, delivering all from the bonds of death by Thy resurrection. By it we have been illumined, O Lord who lovest mankind, and we cry out to Thee: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader:

Thou wast lifted up upon the cross, O Lord. Thou didst destroy the power of death, and as God Thou didst cancel the legal bond against us. Grant the repentance of the thief also unto us who worship Thee in faith, O only lover of mankind, and who cry out to Thee, O Christ our God: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader:

Let us, the faithful, all pray that with one voice we may worthily glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: One God existing in three persons yet remaining unconfused, simple, undivided, and unapproachable; by Whom we escape the flames of punishment.

Choir: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reader:

We offer to Thee as an intercessor, O Christ, Thy mother who bore Thee in the flesh without seed, the true virgin who after giving birth remained incorrupt. Through her intercessions, O most merciful Master, grant forgiveness of sins to us who cry unceasingly: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

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