

# **Resource Sheet 43**

## **From the Gospel to the Great Entrance (a selection)**

### **Activity:**

#### **THE SUPPLICATION OF THE FAITHFUL**

Deacon: Again and again, in peace, let all of us, the faithful, pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Wisdom!

#### **THE FIRST PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Priest (in a low voice): We give thanks to You, O Lord God of Hosts, Who has made us worthy to stand even now before Your holy Altar of sacrifice and to fall down before You seeking Your compassion for our sins and those committed in ignorance by the people. Accept, O God, our supplication. Make us worthy to offer You prayers, supplications, and bloodless sacrifices for all Your people. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, make us, whom You have appointed to this, Your ministry, free of blame or stumbling and, with the witness of a clear conscience, able to call upon You at every time and in every place, so that, hearing us, You may be merciful to us in the abundance of Your goodness.

And he exclaims:

For to You all glory, honour, and worship are due, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Wisdom!

#### **THE SECOND PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Priest (in a low voice): Again and countless times we fall down before You, and we implore You, O Good One, Who loves mankind: That You, having regarded our prayer, may cleanse our souls and bodies from every defilement of flesh and spirit, and grant to us to stand before Your holy Altar of sacrifice, free of guilt and condemnation. Grant also, O God, to those who pray with us, progress in life, faith, and spiritual

understanding. Grant that they always worship You with awe and love, partake of Your Holy Mysteries without guilt or condemnation, and be deemed worthy of Your celestial Kingdom.

And he exclaims:

That, ever guarded by Your might, we may ascribe glory to You, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.<sup>1</sup>

### **Reading:**

#### **The Cherubic Hymn**

Let us, who mystically represent the Cherubim and who sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, now lay aside every worldly care so that we may receive the King of all. Who is invisibly escorted by the angelic hosts. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.<sup>2</sup>

### **Activity:**

Fill in the missing words and expressions, using the Glossary:

The Great Entrance is a resemblance of the gifts of ..... being offered by the people. God takes what we offer to Him, and then blesses and ..... them. This is a reminder that all we have is God's, and we are called to offer back to God the gifts that He has given us. The ..... Hymn and the time after it is the moment in the Liturgy when we should offer to God all the cares and ..... What concerns did you come to church with today? Hand them over to the Lord. What anxieties are you thinking about for the upcoming week? Turn everything over now to our loving God and "lay aside our earthly cares" so that we may only concentrate on thing – ..... We are called to offer God our complete attention at this moment! The Gospels teach us, "Seek first the ....., and all these things will be added to you."

**Glossary:** God Himself, Cherubic, transforms, Kingdom of Heaven, worries of our lives, bread and wine.

### **Key:**

The Great Entrance is a resemblance of the gifts of bread and wine being offered by the people. God takes what we offer to Him, and then blesses and transforms them. This is a reminder that all we have is God's, and we are called to offer back to God the gifts that He has given us. The Cherubic Hymn and the time after it is the moment in the Liturgy when we should offer to God all the cares and worries of our lives. What concerns did you come to church with today? Hand them over to the Lord. What anxieties are you thinking about for the upcoming week? Turn everything over now to our loving God and "lay aside our earthly cares" so that we may only concentrate on thing – God Himself. We are called to offer God our complete attention at this moment! The Gospels teach us, "Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven, and all these things will be added to you."<sup>3</sup>

### **Activity:**

There is a church drawing in the folder, use it or another simple drawing to make a model. Then outline it on a cardboard or another appropriate material. Write on the board the parts of the Divine Liturgy. Students should write these in the correct order. Ask them to economise on the use of free space when annotating. More work will be done on these church plans.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: [http://www.goarch.org/chapel/liturgical\\_texts/liturgy](http://www.goarch.org/chapel/liturgical_texts/liturgy)

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<sup>3</sup> With shortenings and some changes, source: <http://www.schwebster.org/sermons/2015-sermons/a-teaching-divine-liturgy>