

Let Us Go Forth in Peace

Theme

Having been given the Peace of God by encountering him in the Liturgy, we are to go forth and share it with the world.

Outline

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Blessed be the name of the Lord
The Great Cloud of Witnesses
The Liturgy after the Liturgy

Scripture References¹

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Through this name [the name of the Lord], death was abolished...the doors of Paradise opened wide, the Holy Spirit descended upon us, slaves became free men, enemies became sons, strangers became heirs, humans became angels. Angels, did I say? God became man, and man god. Heaven received the nature that came from earth. The earth received him who sits upon the cherubim together with angelic host. The dividing wall [between God and humanity Ephesians 2.14] has been destroyed, the barrier has been removed, what was separated is united, darkness has been abolished, light has shone forth.

—St John Chrysostom *On Psalm 8*.

¹ References from the Greek Bible; differing Hebrew Bible references are noted in parentheses.

The Prayer at the Consumption of the Gifts

St John Chrysostom

O Christ our God, who art thyself the Fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, who didst fulfill all the dispensation of the Father: fill our hearts with joy and gladness, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

St Basil

The mystery of thy dispensation, O Christ our God, hath been accomplished and perfected, as far as is in our power, for we have had the memorial of thy death, we have seen the type of thy resurrection, we have been filled with thine unending life, we have enjoyed thine inexhaustible delight, which also in the age to come be well-pleased to vouchsafe to us all, through the grace of thine unoriginate Father, and of thy holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen

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Scriptures References²

2 Maccabees 15.37–38 ESV

So I too will here end my story. If it is well told and to the point, that is what I myself desired; if it is poorly done and mediocre, that was the best I could do.

Psalms 8.2 (8.1) NETS

O Lord, our Lord,
how admirable is your name in all the earth,
because your magnificence was raised beyond the heavens.

Psalms 27.9 (28.9) NETS

O save your people, and bless your heritage,
and shepherd them, and lift them up forever.

Psalms 110.9 NETS

Redemption he sent to his people;
he commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

Psalms 112 (113)

Hallelujah.
Praise the Lord, O servants;
praise the name of the Lord.
May the name of the Lord be blessed
from now on and forevermore.
From the sun's rising to its setting,
praise the name of the Lord!
High is the Lord to all nations;
to the heavens is his glory.

² Bible Versions:

ESV: English Standard Bible (a revision of the Revised Standard Version)

OSB/SAAS: Orthodox Study Bible/St Athanasius Academy Septuagint

LES: Lexham English Septuagint (a diplomatic translation of the Vatican Codex)

LEB: Lexham English Bible (From Hebrew OT, and Greek NT)

NET: New English Translation (with extensive translation notes) (not related to the NETS)

NETS: New English Translation of the Septuagint (an academic translation of the Septuagint, in these quotes proper names have been standardized)

Who is like the Lord our God,
 who resides on high,
and looks upon that which is lowly
 in the sky and on the earth?
It is he who raises a poor one from the ground,
 and from a trash heap he lifts a needy one,
to make him sit with rulers,
 with rulers of his people.
It is he who establishes a barren one in a home,
 a gladdened mother of children.

Isaiah 6.1–9 NETS (modified)

And it happened in the year that King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and raised up, and the house was full of his glory. And seraphim stood around him; each one had six wings, and with two they covered their face, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And they cried out one to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Sabaoth; the whole earth is full of his glory." And the lintel was raised at the voice with which they cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "O wretched that I am! I am stunned; for being a man and having unclean lips, I live among a people having unclean lips, and I have seen the King, the Lord Sabaoth, with my eyes!"

Then one of the seraphim was sent to me, and he had in his hand a live coal that he had taken from the altar with the tongs. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips, and it will take away your lawlessness and purify your sins."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go to this people?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Matthew 17.1–8 ESV

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Luke 24.13–35 ESV

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Ephesians 2.11–22 ESV

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both

one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Philippians 2.9–11 ESV

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Timothy 2.1–7 ESV

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

2 Peter 1.3–4 ESV

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

James 1:16–18 ESV

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.