

18th Sunday after Pentecost.

Semidouble. (Green)

INTROIT

Ecclus. 36.16.

GIVE peace, O Lord, unto them that wait for thee, † and let thy prophets be found faithful: * hear the prayers of thy servants, and of thy people Israel. *Ps. 121.* I was glad when they said unto me: * Let us go into the house of the Lord. *℟.* Glory.

Cencing of the Altar and Temple

COLLECT

O LORD, forasmuch as without thee we are not ablê to please thee: let the operation of thy mercy, we pray thêe, in all things direct and rule our hearts. Through.

COLLECT 2. *Of St. Mary.*

O LORD God Almighty, we beseech thee to keep us thy servants both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls: that by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary Ever-virgin, we may be delivered from our present heaviness, and attain in the end to everlasting gladness. Through.

COLLECT 3. *For the Church.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy Church: that all adversities and errors being done away, she may serve thee in freedom and safety. Through.

The LESSON from the Prophet Daniel.

Daniel 9:14b-19.

IN those days Daniel said: The Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

GRADUAL. *Ps. 121.* I was glad when they said unto me: * Let us go into the house of the Lord. *℟.* Let there be peace in thy power, * and prosperity within thy palaces.

The Lesson from the first EPISTLE of blessèd Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.

I Cor. 1:4-8.

BRETHREN: I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ: that in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge: even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the way of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA, alleluia. *℟. Ps. 101-b.* And the nations shall fear the Name of the Lord, * and all the kings of the earth thy glory. **Alleluia.**

✠ **The Continuation of the HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew.** *St. Matt. 9:1-8.*

AT that time: Jesus entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy: Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves: This man blasphemeth. And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said: † Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say: † Thy sins be forgiven thee? or to say: † Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, then saith he to the sick of the palsy: Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitude saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, who had given such power unto men.

Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed—The Symbol of Faith
I BELIEVE in one God—

All: THE Father Almighty, | Maker of heaven and earth, | and of all things | visible and invisible. AND in one Lord, Jesus Christ, | the Son of God; | the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; | Light of Light, | true God of true God; | begotten, not made; | of one essence with the Father; | by whom all things were made; | who for us men and for our salvation, | came down from the heavens. | And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit (Ghost) | and the Virgin Mary, | and became man. | And was crucified for us | under Pontius Pilate; | and suffered, and was buried; | and arose again on the third day | according to the Scriptures; | and ascended into the heavens, | and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; | and shall come again, with glory, | to judge both the living and the dead; | whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND in the Holy Spirit (Ghost), the Lord, | the Giver of life, | who proceedeth from the Father; | who with the Father and the Son together | is worshipped and glorified; (Rise.) | who spake by the prophets. | In One, Holy, Catholic, | and Apostolic Church: | I confess one baptism | for the remission of sins. | I look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, | and the life of the age to come. | Amen.

Litany Of Supplication

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Deacon: Let us all say, Lord, have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Deacon: That our God will rule and govern his holy Orthodox Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will preserve the hierarchy and clergy of his Church, especially our great lord and father, His Holiness Patriarch N., our lord the Most Reverend Metropolitan, N., in true religion, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will spread the light of his Gospel unto all nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will restore to his Church all who have erred and gone astray, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will give to all nations true peace and concord, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will endow the President of the United States and all in civil authority, with the wisdom to know and the courage to do his will, let us pray to the Lord.

Here may be inserted any special petitions as desired or ordered by Church authorities. Then, he continues: ,

Deacon: That our God will strengthen and preserve us in his holy service, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will heal the sick and succor all who are in any trouble, sorrow, need, or adversity, [*especially NN.,*] let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will give to our use the abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will grant us the spirit of true repentance, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will bless our brethren, kinsfolk, benefactors, and friends with blessings everlasting, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will grant rest to the souls of all the faithful departed, [*especially NN.,*] let us pray to the Lord.

The celebrant says one of the following, or another general Collect:

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Ruler of all things in heavên and earth: mercifully accept the prayers of thy peoplê; and grant us strength to do thy will. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lôrð: Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit (Ghost), God, unto agês of ages (world wîthout end).

Choir: Amen.

or

O LORD our God, receive the fervent prayers ôf thy people: in the multitude of thy mercies, look with compassion upon ûs; and upon all who turn to thee for help. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lôrð: Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit (Ghost), God, unto agês of ages (world wîthout end).

OFFERTORY. *Exod. 24.* Moses buildèd an altar unto the Lord, * and offerèd burnt offerings upon it, | and sacrificèd peace offerings: *¶*. And he made an evening sacrifice † for a sweet-smelling savour unto the Lord God, * in the sight of the children of Israel.

RECEIVE, O holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, this spotless Host which I, an unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for all my countless sins, offences and neglect; and for those who stand round about; as also for all the faithful in Christ, both living (quick) and dead; that to me and to them it may avail for salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the Chalice of Salvation; beseeching thy mercy that it may ascend in the sight of thy Divine Majesty as a sweet-smelling savour for our salvation, and that of the whole world. Amen.

IN a spirit of humility, and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted by thee, O Lord; and so let our sacrifice be offered

in thy sight this day, that it may be pleasing unto thee, O Lord God.

COME, O Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, ✠ Almighty and Eternal God; and bless this sacrifice made ready unto thy holy Name.

Censing (*In a Solemn Liturgy or a Sung Liturgy*)

Washing of Hands.

O LORD, wash away my iniquities and cleanse me of my sins.

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we offer unto thee in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ: and to the honour of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, of blessed John the Baptist, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all thy Saints: that it may avail to their honour, and for our salvation; and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we keep on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECRET.

O GOD, who through communion in this wondrous sacrifice dost make us partakers of thy glorious Godhead: grant, we beseech thêe; that as we have the knowledge of thy truth, so in all our way of life (conversation) we may walk worthy of the same. Through.

SECRET 2. *Of St. Mary.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that by the bountiful goodness of thy mercy, and by the intercession of blessèd Mary Ever-virgin, these our oblations may be acceptable in thy sight: that we being delivered in this present life from all adversitiës, may obtain in that which is to come peace everlasting. Through.

SECRET 3. *For the Church.*

DEFEND us, O Lord, who wait upon thy Mysteries: that we, cleaving fast to things heavenly, may serve thee both in body and soul. Through.

PREFACE. *Of 18th Sunday after Pentecost.*

IT is truly meet and right, our joy and salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God: who though thou hast no need of our praise, art nevertheless pleased by the devotion of thy servants; neither do our acclamations add anything to thee, but they are beneficial for our salvation. For it is death to pass by the source of life, but our return to it, is life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord: by whom the Angels praise thy Majesty, the Dominions adore thee, the Powers tremble before thee; the heavens, the heavenly Virtues, and blessèd Seraphim, together sing thy praise; with whom we pray thee to join our humble voices, evermore saying.

(And the Sanctus is sung or said.)

Prayers before Holy Communion

I BELIEVE, ☩ O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief. Moreover, I believe that this is truly thy most pure Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore, I pray thee: Have mercy on me and forgive me my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary; in word and deed; in knowledge and in ignorance. And vouchsafe me to partake without condemnation of thy most pure Mysteries, unto the remission of sins and life everlasting. Amen.

OF thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, receive me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of the Mystery to thine enemies, nor will I give thee a kiss, as did Judas; but like the Thief do I confess thee: ☩ Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom.

LET not the communion of thy Holy Mysteries be unto me for judgement or condemnation, O Lord, ☩ but for healing of soul and body.

COMMUNION. *Ps. 95.* Take up sacrifices, and enter into his courts.: * O worship the Lord in his holy court.

POSTCOMMUNION.

WE render thanks unto thee, O Lord, for that thou hast quickened us with thy heavênly Gifts: humbly beseeching thy

mercÿ; that thou wouldest make us worthy partakers of the same. Through.

POSTCOMMUNION 2. *Of St. Mary.*

O LORD, who hast appointed this holy sacrament which we have here received to be the means of ôur salvation: mercifully grant, that we which have offered these our gifts unto thy divine majesty in honour of blessèd Mary Ever-virgîn, may by her protection be preserved both in body and soul. Through.

POSTCOMMUNION 3. *For the Church.*

WE beseech thee, O Lôrd our God: that we whom thou makest to rejoyce in the partaking of heavenly thîngs, may by thee be defended against all earthly perils. Through.

