

# PRAISE *to the*

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## *Blessed Trinity*

*G*OD FATHER

All praise to you Eternal Father, Holy God, living and all-powerful.

You have no equal, and nothing compares with the works You have created.

All peoples come to worship You and give glory to Your name, because You are the Holy God, living, true and good.

You created angels and men according to Your image. To man You gave Paradise, for him to live in Your presence in holiness and justice. But man did not remain in his splendor. Tempted by the Evil One, he disobeyed your command and was banished from Paradise. But in your constant goodness you have always sought out man.

In Paradise you exclaimed, 'Adam, where are you?' You saved Noah from the flood and Lot from the destruction of the corruptcity. In Abraham you blessed all peoples.

You then created for Yourself the people Israel, who bear Your name within them, and whom You called Your first-born. In Egypt You made them grow, making them into a great people, until they cried out to You in their oppression by Pharaoh. You then brought them out of Egypt with a strong hand and led them into the wilderness with signs and wonders. On the mountain You revealed to Your servant Moses the commandments that had been obscured in the hearts of the people.

But again and again Your people rebelled against You. And so they were made to wander through the desert for forty years - until You brought them into the Promised Land, by the hands of Your servant Joshua. There You would have had them led by judges, but they, wanting to be like other peoples, preferred to have kings. So You gave them kings, but they often did what displeased You.



In Your goodness, You sent the prophets to bring them back to the right path, but how often did Your people not listen to their words, but persecuted and killed those whom You sent!

But at the end of time You sent Your Son - our Lord Jesus Christ - and You required of Yourself the sacrifice that Abraham was not made to offer. You gave Your only begotten Son for the life of the whole world, so that Your people and all the peoples of the earth might find their salvation in Him.

How can we ever thank You, O beloved Father, for Your love and Your infinite mercy? Therefore, we adore You with all the angels and saints, and we glorify Your exalted name with all those who seek You, honor You and listen to You.

We pray for our deceased brothers and sisters who are in need of purification; for those who do not know You, who live in confusion and misdirection; and especially for those who keep their hearts closed to You.

✦ **If desired, kneeling and bowing**

*Because You are holy, You are holy, You are holy.*

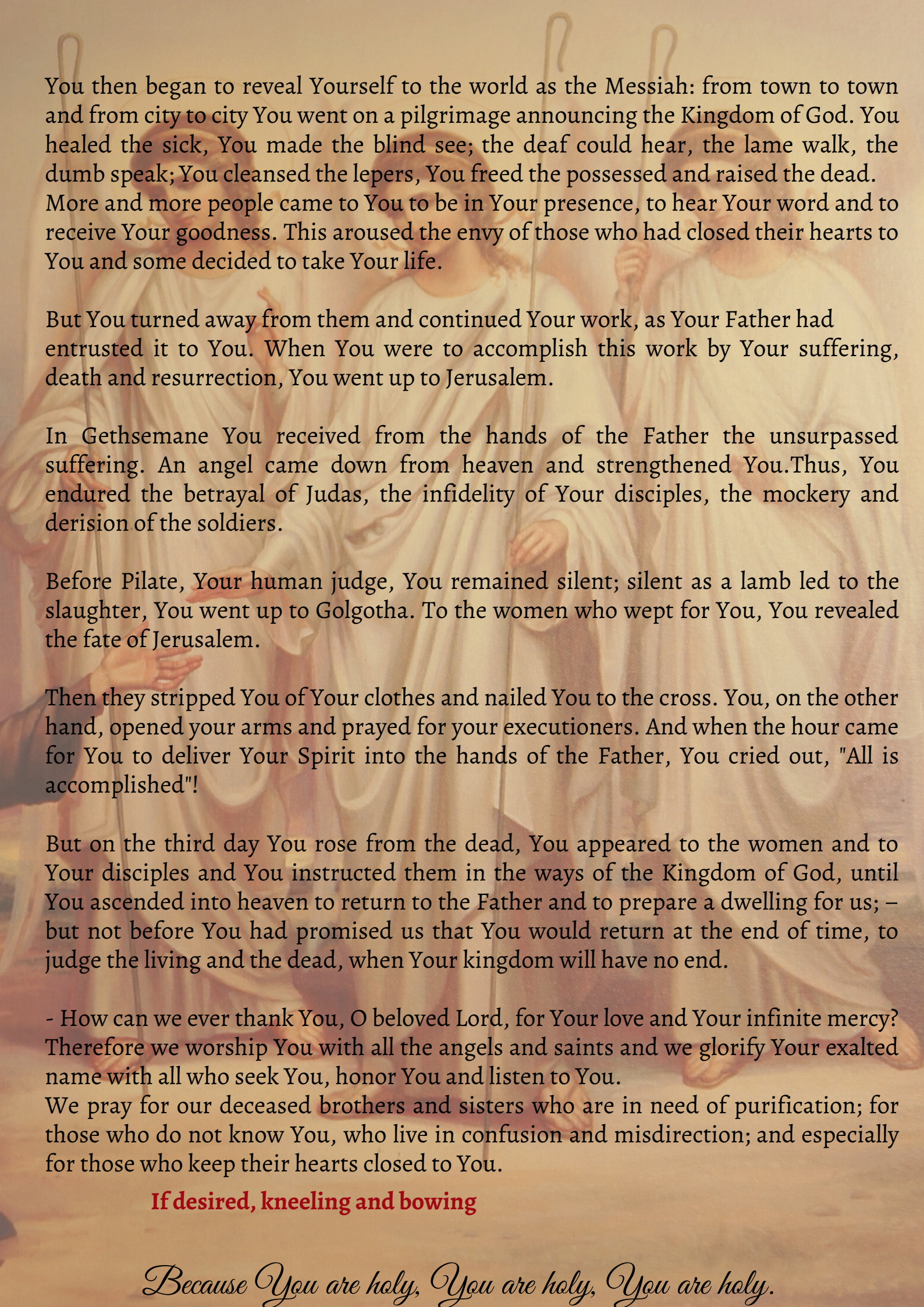
 **OD SON**

Just as we praise and adore the Father, we praise and adore You, O Son: Sun of salvation, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made, of the same nature as the Father.

For us men and for our salvation you came down from heaven, and by the work and grace of the Holy Spirit you became incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became true man; in everything like us, except sin.

For thirty years you lived in secret, sanctifying the Earth, and submitting to your human parents. When the time came for you to manifest yourself to the world, you went down to the Jordan River and were baptized by John the Baptist, to fulfill all righteousness. Then the Spirit led You into the wilderness, where You prayed and fasted for forty days and rejected for our sake the presumptuous attacks of the Devil. Then You called Your disciples to be with You, to share all Your labors, and to continue Your work.





You then began to reveal Yourself to the world as the Messiah: from town to town and from city to city You went on a pilgrimage announcing the Kingdom of God. You healed the sick, You made the blind see; the deaf could hear, the lame walk, the dumb speak; You cleansed the lepers, You freed the possessed and raised the dead. More and more people came to You to be in Your presence, to hear Your word and to receive Your goodness. This aroused the envy of those who had closed their hearts to You and some decided to take Your life.

But You turned away from them and continued Your work, as Your Father had entrusted it to You. When You were to accomplish this work by Your suffering, death and resurrection, You went up to Jerusalem.

In Gethsemane You received from the hands of the Father the unsurpassed suffering. An angel came down from heaven and strengthened You. Thus, You endured the betrayal of Judas, the infidelity of Your disciples, the mockery and derision of the soldiers.

Before Pilate, Your human judge, You remained silent; silent as a lamb led to the slaughter, You went up to Golgotha. To the women who wept for You, You revealed the fate of Jerusalem.

Then they stripped You of Your clothes and nailed You to the cross. You, on the other hand, opened your arms and prayed for your executioners. And when the hour came for You to deliver Your Spirit into the hands of the Father, You cried out, "All is accomplished"!

But on the third day You rose from the dead, You appeared to the women and to Your disciples and You instructed them in the ways of the Kingdom of God, until You ascended into heaven to return to the Father and to prepare a dwelling for us; – but not before You had promised us that You would return at the end of time, to judge the living and the dead, when Your kingdom will have no end.

- How can we ever thank You, O beloved Lord, for Your love and Your infinite mercy? Therefore we worship You with all the angels and saints and we glorify Your exalted name with all who seek You, honor You and listen to You.

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# OD THE HOLY SPIRIT

Just as we praise and adore the Father and the Son, so we praise and adore You, Holy Spirit, Love of the Father and the Son.

In the beginning you hovered over the waters and you transformed chaos into order. And when the time was fulfilled, You descended upon the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, from whom Christ the Lord was born to us.

At all times you filled Him with Your spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord; and you remained with Him to share all His labors. When our Lord ascended to heaven, you were sent by the Father and the Son upon the disciples and apostles, enlightening and strengthening them.

In Your light they were able to recognize the saving works of God and to interpret the Scriptures. In Your strength they bore witness to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, for You Yourself are the Witness.

You convict the world of sin and reveal justice and judgment. Pouring yourself out into our hearts you cry, "Abba, dear Father," and pray for us with ineffable groans, for You are the Holy One in us unholy ones, the Light in our darkness, the Truth in our hearts.

You showed Yourself secretly in the messages of the seers; You clearly shone in the testimony of the prophets; but now, at the end of time, You have been poured out upon all men so that they may recognize and serve Christ, the Lord. Thus you carry out the work of the Father and the Son and transform us according to the image of Christ.

- How can we ever thank You, O beloved Holy Spirit, for Your love and Your infinite mercy? Therefore we adore You with all the angels and saints and we glorify Your exalted name with all those who seek You, honor You and listen to You.

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# Mother of God

After having sung the praises of the Most Holy Trinity, we praise you, Mother of God; , Daughter of the Father, Mother of the Son and Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and we invoke your powerful intercession, so that we may worthily venerate the Most Holy Trinity and fulfil God's holy will at all times. *Amen*