

Feast of Christ, Lover of Mankind

First Antiphon:

How delightful is your dwelling place, Lord of hosts; my soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

My heart and my flesh rejoiced in the living God.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

The sparrow found itself a home and the swallow its nest wherein to lay its young.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory be . . . now and forever . . . : Only Begotten Son

Third Antiphon:

Verse: My heart bursts forth with a noble theme; I tell my works to the king.

Tropar of Christ, Lover of Mankind, tone 6: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.* We sinners bring this appeal to You, O Master,* for we have no defense.* Have mercy on us.

Verse: You are more radiant in beauty than the sons of men; grace flowed from your lips.

Tropar of Christ, Lover of Mankind, tone 6: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.* We sinners bring this appeal to You, O Master,* for we have no defense.* Have mercy on us.

Verse: In your splendor and your beauty bend your bow, prosper and reign for the sake of truth, meekness and beauty.

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At the small entrance:

Verse: Sing praise to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy is forever.

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Glory be to the Father . . . , tone 8:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak of Christ, Lover of Mankind, tone 8: To you, Lord, my Commander and Champion,* I your servant, ascribe my victories.* Delivered from eternal death* I address my thanks to you.* Since you have ineffable mercy,* free me from all kinds of danger as I cry out:* "Jesus, son of God, have mercy on me."

Prokimen of Christ, Lover of Mankind, tone 4:

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing your praises.

Verse: *I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him.*

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Epistle: A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews. (2: 11 - 18)

Alleluia Verses, of Christ, Lover of Mankind:

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

All the families of the nations shall fall down before him.

Gospel: John 3: 13-17

Instead of 'Indeed, it is fitting':

My soul, extol the most dear Jesus,* our Loving Lord.* With one accord let us the faithful extol the Word of God,* ineffably become man for us from the Holy Virgin.* In his ineffable wisdom he came from God* to restore Adam who was mortally felled by the serpent's sting.

Communion Hymn (Verse):

All the ends of the earth saw the salvation of our God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!