Special Hymns for

The Liturgy of the
Presanctified Gifts

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THE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS
An Outline for Choirs

I. Vespers

A. Psalm 103/104
   (Psalm settings end with “Glory to the Father...” and threefold “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to You, O God.”)

B. The Litany of Peace
   (a series of petitions with responses of “Lord, have mercy.”
   “To You, O Lord” and “Amen” finish the responses.)

C. 1st Prayer and Psalm Readings – First Setting of the Kathismatos
   (Psalms 119 – 123)

D. 2nd Prayer and Psalm Readings – Second Setting of the Kathismatos
   (Psalms 124 – 128)

E. 3rd Prayer and Psalm Readings – Third Setting of the Kathismatos
   (Psalms 129 - 133)

F. 4th Prayer and Psalms 140 – 141 “Lord I Have Cried” (Kyrie Ekekraxa), Censing

G. The Entrance -- “O Joyful Light” (Fos Ilaron) – Old Testament Readings

H. The Censing -- “Let My Prayer Rise as Incense Before You” is sung as a response to the priest's blessings.

II. The Divine Liturgy

A. The Litany of Fervent Supplication (“Lord, have mercy,” etc.)

B. The Litany of the Catechumens (“Lord, have mercy,” etc.)

C. The Prayers of the Faithful (Inaudibly given by the priest)

D. The Cherubic Hymn – “Now Do the Powers of Heaven”

E. The Completion Litany (“Lord, have mercy” and “Grant this, O Lord”) and Prayers

F. Holy Communion – “One is Holy” and “Taste and See”

G. Psalm 33, after Communion – “I Shall Bless the Lord at All Times”

H. Prayers and Dismissal
LORD, I HAVE CRIED OUT TO YOU
(KYRIE EKEKRAXA)

Plagal Fourth Tone

A men. Lord, I have cried out to you, hear me, hear me, O Lord. Lord, I have cried out to you, hear me, hear me, O Lord. Give heed to the voice of my prayer, when I cry out to you, hear me, O Lord. Let my prayer rise up as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord.

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O Joyful Light, of the holy Glory of the heavenly, holy, immortal and blessed Father; Jesus Christ, we come now to the hour of the sunset, and we behold the evening light! We praise God, the Father and Son, and Holy Spirit in one. It is fitting at all times that we should praise you with glad-some voices, O Son of God, the Giver of Life. Behold, all creation sings your glory.
AT THE CENSING
LET MY PRAYER RISE AS INCENSE BEFORE YOU

First Mode

Sakellarides, English by N. Takis

Moderato

Let my prayer be set forth as incense before You; the lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

ΚΑΤΕΥΘΥΝΘΩ Η ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΗ ΜΟΥ

'Ηχος Α

arr. N. Takis

Moderato

Кατεφθινθή το η προσευχή μου, ως θυμίαμα - μα ενώπιόν σου. Ε-παρ-σίς τον χειρόν μου θυσία εσπερινή.
Now do the powers of heaven invisibly attend with us. For behold ye, the King of Glory enters in. Ye, behold ye the King! The King of Glory enters in.

ENTRANCE:
Silence until priest reaches the altar

Behold the mystical sacrifice that has been accomplished is escorted in. Let us with faith draw near, that we may be partners of everlasting life. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Please find below the text of the Communion Hymn for the Presanctified Liturgy, "Taste and See - Γεύσασθε καὶ Ιδετε".

**Plagal Fourth Tone**

**Sakellarides, Adapted by N. Takis**

**Lento**

Taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is good! Taste and see that the Lord is good. Γεύσασθε καὶ ιδετε ὁ-τι

Psalm Verses Intoned Between the Refrains of the Communion Hymn

1. I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever on my lips.
2. My soul shall glory in the Lord. Let the meek hear and rejoice.
3. Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name forever.
4. Approach the Lord and be enlightened and your face shall never be shamed.
5. The angel of the Lord will stand guard around those who fear the Lord and save them.
6. Blessed is the man who hopes in him.
7. Fear the Lord all you his faithful ones, and those who fear him shall want for nothing.
I shall bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall be ever on my lips. Taste the heavenly Bread, and the Cup of Life, and see that the Lord is good.

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