

Order for reading an Akathist without a Priest

Opening

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

The Trisagion Prayers

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All-Holy Trinity have mercy on us.

Lord, cleanse us from our sins;

Master, pardon our iniquities;

Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy (*3 times*)

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Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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Lord, have mercy (*12 times*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
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(With three bows)

O come, let us worship God our King.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before the very Christ, our King and our God.

Psalm 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou shalt judge. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, and in sin hath my mother conceived me. But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice. Turn Thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not

away from Thy presence, and take not Thy holy Spirit from me. O give me the comfort of Thy help again, and stablish me with Thy free Spirit. Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health; and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show Thy praise. For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee; but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise. O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; build Thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

In One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Akathist Hymn

The Akathist hymn is now prayed, excluding the concluding Prayer.

Repeat the concluding refrain on each section

After the 13th Kontakion, the first Ikos and first Kontakion are repeated in that order.

Then the service continues as follows:

Immediately following the Akathist Hymn

More honourable than the Cherubim
and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim,
Thou who without defilement bearest God the Word,
and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ Our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

Concluding Prayer of the Akathist Hymn

The concluding Prayer of the Akathist, if there is one, is said while kneeling.

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Conclusion

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