

Lamentations at the Tomb of Christ

First Stasis

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Verse:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.

Verse:

Blessed are the blameless in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

1 **I** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
n a grave they laid Thee, O my Life and my Christ; and
thē ar - mies of thē An - gels were sore a - mazed, as they sang
the praise of Thy sub - mis - sive love.

Verse:

Blessed are they that search out His testimonies;
with their whole heart shall they seek after Him.

2 **H** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
ow, O Life, canst Thou die? Or a - bide in a grave? For
Thou dost de - stroy the king - dom of death, O Lord, and Thou rais -
est up the dead of Ha - des' realm.

Verse:

For they that work iniquity have not walked in His ways.

3 **N**ow we mag - ni - fy Thee, O Lord Je - sus, our King; and
 we ven - er - ate Thy Pas - sion and Bur - i - al, where - by from cor -
 rup - tion we have been re - deemed.

Verse:

Thou hast enjoined Thy commandments, that we should keep them most diligently.

4 **T**hou Who didst es - tab - lish the earth's bounds dost now dwell in
 a lit - tle grave, O Je - sus, Thou King of all, Who dost call the
 dead to leave their graves and rise.

Verse:

Would that my ways were directed to keep Thy statues.

5 **O** my dear Christ Je - sus, King and Rul - er of all, why
 to them that dwelt in Ha - des didst Thou de - scend? Was it not
 to set the race of mor - tals free?

Verse:

Then shall I not be ashamed, when I look on all Thy commandments.

6 **L** o, the Sover-eign Rul-er of cre - a - tion is dead and is
bur - ied in a tomb_ nev - er used be-fore, He that emp - tied all
the graves of all their dead.

Verse:

I will confess Thee with uprightness of heart,
when I have learned the judgments of Thy righteousness.

7 **I** n a grave they laid Thee, O my Life and my Christ. Yet, be-
hold now, by Thy death,_ death is strick-en down, and Thou mak - est
life to pour forth on the world.

Verse:

I will keep Thy statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

8 **T** hou, O Christ, wast num - bered with men of e - vil deeds like
an e - vil - do - er, here - by re - deem - ing us from thē an-
cient schem - er's e - vil works and deeds.

Verse:

Wherewithal shall a young man correct his ways? By keeping Thy words.

9 **L** o, how fair His beau-ty! Nev-er man was so fair! Yet how
doth He seem a dead_ man be - reft of form, though all na - ture's
beau-ty had Him as its source.

Verse:

With my whole heart have I sought after Thee,
cast me not away from Thy commandments.

10 **S** av - iour how could Ha - des, bear Thy Pres - ence di - vine, and
not ra - ther be de - mol - ished in ut - ter gloom, blind - ed by
the splen - dour of Thy daz - zling light?

Verse:

In my heart have I hid Thy sayings that I might not sin against Thee.

11 **O** my sweet Lord Je - sus, my Sal - va - tion, my Light: How
art Thou now hid with - in_ a dark sep - ul - chre? O long - suf -
fer - ing sur - pas - sing hu - man speech!

Verse:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.

12 **A** ^(□) [♀] n - gel - kind, O Mas - ter, and the bod - i - less hosts are
 be - wil - dered at the mys - ter - y, O my Christ, ^(Δ) of Thy bur -
 i - al in - ef - fa - ble and strange. ^(□) [♂] ^(Δ)

Verse:

With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth.

13 **L** ^(□) [♀] o, how strange these won - ders, deeds a - maz - ing and new;
 for the Giv - er of my life is borne life - less forth ^(Δ) by the
 hands of weep - ing Jo - seph to His rest. ^(□) [♂] ^(Δ)

Verse:

In the ways of Thy testimonies have I found delight, as much as in all riches.

14 **O** ^(□) [♀] Christ Je - sus, Sav - iour, in the grave Thou wast laid; yet
 Thy Fa - ther's bos - om Thou nev - er didst for - sake. ^(Δ) Lo, what strange
 and awe - some won - ders we be - hold! ^(□) [♂] ^(Δ)

Verse:

On Thy commandments will I ponder, and I will understand Thy ways.

15 **U** ^(□) [♀]
 n - to all cre - a - tion wast Thou made known, O Christ,
^(K)
 as the true King of the fir - ma - ment and the earth, e - ven
^(□)
 though Thou wast en - closed in a small grave. 

Verse:

On Thy statutes will I meditate; I will not forget Thy words.

16 **W** ^(□) [♀]
 hen, O Christ our Mak - er Thou wast laid in Thy tomb,
^(K)
 the foun - da - tion stones of Ha - des with ru - in shook, and the
^(□)
 graves of mor - tal men were o - pened wide. 

Verse:

Give reward unto Thy servant, quicken me and I will keep Thy words.

17 **H** ^(□) [♀]
 e that hold - eth all things in the grasp of His hand, in
^(K)
 the flesh is now held dead in the depths of earth, there - by free -
^(□)
 ing all the dead from Ha - des' grasp. 

Verse:

O unveil mine eyes, and I shall perceive wondrous things out of Thy law.

18 **T** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 Thou, my Life, O Sav-iour, from cor - rup - tion didst rise, when,
 on dy - ing, Thou hadst gone_ down a - midst the dead and didst shat-
 ter the strong bolts of Ha - des' hold. ^(Δ)

Verse:

I am a sojourner on the earth, hide not from me Thy commandments.

19 **A** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 As a lamp of light be - neath a bush - el is hid, so
 now al - so in thē earth_ is God's flesh con - cealed, and doth drive
 a - way the gloom from Ha - des' realm. ^(Δ)

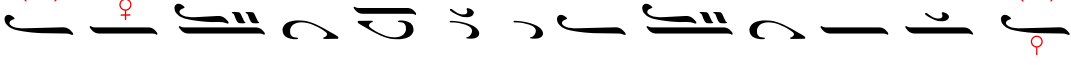
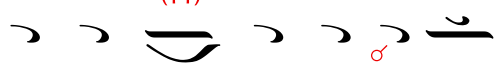
Verse:

My soul hath longed to desire Thy judgments at all times.

20 **N** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 Nic - o - de - mus, Jo - seph, and the bod - i - less hosts come
 to - geth - er now to bear_ Thee, thē In - fi - nite, in their arms
 in - to a nar - row grave of stone. ^(Δ)

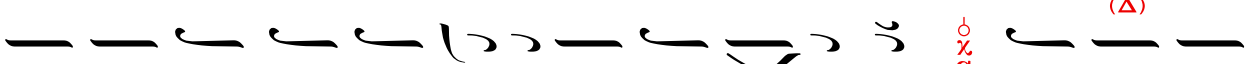
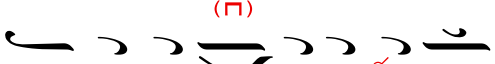
Verse:

Thou hast rebuked the proud; cursed are they that decline from Thy commandments.

21 **B** ^(□) [♀]  ^(K)
 y Thy will - ing death and bur - i - al in the earth, Fount
 ^(Δ)
 of Life, O Je - sus, life_ didst Thou grant to me [♂] [♀] ^(Δ)
 who was slain by
 ^(□) [♂]
 the trans-gres-sion's bit-ter fruit. 

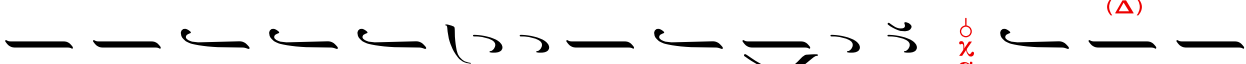
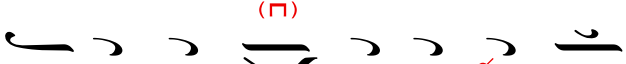
Verse:

Remove from me reproach and contempt, for after Thy testimonies have I sought.

22 **B** ^(□) [♀]  ^(K)
 y Thy will - ing Pas-sion, all cre - a - tion was changed; for
 ^(Δ)
 all things suf - fered to - geth - er with Thee, O word, [♂] [♀] ^(Δ)
 know - ing Thou
 ^(□) [♂]
 dost hold to - geth - er all that is. 

Verse:

For princes say and they spake against me, but Thy servant pondered on Thy statutes.

23 **A** ^(□) [♀]  ^(K)
 ll - de - vour - ing Ha-des, on re - ceiv - ing with - in as
 ^(Δ)
 a mor - tal Him that is_ the firm Rock of life, [♂] [♀] ^(Δ)
 did spew forth
 ^(□) [♂]
 the dead swal-lowed from an - cient times. 

Verse:

For Thy testimonies are my meditation, and Thy statutes are my counsellors.

24 **T**^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 hou, O Christ, wast bur-ied in a tomb new - ly made, thus
 re - new - ing the whole na - ture of mor - tal men, by a - ris -
 ing from the dead with pow'r di - vine. ^(Δ)

Verse:

My soul hath cleaved unto the earth; quicken me according to Thy word.

25 **T**^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 hou, O Mas - ter, cam - est down to earth, as was meet, to
 save Ad - am; and as Thou_ didst not find him there, Thou didst go
 down in - to Ha - des seek - ing him. ^(Δ)

Verse:

My ways have I declared, and Thou hast heard me; teach me Thy statutes.

26 **A**^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 ll thē earth was trou - bled and did trem - ble with fear, and
 the morn - ing star, O Word,_ hid its bril - liant rays, when they hid
 Thee in thē earth, O Most Great Light. ^(Δ)

Verse:

Make me to understand the way of Thy statutes,
and I will ponder on Thy wondrous works.

27 **A** ^(□) [♀] s a mor - tal, Sav - iour, Thou didst will - ing - ly die;
^(κ) [♀] but as God, Thou didst raise mor - tals to life a - gain [♂] ^(Δ) from their
^(□) [♂] tombs and from the might - y depths of sin. ^Δ

Verse:

My soul hath slumbered from despondency, strengthen me with Thy words.

28 **T** ^(□) [♀] hy pure Moth - er, weep - ing bit - ter tears o - ver Thee, O ^(κ) [♀]
^(Δ) my Je - sus, O my Sav - iour, she cried to Thee, [♂] ^(Δ) O my Son,
^(□) [♂] how can I lay Thee in the grave? ^Δ

Verse:

Remove from me the way of unrighteousness, and with Thy law have mercy on me.

29 **E** ^(□) [♀] - ven as the seed of wheat is hid in the bowels of ^(κ) [♀]
^(Δ) the earth, and there - by bring - eth forth ears of grain, [♂] ^(Δ) thus hast Thou
^(□) [♂] raised Ad - am's mor - tal sons, O Word. ^Δ

Verse:

I have chosen the way of truth, and Thy judgments have I not forgotten.

30 **S** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 av - iour, Thou wast hid - den 'neath the earth like the sun, and
 — — — — — ^(Δ)
 wast cov - ered as with shrouds_ by the night of death; but more ra -
 — — — — — ^(□)
 diant - ly do Thou a - rise, O Lord. [♂]

Verse:

I have cleaved to Thy testimonies, O Lord; put me not to shame.

31 **A** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 s the moon doth cov - er the whole disc of the sun, like -
 — — — — — ^(Δ)
 wise, Sav - iour, art Thou now_ hid - den by the grave, Thou Who art
 — — — — — ^(□)
 in mor - tal flesh e - clipsed by death. [♂]

Verse:

The way of Thy commandments have I run, when Thou didst enlarge my heart.

32 **O** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 my Life, Christ Sav - iour, hav - ing tast - ed of death, Thou
 — — — — — ^(Δ)
 hast freed all mor - tal men_ from the bonds of death. Where - fore, now
 — — — — — ^(□)
 Thou grant - est life un - to our race. [♂]

Verse:

Set before me for a law, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
and I will seek after it continually.

33 **B** y Thy death, O Sav-iour, Thou hast led back to life Ad-
am, who of old by en - vy was made to die; Thou wast seen
as the new Ad - am in the flesh.

Verse:

Give me understanding, and I will search out Thy law,
and I will keep it with my whole heart.

34 **S** ee - ing Thee, O Sav-iour, ly - ing dead for our sakes, the
no - et - ic hosts of Heav - en were sore a-mazed, and their fac-
es did they cov - er with their wings.

Verse:

Guide me in the path of Thy commandments, for I have desired it.

35 **I** n Thy death, O Lo-gos, Jo-seph tak - eth Thee down from the
Tree and doth now lay Thee in a new tomb; but as God do
Thou a - rise and save all men.

Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies and not unto covetousness.

Verse:

Turn away mine eyes that I may not see vanity, quicken Thou me in Thy way.

37 **L**ift - ed up on the Tree, Thou didst raise with Thy - self all
men liv - ing, and on go - ing be - neath the earth, Thou didst raise
all them that lie in Ha - des' vaults.

Establish for Thy servant Thine oracle unto fear of Thee.

38 **L**ike a li - on, Sav-iour, Thou didst sleep in the flesh; and,
though dead, Thou didst a - rise_ like a li - on's whelp and didst
cast a - way the weak - ness of the flesh.

So shall I give an answer to them that reproach me, for I have hoped in Thy word.

△

And take not utterly out of my mouth the word of truth,
for in Thy judgments have I hoped.

△

So shall I keep Thy law continually, for ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Verse:

And I walked in spaciousness, for after Thy commandments have I sought.

45 **N** ^(□) [♀] o - ble Jo - seph, Sav - iour, is now strick - en with awe, and ^(K) [♀]
 doth no - bly lay Thee in ^(Δ) [♂] the earth as one dead; by Thine awe -
 in - spir - ing form he is a - mazed. ^(□) [♂] ^Δ

Verse:

And I spake of Thy testimonies before kings, and I was not ashamed.

46 **T** ^(□) [♀] hou didst will, O Je - sus, as a mor - tal to die and ^(K) [♀]
 de - scend be - neath the earth and to lead a - gain ^(Δ) [♂] from the earth
 to Hea - ven those who fell there - from. ^(□) [♂] ^Δ

Verse:

And I meditated on Thy commandments which I have greatly loved.

47 **T** ^(□) [♀] hough, O sweet - est Je - sus, Thou wast seen to be dead, yet ^(K) [♀]
 a - live, as God, Thou didst ^(Δ) [♂] bring a - gain from earth un - to Hea -
 ven all of them that fell there - from. ^(□) [♂] ^Δ

And I lifted up my hands to Thy commandments which I have loved.

△

And I pondered on Thy statutes.

△

Remember Thy words to Thy servant, wherein Thou hast made me to hope.

△

Verse:

This hath comforted me in my humiliation, for Thine oracle hath quickened me.

51 **A** ^(□) [♀] sword flashed a - gainst Thee, O Christ, Sav - iour and Lord,
^(κ) [♀] and the sword held by the strong one was dulled there - by [♂] ^(Δ) and the
^(□) sword that guard - ed E - den was turned back. [♂] ^(Δ)

Verse:

The proud have transgressed exceedingly, but from Thy law have I not declined.

52 **W** ^(□) [♀] hen the Ewe that bare Him saw them slay - ing her Lamb,
^(κ) [♀] o - ver - come by griev - ous tor - ment, she wailed a - loud [♂] ^(Δ) and moved
^(□) all the flock to join her bit - ter cries. [♂] ^(Δ)

Verse:

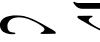
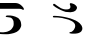
I remembered Thy judgments of old, O Lord, and was comforted.

53 **T** ^(□) [♀] hough Thou art now bur - ied in a tomb made of stone and ^(κ) [♀]
^(Δ) dost go down in - to Ha - des, O Sav - iour Christ, strip - ping Ha -
^(□) des bare, Thou emp - ti - est the tombs. [♂] ^(Δ)

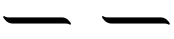
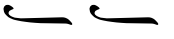
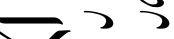
Despondency took hold upon me because of the sinners who forsake Thy law.

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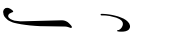
Thy statutes were my songs in the place of my sojourning.

55 **F** ^(□) [♀]         ^(K) _♀

or our sakes, One Per - son of the Trin - i - ty came and

       ^(Δ)

en - dured a shame - ful death_ in the flesh for all; [♂] _q hence, the sun

    ^(□) _♂

doth trem - ble and the earth doth quake. ^Δ _♂

I remembered Thy Name in the night, O Lord, and I kept Thy law.

56 **B**orn of bit - ter wa - ter, the de - scend - ants and sons of
the tribe of Ju - dah laid Je - sus in a pit, their Pro - vid - er
and the Man - na - giv - ing Lord.

Verse:

This hath happened unto me because I sought after Thy statutes.

57 **U** ^(□) [♀] n - to Pi - late's judg - ment Christ the Judge was brought forth,
^(κ) [♀] stand - ing as a man con - demned_ and was judged by him ^(Δ) [♂] un - to
^(□) [♂] un - just death up - on the Cross -'s wood. ^(Δ) [♂]

Verse:

Thou art my portion, O Lord; I said that I would keep Thy law.

58 **O** ^(□) [♀] blood - guilt - y peo - ple, in - so - lent Is - ra - el, how ^(κ) [♀]
^(Δ) [♂] could ye re - deem Bar - ab - bas, that law - less thief, and de - liv -
^(□) [♂] er up the Sav - iour to the Cross? ^(Δ) [♂]

Verse:

I entreated Thy countenance with my whole heart:
 Have mercy on me according to Thy word.

59 **T** ^(□) [♀] hou that mad - est Ad - am from thē earth with Thy hand, Thou ^(κ) [♀]
^(Δ) [♂] be - cam - est man by na - ture for Ad - am's sake, and wast cru -
^(□) [♂] ci - fied for him of Thine own will. ^(Δ) [♂]

Verse:

I have thought on Thy ways, and I have turned my feet back to Thy testimonies.

60 **D** ^(□) [♀] own to dread - ed Ha - des Thou de - scend - edst, O Word, ^(K) [♀]
 o - be - di - ence to Thy ^(Δ) [♂] Fa - ther's will, O Lord, and didst raise
 up all the race of mor - tal men. ^(Δ) [♂]

Verse:

I made ready, and I was not troubled, that I might keep Thy commandments.

61 **G** ^(□) [♀] one the Light the world knew! Gone the Light that was mine! ^(K) [♀]
 O my Je - sus, my Be - lov'd and De - sir - ed One! ^(Δ) [♂] So the
 Vir - gin spake, la - ment - ing in her grief. ^(Δ) [♂]

Verse:

The cords of sinners have entangled me, but Thy law have I not forgotten

62 **O** ^(□) [♀] vin - dic - tive peo - ple, mur - der - ous and cor - rupt, come ^(K) [♀]
 be - hold the lin - en sheet of the ^(Δ) [♂] ris - en Christ and His face -
 cloth, and now be ye put to shame. ^(Δ) [♂]

Verse:

At midnight I arose to give thanks unto Thee for the judgments of Thy righteousness.

63 **C**ome, O foul dis - ci - ple, filled with mur - der and gall, show
 thou un - to me the cause_ of thy wick - ed - ness, where - by thou
 didst prove a trai - tor to my Christ.

Verse:

I am a partaker with all them that fear Thee,
 and with them that keep Thy commandments.

64 **F**eign - ing love for man - kind, for a price thou didst sell Him
 that is the fra - grant Myrrh, O re - morse - less one, O most
 pes - ti - lent and ut - ter - ly blind fool.

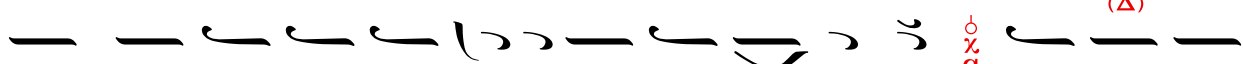
Verse:

The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy; teach me Thy statutes.

65 **W**hat price wast thou giv - en for the Hea - ven - ly Myrrh? What
 didst thou gain in re - turn_ for the Pre - cious One? O ac - cur -
 sed Sa - tan, fren - zy is thy lot.

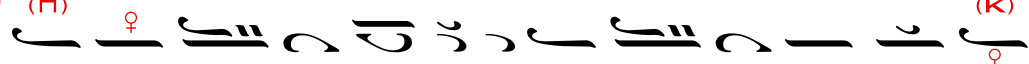
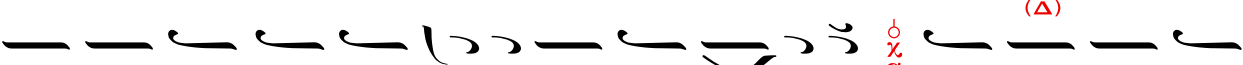
Verse:

Thou hast dealt graciously with Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word.

66 **I** ^(□) [♀]  ^(K)
 f thou didst love poor men, and didst tru - ly re - gret the
 ^(Δ)
 myrrh poured our from a soul_ as an of - fer - ing, how, for coins,
 ^(□) [♂]
 couldst thou sell Him that dawned forth light? 

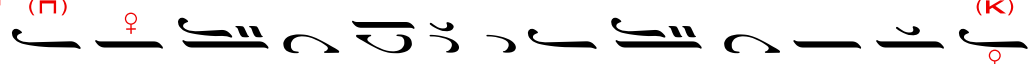
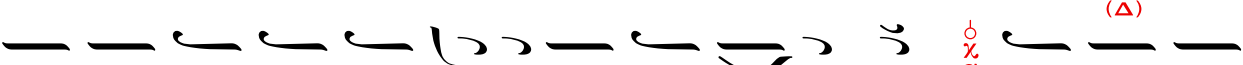
Verse:

Goodness and discipline and knowledge teach Thou me,
 for in Thy commandments have I believed.

67 **W** ^(□) [♀]  ^(K)
 ord and God e - ter - nal, O my Joy and De - light, how
 ^(Δ)
 shall I en - dure Thy dread_ three - day bur - i - al? My ma - ter - nal
 ^(□) [♂]
 bowels are rent with grief for Thee. 

Verse:

Before I was humbled, I trangressed; therefore Thy saying have I kept.

68 **W** ^(□) [♀]  ^(K)
 ho will give me wa - ter and the well - spring of tears? So
 ^(Δ)
 the Vir - gin wed to God_ cried with loud la - ment, that for my
 ^(□) [♂]
 sweet Je - sus I may right - ly mourn. 

Verse:

Thou art good, O Lord, and in Thy goodness teach me Thy statutes.

69 **O** ye hills and val-leys, all ye moun-tains and dales, and
 ye mul-ti-tude of man-kind, la-ment and weep, cry-ing Woe!
 with me, the Mo-ther of our God.

Verse:

Multiplied against me hath been the unrighteousness of the proud;
 but as for me, with my whole heart will I search out Thy commandments.

70 **W**hen shall I be-hold Thee, O my Sav-iour and God,
 the E-ter-nal Light, my joy—and my heart's De-light? Thus the
 Vir-gin cried out in her great dis-tress.

Verse:

Curdled like milk is their heart; but as for me, in Thy law have I meditated.

71 **T**hough ac-cept-ing cut-ting as the Chief Cor-ner-stone, yet,
 O Sav-iour, as the Well-spring of end-less life, Thou dost pour
 forth liv-ing wa-ter for all men.

Verse:

It is good for me that Thou hast humbled me, that I might learn Thy statutes.

72 **F** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 rom one sin - gle foun - tain are we giv - en to drink of
 the two - fold riv - er which_ gushed forth from Thy side, ^(Δ) and we reap
 the fruit of ^(□) ev - er - last - ing life. [♂] ^Δ

Verse:

The law of Thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

73 **I** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 n the grave, O Sav - iour, Thou wast will - ing - ly dead; but
 Thou liv - est and shalt raise_ up all mor - tal men ^(Δ) by Thy Res -
 ur - rec - tion, as Thou hast fore - told. ^(□) [♂] ^Δ

Glory.

74 **W** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 ord of God, we hymn Thee. God of all things art Thou,
 with Thy Fa - ther and Thy Spir - it most Ho - ly praised; ^(Δ) and we
 glo - ri - fy Thy bur - i - al di - vine. ^(□) [♂] ^Δ

Both now.

Theotokion.

75 **A** ^(□) [♀] ^(K)
 All we call thee bless-ed, The - o - to - kos most pure, and
 with faith - ful hearts we hon - our the bur - i - al ^(Δ) [♂] [♀]
 suf - fered three days
 by thy Son Who is our God. ^(□) [♂] [♀] ^(Δ)

And again by both choirs:

76 **I** ^(□) [♀] ^(K) ^(Δ) ^(K)
 In a grave _____ they _____ laid _____ Thee, _____ O
 my _____ Life _____ and my Christ; _____ ^(K) ^(Δ) ^(K)
 and the ar - mies of
 the _____ An - gels _____ were sore _____ a - mazed, ^(Δ) [♀] ^(K)
 as they _____ sang
 the _____ praise of Thy sub - mis - sive _____ love. ^(□) [♂] ^(N) ^(□) [♂] [♀]



*Second Stasis**Ἦχος λ̣̇ ἦ Πα*

1 **R**ight it is in-deed, Life-be - stow - ing Lord, to mag - ni -
 fy____ Thee; for up - on the Cross were Thy__ most pure hands out-
 spread, and the strength of our dread foe hast Thou de - stroyed.

* Or the following: Right it____ is____ in - deed,____

Verse:

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me;
 give me understanding and I will learn Thy commandments.

2 **R**ight it is in-deed, Mak - er of all things, to mag - ni - fy____
 ____ Thee; for by Thy dear Pas - sion have__ we all now at-tained
 to dis - pas - sion, from cor - rup - tion now set free.

Verse:

They that fear Thee shall see me and be glad, for on Thy words have I set my hope.

3 **E** arth with trem - bling shook, and the sun con - cealed his face,
 O Sav - iour, for the light un - wan - ing that hath shone forth
 from Thee with Thy Bod - y sank to dark - ness and the grave.

Verse:

I have known, O Lord, that Thy judgments are righteousness,
 and with truth hast Thou humbled me.

4 **T** hou hast slept, O Christ, in the grave the sleep that is life - giv -
 - ing and hast raised up with Thy - self the whole race of man
 from the griev - ous and most heav - y sleep of sin.

Verse:

Let now Thy mercy be my comfort, according to Thy saying unto Thy servant.

5 **O** f all wo - man - kind, I a - lone gave birth to Thee with - out
 — pain, said the Vir - gin; now, my Child, lo, I must en - dure
 pain un - bear - a - ble at Thy great suf - fer - ing.

Verse:

Let Thy compassions come upon me and I shall live, for Thy law is my meditation.

6 **A** ^(Δ) ^(Π)
 ll the Ser - a - phim ^Δ shud - dered when they saw Thee, O my
^(K)
 Sav - iour, ^ⲕ Who a - bove ^ⲕ art with the Fa - ther in - sep' - ra -
^(Δ) ^(Π)
 ble, ^ⲕ ly - ing stretched out dead up - on the earth be - low. ^Δ

Verse:

Let the proud be put to shame, for unjustly have they trangressed against me;
 but as for me, I will ponder on Thy commandments.

7 **L** ^(Δ) ^(Π)
 o, the tem - ple's veil ^Δ was once rent at Thy dread cru - ci - fix -
^(K)
 - ion ^ⲕ and, O Word, the stars in hea - ven did hide their light, ^ⲕ
^(Δ) ^(Π)
 see - ing Thee, the Sun, now hid - den in the earth. ^Δ

Verse:

Let those that fear Thee return unto me, and those that know Thy testimonies.

8 **B** ^(Δ) ^(Π)
 y a word a - lone, ^Δ Thou didst form the earth in the be - gin -
^(K)
 - ning; ^ⲕ yet now as a dead man, Thou art hid in the earth. ^ⲕ
^(Δ) ^(Π)
 O ye hea - vens, shake with fear at this dread sight. ^Δ

Verse:

For I am become like a wine-skin in the frost; yet Thy statutes have I not forgotten.

12 **A** t Thy bur-i-al, Thou, O Christ, didst shat-ter Ha-des' king-
-dom. Where-fore, by Thy death, hast Thou thus put death to
death, to re-deem out of cor-rup-tion those of earth.

Verse:

How many are the days of Thy servant?

When wilt Thou execute judgment for me on them that persecute me?

13 **G** od's Wis-dom, Who poured streams of life up-on all mor-
tal na-ture, pierc-eth to the ver-y vi-tals of Ha-
des' realms, there-by quick-en-ing all those held in the grave.

Verse:

Transgressors have told me fables, but they are not like Thy law, O Lord.

14 **T** hat I may re-new man's cor-rupt-ed and sub-vert-ed na-
-ture, glad-ly in my flesh have I now been struck by
death. Hence, O Mo-ther, be not strick-en with la-ment.

Verse:

For ever, O Lord, Thy word abideth in heaven.

18 **S** he that gave Thee birth poured li - ba - tions of tears for Thee,
 Christ God, when Thou, in the flesh, wast laid in a tomb of
 stone; and she cried: A - rise, O Christ, as Thou didst say.

Verse:

Unto generation and generation is Thy truth;
 Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, and it abideth.

19 **J** o - seph laid Thee in a new tomb se - cret - ly, O my Sav -
 - iour, chant - ing God - be - fit - ting dir - ges most pi - ous - ly,
 which were min - gled with the voic - es of la - ment.

Verse:

By Thine ordinance doth the day abide, for all things are Thy servants.

20 **N** ailed up - on the Cross, Thou wast pierced, and thus Thy Mo -
 ther saw Thee and was smit - ten with the nails of most bit - ter
 grief, and her soul it - self was pierced as with a sword.

Verse:

If Thy law had not been my meditation, then should I have perished in my humiliation.

21 **W** hen Thy Mo - ther saw Thee, the Sweet-ness of all, be -
 ing wa - tered with a bit - ter po - tion, she wept most bit -
 ter - ly with a coun - te - nance be - sprin - kled with warm tears.

Verse:

I will never forget Thy statutes, for in them hast Thou quickened me.

22 **I** am rent with grief, and my heart with woe is torn and bro -
 - ken, as I see Thee slain un - just - ly, O Word of God.
 So be - wail - ing Him, His all - pure Mo - ther cried.

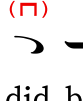
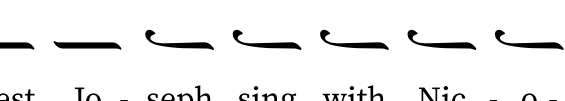
Verse:

I am Thine, save me; for after Thy statutes have I sought.

23 **A** h, those eyes so sweet, and Thy lips, O Word, how shall I
 close them? How shall I en - tomb Thee as doth be - fit the
 dead? So cried Jo - seph, o - ver - come with ho - ly fear.

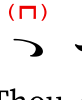
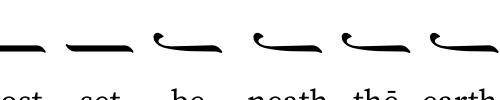
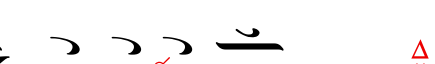
Verse:

Sinners have waited for me to destroy me; but Thy testimonies have I understood.

24 **D** ^(Δ)  ^(Π)  
 irg - es at the tomb ^(Δ)  did blest Jo - seph sing with Nic - o -
^(K)  
 de - mus, ^(Δ)  chant - ing un - to Christ, Who hath__ now been put to
^(Π)   
 death; ^(Δ)  and in song with them are joined the Ser - a - phim.

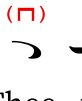
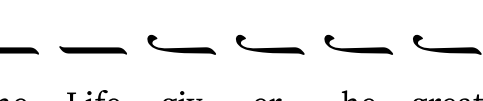
Verse:

Of all perfection have I seen the outcome; exceeding spacious is Thy commandment.

25 **S** ^(Δ)  ^(Π)  
 un of Right - eous - ness, ^(Δ)  Thou dost set be - neath thē earth,
^(K)  
 O Sav - iour. Hence, the Moon that gave Thee birth__ was e -
^(Δ)  ^(Π)   
 clipped by grief; for she suf - fered the be - reave - ment of Thy light.

Verse:

O how I have loved Thy law, O Lord! the whole day long it is my meditation.

26 **W** ^(Δ)  ^(Π)  
 hen Ha - des be - held ^(Δ)  Thee, the Life - giv - er, he great -
^(K)  
 ly shud - dered; ^(Δ)  for Thou didst de - spoil and rob__ him of all
^(Π)   
 his wealth, ^(Δ)  and didst raise up all the dead from ag - es past.

Verse:

Above mine enemies hast Thou made me wise in Thy commandments,
for it is mine for ever.

27 **R** a - diant - ly the Sun shin - eth forth af - ter the night is
passed by; and, O Word, Thou, on a - ris - ing af - ter Thy
death, shalt as from a brid - al cham - ber bright - ly shine.

Verse:

Above all that teach me have I gained understanding,
for Thy testimonies are my meditation.

28 **W** hen thē earth re - ceived Thee, O Fash - ion - er, in - to
her bos - om, she was rent with fear, O Sav - iour, and quaked in
fright, and by these her quak - ings did she rouse the dead.

Verse:

Above mine elders have I received understanding,
for after Thy commandments have I sought.

29 **W** rap - ping Thee, O Christ, with their myrrh in a man - ner
un - wont - ed, Nic - o - de - mus and the most no - ble Jo -
seph cried: Be thou ter - ri - fied and quake with fear, O earth.

Verse:

From every way that is evil have I restrained my feet that I might keep Thy words.

30 **L**o, when Thou didst set, the sun's light set with Thee, O Light-maker; all cre - a - tion was then seized in the bonds of fear, and pro-claimed Thee as the Mak-er of all things.

Verse:

From Thy judgments have I not declined, for Thou hast set a law for me.

31 **S**tone that man hath hewn doth con - ceal the Cor - ner - stone of Prom - ise; and a mor - tal man doth hide God with - in a grave, as if God were mor - tal: Shake with fear, O earth!

Verse:

How sweet to my palate are Thy sayings! more sweet than honey to my mouth.

32 **O** my Son, be - hold Thy well - loved dis - ci - ple and Thy Mo - ther; let us, as a - fore - time, hear Thy sweet voice again. So with plen - teous tears His most pure Mo - ther cried.

Verse:

From Thy commandments have I gained understanding;
therefore have I hated every way of unrighteousness.

33 **T** hough the Jews, O Word, nailed Thee to the Cross, Thou didst
not slay them; rather, as the blest Be - stow - er of life, O
Lord, Thou didst e - ven raise their dead from Ha - des' bonds.

Verse:

Thy law is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my paths.

34 **I** n Thy suf - fer - ing, nei - ther form, O Word, was Thine, nor beau -
- ty; but when Thou didst rise up, Thou_ didst il - lu - mi - nate
and shed beau - ty on all men with rays di - vine.

Verse:

I have sworn and resolved that I will keep the judgments of Thy righteousness.

35 **I** n the flesh didst Thou set be - neath thē earth, Thou thē un -
wan - ing Morn - ing Star, and lo, the sun_ could not bear the
sight, and was dark - ened, e - ven in the midst of day.

Verse:

I was humbled exceedingly; O Lord, quicken me according to Thy word.

36 **B** ^(Δ) ^(Π)
 oth the sun and moon ^Δ were com - plete - ly dark - ened, O my
^(Κ)
 Sav - iour, ^ζ thus por - tray - ing ser - vants fain__ and o - be - di -
^(Δ) ^(Π)
 ent, ^ζ who have clothed them - selves in black from their great grief. ^Δ

Verse:

The free-will offerings of my mouth be Thou now pleased to receive, O Lord,
 and teach me Thy judgments.

37 **T** ^(Δ) ^(Π)
 he cen - tu - ri - on ^Δ knew Thee as God e - ven when they slew__
^(Κ)
 __ Thee. ^ζ How then, O my God, dare I__ touch Thee with my
^(Δ) ^(Π)
 hands? ^ζ I do shud - der. Thus the no - ble Jo - seph cried. ^Δ

Verse:

My soul is in Thy hands continually, and Thy law have I not forgotten.

38 **A** ^(Δ) ^(Π)
 d - am fell a - sleep, ^Δ and he brought forth from his side all
^(Κ)
 men's__ death; ^ζ but by Thy re - pose and slum - ber, O Word of
^(Δ) ^(Π)
 God, ^ζ from Thy side life hath poured forth for all the world. ^Δ

Verse:

Sinners have set a snare for me, yet from Thy commandment have I not strayed.

39 **S**leep - ing not for long, Thou didst quick - en them that slept in death's bonds; and when Thou wast ris - en, Thou made - st to arise them that slept from ag - es past, O Most Good One.

Verse:

I have inherited Thy testimonies for ever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

40 **O** life - giv - ing Vine, Thou wast tak - en from the earth, O Mas - ter, yet the wine of our sal - va - tion hast Thou poured forth. Yea, I glo - ri - fy Thy Pas - sion and Thy Cross.

Verse:

I have inclined my heart to perform Thy statutes for ever for a recompense.

41 **W**hen the lead - ers of all thē An - gels saw Thee, blood - stained, na - ked, and con - demned to death by mor - tals, how could they bear Thy vain cru - ci - fi - ers' dar - ing in - so - lence?

Verse:

Trangressors have I hated, but Thy law have I loved.

42 **O** per - vert - ed race, vag - a - bond - ish Jews: The Tem - ple's
rais - ing was made known to you a - fore - time. For what cause,
then, do ye now con-demn and scourge the Sav - iour Christ?

Verse:

My helper and my protector art Thou; on Thy words have I set my hope.

43 **W** ith mock - er - y's robe did ye clothe Him Who gov - ern - eth
all things and hath filled the hea - vens with stars of splen - drous
light, and hath won - drous - ly a - dorned and made the earth.

Verse:

Depart from me, ye evil-doers, and I will search out the commandments of my God.

44 **L** ike a pel - i - can with Thy side, O Word, by wound - ing riv -
- en, hast Thou made Thy chil - dren that were once dead to live,
by be - sprin - kling them with mois - ture rich with Life.

Verse:

Uphold me according to Thy saying and quicken me,
and turn me not away in shame from mine expectation.

45 **J** e - sus of Na - vi made the sun stop as he smote the hea -
- then; as for Thee, Lord, Thou didst dark - en and hide its rays,
when the prince of dark - ness fell be - fore Thy might.

Verse:

Help me, and I shall be saved; and I will meditate on Thy statutes continually.

46 **O** mer - ci - ful Christ, Thou re - main - est in the Fa - ther's
bos - om, and wast well - pleased to be - come_ mor - tal man for
us, and didst go down un - to Ha - des, O my God.

Verse:

Thou hast set at nought all that depart from Thy statutes,
for unrighteousness is their inward thought.

47 **H** e that hung the earth in the midst of the wa - ters was
tak - en and cru - ci - fied, and laid with - out breath in the
earth which quaked griev - ous - ly, un - a - ble to en - dure.

Verse:

I have reckoned as transgressors all the sinners of the earth,
therefore have I loved Thy testimonies.

48 **W**oe is me, my Son! wept the one who knew not wed-lock,
say - ing: Lo, I see Thee now con-demned_ to hang on the
Cross, Thee Whom I had hoped to see a might-y king.

Verse:

Nail down my flesh with the fear of Thee, for of Thy judgments am I afraid.

49 **T**hus spake Ga-bri-el when, de - scend - ing on wing, he brought
tid - ings, and of my Son Je - sus he_ did say un - to
me that His King-dom shall en-dure for ev-er - more.

Verse:

I have wrought judgment and righteousness; O give me not up to them that wrong me.

50 **W**oe! The proph-e-cy of thē el - der Sy - me - on find-
eth ful - fill - ment; for the sword where - of he spake_ hath now
pierced my heart, rend - ing me with sor - row, O Em - ma - nu - el.

Verse:

Receive Thy servant unto good, let not the proud falsely accuse me.

51 **S** ure - ly, O ye Jews, be ye put to shame, at least, by all
 — them that were raised from death by Him — Who doth grant us life,
 Whom ye sought to slay from en - vy and ill will.

Verse:

Mine eyes have failed with waiting for Thy salvation,
 and for the word of Thy righteousness.

52 **S** ee - ing Thee, O Christ, the Un - wan - ing and Un - seen Light,
 ly - ing hid - den in a grave, with - out breath or come - li -
 ness, the sun shud - dered and with dark - ness cloaked his light.

Verse:

Deal with Thy servant according to Thy mercy, and teach me Thy statutes.

53 **W** ail - ing bit - ter tears, Word of God, Thy spot - less Mo -
 ther mourned Thee, when she saw that Thou wast laid in a
 grave of stone, O In - ef - fa - ble and Ev - er - last - ing God.

Verse:

I am Thy servant; give me understanding and I shall know Thy testimonies.

54 **W** it - ness - ing Thy death, Thy su - preme - ly un - de - filed
 Mo - ther cried with bit - ter grief, O Christ, and she said to
 Thee: Tar - ry not a - mong the dead, O Life of all.

Verse:

It is time for the Lord to act; for they have dispersed Thy law.

55 **H** a - des, that dread foe, shook with ter - ror when he looked
 up - on Thee, O Day - star of Glo - ry, on - ly Im - mor - tal
 Lord; and he yield - ed up his cap - tives then in haste.

Verse:

Therefore have I loved Thy commandments more than gold and topaz.

56 **N** ow do we be - hold a most great and aw - ful sight, O Sav -
 - iour: Thou, the Cause of life, dost free - ly sub - mit to
 death, wish - ing to grant life to all man - kind, O God.

Verse:

Therefore I directed myself according to all Thy commandments;
every way that is unrighteous have I hated.

57 **T**hou art pierced, O Lord, in Thy side, and Thy hands are nailed
al - so, heal - ing by Thy side our wound_ and the greed - i -
ness and in - sa - tie - ty of our an - ces - tors' hands.

Verse:

Wonderful are Thy testimonies; therefore hath my soul searched them out.

58 **O** - ver Ra - chel's son, ev' - ry house la - ment - ed in days
gone_ by; now o - ver the Vir - gin's Son_ all the cho - rus
of blest dis - ci - ples and His Mo - ther weep with grief.

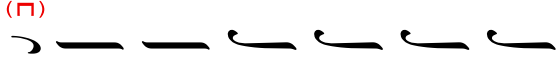
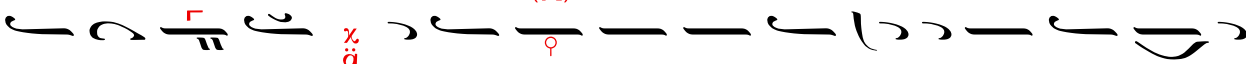
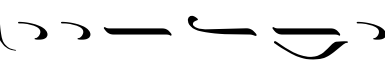
Verse:

The unfolding of Thy words will give light and understanding unto babes.

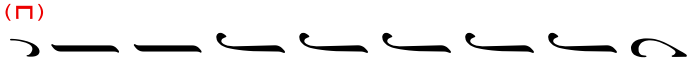
59 **W**ith their hands they smite Christ up - on the cheek with
shame - less fu - ry, Who had with His hand cre - a - ted the
first - formed man and hath bro - ken the great teeth of the vile beast.

Verse:

I opened my mouth and drew in my breath, for I longed for Thy commandments.

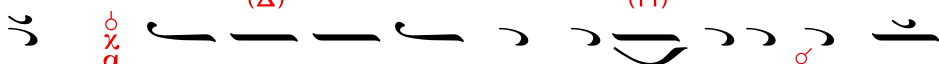
60 **W** ^(Δ)  ^(Π) 
 ith our hymns, O Christ, ^(Δ)  all we faith - ful laud and sing
^(Κ) 
 the prais - es ^(Δ)  of Thy Cru - ci - fix - ion and ^(Π)  of Thy Bur - i -
^(Δ)  al; ^(Δ)  for Thy Bur - i - al hath ran - somed us from death. ^(Δ) 

Glory.

61 **E** ^(Δ)  ^(Π) 
 v - er - last - ing God, ^(Δ)  co - e - ter - nal Word and Ho - ly Spir -
^(Κ) 
 - it: ^(Δ)  Make firm Thou the faith and strength ^(Π)  of the Or - tho - dox
^(Δ)  a - gainst her - e - sy and er - ror, O Good One. ^(Δ) 

Both now.

Theotokion.

62 **B** ^(Δ)  ^(Π) 
 irth - giv - er of Life, ^(Δ)  O most blame - less and most ho - ly Vir -
^(Κ) 
 - gin: ^(Δ)  Quell ev' - ry of - fence with - in ^(Π)  our most Ho - ly
^(Δ)  Church, ^(Δ)  bless - ing us with peace for ev - er, O Good Maid. ^(Δ) 

And again by both choirs:

63 **R**ight it is in - deed, Life - be - stow - ing Lord, to
 mag - ni - fy Thee; for up - on the Cross were Thy most
 pure hands out - spread, and the strength of our dread foe hast
 Thou de - stroyed.



Third Stasis

Ἦχος Γα

1 **E** v' - ry gen - er - a - tion__ chant - eth hymns of praise__
 __ at Thy bur - i - al, __ O Christ__ God.

Verse:

Look upon me and have mercy on me,
 according to the judgment of them that love Thy name.

2 **T** hē Ar-i - ma - the - an__ took Thee from the Cross__ and
 he laid Thee in__ a new__ grave.

Verse:

My steps do Thou direct according to Thy saying,
 and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

3 **W** om - en bring - ing spic - es, __ came with lov - ing fore-
 - thought, Thy due of myrrh__ to give Thee.

Verse:

Deliver me from the false accusation of men, and I will keep Thy commandments.

4 **C** ome, all things cre - at - ed, __ let us sing a dirge -
 hymn to hon - our our__ Cre - a - tor.

Verse:

Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and teach me Thy statutes.

5 **W** ^(Γ) ^(N) ^(Γ) [♀]
 ith myrrh and true know - ledge, let us, like the wom-
 en, a - noint as dead the Liv - ing.

Verse:

Mine eyes have poured forth streams of waters, because I kept not Thy law.

6 **O** ^(Γ) ^(N) ^(Γ) [♀]
 thrice - bless - ed Jo - seph, bur - y now the Bod -
 y of Christ the Life - be - stow - er.

Verse:

Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and upright are Thy judgments.

7 **T** ^(Γ) ^(N) ^(Γ) [♀]
 hose He fed with man - na lift - ed heels of spurn - ing
 a - gainst their Be - ne - fac - tor.

Verse:

Thou hast ordained as Thy testimonies exceeding righteousness and truth.

8 **T** ^(Γ) ^(N) ^(Γ) [♀]
 hose He fed with man - na bring the Sav - iour gall and
 vin - e - gar in - ter - min - gled.

My zeal for Thee hath made me to pine away,
because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.

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Thine oracle is tried with fire to the uttermost, and Thy servant hath loved it.

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I am young and accounted as nothing, yet Thy statutes have I not forgotten.

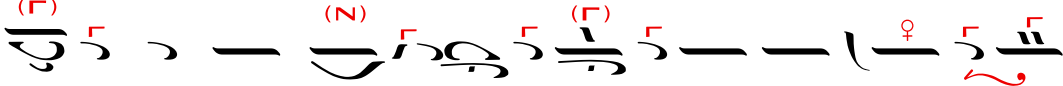
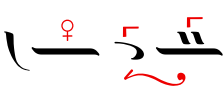
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Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is truth.

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Verse:

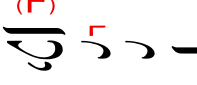
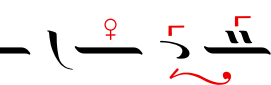
I arose in the dead of night and I cried; on Thy words have I set my hope.

17 **O** ^(Γ)  ^(N)  ^(Γ)  ^(♀) 
 my most sweet Spring - time!__ O my Son be - lov -

 ed, whith - er doth fade____ Thy beau - ty?

Verse:

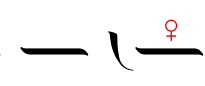
Mine eyes woke before the morning that I might meditate on Thy sayings.

18 **S** ^(Γ)  ^(N)  ^(Γ)  ^(♀) 
 ongs of la - men - ta - tion__ poured from Thy pure Mo -

 ther, when Thou, O Word,____ wast slaugh - tered.

Verse:

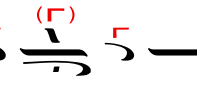
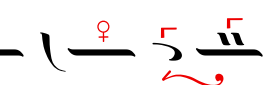
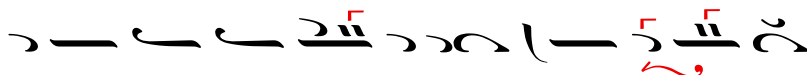
Hear my voice, O Lord, according to Thy mercy;
 according to Thy judgment, quicken me.

19 **W** ^(Γ)  ^(N)  ^(Γ)  ^(♀) 
 o - men to a - noint Him__ with their myrrh, are come_

 ____ now to Christ, Who is____ Di - vine____ Myrrh.

Verse:

They have drawn nigh that lawlessly persecute me,
 but from Thy law are they far removed.

20 **B** ^(Γ)  ^(N)  ^(Γ)  ^(♀) 
 y Thy death, O Lord__ God,____ death it - self hast Thou____

 slain by Thy di - vine____ do - min - ion.

Verse:

Near art Thou, O Lord, and all Thy ways are truth.

21. **D** ^(Γ) ^(N) ^(Γ) [♀]
e - ceived is the de - ceiv - er; de - ceived man is now ran -
- somed, my God, through Thy___ great wis - dom.

Verse:

From the beginning I have known from Thy testimonies
that Thou hast founded them for ever.

22. **T** ^(Γ) ^(N) ^(Γ) [♀]
he trai - tor was cast head - long in - to the depth of Ha -
- des and pit of vile___ cor - rup - tion.

Verse:

Behold my humiliation and rescue me, for Thy law have I not forgotten.

23. **T** ^(Γ) ^(N) ^(Γ) [♀]
he ways of the thrice - wretch - ed___ and per - vert - ed Ju -
- das are fraught with snares___and pit - falls.

Verse:

Judge my cause and redeem me; for Thy word's sake quicken me.

24. **S** ^(Γ) ^(N) ^(Γ) [♀]
on of God and Lo - gos,___ all Thy cru - ci - fi - ers,
O King of all,___ have per - ished.

Verse:

Far from sinners is salvation, for they have not sought after Thy statutes.

25 In the pit of death___and cor-rupt-ion, all blood-guilt - y
men shall be cast___to per - ish.

Verse:

Thy compassions are many, O Lord; according to Thy judgments quicken me.

26 **S** ⁽⁷⁾ on of God, Al - might - y, ⁽²⁾ O my God and ⁽⁷⁾ Mak - er, [♀]
 whence came Thy will to suf - fer?

Verse:

Many are they that perscute me and afflict me;
from Thy testimonies have I not declined.

27 **W** ^(r) ⁽²⁾ ^(r)
hen the Heif - er saw Thee on the Cross sus - pend -

- ed, she cried out: O my Young - ling!

Verse:

I beheld men acting foolishly and I pined away, because they kept not Thy sayings.

28 J ^(Γ) ^(N) ^(Γ) o - seph and the bless - ed dis - ci - ple Nic - o - de - mus
tend the life - giv - ing Bod - y.

Verse:

Behold, how I have loved Thy commandments; O Lord, in Thy mercy quicken me.

29 **C**ries of woe the Maid - en wailed with fer - vent weep -
ing; for now her heart___was pierced___through.

Verse:

The beginning of Thy words is truth,
and all the judgments of Thy righteousness endure for ever.

30 **L**ight more dear than see - ing,___O, my most sweet Chi -
ld, how doth a tomb___now hide___Thee?

Verse:

Princes have persecuted me without a cause,
and because of Thy words my heart hath been afraid.

31 **L**a - ment not, O my Mo - ther,___I en - dure the Pas -
- sion to set free Eve___and Ad - am.

Verse:

I will rejoice in Thy sayings as one that findeth great spoil.

32 **O** my Son, I praise___Thee___for Thy great com - pas -
sion which moved Thee thus___to suf - fer.

Verse:

Unrighteousness have I hated and abhorred, but Thy law have I loved.

33 **V** in - e - gar and gall___ wast Thou giv - en, thus an - nul -
ling the tast - ing of___ the banned___ fruit.

Verse:

Seven times a day have I praised Thee for the judgments of Thy righteousness.

34 **T** hou Who led'st Thy peo - ple___ with a cloud - like pil -
lar art now led to___ a scaf - fold.

Verse:

Much peace have they that love Thy law, and for them there is no stumbling-block.

35 **L** o, myrrh - bear - ing wom - en___ to Thy tomb, O Sav -
- iour, are come, their myrrh___ to of - fer.

Verse:

I awaited Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy commandments have I loved.

36 **R** ise, O Lord of Mer - cy,___ rais - ing us up al - so
who lan - guish deep___ in Ha - des.

Verse:

My soul hath kept Thy testimonies and hath loved them exceedingly.

37 **R**ise, O Life - be - stow - er,___ cried out she that bare___
Thee, e - ven Thy weep - ing Mo - ther.

Verse:

I have kept Thy commandments and Thy testimonies,
for all my ways are before Thee, O Lord.

38 **H**aste, O Word, to rise___now___ and re-lease from sor -
row the spot - less Maid___that bare___ Thee.

Verse:

Let my supplication draw nigh before Thee, O Lord;
according to Thine oracle give me understanding.

39 **A**ll the hosts of Hea - ven___ stood with fear, con - found -
ed, be - hold - ing Thy___ dead bod - y.

Verse:

Let my petition come before Thee, O Lord; according to Thine oracle deliver me.

40 **T**o them that laud Thy Pas - sion with fear and love, O Sav -
- iour, grant them their sins'___ for - give - ness.

Verse:

My lips shall pour forth a hymn when Thou hast taught me Thy statutes.

41 **O** sight most strange and awe - some!__ How doth earth con -
ceal____ Thee, O Word of God____ and Sav - iour?

Verse:

My tongue shall speak of Thy sayings, for all Thy commandments are righteousness.

42 **O** nce a Jo-seph bare__ Thee, O Sav-iour, in - to ex -
ile; an - oth - er doth____ in - ter____ Thee.

Verse:

Let Thy hand be for saving me, for I have chosen Thy commandments.

43 **W** eep - ing and la - ment - ing,__ Thy most ho - ly Mo -
- ther doth mourn Thee, my____ slain Sav - iour.

Verse:

I have longed for Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy law is my meditation.

44 **A** n - gels trem - ble see - ing, O Mak - er of cre - a -
tion, Thy strange and dire____ en - tomb - ment.

And again by both choirs:

49 **E** ^(Γ) — — — — — ^(Π) — — — — — ^(Γ) — — — — —
 v' - ry gen - er - a - tion — — — — —
 — — — — — ^(Z) — — — — — ^(Γ) — — — — —
 chant - eth hymns of praise — — — — — at Thy bur - i - al, — — — — — O
 — — — — — ^(M) — — — — —
 Christ — — — — — God. — — — — —

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