

**ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP OF MILAN**  
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**26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**VERSES FOR THE BEATITUDES (Tone 1)**

***Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.***

Through food did the enemy lead Adam forth from paradise; but by the Cross hath Christ led back to it the thief who cried: Remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.***

O Sinless One, of Thine own will Thou wast crucified and placed in the tomb; yet Thou didst arise as God, raising up with Thyself Adam who crieth out: Remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

***Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you,  
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.***

Very early, the myrrh-bearing women arrived, weeping, at Thy tomb, O Christ God; and they found an angel sitting there, clad in white garments, who said: What seek ye? Christ is risen! Lament no longer!

***Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.***

When Thine apostles went to the mountain whither Thou hadst commanded them to go, and saw Thee, O Saviour, they worshipped Thee; and Thou didst send them unto the nations, to teach and baptize them.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.***

Let us worship the Father, let us glorify the Son, and together let us hymn the all-holy Spirit, crying out and saying: O most holy Trinity, save us all!

***Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

Thy people bring Thy Mother before Thee to make supplication, O Christ. Through her entreaties grant us Thy compassions, O Good One, that we may glorify Thee Who hast shone forth upon us from the tomb.

## **TROPARION AND KONTAKION**

### **Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone I —**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, / O Giver of Life: / "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

### **Troparion of St Ambrose, Tone IV —**

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; thy humility exalted thee; thy poverty enriched thee. O Hierarch Father Ambrose, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone I —**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: // "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.***

### **Kontakion of St Ambrose, Tone III —**

Thou didst shine forth with divine doctrine, eclipsing the deception of Arius, O Ambrose, shepherd and initiate of the mysteries. Thou didst work miracles through the power of the Spirit, healing various passions; O righteous Father, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

***Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.***

**(Tone VI)** Steadfast Protectress of Christians / constant advocate before the Creator: / despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, / but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. / Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, // for thou dost always protect those who honor thee.

## **PROKEIMENON AND EPISTLE**

**The Prokeimenon Tone 1:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

**verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, praise befits the just

**EPISTLE:** (*Ephesians 5:9-19*) *Brethren*, the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, <sup>10</sup> finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. <sup>14</sup> Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." <sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. <sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord!

## **Alleluia Verses**

God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

**GOSPEL:** (Luke 17:12-19) At that time, as Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. <sup>13</sup> And they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> So when He saw *them*, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, <sup>16</sup> and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine?" <sup>18</sup> Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And He said to him, "Arise, go your way, your faith has made you well."

