

# The Service of the Imperial Hours

(Great Friday Morning)

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(Numbering corresponds to the Greek Holy Week Book. See [www.newbyz.org/files/holy\\_week\\_book\\_sakellarides.pdf](http://www.newbyz.org/files/holy_week_book_sakellarides.pdf).)  
Page numbers in the left margin refer to corresponding pages in Fr. Papadeas' *Holy Week - Easter* book. (The Black Book)

At the start, intone the short responses such as "Lord, have mercy," "To You, O Lord,"  
"Amen," etc. on the fundamental tone established by the priest. After these, three Psalms are read.

## THE FIRST HOUR IDIOMELA

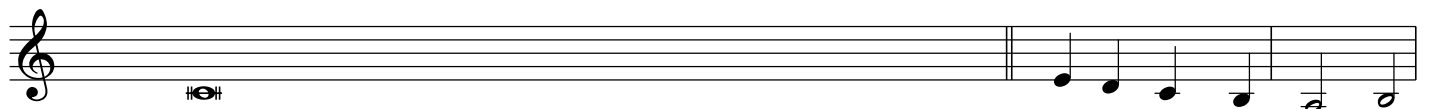
(p.277) *Idiomela. Plagal 4th Tone.*



**148.** To - day the veil of the Tem-ple is rent in re-proach of the law - less; and the



sun hides its rays, be - hold - ing the Mas-ter cru - ci - fied.



**149.** Why do the Gentiles rage, and the people imagine vain things? Like a sheep You have been



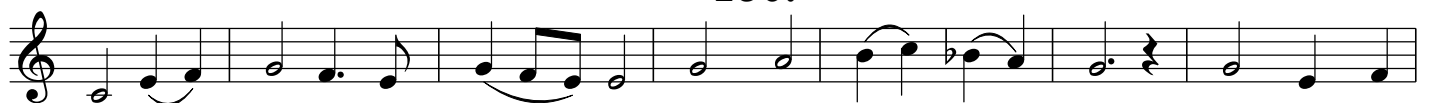
led to slaugh-ter, O Christ King; and like a guile-less Lamb, O King



of all, You were nailed on the Cross by law-less men for our sins, O Lov - er



of man - kind. **150.** Glory to the Father...; now and ever... Amen.



Tol-er - at-ing the law - less who seized You, O Lord, You cried out



say - ing: "E-ven though you have struck down the Shep-herd and dis-persed the



twelve sheep, My dis - ci-ples, I could have brought more than twelve le-gions of



An - gels to stand by. But I for - bear, so that, which I have de-

- clared to you, through my Proph - ets, may be ful - filled; things un - re-vealed  
and hid - den." Lord, glo - ry to You.

(Intone Short Responses)

THE THIRD HOUR IDIOMELE

(p.294) *Idiomela. Plagal 4th Tone.*

**151.** For fear of the Ju - de-ans, Your friend and com-pan-ion, Pe-ter, de - nied You, O

Lord; and la - ment-ing, he cried out, thus: "Do not let my tears pass by in si-lence;

for I said, that I would keep faith, but did not. O Com - pas - sion - ate One."

Where-fore, re-ceive in like man-ner our re - pent-ance, and have mer-cy on us.

**152.** Hear my prayer, Lord and understand my crying out. At the foot of Your pre-cious Cross, O Lord,

when the sol-diers were mock-ing You, the Hosts of An-gels were struck with won-

- der; for You, Who a-dorned the earth with flow - ers, wore the crown of in - sults,

and Who clothed the fir-ma-ment in clouds, wore the robe of mock-er - y. For through this dis-pen-

- sa-tion Your com-pas-sion was made known, O Christ, the Great Mer-cy, glo-ry to You.

*Doxasticon. Plagal 1st Tone.*

**153.** Glo-ry to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; now and ev - er  
and to the a - ges of a - ges. A - men. When You were drawn to the Cross, O Lord,  
You cried out, thus: "For which of my works do you want to cru - ci - fy  
me, O Ju - de - ans? For heal - ing your par - a - lyt - ics? For  
rais - ing your dead from sleep? I healed the wom - an with an  
is - sue of blood, and showed mer - cy to the Ca - naan - ite  
wom - an. For which act do you wish to slay me, O  
Ju - de - ans?" But, you shall be - hold Him, the Christ, Whom you  
pierce, O law - trans - gres - sors.

(Intone Short Responses)

THE SIXTH HOUR IDIOMELA

(p.305)

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8 Thus says the Lord to the Ju-

8 - de - ans O my peo - ple what have I done to

8 You or where - in have I wea - ried

8 You To your blind I gave light your lep - ers

8 I made clean your par - a - lyt - ic

8 I raised up O my peo - ple

8 what have I done for you and how have

8 you rec - om - pensed me In - stead of

8 man - na gall in - stead of wa - ter vin - e-

C

8 - gar in - stead of lov - ing me you nailed me

D G

8 to the Cross No long - er will

C

8 I en - dure I will call to me the Na - tions and

G C

8 they will glo - ri - fy me to - geth - er with the

D

8 Fa - ther and the Spir - it and I will grant to

C

8 them e - ter - nal life

**Intone:** In my food they gave me gall, and in my thirst gave me vinegar to drink.

(p.305) C G

8 The com - pa - ny of the A - pos - tles calls out to you O

116. C

8 Law - giv - ers of Is - ra - el Ju - de - ans and

8 Phar - i - sees be - hold the Tem -





154. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; now and



ev - er and to the a-ges of a - ges. A - men. Come, O Christ-bear-ing



peo - ple; let us see what Ju - das the trai - tor has



plott - ed with the law - less priests a - gainst our Sav - iour. To-



- day, they con - demned to death the Im - mor - tal Word. They de - liv - ered



Him to Pi - late, and cru - ci-fied Him on the Place of



the Skull; and as our Sav - iour suf - fer-ing these things, He cried out



say - ing: "Fa-ther, for - give them this sin, that the Gen-tiles may know of my



Res - ur - rec - tion from the dead."

(Intone short responses.)





THE CRUCIFIXION

(p.322)

*Doxasticon. Plagal 2nd Tone.*

**123.** Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 now and ev - er and to the Ag - es of Ag - es. A - men.  
 To - day, is hung up-on the Cross He who sus - pend-ed the earth a - mid the  
 wa - ters (3). A crown of thorns crowns him, who is the King of  
 An - gels. He, who wrapped the Hea - vens in clouds, is  
 wrapped in the pur - ple of mock - er - y. He, who freed  
 A - dam in the Jor - dan, re - ceived buf - fet - ings.  
 He was trans - fixed with nails, Who is the  
 Bride - *uni.* groom of the Church. He was pierced with a lance,  
 Who is the Son of the *uni.* Vir - gin.

We wor - ship Your Pas - sion, O Christ. We  
 wor - ship Your Pas - sion, O Christ. Show  
 us al - so, Your glo - ri - ous Re - sur - rec - tion.

(Intone short responses.)

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