

Antiphon XIII (*Tone 6*)

The crowd of the Jews, O Lord,
Asked Pilate to crucify Thee,
And though they found no guilt in Thee,
They freed Barabbas, who indeed was guilty,
They condemned Thee, the righteous one,
And made the charge of murder their inheritance.
But give them their retribution, O Lord,
For they plotted against Thee in vain.

To Christ, the wisdom and power of God,
Who makes all things fear and tremble,
Whom all tongues praise,
The priests gave gall and slapped.
Yet He consented to suffer all things,
Desiring to save us from our transgressions by His
blood,
For He loves mankind.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Theotokos,
Who by a word beyond all words
Have borne your own Creator,
Entreat Him to save our souls.

Antiphon XIV (*Tone 8*)

The thief, whose hands were defiled with blood,
Thou didst accept as Thy fellow-traveler.
With him number us also, O Lord,
For Thou art good and lovest mankind.

The thief on the cross uttered a small cry,
But he found great faith.
In a moment he was saved
And became the first to enter paradise
When its gates were opened.
O Lord, who didst accept His repentance,
glory to Thee!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Rejoice, for through an angel you received the joy
of the world!
Rejoice, for you have borne your Creator and Lord!
Rejoice, for you were found worthy to become the
mother of Christ our God!

Antiphon XV (*Tone 6*)

Today He who hung the earth upon the waters is
hung on the tree.
The King of the Angels is decked with a crown
of thorns.
He who wraps the heavens in clouds is wrapped in
the purple of mockery.
He who freed Adam in the Jordan is slapped on
the face.
The Bridegroom of the Church is affixed to the
cross with nails.

The Son of the virgin is pierced by a spear.
We worship Thy passion, O Christ.
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Show us also Thy glorious resurrection.