

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace be with you all!

Reader: **And with your spirit!**

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: **Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone:**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers,* and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

Choir: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers,* and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

Reader **For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!**

Choir: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers,* and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

Reader: **Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers!**

Choir: and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.**

Deacon: Let us attend!

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.+

Priest: Peace be unto you, reader.

Reader: **And to your spirit. Alleluia in the 1st Tone! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun, to its setting.**

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **Gather to me my venerable ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice..**

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: John

At THAT TIME, when Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."+