

MELODY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE HOLY GREAT FAST

Old Refrain:

*Blessed are those who have mercy
Who give to the poor and fast and pray
The Holy Spirit will fill their hearts
The Son will show them mercy on Judgment Day*

New Refrain:

*Blessed are those who have mercy
From God they shall obtain mercy
On Judgment Day Christ will set them apart
May His Holy Spirit fill all their heart*

A great mystery of Jesus Christ
Who went to the desert to rest and think
Satan came to Him with an ugly image
To tempt Him like a human being

He told Him, "If You are the Christ
If the truth about You is said accurately
Command these stones clearly
To become bread feeding the hungry"

Christ replied: "Go away Satan"
For it is written in the Book of grace
"Man shall not live by bread alone
But with every word of faith"

The devil took Him to the temple
And said, "as You stand in this holy place
If truly You are the Son of God
Throw Yourself from here to the base"

Jesus said to him, "It is written
You should not try to tempt the Lord
For He is Your Maker and Creator
You cannot withstand to oppose His Word"

Then he took Jesus at once
And went up with Him on a high mountain
He showed Him all the kingdoms and wealth

And told Him: “behold all this glittering!”

“I own all these in my own hands
It is all mine and under my will
So if You kneel now before me
I will give You everything”

Jesus replied: “Go away Satan!
The Son of the living God, I am
Who alone is due all worship”
Satan was defeated and left Him for a time.

Satan went away disappointed
With joy, angels came to serve Christ
Thousands and myriads of soldiers
Serving the Holy True Light

The Lord fasted to teach us
To be humble and resemble Him
To forgive others for His sake
To reach God the beneficent

Moses fasted on Tabor Mountain
Without ceasing for forty days
God gave him two written tablets
With the Ten Commandments teaching His ways

Through fasting, Elijah stopped the rain
From coming down for whole three years
And six complete months
Then through his prayers it rained far and near

The Ninevites worshipped idols
And committed all kinds of sins
When they fasted three days piously
They gained forgiveness of their sins

Those who fast while in sin
And ask for mercy, but can not gain
They lose every source of hope
Away from God, they are in pain

Those who fast and cause others to sin
In them, God does not dwell
The devil is able to manipulate them
And cast them down into Hell

Those who fast while angry
Make peace with the devil
They live in the world like drunkards
Dizzy, staggering, and quivering

Blessed are those who fast piously
Who are fasting without sinning
Those who fast and care for Judgment Day
Paradise is what they shall be gaining

The merciless shall not obtain mercy
They descend into Hades and perish
For when Satan became arrogant and proud
He fell and was filled with blemish

Do not be arrogant and proud
You will go to Hades and there be sad
For when Satan exalted himself
In hell fire, he was clad

Let us ask God the Merciful
Who is present everywhere
To confirm us in our faith
In Paradise, we shall meet Him there