

## **MELODY FOR THE FOURTH 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.

Fasting is a fruitful tree  
Its fruits are purity of mind  
Continuous prayers for forgiveness  
Repentance and leaving sin behind

By faith and hope you shall know God  
As He spoke to us and commanded  
No love is greater than this  
That one lays his life for his beloved

His disciples accepted His command  
To a Samaritan city, not to enter  
How with His own blessed feet  
He accepted to journey to its center

Through the multitude of His great love  
His pity and charity are unlimited  
Although He commanded against it  
He entered it because He is compassionate

Eve presented the fruit to Adam  
He ate, was naked, and was sorrowful  
The second Adam came to revive him  
To make earth like heaven, joyful

The just Judge had established  
That He has fully paid the debt  
By His miraculous Incarnation  
A mystery beyond thoughts of the men

He offered the Samaritan woman  
The treasure of life everlasting  
His humility baffles the mind  
How He became like a human being

With His humility He slaughtered pride  
And He offered us true elevation  
He fulfilled the law that had been laid  
Yet through His grace we have salvation

The divine God came  
To give life to humanity  
To elevate man to the high rank  
To restore to him his liberty

He nursed milk from a pure Virgin  
While He is the filler of all needs  
He asked of the Samaritan woman  
A drink of water, I ask of thee

All goodness is from His mouth  
All gifts are from His hand  
He is the giver of all good things  
How can He ask from His servant?

He asked to drink earthly water  
And gave living water to the Samaritan  
Behold, the Creator of everything  
Jesus, the Creator of heaven

He took our form in everything  
He lacked nothing except for sin  
He is willing to give the same water  
To all those who are requesting

The Samaritan woman answered  
“How can you ask a drink of me?  
You are an honorable Jew  
I am a Samaritan, so lowly”

The life-giver to her explained  
That His water is not the same  
That whoever does drink from it  
Will not experience death or shame

She asked of Him to give her some  
That she may never thirst again  
And not return back to the well  
Living water shall be her gain

“Sadly, your mother Eve has caused  
Adam the first man to fall in sin  
Go now and call your husband  
That all may receive the blessing”

“I came to release all captives  
Who are created in God's image  
Enrich them with faith and free them  
From their shackles and their bondage”

“I am the rich One who became poor  
So that every poor soul may be rich”  
The Samaritan woman said to Him,  
“I do not have a husband to fetch”

The all-knowing God said to her  
“You have had five husbands before  
The one you have now is a sin  
God sees what is behind closed doors”

She said, “I see you are a prophet  
I am but a foolish woman  
I can not perceive your lordship  
But you have completely exposed my plan”

Arise, O children of the light  
Expel from your mind all darkness  
Cry joyfully with the Samaritan  
That the Messiah has come to us

Come behold the invisible  
He expelled darkness and shone with light  
He purifies the sinner's life  
Making it again pure and white

We, your people and your flock  
Have no one to shepherd us, save Your name  
Through the intercessions of Your pure mother  
Have mercy and make us without blame

The treasure of life is Your Father's  
We do ask and entreat You  
Grant us acceptable deeds  
And keep us from what displeases You

The fields are so white and ripe  
They are ready for harvesting  
Our own lives are nearing the end  
Of all sins, we shall be repenting

Let us learn and sow with tears  
And hear the voice of Lord Jesus  
A sower goes out to sow the seed  
And someone else would reap the fruits

The narrow path is not easy  
But the path of death is plenty wide  
Cling to fasting and giving alms  
And your sorrows will soon subside

O You who fasted to redeem us  
And broke for us the enemy's foothold  
We thank You for completing Your work  
To bring us back to the days of old

May your peace be upon us  
Your comforting voice, let us hear  
Always bless our congregations  
May Your blessings always be near